

Woman defends missing friend's reputation

Carrie Oswald, 17, is worried about her best friend.
She has reason to be. Her friend hasn't been seen since May 20, and nobody knows where she is.
Not only is Carrie worried, she's angry. Angry because she thinks people have gotten the wrong impression of her friend.

Carrie's friend is Kellie Brownlee, a West Bloomfield 17-year-old girl, who disappeared two months ago, apparently while hitchhiking in Novi.
The circumstances of Kellie's disappearance, Carrie admits, don't make her friend look like a "good" teenager. But Carrie, a Novi resident, insists that Kellie does not deserve the label "typical runaway."

"They called her a typical runaway," said Carrie of some news reports of Kellie's disappearance. "They said she did drugs. She didn't. She didn't like hanging around with people who did excessive drugs or drinking because she didn't like that. She saw too many close friends get messed up on drugs so she stayed away from them."

Carrie's insistence that Kellie has been unfairly stereotyped is backed up by Officer Thomas Nelson of the West Bloomfield Police, who is working on the case.

"SHE'S NOT a standard runaway," Nelson said. "She didn't tell anyone where she was going . . . there is no clothing missing, she had only the clothes she was wearing . . . that's not typical at all."
Also atypical, said Nelson, is the fact that Kellie hasn't contacted anyone.

"She would have called me, at least, or her boyfriend just to say, 'I'm OK, I'm safe,'" Carrie said.
That, said Nelson, forces police to investigate the possibility of foul play in the case. "There are two possibilities," he said. "One, that she's alive somewhere and hasn't called — that's not typical of runaways." The other, he said, is foul play.

The last time Kellie was seen was when she put in several job applications at Twelve Oaks Mall, Nelson said. Though Carrie says some one saw Kellie in Walked Lake after her Twelve Oaks trip, Nelson said the report has not verified. "Everything else is specu-

lation," he said.
Though Carrie admits that Kellie has some "family problems," a characteristic of many runaways, Kellie had already moved away from her parents' West Bloomfield home into a Walked Lake area apartment with the family of a friend. She had been there almost two months at the time of her disappearance.

"She liked Walked Lake," said Carrie. "She wanted to live there for a long time. She wouldn't want to leave."

A FRIEND with whom Kellie was living agrees.
"I'm with Carrie," she said. "She just wouldn't have run away — it's too important to her to have her family, her friends. In a sense she'd run away to here — she was already away from home."
Kellie's disappearance has recently received quite a bit of publicity — her parents appeared on television in a desperate appeal to anyone who may have seen their daughter, and articles have appeared in several newspapers. How-

ever Nelson reports no solid leads have developed.
"The longer time goes by, the more inclined we are to believe she's a victim of foul play," he said.
"I really miss her," said Carrie. "I'm worried about her. Every time I drive by a field or swamp or a patch of woods, I have to wonder. The first three weeks I swear I saw her a hundred times — in a car across the street."
"I just wish she'd let us know; I just wish we'd find out she's OK."

Police still seeking clues in robbery

Police have been unable to locate any of the \$8,190 worth of jewelry and currency reported stolen July 9 from the residence adjoining the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

wearing white shorts and riding a 10-speed bike in the area at the time of the robbery. She said the man tried to give away free passes to the Vic Tanny health spa.

Items reported stolen include an engraved gold band ring; a gold woman's wedding band worth \$3,800; a gold horseshoe-shaped dinner ring containing nine diamonds valued at \$2,800; a pear-shaped gold and red ring by Amass; a 1974 Wayne State University men's class ring, with the initials RGR on it, worth \$200; a pair of Seiko watches worth a combined total of \$500, and \$900 in currency.

Police reports indicate the doors to the house were left unlocked.

The stolen property belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rock of 33603 Grand River, Farmington, and was taken between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., police said.

Police said a suspect in the crime is a young man observed in the area by an employee of an architectural firm located near the funeral home.

Mary Knick, an employee of Lane-Riebo-Welland Architects said she observed a black man, in his mid-20s, about 6 feet tall, weighing 180 pounds,

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Parental guidance law challenged

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netti, a warning and not a ticket.
Ordinance violations carry a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, but Goss doubted whether the maximum fine would ever be lev-

ied in such a case.
"ONE THING we're trying not to do," Goss said, "is let them make this place a baby-sitting service. There was no trouble. It's just that there's an ordinance which says a parent or legal guardian — we interpret that as a re-

sponsible adult — must be present with kids under 16. It's not a day-care center."
The youths who were playing the machines without an adult with them, Goss said, were between the ages of 11 and 14 years of age.

Senate campaign volatile

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"I'll be doing the job you'd be doing if you had the opportunity to visit the Capitol and be involved in government. I can learn to push for your needs."
The days of the super giant auto industry are over and it should be recog-

nized that small and medium-sized businesses must be provided with incentives, he added.
Targeted by Marcuse as the three most important goals for Michigan senators were 1) an end to overspending; 2) a tighter grip on the criminal justice system and a limit on the ability of defendants with criminal records to post bond; and 3) an improved road management system.

committed to see that our district gets its fair share," said Work, a Farmington Hills resident.
"I favor a graduated income tax, which would bring us a large amount of revenue."
The experience of "heavyweights" Faxon and Wilson looks impressive on a dossier; however, the senators have created "a tremendous tax burden on small businesses with the Single Business Tax," added the accounting supervisor at Charge Card Association.
"Our education system is falling mainly because of a lack of funds, while state funds are being used to subsidize the Silverdome."

WORK ENTERED the senate race because she is "dissatisfied in her mind and in her pocketbook with ineffective leadership."
"There is money in Lansing and I am

Pogue is awarded sports scholarship

Kimberly A. Pogue, 36968 Heather-ton, Farmington, has been awarded an athletic scholarship at Oakland University and will receive \$1,000 for the 1982-83 academic year.
Awards are renewable for up to six additional successive semesters upon the recommendation of the coach and

the director of intercollegiate athletics, as long as the student makes normal progress toward graduation and remains within the eligibility limits as established by the NCAA or AIAW.
Pogue is a graduate of Farmington High School.

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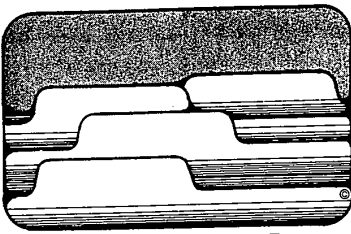
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