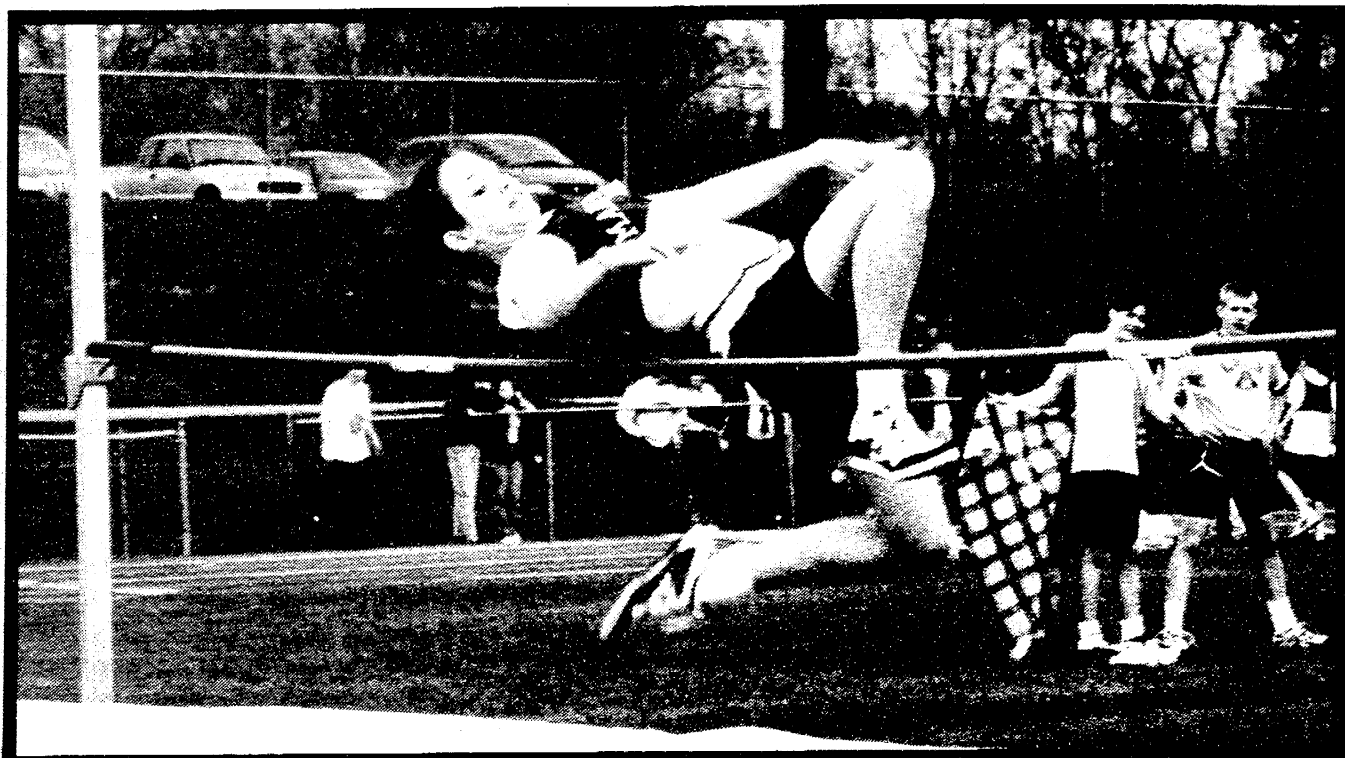


# Setting the Record

— Photo by Ray Meyer



**Taryn Nye, Manchester middle school eighth grader, clears the 5'4" pole, during the April 22nd track meet against Napoleon and St. Thomas.**

The official measurement, which had to be taken at the middle of the pole, was 5'2" for a Dutch school record.

More middle school track action shots, page 5: Nate

## Manchester's Answer to MIS

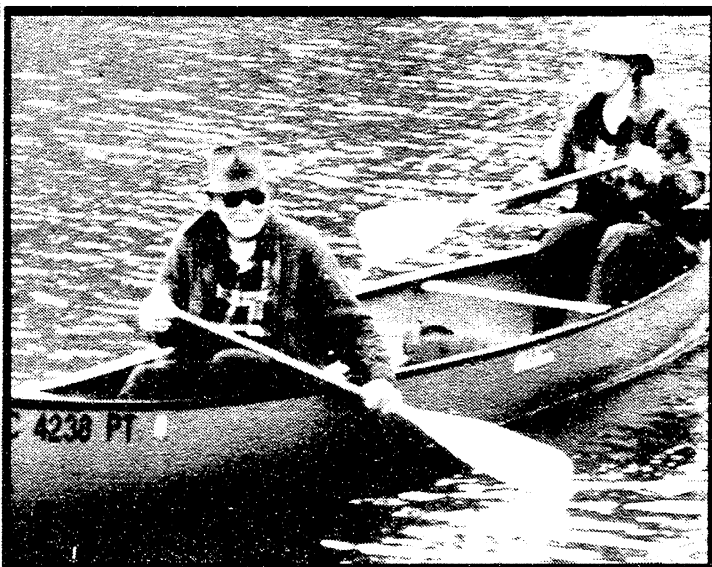
### The 32nd Annual River Raisin Canoe Race

Right: The author (and member of the Manchester Recreation Task Force Canoe Race Committee for many years) along with his daughter, Liz, in a previous year's race.

