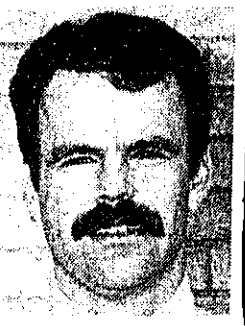


PEDALING AROUND

President primaries

By Mike Eliasohn



By the time you read this, it will be out of date.

As I write this, on Friday, it is apparently a tossup whether the frontrunner for the Republican Presidential nomination is Ronald Reagan, George Bush or John Anderson.

After the Iowa caucuses, it was George Bush. After the New Hampshire primary, it was Reagan. After the Massachusetts and Vermont primaries, it was a tossup between them and Anderson.

Between now and the time this gets in the paper, there are four primaries.

It was possible at one time to win the presidential nomination without entering a primary. The last to do it was Hubert Humphrey in 1968.

There are now so many primaries -- 37 -- that it is impossible to win without entering them and winning.

The primary elections are a more democratic way to choose our presidential candidates than the smoke-filled rooms of the past, but I have my doubts whether they are the best way.

Part of the problem is that the primaries are overcovered by the media. There were so many reporters in the tiny state of New Hampshire, probably citizens who weren't interviewed were in the minority.

The way to tell when an event is being overcovered is when reporters start reporting what the other reporters are doing, which is what happened in New Hampshire.

One disadvantage of the overcoverage, in addition to boredom by those who watch or read the news, is that it overemphasizes the importance of the early primaries.

For instance, Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker has now dropped out of the race

because he didn't do well in the early primaries, which may have been too bad. He has always impressed me as extremely able. I think one of Gerald Ford's big blunders in 1976 was not picking him to be his running mate.

Maybe if Baker had stayed in the race longer, he would have picked up support, but because the press doesn't pay much attention to those who don't do well early, as well as ascribing too much importance to the early primaries, it's hard for candidates who don't do well early to get support.

For instance, had Baker been able to hold on, he might have started doing well once the primary trail finally got to his home state of Tennessee May 6.

As of when I write this, the current darling of the media is Illinois Rep. John Anderson.

He did very well in Massachusetts and Vermont, which helps.

The press also likes him because to reporters bored with wishy-washy politicians, Anderson is refreshing. It takes guts to stand before a group of gun owners in New Hampshire and advocate gun control, but that is what Anderson did.

It is interesting to note that Anderson did well in Massachusetts and Vermont because he attracted support from independents and Democrats, both states having open primaries.

He did not do well among Republicans, but, it a Republican candidate is to be elected president, he is going to have to attract votes from independents and Democrats.

It is beginning to look more and more like the Republican candidate will be Ronald Reagan, even if Gerald Ford chooses to enter the race.

Reagan to me is the only candidate that can make Jimmy Carter look good, who I predict will be the Democratic nominee.

I do have a nightmare, which is that not only will Reagan get nominated, he will get elected.

If that happens, the draft dodgers might not be the only ones moving to Canada.

Caro man charged with wife's murder

Glen A. Christner, charged with murder in the shooting death of his wife, Edna, last Wednesday, is expected to waive examination in Tuscola County District Court Thursday. He will then be bound over to Circuit Court for arraignment.

It was one of two shootings in the county last week.

Christner, 31, of 1580 W. Sanilac Road (M-46), Caro, was taken into custody by sheriff's deputies after they found the body of his wife inside the Christner home.

According to the sheriff's department, Christner's sister called the department shortly after 7:30 p.m. She told them she had talked to her brother, that he had sounded disturbed and asked that officers be sent to the house.

There, deputies found the body of Mrs. Christner, who had been shot in the head.

Christner, who was home, was taken into custody and a rifle confiscated.

The couple's two children were reported to have been in the home at the time of the shooting, in an adjacent room.

Christner was arraigned before District Judge Richard F. Kern the day after the shooting, who remanded him to the county jail without bond to await the preliminary hearing. He is scheduled to waive his right to hearing.

The murder of Mrs. Christner was the first in Tuscola county since 1978.

Victim in the second shooting was Kurt Urban, 19, of Mayville, who was reported in fair condition Tuesday afternoon at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw.

According to the sheriff's department, Urban was shot in the abdomen with a handgun early last Thursday in his girlfriend's home on W. Saginaw Road, Juniata township.

As of Tuesday, the shooting remained under investigation. Information wasn't available immediately as to whether Urban accidentally shot himself or was shot by someone else.

Hoffman not seeking re-election

State Rep. Quincy Hoffman (R-Applegate) of the 77th House District, has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.

The district includes all of Sanilac and Huron counties. Hoffman was elected to the House of Representatives in 1964, following 10 years as sheriff of Sanilac county.

He serves on the prestigious Committee on Taxation, the Joint Administrative Rules Committee, and has served the entire 16 years on the Agriculture Committee, of which he is now vice-chairman.

