

FOCUS

From Left Field By Josh Shepherd

One thing I have discovered about typical football watching couch potatoes...

Its pre-season time in the NFL and thanks to ESPN's coverage, football season is extended just a few weeks longer.

Through these games mean little to the teams awaiting regular season play...

Chicago and Kansas City faced off on an old 24-inch Zenith color screen.

The rules of home spectator football controversies and debate are simple.

To win an argument over a controversial play or penalty call on the field depends more on the strength of the diaphragm than an actual, learned perception of the game.

The home play-by-play announcer, a required component, is largely ignored unless a truly incredible play is on the screen.

But in the meantime, whether it is a debate on Chicago's chances to get in the playoffs without Jim McMahon...

Hey look, McMahon went Hollywood on

the Bears and Ditka doesn't need that on his team. But, the Chargers are in California anyway and, well, I think they look for that in a QB.

"But look at his record, dude. He's got a right to be cocky. And all those commercials, I say if the dude is hot and he has a chance for some big money on the side, he should go for it."

"Well all I've got to say is it doesn't seem like Chicago is going to miss him much. Tomczak's the man, y'know? He'd play with a broken leg if they'd let him."

"Oh yeah, right" one replies as potato chip crumbs settle on his shirt, "Like he's that dedicated."

"UH OH, ITS A BLITZ!" comes the hue and cry from the play-by-play man sitting less than a foot from the screen.

The room goes wild! "Penalty! penalty! the guy's interfering!" "HES UP, MAN, HES GOING TO PULL IT AWAY..."

"NO HANDS, NO HANDS..." The receiver sails above the Chicago secondary man and makes the catch between the safety's hands and is, ball in hand, bowled over the defender's back.

Cheers from all factions inside the apartment reach a deafening crescendo and die down as the resident football history expert rattles off a summary of the receiver's record all the way back to his freshman year in college...

"These chips are stale..." one Chicago fan says. "Yeah, come the reply, they use to bake them, but now I think they fry them in vegetable oil."

"Yeah, they don't last as long, maybe, but I think they're better than they used to be." "No way man, I used to think so but I And the debates rage on until play resumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: On 16 August 1989 at Nicholas County Courthouse, Senator Mitch McConnell's representative of U.S. Senator's office. This type of action in our community cannot and must not be tolerated...

The Carlisle Mercury (USPS 090-820) Established 1887. Subscription rates: \$10.00 per year in advance. Single copies: 25¢.

Editor: We have a lot about U.S. 68 not passing through Carlisle, and see what has happened recently along heavy traveled routes like U.S. 68. They build bypasses, for example Georgetown, Ohio, Ripley, Ohio, and Mayville, Kentucky to name a few.

Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond. Choosing - A tough choice! Your time will come qxnt March.

The changeover from the type of phone service we have now to the most up-to-date service available by South Central Bell, next March, will force a choice.

Not only will South Central Bell be offering its services (at an additional cost of course) but long distance vendors such as Sprint, AT&T, and all of the others will be fighting for business within the Carlisle exchange.

Each will probably tell you how much better and cheaper - the service offered is over the competition, but there are several factors which must be considered.

While AT&T has been the only vendor available in Carlisle since Bell and AT&T broke apart several years ago, it has operated much like any other monopoly does.

If you call an AT&T personal representative you will hear things like: "Are you sure YOU didn't make the call?" "If the call appears on your bill, then you must have made it."

We were on vacation. Some similar responses have been cast out when dealing with South Central Bell (SCB). Even after making arrangements with the bill to delay certain charges placed on the SCB at once, a "WE'RE GOING TO TURN YOUR PHONE OFF" note appeared in the mail.

You will not receive another written notice and you will not be called, or are two of the favorite sayings from SCB, when you are unfortunate enough to receive a delinquent note from them.

Now I will admit, once you call back, arrangements can be made with SCB, to allow the payments, but why should a second call have to be made when it was not your fault, in the first place?

SCB is certainly more service oriented than AT&T, at least in my experience. Call AT&T and ask to speak to a supervisor when YOUR customer service representative can't give you any reasonable satisfaction - go ahead.

It's almost like you're lying - even if you're not. It's apparent some people will do anything to beat the phone companies (SCB and AT&T) out of charges.

You see, the way it works now is SCB bills you for long distance calls placed through AT&T. It's my understanding that won't be forever, but it is now.

Also, if you have a rental program for your telephone through AT&T, you will receive a separate bill for that rental service.

As I can tell it's all a mess. The prices for all of this keep going up, while service goes down. SO, when you have the choice - AT&T or another, make your first question:

"How good is your service going to be if something goes wrong?" "If you don't you certainly may be the loser."

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

OBITUARIES

ETORY Ethel Elizabeth Story, 81, 214 N. Elm Street, wife of Donald Story died at the Johnson Mathews Nursing Home, Batesville, August 28.

Her survivors are a son, Bill Story, Lexington, five daughters, Mrs. Helen Hopkins, Carlisle, Mrs. Jeanette Neal, Batesville, Mrs. Marietta Martin, Lexington, Mrs. Sue Stewart, Ripley, KY, and Mr. Sandra Trible, Lexington; a brother, Raymond

Lawrence, Lexington. Two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Moore, Carlisle, and Mrs. Rita Ledford, Lexington, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was a charter member of the First Christian Church, and was born in Nicholas County to the late Joe and Mary Lee Kelley Lawrence.

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was deployed and different areas where Indians waited in ambush.

Several northwestern states are suffering from a terrible drought and smoke from forest fires settled around the area line the highway here as well.

They visited the David's Tower and Mt. Rushmore, and they had met during their travels in Europe last year.

She was a dear woman. We said we would stop to visit her when we came to Wisconsin and she told us we would stay with her while we were attending the rally.

We took her for a ride on our cycles and it was like she became a 10-year-old. She was so excited after her ride she went the next day calling her friends to tell them about it.

During the rally, the Bells made a side trip 100 miles west into Iowa to see the Indian Effigy Mounds.

This seems like a very good fund to have because cancer is a disease that takes a lot of money.

Why is there not more information about this fund? I've never seen anything in our esteemed paper and I think this would be an important community issue.

Please print any information you might have to help us know more about this good fund.

I do not have cancer but I would like to contribute to it for my friends. Please get our community some more information.

Diane Whiddis Spencer Note: A story on the founding of this fund was published in 1987. No updates on donations or disbursements have been provided to the newspaper.

HIGHLEY Buford Highley of Bremen, Ohio, formerly of Nicholas County, died Monday, August 21 in Bremen.

He was the husband of Virginia Keelings Highley. Services were held Thursday, August 24 at the Sher-Iden Funeral Home, Bremen.

Memorials MEAN SO MUCH. Let us help you choose a suitable monument for your departed loved one.

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