— by Wendell E. Young

The 32nd annual Manchester Canoe Race, sponsored by the Manchester Recreation Task Force, will be held on the third Sunday in May: May 17th. Entry forms will be available at Manchester Pharmacy, Pyramid Office Supply, Video World, Manchester Floors, First of America, and the Community Resource Center.

Entry forms must be signed by each entrant and returned with payment. The entry fee is \$8 per person until Friday, May 15 at 4:00PM. A late entry fee of \$10 per person will be available at the starting line on Sunday, May 17, at 11:00 AM.



The canoe route starts at Fellow's Bridge on Sharon Valley Road and follows the River Raisin to the Main Street bridge in Manchester Village, a distance of about 3-1/4 miles.

You may use your own canoe if it is a standard model under 18 feet in length. Canoes are also available for rent from the Sharon Hollow Acres Canoe Livery. Canoe rentals, including paddles and PFDs, are available for the race for a fee of \$15. The rental canoes will be delivered to the starting point and picked up at the finishing point after the race.

There will be seven classes plus a sprint race on the Mill pond. The classes are: Man/Woman, Choose Partner, Adult/Child, Competition, Women, Solo Canoe/Kayak, and Teen (ages 13-18). Note that the upper age is now 18.

As a result of last year's response to the kayak raffle, the canoe race committee is again having a raffle for an Old Town kayak. This time it is a Loon II class, 16-foot, two-place craft and comes with two double paddles. The raffle tickets are \$10 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold. All proceeds from the race go to the Manchester Recreation Task Force.

Raffle tickets will be available from Manchester Floors, Manchester Pharmacy, Video World and canoe race committee members.

The weather forecast for race day is warm and sunny. Have fun!

Smith, Craig Lane, Michael Fuerstnau, Tyler Harvey, Karl Schaible, Seth Laroque, Jacob Sawyer, Sarah Tervo, Dara Jose, Brie Hyde; and, page 4, writings by middle school students Kelli Randall, Kori Zink and R'mosie Sondeen; and a response to Matt Church's editorial "What About Older Kids?"

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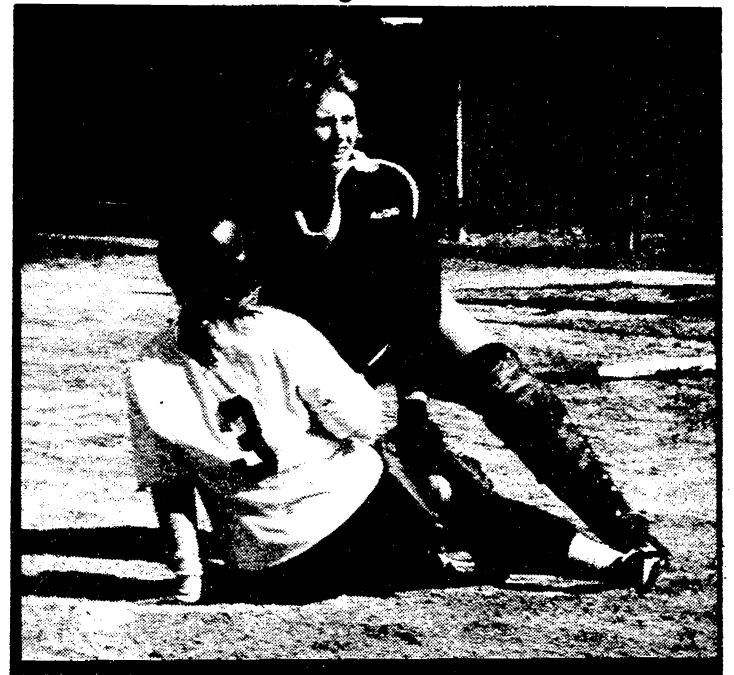
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## Super Recess

— by Korie Zink

A lot of kids at the Middle School hold good grades and a detention-free record. So, since they've all tried hard to do well in school and be good, it's time to let their hard work pay off.

That's why we're holding a "Super Recess." Finally we'll be able to recognize who is trying hard in school and encourage other kids to do better.

The Super Recess is to reward the kids who hold a "C" average or above in their classes and have been detention-free since we've introduced this activity. (Lunch-time detentions don't count.) For those students, on a warm day in May, they will get to have a two-period recess while the others continue their homework.

During this Super Recess, there will be endless activities for the students to choose from. We'll be holding different sports in the Athletic Field and there will be a big ice cream bash! During the end of the recess, there will be a raffle where you can win a Manchester t-shirt.

So, students, be good and ace tests so you can miss two classes in May to have a great time. And, parents, encourage your children. I hope I can see most of the school there - so see you then!

## Something to Say

— by Manchester Middle School Students

### Middle School Student Council Fundraising

— by R'mosie Sondeen  
Student Council President

The Manchester Middle School Student Council had a fundraiser, selling candy and other spring items. Thanks to many students' help and your support, they had a great success. The Student Council made enough to run the Student Council for next year and some of the following year. The money will be used for assemblies, super recesses, service project motivators, and other cool activities.

When everyone turns their money in, we can schedule an award assembly. During the award assembly, we will have money prizes for selling ten or more items. There will be a box of envelopes. In the envelopes, there will be different amounts of money. All students selling ten items will draw an envelope.

We will also have students shooting a basketball. If it makes it in the hoop, that person will win money.

There is also a money booth. One student from each grade will go into the sealed booth. Then \$100 will be dumped in the booth and a blower will be turned on. The person will get to keep as much money as they can grab in a certain amount of time. We did this last year, too. This will be so much fun!

