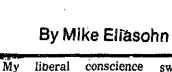
PEDALING AROUND

Carter and the Cubans



bothers me to write this, but here goes. President Carter screwed up by letting the Cuban

refugees into this country. What he did also illustrates why he is screwed up as president.

Unfortunately, I can't stand Ronald Reagan, so I have no doubt I will vote for Carter come November.

I am writing this on Thursday. Come Tuesday, I will vote for George Bush in the Republican primary, but I don't really think my vote will do any good.

Even if every political poll showed Reagan would be clobbered by Carter and Bush would win, the Republicans would still nominate Reagan. They would rather be right than have their man

Back to Carter and the Cubans.

Remember a month or so ago, when Fidel Castro first said he would let Cubans leave who wanted to.

Carter said those bringing the Cubans here would be violating the law and we would seize their boats.

Only a few days later, he changed his mind and said we would welcome the Cuban refugees.

Last week, he changed his mind again -- sort of. He told Castro that if he would allow U.S. personnel to be stationed in Cuba to screen those who wanted to leave, this country would provide the planes or ships to bring them here.

The president ordered a halt to further individual efforts and said any boats involved in transporting refugees would be seized with their owners or captains subject to prosecution.

Castro, of course, rejected Carter's proposal, which meant a halt -- as of this writing -- to further emigration from Cuba.

That left untold thousands of Cubans, having left their homes and given up their belongings, stranded on the docks in Cuba. What happens to them now? They will be refugees in their own country, hated by the gov-

ernment and its supporters. Since the boat lift started about a month ago, more than 50,000 Cubans have come here. Like a lot of Americans, I wonder how we are supposed to find jobs for them when we have hundreds of thousands of our

own citizens out of work. Our unemployed, through no fault of their own, are

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swelling our welfare rolls. Many of the Cubans will also end up on welfare. So long to

a balanced budget. I also object to the inconsistency of it all. If you are a refugee from

Communism, we will let you into this country. But if you are only a refugee from poverty, that is, from Mexico, or from poverty and a harsh non-Communist dictator in Haiti, you are not welcome and, at least in the case of the Mexicans, we will send you back.

The Haitians are apparently being allowed to stay, but as shown on the NBC news last week, up to now, they have received lesser treatment than the Cubans. (One suggested reason is because they are black. Carter did say last week they will now be given equal treatment.)

The United States has always been the land of opportunity for the oppressed from elsewhere, and would like to think we should continue to do so, but somehow, it seems like there have to be some kind of limits.

Meanwhile, the only win-ner in this is Fidel Castro. He has gotten rid of a lot of his problems while creating new ones in this country.

Approval by the appropri-

ations committees of the

House and Senate in Lansing

Tuesday of a \$1.7 million

transfer to the state police

for gasoline will get troop-

ers' patrol cars back on the

At the Caro state police

post, the cars were never off

the road, according to Lt.

Ken Maciejewski, the post

Because the state police

had used up their appropri-

ation for the fiscal year for

gasoline, some posts had

eliminated all routine pa-

trolling, sending out their

cars only for emergencies.

The problem was that the

legislature had based its

appropriation for gasoline

for the 1979-80 fiscal year on

a cost of 54 cents per gallon,

not the present 96 cents to

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more gas money

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Hazardous house must be fixed or torn down

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn Monday gave Mar-garet McNeil 10 days to have dilapidated house

8-year-old injured by

An 8-year-old Deford boy is home from Bay Medical Center in Bay City after

knife in eye

being treated for an eye injury he received Friday Garold Peasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peasley, of Shabbona Road, was cutting twine from a bale of hay when the knife he was using slipped, striking him in the

Garold was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital and later transferred to Bay Medical.

Mrs. Peasley said her son was released Monday afternoon and has not been complaining of any pain. She added the family is waiting for the results of tests taken while he was at the center.

She said she would not know the seriousness of the injury until the test results came back.

At Caro, however, the post

has a large underground

storage tank and had plenty

of gasoline, so patrols never

Like at all posts, patrol

cars are parked for 15

is a fuel conservation meas-

ure that goes back to before

the present problem de-

The Caro post, Maciejew-

ski said, also stopped allow-

ing other state departments

storage tank, which many

other state police posts have

had to be curtailed.

If not, it will be torn down. The covered basement structure is located at the corner of Houghton and Brooker Streets in Cass City and hasn't been used in many years. Mrs. McNeil is now a Pontiac resident.

According to assistant Prosecutor David Myers, who handled the case Monday for the county Department of Public Works (DPW), Mrs. McNeil admitted to the judge that the home is a hazard, but that

she couldn't afford to fix it.
If she doesn't comply with the judge's order to make the home safe, Myers said, the DPW will then solicit at least three bids to have the home torn down, the bid being awarded to the lowest

The cost of having the structure torn down will be billed to Mrs. McNeil.



HOSPITAL TOUR -- In conjunction with National Hospital Week last week, first graders from Campbell Elementary School toured Hills and Dales General Hospital. These were some of the members of Polly Pakonen's class viewing the laboratory.

