

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Genesee Beer has introduced a new can featuring a pushbutton which eliminates the old pull-tab and hopefully will help the problem of litter.

With all due modesty I take the credit for this latest development. Well, some of it anyway.

My tale goes back 10 years this summer when our first baby was a few months old and my husband was working a 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift.

As a new mother alone nights in a somewhat raucous neighborhood I confided to the doctor I had trouble relaxing and going to sleep nights.

His Rx: Drink a can of beer very slowly every night before retiring.

At that time beer cans were featuring a metal pull that was neither a ring nor safety coated. Every night I managed to bloody a thumb or a finger trying to get the container opened.

Finally in a moment of desperation I sat down and wrote a letter to the company explaining the problem. Beer was really not my drink but it was producing the sought after effect. However, if they couldn't come up with something better I'd have to switch to another form of relaxant like the hard stuff in the

bottle with the easy screw off and on top.

Satisfied to get the problem off my chest I mailed the letter the next day and promptly forgot about it.

Several mornings later as I was fixing formula and pattering around the kitchen in an old blue bathrobe I heard a car pull up.

Outside was a long, black and expensive car, a curiosity in our lower middle class neighborhood. Out of it came a courtly looking gentleman dressed in a black chesterfield and a soft fedora. In his arms he carried a large grocery bag.

At the kitchen door he knocked and waited while I tried to decide whether to run for the bedroom and change or just answer the door. My curiosity got the better of me and clutching my robe I answered the door.

After making certain of my identity he thrust the grocery bag toward me and said "We're sorry about your thumb. We're trying to come up with a better can, but in the meantime try these." Inside were three or four six packs of beer in the bottle with the old style lid which had to be flipped off with an opener.

Before I could say anything he was gone, the brewer's version of Santa Claus.

It was not long, a year or so I think, before the beer people came out with the tab ring which solved one problem but created an even bigger one of pollution.

With three energetic children I no longer need help getting to sleep nights. But, in a kind of salute I intend to stop off at the grocery pick up a six pack of pushbutton lenny and sit on the back porch and think about the time when Genesee will come up with a self-destructing can.



Planning Conference

Diocesan coordinators for the Eucharistic Congress scheduled for Philadelphia next year met recently at St. Charles Seminary in that city to discuss plans for the worldwide meeting. In front row, 10th from right, is Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty who is coordinator in the Rochester diocese for the affair.

Registration Set For OLPH School

Registration for the next semester at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School of Religion has been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of the last week of August. The school office at 70 Lang Street will be open Aug. 25 from 9 until 11 a.m., 1-3 and 7-8 p.m. Morning and evening hours will be the same on Tuesday, but there will be no afternoon hours.

Classes for children in grades one through eight will be held Wednesday afternoons beginning Sept. 10. They will meet at 2:45 p.m. for one hour. Sister St. Luke, OLPH principal, said the change of schedule would enable the parish school faculty to instruct public school pupils, thus ensuring a greater continuity in our total parish religion program.

The course will include preparation for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. The registration fee is \$10 per family, for books and supplies.

Bolivian Churchmen Protest Expulsion

La Paz, Bolivia [RNS] — Roman Catholic Church authorities here have strongly protested the expulsion from Bolivia of three Spanish Catholic missionary nuns.

The nuns, who were jailed in La Paz for a few days before they were deported to Spain, denied government charges that they had been collaborating in a "subversive" meeting.

In a joint statement Archbishop Jorge Manrique Hurtado of La Paz and the Bolivian Council of Priests said the government's action had "violated human rights, sullied the image of Bolivia," and was an attempt to "blacken the image of the Church."

They insisted that they were simply acting as servants of the Lord in showing their solidarity with workers.

The three nuns — Christina Recorador Casso and Ana Liria Frances Alfaro of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and Ana Maria Orue Arujira of the Mercy Sisters — were among a group of 30 peasant (campesino) and labor leaders who were arrested at a meeting July 14 at a parish house in Oruro, a mining area 200 miles south of La Paz.

Interior Minister Col. Juan Pereda Asbun said after the arrests that the group had been holding a "subversive meeting," which he claimed was part of a plot to organize a general strike against the military regime of Gen. Hugo Banzer Suarez.

Bolivia's military regime has outlawed all political parties and labor unions. Earlier this year, the government closed down a Catholic-owned radio station and expelled two Catholic missionary priests.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Southern California coach John McKay said it before the College All Stars hooked the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers in Chicago. McKay coached the college kids, who were over-matched by 17 points, according to Las Vegas, and had no chance to win, in McKay's private thinking.

McKay is one of the most respected administrators in the college football coaching hierarchy, and he was standing up over the weekend for a brand new plan for a college football championship playoff series. It will be thrown before the nation's athletic directors next week at a special convention — also in Chicago — and this time it just might happen.

"When you get older," said McKay, "you tend to become less receptive to ideas, but you can't stop listening to them."

McKay was talking about a variation on the college playoff deal which will be headline news in next week's papers.

The new plan will be offered by Harle Edwards, former North Carolina State coach, and ex-

president of the American Football Coaches Association.

With an eye to curtailment of funds for sports, sharing for women's programs, and general rising costs, Edwards says it would be foolish to resist the lucrative new format.

Also, he points out, it would increase interest generally, by providing a true champion instead of the mythical and controversial one which emerges after the bowl games. In prestige, interest and glamor, it would rival the Super Bowl.

Edwards will propose a schedule of seven playoff games, with gross revenue of around \$15 million. All participating teams (schools) would be adequately compensated, and every other college involved in Division I football would receive a check for at least \$50,000. The playoffs would in no way interfere with, or replace the bowl games.

So okay, already, the format: Eight schools are invited by a blue ribbon panel.

Four quarterfinal games are played the first weekend in December, that drops the field to four clubs.

Two semifinal games (televised, of course) are played in the Dec. 20-23 area. The final game, college football's championship on the line, in January, not before Jan. 8. A tiebreaking procedure would apply to all games.

This would avoid interference with semester exams; it would cause the least possible disturbance to the present bowl structure; it would not interfere with Christmas at home; and it still would allow all schools to accept bowl bids, regardless.

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