## It Wasn't Easy!

— by Kelli Randall

My I-Search paper is due tomorrow and all I have to do is

type it. All I have to type my paper with is an old, heavy, beat-up typewriter. When I got home from school, I had a snack and gathered my things to start typing. I didn't think it would take too long. Boy was I wrong.

I settled in and arranged everything conveniently around me. I put in a piece of paper and turned the cylinder. After it was positioned just right, I looked at my rough draft to see what I needed to type first and I began to type. The keys were so hard to push down that I could only use my index finger. I was about halfway through my first page when I noticed that I had made a few mistakes, so I went back and corrected them.

That wasn't easy! I found that out the hard way.

It wasn't all that hard to white-out the mistakes. Then I put the paper back, thinking that it was at the right spot, and began typing again. When I looked to see if I had made any more mistakes I found I had single spaced instead of double spaced. I had typed almost a full sentence and it all had to be whited-out. I was so frustrated I had to take a break.

So far I'd been typing for forty-five minutes. After the frustration passed, I began to type again. I made a few more minor errors and corrected them. After dinner and dishes, I finally finished typing the first page. Smiling I reached for the page to pull it out of the typewriter ... I forgot to turn the cylinder ---my page ripped right in half!! After working all afternoon, it was ruined.

I was angry and frustrated, and I knew I wouldn't have enough time to type it again. So I began to hand-write my report in ink. I hadn't even finished my first sentence when I made a mistake. I wadded the page up and threw it on the floor. I started to write again. Once again in the first sentence I made another mistake! I was still angry about ripping my page out of the typewriter. On top of that I couldn't even get through the first sentence without making a mistake. Not once, not twice, but five times!!!

I burst in to tears. My Mom told me to take a break and she'd get her typewriter from work. It was 9:00 PM. This typewriter was more like a computer. I finished the report within an hour. I turned it in on time and in the end I received a B.

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### In response...

to Matt Church's editorial in the April 13th Chronicle titled "What About Older Kids?" and his opening statement, "I think Manchester needs something for the older kids to do", Matt suggested a swimming pool. He said: "People young and old could swim in it AND we could have a swim team at the same time!"

A reader writes:

Dear Matt Church:

Your editorial in the Manchester Chronicle really hit home with me. Do you know that there are many Senior Citizens in Manchester who swim two and three times a week? We drive to Jackson's Parkside, Michigan Center High School, or to Tecumseh School.

Why do we do this? First it is fun, but second and more important is our health. This exercise is something we can do without fear of pulling muscles but it keeps us flexible and healthy.

You are never too young or too old to swim.

Thanks for listening, Matt.

Jeanette Kirk

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Get your toys out of the living room... Get your toys out of the bathtub... Get your toys off the stairs.

Don't hit your brother.

What are you doing out of bed?... Go back to bed... Did you brush your teeth?

What do you mean there's nothing to do? Go outside... Read a book... It's nice outside.

Get off the phone... Tell your friend you'll call her back... Hello, no she's not home.

Take a jacket... Take a sweater... Take one anyway.

Do you realize that could kill someone?

Hurry up... Hurry up, everyone's waiting... I'll count to ten and then we're going without you... Fasten your seat belt... Did everyone fasten their seat belts?

What's going on back there... Stop it... I said, stop it... I don't want to hear about it... Stop it or I'm taking you home right now... That's it, we're going home.

Did you go to the bathroom?... Why didn't you go before we left?... Can you hold it?

Give me a kiss... I need a hug.

Make your bed... Clean up your room... Set the table... I need you to set the table...

Don't tell me it's not your turn.

Just try a little, you don't have to eat the whole thing... Stop playing and eat... Just eat one bite of salad... I've taken all the mushrooms out, see?

Move your glass, it's too close to the edge... Watch it.

More what? More, please, that's better.

You don't always get what you want, that's life.

Go to your room... No, ten minutes are not up... One more minute.

Is your homework done?

Stop yelling, if you want to ask me something, come here.

**STOP YELLING, IF YOU WANT TO ASK ME SOMETHING, COME HERE.**

I'll think about it... Not now... Ask your father... We'll see... Maybe later... Soon... Pretty soon.

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Our mothers teach us about life and love, guide us down the path to independence and self-esteem, and heal our hurt fingers and broken hearts. To a child, the name of mother is magical.

From our earliest moments, we recognize in the eyes of our mother the one who will care for us and love us unconditionally for the rest of our lives. Mother is the one who didn't mind getting up in the middle of the night when we were sick. She is the one who thought we were beautiful when we were awkward teenagers and didn't like ourselves. And she is the one who willingly made sacrifices, large and small, for us daily.

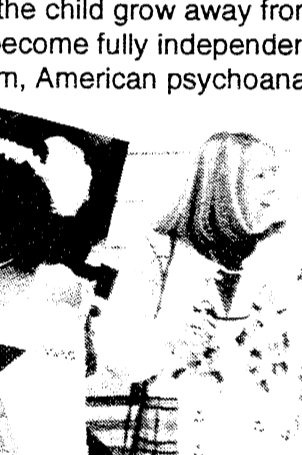
— *For Mother, With Love*, Armand Eisan

## What they say



"The mother-child relationship is paradoxical and, in a sense, tragic. It requires the most intense love on the mother's side, yet this very love must help the child grow away from the mother and become fully independent."  
— Erich Fromm, American psychoanalyst

"Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth." — Erma Bombeck



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## about Moms!



