

FOCUS

From Left Field

By Josh Shepherd

You have heard the old saying, it is not the heat that gets you in Kentucky, it's the humidity. It is quite true. The only time I've seen humidity romantically in the movies as I sat tucked neatly in the cushioned seat basking in the cool rush of air conditioning.

The dark, venetian lighted, film noir movies where the hero and heroine sweat as much from their own deep passions and secret plotting than the stifling heat. Where the musty haze drives the wife and her mistress to plot the demise of the husband. These things, as far as films are concerned, occur during the moments when men and women sweat standing still. So much for Hollywood reality.

But when you lie in an attic, or the nearest approximation to it, relief, not passion, is foremost in my mind.

Without an air conditioner, or movie theater in which to abscond one, I have been forced to resort to various alternatives, both practical and absurd, to stay cool. Not in the sense that James Dean is cool, I, instead, search for the breeziness found most often during an Alaskan winter.

Not an easy task when the only resources at my disposal are a fan, the Froot tapes and ice maker in the refrigerator, and my porcelain toilet seat.

(Coincidentally, I have found the toilet seat to be far the most effective in becoming cool just at the moment I do not wish it to be.)

First in a long list of attempts to stifle the lingering heat and steam in my apartment that clung to me like used athletic tape was a simple one, open the window. This method, though not particularly effective during the day, had its best moments in the evening.

Not only did it allow cool air to waft and circulate, as air is sometimes known to do, it gave me the opportunity to accidentally eavesdrop on the conversations belted through town either by the teens driving aimlessly back and forth along Main Street or from the social groups of night walkers on their late night stroll.

But such early evening pleasantries became a slight nuisance at bedtime.

Unfortunately, we're not in New York City and barking at strangers to be quiet from a second story window is not what most would consider acceptable behavior. But then I exaggerate the noise as well as my ability to sleep through it. I have been known to sleep undisturbed through blaring fire sirens less than a block away.

But the cool problem continues even though I have now lodged a fan forever in the nook of my bedroom window. Which isn't bad if it weren't for the wisp never in one corner of the fan which insures my never turning it on.

I haven't yet tried lining the walls with Froot yet but I've priced it and considering the effects of dehydration on the body, it's not a serious investment, at least not yet.

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MERCURY MEMORIES

5 Years Ago

Five candidates vie for the title of Blackberry Queen. These in the running are Melanie Minton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Minton of Myers Road, Melody Hill, daughter of Mary Hill of Carlisle, Jimetta Carter, daughter of James and Betty Carter, Gina Sibert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sibert of Carlisle, Kimberly Eckler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Eckler. City of Carlisle employees will take home a larger paycheck, effective July 1. Council approved pay raises of 25 cents per hour for part time employees at a special meeting Monday night.

BIRTHS: Benjamin Buntin, June 15, 1985; Ann David Row, June 15, 1985. MARRIED: Shari Lee Ramey and Mark Emerson Baker, June 15, 1985; Resa Ritchie and Mark Allen Fryman, June 1, 1985. DIED: Miss Ora Lee Akers, June 23, 1985; John H. Conyers, Jr. June 22, 1985.

20 Years Ago

Lake Carnaris's first tragedy to its dedication June 4, 1964 happened Sunday afternoon Dennis Bishop, 20, was the victim, he was the son of Raymond Bishop said he

40 Years Ago

Brooks Pitman, Jimmy Shepherd and Everett Earl Pfantliff Jr., left Tuesday for Valley Forge, Pa. to attend the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. Fire swept a business section on Walnut St. in Cynthia Saturday, causing \$200,000 damage to property.

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had always been afraid of the water. The first place winning boat in the Blackberry Festival Parade in 1960 was 'Sport of '76' entered by Carlisle Jr. Woman's Club.

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GENERAL NEWS



Nicholas County and Carlisle Fire Department personnel have been in training every Wednesday night in June. For take dragging training at Lake Carnaris, Clarence Workman strains to haul the practice dummy out of the water even with the help of fellow teamer Calvin Denton, Tommy Crawford and Jeff Jefferson.

Fireworks return to festival

After a short hiatus, fireworks will highlight The Blackberry Festival, July 27, at 10 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The festival fireworks, a long standing festival tradition to be resurrected for the 1990 festival, is but one of many special events featured this year. Two rising stars of the country music scene will be on hand to perform during three evenings of the festival. Nashville singer and songwriter Lisa Palas will make an appearance Wednesday and Thursday night. Palas has roots in Nicholas County with her grandparents, William and Ruby Hednal. Based on her memories of visiting her grandfather in Nicholas Palas has recorded her song, 'Nicholas County Backroads' for him in 1976 and which will highlight her concerts at the festival. She has also written songs for a number of country music stars. Most notable among her credits is writing 'You've Got the Touch' which was made a hit by country band, Alabama. Sheet music and tapes will be available with profits going to a Nicholas County hospital.

Judy Drive-In

June 29 - July 2, Friday - Monday. Another 48 HRS. Also Richard Gere Internal Affairs. Starting July 3 Die Hard II.

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Bourbon Drive - In

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