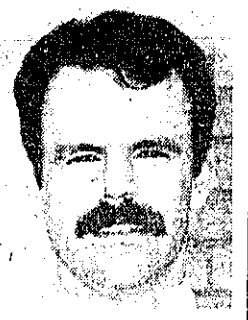


PEDALING AROUND

Getting drunk

By Mike Eliasohn



There is only one problem in being 35 years old. I don't know how much longer I can keep drinking Coke, Pepsi and other drinks that rot my teeth.

I'm sure if I stopped, that would make my dentist happy and might also make the soft drink companies happy.

It is only an assumption, but from watching their television commercials, I assume they don't want the business of us "older" folks.

All their commercials appear the same and none of them features anyone older than about 22.

Invariably, those in the commercials are at the beach or the old swimming hole and all are wearing swimming trunks. The girls wear bikinis.

Everyone is having a good time playing volleyball, jumping in the surf, or whatever.

The implication is supposed to be that drinking Soft Drink X means good times and makes one feel youthful.

But all I feel is left out. Drinking a Pepsi won't get me a girl in a bikini. All it will get me is arrested.

I could drown my sorrows in a beer, which is what I should be drinking according to the television commercials. That's what all the retired athletes drink.

But having never been an athlete, I don't drink beer.

I think that is why I had a tough time getting through college. Not only did I not drink beer, I also didn't eat pizza.

To be honest, I don't drink soft drinks very much. That way, I don't have to lug returnables back to the grocery. That is why I think the returnables law is such a good idea. It affects other people instead of me.

I also don't drink coffee. The aroma of coffee has never done a thing for me. Nor have I ever taken the Nestea Plunge.

What I drink most is milk (the 2 percent variety,) which makes me somewhat weird. Few adults drink milk, at least in public. Even lots of dairy farmers drink coffee (granted, with real cream).

Milk's problem, from the dairy industry's standpoint, is that it is a drink most people associate with being kids. "Drink your milk and you'll grow up to be strong."

It must be my mother never said that to me. I grew up to be more like Wally Cox (when he was alive) than Alex Karras.

Fortunately, I never grew up drinking beer or I might have resembled Billy Car-

ter. To overcome its image, the milk industry has been promoting its product like the soft drink industry, as one being drunk by teenagers and young adults.

The other two liquids I consume most are orange juice, even though I can't stand Anita Bryant (no, I'm not that weird), and water, which I don't think anyone advertises, except for Perrier water.

Perrier water comes from France, in fancy bottles and is expensive, but as far as I know, still tastes like water. If I ever buy anything French, it would be a car or bicycle. (I don't drink wine either.)

About the only liquid I haven't mentioned so far is lemonade, which invariably is advertised as "like grandma used to make."

But when Grandma made the stuff, she used lemons. Nowadays, the lemonade comes in cans or foil pouches, and in this modern chemical age, they probably use everything but lemons.

Somehow, "tastes like real lemon" isn't the same as real lemon.

I wonder what Ronald Reagan drinks.

Intermediate district staff may strike

Thienes responded that Luce wanted to hold a negotiation session Friday afternoon, but Ms. McCoy wasn't available.

"You're always hopeful before school starts," he said of the chances of reaching a settlement by Sept. 3.

So far, according to the assistant superintendent, all that has been agreed to was that wherever the present contract says "he," it will be changed to "he and she," and that there will be no smoking in the negotiating room.

"Given the desire of the board to settle, the opportunity to settle is there," Ms. McCoy commented.

The TCBA is also representing special education teachers employed by the Huron Intermediate School District, where an impasse has been reached in bargaining.

The association has requested the services of a state mediator for the next bargaining session.



VISITING — Erika Sherman (center) of 6858 E. Cass City Road and her sister, Gerda Thierer (left) had seen each other only once since Erika moved to the United States from Germany about 19 years ago to marry Jim Sherman. Now Mrs. Thierer and daughter Ute, 16, from Langenau, West Germany, are visiting the United States for the first time. Their three-week visit ends Sept. 1.

Board says 'no' to hiring Mrs. Crouse

BULLETIN: Wednesday morning Dick Albee, absent at the Tuesday meeting, called the school to say that he was against hiring Joyce Crouse, making it a 4-3 vote against Ms. Crouse entering the system.

Cass City School Board is split down the middle on whether or not to hire Joyce Crouse, the wife of superintendent Donald Crouse, to fill a special education teaching vacancy at the high school.

The issue was hotly debated at a special meeting of the board Tuesday night and a straw vote indicated that President Geraldine Prieskorn, Dr. D.E. Scollon and J.D. Tuckey were in favor and Thresa Burnette, Dr. E. Paul Lockwood and Dean Hoag were against hiring Mrs. Crouse.