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"Making the decision to have a child — it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body." — Elizabeth Stone, American writer

"Most mothers are instinctive philosophers." — Harriet Beecher Stowe



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"No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement." — Florence Maxwell

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"If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much." — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"Who is it that loves me and will love me forever with an affection which no chance, no misery, no crime of mine can do away? My mother." — Thomas Carlyle

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— Julia Ward Howe

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Our sons shall not  
be taken from us  
to unlearn all  
that we have been able  
to teach them  
of charity, mercy  
and patience.

We women of one country  
will be too tender  
of those of another country  
to allow our sons  
to be trained  
to injure theirs."  
From the bosom  
of the devastated earth  
a voice goes up  
with our own,  
it says 'disarm, disarm!'

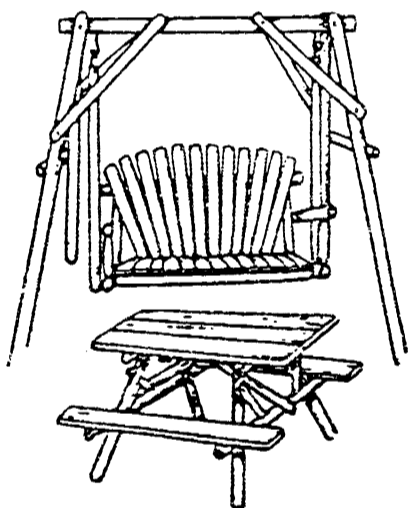
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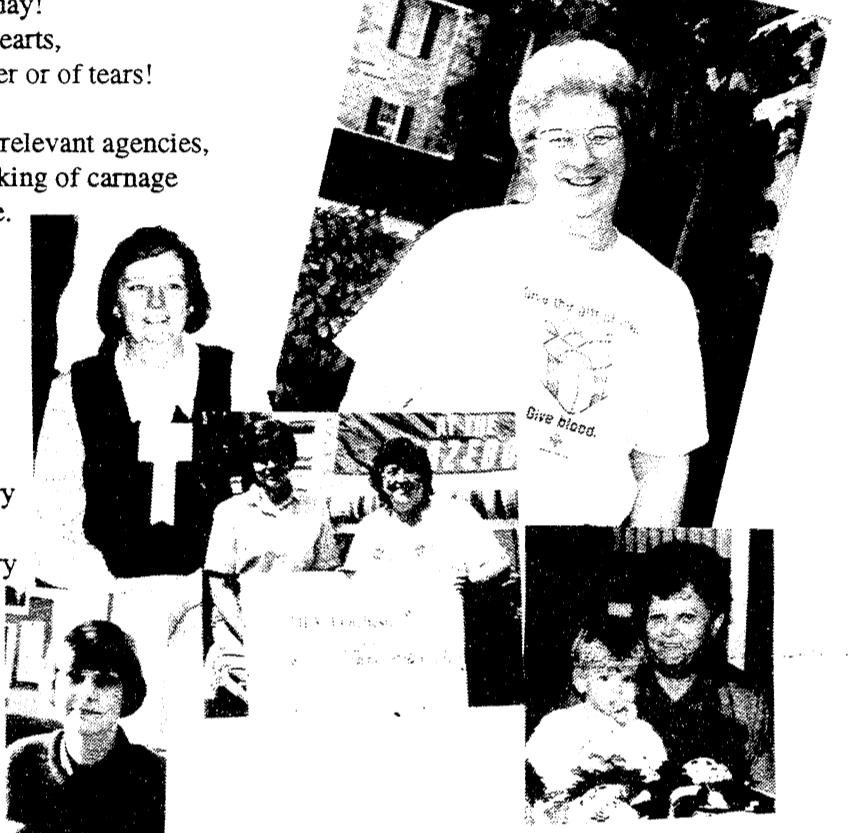
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If you're looking for a great family film or just something to keep the little ones busy, check out *Mouse Hunt*. This story is about an unwanted inheritance — that could be worth a fortune and turns into a wild adventure when the house guest just won't leave. (I think we have all been there before.) This movie is sure to please.

Before I forget, My husband and co-owner wants to make sure I plug his all-time favorite James Bond, *Tomorrow Never Dies*. This movie is a sure renter, full of action and suspense and of course Pierce Broslin ---♥♥ -

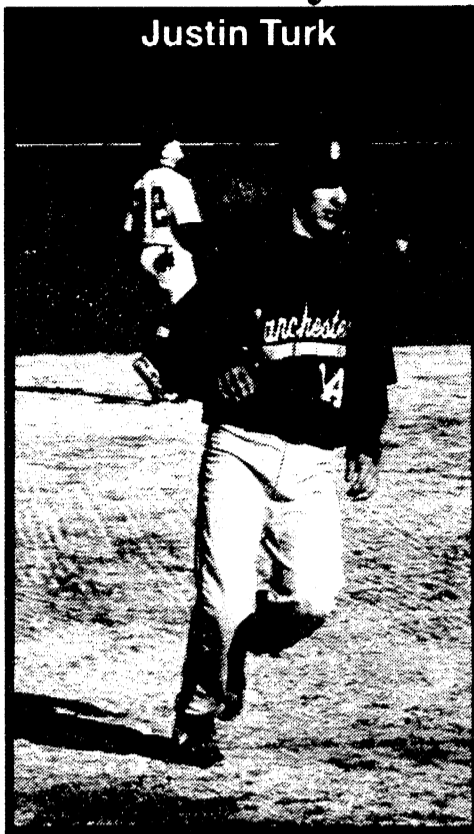
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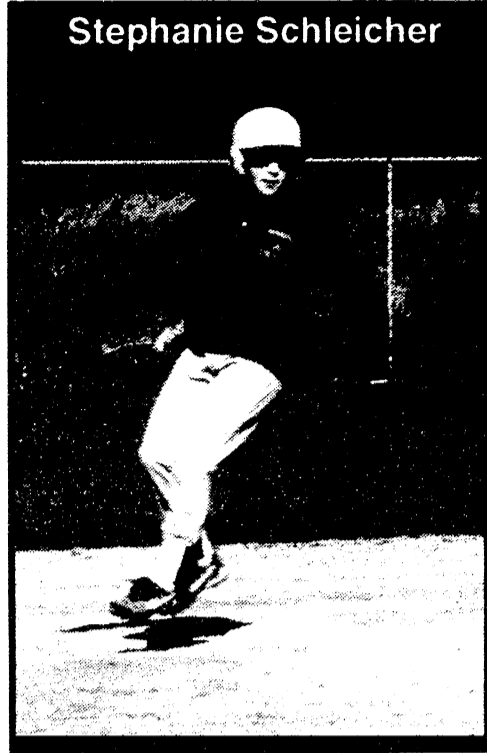
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I invite you to get to know the Manchester Community Resource Center and its board members. This is a group of local citizens who have dedicated themselves to excellence in our community.  
 -Karen Smith