Circuit Court News

He pleaded guilty to the

charge April 21, of having

taken two six-packs of beer

from Van's Market in Vas-

Elmer R. Castle, 19, of

4181 East Street, Akron,

stood mute to a charge of

larceny in a building, of

having stolen cash and checks April 23 from Churchill's Bar in that com-

A pretrial hearing was

scheduled June 2. Bond was

DISTRICT COURT

Gary L. Zellar, 25, of Caro,

was arraigned Monday be-

fore District Judge Richard

F, Kern on a charge of

The judge ordered him

released on \$5,000 personal

recognizance bond and

scheduled a pretrial hearing

May 27, preliminary exami-

Zellar was arrested by

Caro police on a warrant

Saturday, charging him with

possession of phenylcyclo-

Zellar's pickup was stopped by Cass City police

early April 19 on M-81 in

Ellington township, while

they were returning from

assisting another police

agency and spotted his ve-

hicle being driven erratical-

The substance he is

charged with possessing was

found in a small plastic

container they found on the

road behind his stopped

truck. Zellar was released at

that time, pending identi-

fication of the substance by

the state police laboratory.

Ackerman, 23, of 4677 Ken-

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Cass City.

Also Monday, Scott R.

hexyl ethylamine (PCE).

possession of a controlled

Caro man sent to prison for sexual misconduct

sar Feb. 29.

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substance.

nation June 6.

A Caro man was sentenced in Circuit Court Monday to 40 months to 15 years in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson for criminal sexual conduct

(2nd degree).
Norman L. Parkin, 40, of 1297 S. Mertz Road pleaded guilty to the charge March 17, the incident having occurred Feb. 26. He was The posts that were in the credited with 95 days served.

worst shape, Maciejewski said, were those whose fuel Sentence was pronounced storage tanks ran dry about by Judge Patrick R. Joslyn. the same time the money Also Monday before the

Virgil C. Hall, 17, and Bruce E. Cain Jr., 18, both of 4401 W. Saginaw Road, Vassar, both pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted grand

Their pleas were accepted minutes every hour, but that and bond continued until sentencing July 21.

Their guilty pleas were made in a plea bargain with the prosecution, they having been originally charged with breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling. to fuel their cars from its

They pleaded guilty to having taken 11 car radiators, worth more than \$100, from Lee's Salvage March 25 in Vassar township.

Donald R. Hodge, 41, of For the first time, U.S. Silverwood, stood mute to a charge of felonious assault, cotton exports may exceed domestic use this year, pre- of having assaulted John dicts the Department of Shafor with a knife March 27 in Mayville.

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A plea of innocent was entered and pretrial hearing scheduled June 2. Bond was

The motion of James G. Pratt, 22, of 2360 Swaffer Road, Millington, to withdraw his plea of no contest to a charge of attempted resisting or obstructing a police officer was granted.

He had made the plea March 13, having been charged with trying to run over Deputy Arthur Adam with a farm tractor Oct. 13 in Watertown township.

William W. Brown, 19, of 704 W. Huron Road, Vassar, stood mute to two charges of uttering and publishing, of having written two falsified checks totaling \$472 in March, drawn on the First State Bank of Saginaw.

Pleas of innocent were entered with pretrial hearing scheduled June 2. Bond was continued

JUDGE CLEMENTS

Monday before Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements: Roy L. Giddings, 25, of 5591 Scotch Road, Vassar, was placed on two years' probation for larceny in a huilding.

He was also sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with credit given for one day served, fined \$100, assessed \$150 court costs and ordered to pay \$105 restitution.

He pleaded guilty April 21 to having taken money on or about Feb. 23 from Vassar High School.

Michael Morgan, 18, of 5546 Swaffer Road, Vassar, was also placed on two years' probation for larceny in a building.

He was sentenced to 54 days in the county jail, with credit given for 54 days served. He was fined \$100, assessed \$150 court costs and ordered to pay restitution of \$5.05. He was also ordered to attend an alcohol abuse program.

Man ticketed in accident Sunday night

Randell L. Hiatt, 30, of 4876 Milligan Road, Cass City, was ticketed by sheriff's deputies on a charge of violation of the basic speed law (speed too fast) after an accident Sunday.

northbound on Cedar Run Road at 11 p.m. when he failed to negotiate a righthand curve.

ground and rolled over onto The accident happened at

11 p.m. in Elmwood town-

At 7:40 a.m. Friday, according to deputies, Arnold H. Sticken, 56, of 7689 Canboro Road, Owendale, was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, east of Richie Road, when his vehicle struck a deer.

deputies said.

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nebec Drive, Cass City, was sentenced to five days in the county jail for indecent ex-He pleaded guilty to the charge May 6, the incident having occurred April 3 in Three days of the sentence were served starting Mon-

7:30 & 9:25 8:10 Only

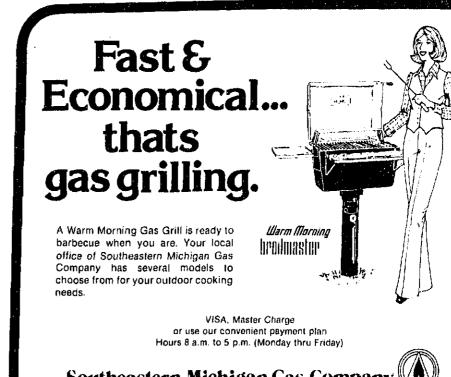
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Officers reported he was

The car went off the left

side of the road, hit soft

Diann Freeland, 33, of Caro, was westbound on Deckerville Road, east of Dodge Road, at 9:40 p.m.



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