The deciding vote now belongs to Dick Albee who was unable to be reached at the hastily-called meeting. Another meeting seems sure to be called to settle the issue.

It was revealed that before Ms. Crouse applied for the position the superintendent polled the board to see if there were objections. At the time a majority said that if she were the best qualified they had no objections. Later a member evidently had reservations about hiring the wife of the superintendent and the meeting was called.

Meanwhile, Russell Richards, principal, who interviews and recommends hiring of teachers, interviewed Ms. Crouse. There were five applications and none of the others were experienced. Ms. Crouse has a master's degree and is a veteran special education teacher. She would enter

Cass City's system at the top of the pay scale (\$18,972 at last year's rate). She previously taught in the Cass City system as a non-degree teacher and her ratings at the time indicated a very competent teacher.

Ms. Crouse was the only candidate interviewed. An interview with another candidate was scheduled but cancelled by the applicant.

Thresa Burnette was against the hiring, saying it was bad public relations, and felt that the school could find another suitable candidate even if the position was vacant for a short period after school opened. Dean Hoag said that Ms. Crouse would come in at the top of the pay scale when most teachers hired start at near the bottom.

That was challenged by Ms. Prieskorn who pointed out that other teachers were hired well up the increment pay scale. We are here to educate kids, she added, and we should remember that special education is an area of teacher shortage. J.D. Tuckey said we should hire the best person available for the job. If Ms. Crouse were still named Keller we would have no trouble with this at all, he added.

OFFER CONTRACT

Following normal procedure, after the interview Richards offered a contract to Ms. Crouse. Ms. Crouse told the board that she then unofficially notified the Huron Intermediate District that she was leaving. She said that she would be taking a pay cut to work where she lives.

Richards then asked the board if it was going to take over the interviewing and hiring of teachers. He said there was no problem at all hiring the superintendent's wife. She'll be graded just

like any other teacher in the system. If that offends the superintendent that's his problem, not mine.

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No teachers lose jobs in cutback

If school starts on schedule Sept. 3 no Cass City District teacher will be out of a job because of the reduction of 4 1/2 teachers from the staff.

That's the word that Supt. Donald Crouse gave the school board in a special meeting Friday noon at the high school.

Teachers leaving the system for one reason or another has enabled the administration to transfer assignments among teachers on the staff so that none was laid off.

However, a teacher on pregnancy leave will return at the end of the first semester and if another teacher doesn't leave, one teacher will be laid off at that time, Crouse explained.

The reduction in staff has increased class size. Kindergarten will be increased from a high of 26 students last year to 30 this year as one section was cut from the four sections that operated last season. Pre-registration indicates that 80 students will enter kindergarten this fall.

In addition there will be a half-day kindergarten class offered this year at Evergreen. Last year it was a combined class with the first grade. The change was approved with Trustee Dean Hoag voting against the revision.

PRICES UP

Crouse told the board that the hot lunch program has a deficit of \$22,000 and recommended an increase of 5 cents on each of the students' lunches and 7 cents for adults. The new prices are: grades 1-6, 60 cents; grades 7-12, 65¢, and adults, 78 cents to 85 cents, tax included.

In addition the a la carte menu will be increased after a study of costs is completed.

The board also granted the right to seek approval from the state for borrowing up to \$725,000 to avert a cash shortage while waiting for

new tax funds to arrive. It is not expected that the entire amount will be needed, although the cash crunch at the school will require earlier borrowing this year than at any time in recent years, Crouse believes.

Farm facts

The 320,000 combines that work the nation's fields this fall, if lined up wheel to wheel, could have harvested the state of Iowa in a day.

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Schools set to open

Unless there is a strike by teachers, school in the Cass City district begins Wednesday, Sept. 3, with a full-day session except for kindergartners.

Class lists of students at Campbell Elementary and the intermediate school will be posted Thursday. Principals are in their offices this week to register new students. Making appointments beforehand is recommended.

Hours in the elementary schools and intermediate school (except for kindergarten) are 8:25 a.m.-3:05 p.m., the same as last year. Intermediate students report opening day to their assigned rooms. Room assignments will be posted at 8:35 p.m. Thursday.

At the high school, hours are 8:35 a.m.-3:25 p.m., also unchanged, unless teachers are successful in getting the school day shortened, which they are seeking. Students report the first day to the gym for a general meeting at 8:35.

Lunch prices are: Grades 1-6, 60 cents per meal (\$3 for weekly tickets); 7-12, 65 cents; adults, 85 cents.

Unless parents are notified otherwise, buses will travel the same routes as last year to begin the year, with adjustments made as soon as possible.

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