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We doomed ourselves. Last week asked everyone to keep their fingers crossed for our AC units in the heat. The Shelby County Players had excellent attendance on Thursday night. The AC couldn't keep up, we thought it was the large crowd. After cooling the theatre all day on Friday it didn't take long for the next SCP audience to heat it up again. We knew something was wrong and we were worried. Before the show we found that one of our four units had shut down. We didn't have time before the performance started, but during intermission a crew headed to the roof with tools and Freon and fixed the unit.

(Warning, tech talk ahead) It turns out that the unit has been sub-standard all cooling season, we just didn't notice. It finally was sufficiently low on Freon to kick itself off. We pre-purchased Freon last year for just this type of emergency. We put 15# of R-22 in the unit on Friday night. We finished about the time the second act finished. It never got uncomfortable in the auditorium, but it certainly was headed that way. Once the faulty unit was back online, it cooled immediately. Throughout the day on Saturday we checked and the pressure held steady. Not wanting to take any chances we again cooled the auditorium down before the audience arrive. We expected the temperature to rise with all the people present. Guess what? With everything working the thermometer didn't budge a bit. We were shocked. That 25% capacity difference made all the difference in the world. If you were in the audience on Saturday night, we apologize from giving you a chilly evening, but considering what when on, it was a good problem to have. We had it perfect for Sunday's performance.

If you missed the production at the Strand, the SCP are performing it again at the Pixy Theatre in Edinburgh Friday and Saturday night.

This weekend we have 3 things. First is the movie Friday the 13th. Our web site contributor Steve Talbert said it best when he wrote the preview:

"If ?Psycho? is too tame and ?Saw? is too graphic, the original ?Friday the 13th? might be up your alley ? or wooded path, as the case may be. The Strand will show the film at 8 p.m. on Friday. Tickets are \$5. Watching the film and enjoying popcorn and candy are great ways to beat the heat ? and support the Strand.

Released in 1980, ?Friday the 13th? is the granddaddy of teenage slasher films. Filled with suspenseful camera angles and creepy music, this classic features a 22-year-old Kevin Bacon, who gets ?killed, ? of course.

Although many horror-lovers have watched the classic on VHS or DVD in their own home, most people born before 1963 have never seen the rated ?R? film on the big screen in a movie theater.

Apparently, the film company isn't making a big deal about the film?s 30th anniversary, so Shelbyville?s Strand is the only place to celebrate this historic occasion.

Watching Friday the 13th on Friday the 13th seems apropos, since the ?un-holiday? gets little respect. Although most people who suffer from friggatriskaidekaphobia, which is fear of Friday the 13th, wouldn't venture out in public on this date, this may be the perfect opportunity to overcome this fear. Friggatriskaidekaphobia is very rare, anyway.

In case you were wondering, paraskavedekatriaphilia is the love of Friday of Friday the 13th. So embrace paraskavedekatriaphilia by treating yourself and your loved one to a classic film in a classic theater! The balcony is open and the floor isn't sticky."

One Saturday author Joel Fox will give a lecture at 2:00pm on his new book Lincoln's Hand. This event is FREE. On Saturday night at 7:00pm our friends at the Bears of Blue River Festival will hold their annual Queen Contest. This event is also FREE. We hope to see you at one of these events.

Thank you for your support. It is fun, even if we scurry to the roof to fix the AC in the middle of a performance. Your

encouragement is always appreciated. We want you to be proud of the Strand and what it means to our community. After all, who else would put a 23 letter word on their marquee?

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