Hoffman did not reveal his plans for the future. "Since the rumor became prevalent in Lansing that I might not seek re-election, I have been offered a couple of attractive positions in the private sector." These were not a factor in his decision not to seek re-election.

At the end of his term, he will have served the public in elected office for 26 years. "Most of those years have been enjoyable," he stated.

Wheat crop

U.S. wheat producers harvested a 1979 crop of 2.11 billion bushels, 18 percent more than 1978 and the second largest crop on record, says the Department of Agriculture.



UGLY JUNIOR PLAY cast members are front row, from left, Nanette Kolar, Bonnie Kolar and Rodney Walsh (the priest). Back row, Sandy Vogel, Alger Lemke, Kathy Longuski, Leslie Hagen, Dave Kubacki, Jeff Taylor, Kathy Turner, Terry Peplinski and Dave Olshove.

Teens lead police on wild car chase

Two 16-year-olds led Cass City police on a wild chase Friday night that resulted in slight injuries to the two officers, a damaged patrol car and hearings for both youngsters in probate court.

Officer Phil Klaus was at the wheel, with Ken Schott riding with him, when they spotted two cars drag racing westbound on Main Street at 11:40 p.m.

That was in the vicinity of Oak Street. One of the two cars was making excessive noise, so Klaus turned on his flashers and started following the car.

The car turned north on Leach, then headed east (the wrong way) down the alley three blocks to Maple Street. Klaus had turned on his siren by then, but the car didn't stop.

The pursued vehicle turned north, circled the Church-Oak - Huron-Maple block, then went north on Oak to Rose, east to Ale, south to Huron, then west to Seeger.

At Seeger, it turned north, turned west onto Kennebec and followed it via Huron to Dale Street, turned south onto Hill and then turned left onto Church Street.

The car turned south from Church onto Downing, but the driver lost control halfway to Main Street, spun 180 degrees and got stuck. Downing is presently unpaved.

Klaus pulled the patrol car alongside and he and Schott got out. Klaus got the driver's door open and told the teenager to stop.

The driver refused and got the car moving again. Klaus was dragged 20-30 feet, while Schott hung onto the door. Klaus finally was able to reach in and turn off the ignition, then pulled the driver out and handcuffed him.

Schott ran around to the other side of the car and got the passenger driver.

While the driver was trying to get the car moving again, it fishtailed and banged into the left front fender of the patrol car, which is only a week old.

Milliken oks funds for prison camp

Gov. William G. Milliken Saturday signed the capital outlay bill which includes \$1.9 million for a state Department of Corrections work camp on the Caro Regional Center grounds.

The outlay bill, approved by the legislature several weeks ago, included funding for various state projects.

The timetable calls for the hiring of an architect by May to plan what changes are needed in the former Regional Center residential facility, which hasn't been used in about 10 years.

Remodeling work should start there in late summer or early fall, with the camp for 80-100 inmates ready for occupancy by fall, 1981.

A total of \$2.1 million has been authorized for the camp, which means the legislature will have to appropriate \$200,000 for the 1980-81 fiscal year to complete the project.

Ubly play this week

The Ubly High School junior class will present "A Hillbilly Weddin'" Friday and Saturday in the school cafeteria.

Tickets will be available at the door.

"A Hillbilly Weddin'" takes place in a mountain cabin in the Kentucky hills. June Lou, the third oldest

daughter is approaching marriage, but Maw insists their two older daughters must be married first. Paw grabs the shotgun to go looking for husbands and that's when the action starts.

The play is directed by Colleen Schefka and Becky Ruthko. Faculty advisor is Camille Timm.

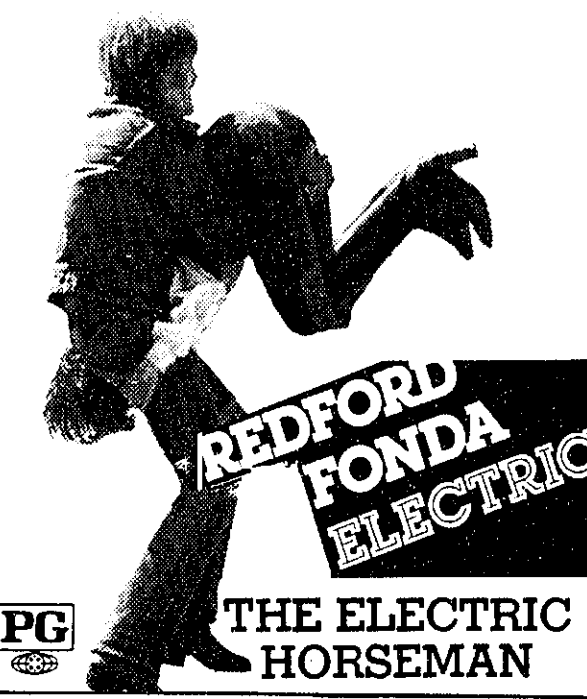
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