## North Sharon News

— by Triscia Stiles

April 15 marked the anniversary of the sinking of the "unsinkable", the *Titanic*. Thought to be the strongest, most invincible ship of its time, little thought was given to safety precautions. Not a single passenger aboard that monstrous vessel could possibly have fathomed the great tragedy that awaited them. The *Titanic* was thought of, in a sense, as a god.

Seventy-six years later, many have still not learned anything from the deaths of over 1,500 victims of sheer pride. I see "Titanics" everywhere I go: people who put all trust in their own strength with no thought of failure, tragedy, or consequences. Numberless shootings, accidents associated with alcohol, and blatant disrespect toward mankind have resulted directly from self-sufficient attitudes that many carry.

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# MHS Attendance Policy Still a Major Concern for Parents

Still among the top issues at the April meeting of the Manchester Board of Education was the high school attendance policy. Other issues included reintroduction of visitor input procedures, a look at the work of the high school counseling office, and a review of usage policies for the new athletic facility.

## VISITOR INPUT PROCEDURES

Unlike most public bodies, the Manchester Board of Education has never strictly enforced its visitor input procedures. The lack of enforcement has sometimes resulted in single issues, some of them not even on the board's agenda, consuming more than an hour of the regular board meeting. Starting with the April meeting, that is going to change.

The entire Visitor Input section, that part of the meeting where attendees have a chance to bring issues to the board's attention, is going to be limited to 45 minutes. In order to speak, visitors will have to make advance arrangements, either by writing a letter to the board president, or by submitting a form to the president before the start of the meeting. It may be possible to speak without a reservation, but that will be at the discretion of the board.

A statement attached to the form says that the board will not engage in dialogue or answer questions during this time; no individual will have more than one chance to speak; and complaints and criticism about board members, administrators or employees are not to be presented in this forum.

Editor's Comment: This kind of policy is an unfortunate necessity in areas where there is a large and diverse constituency and many special interests that are not aimed at supporting the larger public good. There, unrestricted visitor input would undoubtedly result in a total breakdown of the public meeting process and no business would get done. But this is Manchester. It's rare that there are more than 25 visitors to give input, and the issues that have surfaced at recent meetings go to the heart of the school community and the lives of the families

involved in the district. Limiting personal attacks on board members, administrators and employees is a crucial part of the policy. It is right that these matters be addressed in more private settings. We've all had enough of the odor that comes from airing personal dirty linen in public to understand the reasons behind this. That said, the board is to be commended for not strictly enforcing the policy at the April meeting. School officials need to know how their decisions affect students and the community. This time has provided a valuable communication channel. Stifling it is not the way to strengthen bonds. Here's hoping the community will show they value this channel by being courteous and respectful of individual privacy.

## HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

At the end of her first year, Leona Webb, guidance counselor at Manchester High School, provided a valuable insight into the work of the counseling office. She reported that 72 of the 86 high school seniors have been accepted into colleges or universities. Her office has issued 71 scholarships. Of the seniors, 64 passed at least one portion of the High School Proficiency Test and of those 18 passed every part of the test.

She explained that the counseling office, staffed by herself and assistant Pamela Lee, coordinates administration of eight standardized tests, among them the ACT, SAT and MEAP. They also coordinate college applications, scholarships and help arrange college visits, provide recommendation letters and help students appeal when the college of their choice declines the request for admission. This year, they also coordinated a tremendously helpful seminar for families who are wondering how they're ever going to find the money to help college-bound students pay for their dreams. For students not going on to post-secondary school, they help with job searches and provide guidance to help make the transition smooth.

There is more to the job than guiding the students who are leaving Manchester

schools, though. Webb and Lee also need to pave the way for students making the transition from middle school. Helping make wise course choices and planning a successful four-year high school career are just part of the job. Keeping parents involved is equally important and the March orientation program gave students and parents a great chance to get acquainted with high school life.

While a good deal of the program dealt with course scheduling, grading and school policies, there was plenty of opportunity for current eighth graders to learn first hand from current high school students about what it will be like to be a freshman next fall. Students representing every sport and club spoke about opportunities for fun and involvement and the evening was capped with a guided tour of MHS classrooms.

After her presentation, Webb asked the board to consider her request for an additional computer that would make records management much less time consuming and explained that while the programs the counseling office offers are important, there is not enough time to spend with individual students.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY REPORT

Responding to concerns expressed by parents, school administrators reviewed the high school attendance policy and made a formal presentation to the board. High school principal Bob Smith recapped

the questions that had surfaced at recent meetings and clarified procedures for reporting excused absences, managing unexcused absences, notifying parents, and working through the appeals process. He presented a chart showing that during the first semester only four percent of the student body failed to meet the attendance criteria and that since implementation of the new policy, year-over-year attendance has improved in every month but November. Another chart, whose valid-

— by Gini Patak



ity was disputed by attendees, showed a correlation between grade point average and attendance. It seemed to be the consensus of the

board and some meeting attendees that progress is being made in creating an acceptable policy but that this entire project is still very much a work in progress and has room for improvement in the handling of individual student needs.

## WEIGHT FACILITY UPDATE

In response to concerns raised at the March board meeting, trustee Marilyn Knaouse advised the board that she had personally surveyed students about the proposal to charge students one dollar for admission to the facility after school hours. As a result of the survey, she learned that students believed that weight room "school hours" were the same as regular school hours (9AM-3PM). When she explained that weight room school hours were actually 7AM-6PM, students said they felt that the proposed charge was fair and that most of them would use the facility prior to 6PM anyway.

## SCHOOL ELECTION

Mark your calendar. The school election is scheduled for Monday, June 8th.

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## Summary of Board of Education Minutes

April 20, 1998 --- Not Official Minutes

The regular meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Winzenz.

Members present: Evans, Ochs, Winzenz, Turk, Sahakian, Knouase, Abbott

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 1998; special meeting of April 6, 1998; and closed sessions of March 16, 1998, and April 6, 1998, were approved as presented. The February treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$1,979,790.29; total bills payable of \$667,772.91.

Correspondence included: Ann Arbor News article featuring Sue Whitney; Petition from Manchester High School Students regarding the attendance policy; sympathy card to Lucy Slingerland upon the death of her sister; thank-you note from Peg Townsend; and, letter from Denise Collins.

President Winzenz presented Superintendent Niedzwiecki with plaque of recognition on behalf of the NCA committee for his work with Fowlerville High School.

Leona Webb and Pam Lee presented a comprehensive overview of the high school counseling department. They outlined the services offered by the department as well as timelines and current needs.

President Winzenz outlined the new Visitor Input sign-in sheet.

Visitor Input:

> Peter Schulte, Hydy Paige, Audrey Bennett, and Rachel Elliott presented a petition from the student body regarding the wearing of hats during school hours.

> Kathy Donnellon - Notified the Board that donations have been received sufficient to cover the cost of concert band uniforms which will make their debut at the State Band Festival in Novi this Friday evening.

> Jared Throneberry - Highlighted the middle school band solo and ensemble participants who received three number 1 ratings and four number 2 ratings. He also invited the Board to attend the high school band performance at the state band festival in Novi on April 24 at 4:30 p.m. This is the first time the band has gone to state since 1989.

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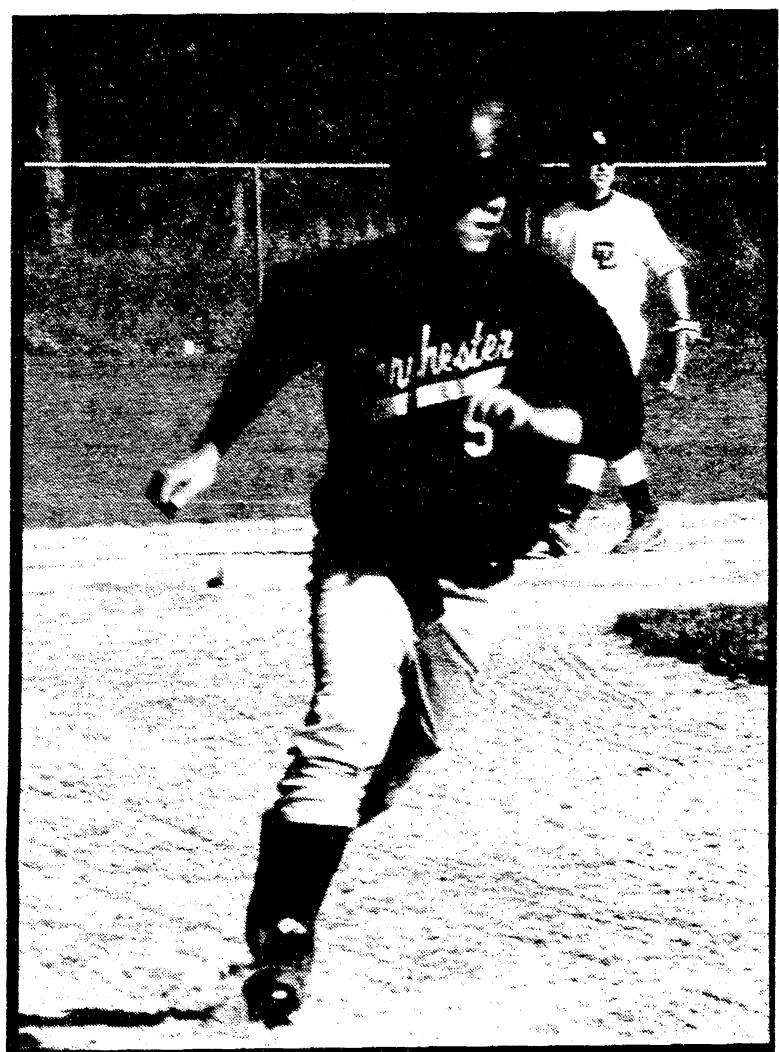
# Varsity Baseball: Mike Meranuck slides into 2nd .....leads off 3rd



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Scott Stull

.....and heads for home



School News by Gini Patak continued from previous page

Two seats will be vacant as Joe Turk and Pat Sahakian step down. Vying for open seats are: William R. Brannock, Ronald L. Ellison, Anita L. Greca, John Hochstetler, Brad W. Roberts and Richard C. Spring. Watch for candidate statements in an upcoming issue of the Chronicle.

### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 18. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.



### Board of Education Minutes (continued from page 12)

- > Eric Cooper - Asked the Board to study the structure of the middle school and evaluate the need for additional counseling staff in that building.
- > Mark Pomilio - First grade parent voiced his concern about the lack of a consistent art program at the elementary school. He asked the Board to consider a full time art teacher for Klager.

### Celebrating School Family Day May 5, 1998

A special day is set aside each year in communities throughout the nation to recognize the contributions made by all public school employees to our society.



School Family Day is sponsored by the Manchester Education Association and the Michigan Education Association

> Bill Brannock - Requested that the Board keep in mind the legalities surrounding the attendance issue.

Chelsea and Tabatha Marshal were granted admission to the Manchester Community Schools as tuition students for the remainder of the 1997-98 school year. Robert Gillow was granted admission as a tuition student for the 1998-99 school year. Elyssa Dean was granted a waiver of membership to attend Grass Lake Schools for the 1998-99 school year.

The Board approved the Reproductive Health Curriculum as presented and approved the implementation of the "Growing Up" program for the 1997-98 school year.

Continuing first year probationary status was granted to Ron Tindall and Susan Lowek.

Continuing second year probationary status was granted to Val Nordin.

Continuing third year probationary status was granted to Carrie Resh.

Second year probationary status was granted to Sandra Graff, Kathryn MacKercher, Julienne Peters and Leona Webb.

Third year probationary status was granted to Debra Boham, Mary Renner, Jared Throneberry, Carrie VanWashnova, Connie Zimmer.

Fourth year probationary status was granted to Mary L. Fielder, Corinne Roberts, Michele Wilkins.

Tenure was granted to Katrina Chinavare, Kristine Cole, Karin Hanson, Patricia Merrill, Laura Spensley. One year contract extensions were granted to social workers William Kindt and Randi Friedman.

Two year contract extensions were granted to Brian Kissman, elementary principal; Thomas George, middle school principal; Robert Smith, high school principal; and John Eisley, Director of Student Services and Athletics.

Nikole Reinhart was appointed High School Junior Varsity Softball coach and Cory Cox was appointed High School Assistant Track Coach for the 1997-97 sport season.

Resignations were accepted from Robert Karolyi and Lorie Kosinski.

The Superintendent was authorized to enter into an agreement with Foote Hospital Sports Rehab to provide athletic trainer services at a cost of \$5,925.

The resolution of membership in the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments was approved as presented.

The resolution setting matters to be voted upon at the annual school election on Monday, June 8, 1998, was adopted as presented.

The resolution authorizing the solicitation for bids to finance the purchase of one school bus was adopted as presented.

Mr. Eisley, Athletic Director, presented the Winter Athletic Report.

Bob Smith, high school principal, presented an update on student attendance at the high school and highlighted some changes to our current policy. The Board approved the changes and charged Mr. Smith and his committee to continue looking at the policy seeking ways to improve and define it.

Marilyn Knouase presented the results of a survey of current students regarding the fee for student use of the new fitness center during non-school hours (after 6:00 p.m.). Students do not seem to object to the \$1 charge.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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## Manchester Township Planning Commission

### Commercial-3.5 Agriculture, Open Space-0

The lights went out not in Georgia but in Manchester during the first few minutes of the planning commission meeting April 28th, which may have been an omen for the commissioners' later vote to approve rezoning of 3.5 acres from agriculture to commercial. Repairs were being made to utility poles on Main Street which interrupted electrical service for about fifteen minutes in the township hall.

On the Agenda was discussion of two Public Hearings, the April 1st concerning rezoning, and the March 23rd regarding a cellular tower.

There was no mention of comments heard from citizens at the Public Hearing of April 1, 1998 regarding the application of Bill Kerns to rezone 3.5 acres adjacent to his body shop operation on Grossman at West Austin Roads.

Planning commission members John Schmitt and Linda Harvey offered neither comments nor brought up questions. Commissioner Lyle Widmayer briefly commented that this was an area surrounded by commercial properties and that they would be rezoning only a small parcel.

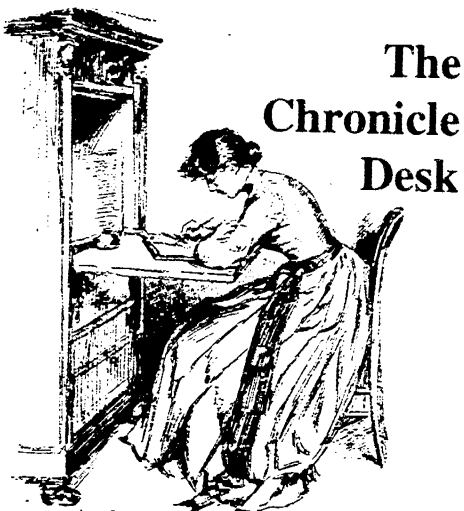
The township attorney had not been asked for an opinion.

Only commissioner Don Limpert and chairman Mike Fusilier attempted dialogues concerning the new zoning ordinance that requires a minimum of 20 acres to be considered for commercial zoning. Limpert asked if this request was consistent with the new ordinance, then "Are we setting a precedent?" Fusilier pointed out that the Land Use Master Plan Map does not show an expansion of a commercial district in this area.

But Jim Samonek said he was "comfortable with adding to it," and made the motion to approve. Widmayer supported the motion, Schmitt and Harvey voted yes on a roll call vote; Limpert voted no.

The request to rezone is now forwarded to the township board for final approval at their meeting of May 11th.

On the other hand, most of the rest of the two-hour regular meeting was devoted to discussion of the AirTouch cellular tower matter. Many township residents were present to listen to the planning commission discussion of the



March 23rd public hearing, and to offer additional comments of their own.

Many of the questions had already been asked at the public hearing and most of the issues had been addressed by AirTouch representatives at the hearing and previous planning commission meetings. However, for the benefit of audience members who had not been at the hearing or meetings these concerns were heard again. Plus there were some new ones, such as radiation emissions, and erecting two towers of 180 feet rather than one at 250 feet.

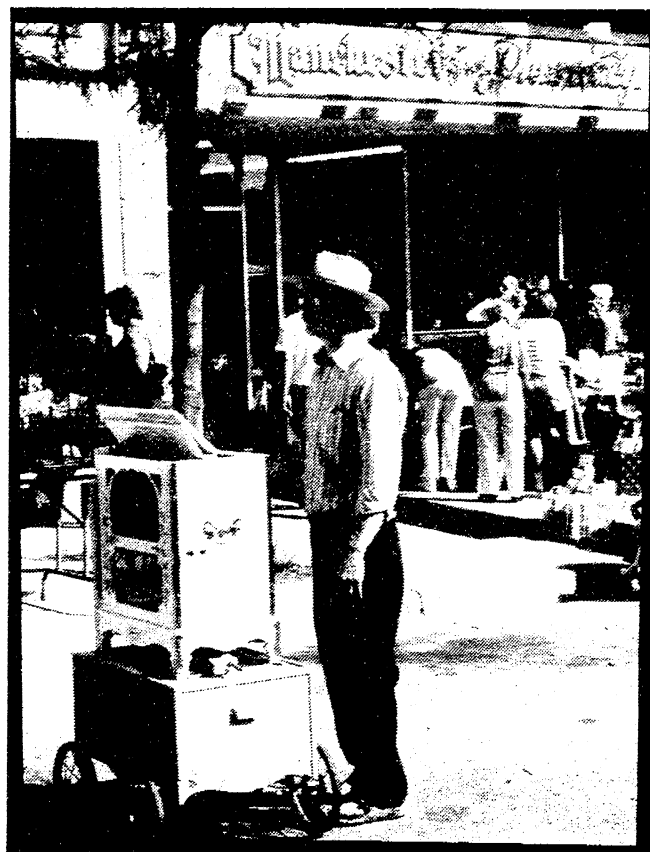
The new zoning ordinance limits the height of a cellular tower to 180 feet; AirTouch is applying for a variance to allow one at 250 feet which will need a flashing red beacon light at the top and a solid red light at midpoint. Some audience members encouraged the planning commission to enforce the ordinance.

After the lengthy discussion, planning commission members recommended that residents write letters with their concerns and opinions to the township (275 S. Macomb, P. O. Box 418). Letters must be received by May 18th; a decision will be made by the planning commission at their next regular meeting of May 26th.

In other business, a public hearing date of May 12 was set for the application for a temporary trailer to be located on property while repairs are being made to a home damaged by fire back in March. Chairman Fusilier also recommended discussion after the public hearing to initiate a township policy to handle emergencies situations such as this. —kk



## Making Music



Carl Curtis, pictured right, with one of his "music machines". Carl and his wife Sharon have entertained residents and visitors with their antique music machines on many occasions such as Summer Festival

**The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, April 21.** Carl and Sharon Curtis presented a program on automatic music machines. Carl demonstrated how music boxes work by plucking a tuning fork, and touching it against a plastic cup. A music box works by having a prong or tooth that is plucked, a damper to eliminate the buzz, and a box to make the sound loud enough to hear. Dampers were made of goose feathers or wire. Lead weights were sometimes placed on the "tooth" to make lower sounds. The box is critical because it vibrates and makes the sound louder.

No one person is credited with inventing the music box. The music box was born in Switzerland around 1796. The original cases were long and narrow. They were not ornate. About one hundred years later, the disk box came about. They originated in Germany and were fairly short-lived. The disks made by one company could not be played on a machine made by another company because the holes were punched differently. The disks were round and made of metal or paper. Carl called them the first CDs (compact disks).

The holes were punched in them by machine or by hand. The largest disk was 32 inches in diameter and played on a seven-foot tall machine. The disk makes one revolution for a song. The larger disks have more notes and the song is fuller. When the holes are punched in the disk, the metal that is punched out hangs down. That is what plucks the tooth and makes the sound as the disk revolves. The lever wind cylinder box came in in the mid-1880s. One that Carl demonstrated could play four different tunes when he moved a lever that shifted the position of the cylinder.

The phonograph drove disks off the market, but they are still made in the United States by Porter Music Company. They were made in this country originally to get away from the high tariffs. Carl and Sharon started collecting music boxes in the late 1980s. They became interested in them when they went to an auction in 1968 or 1969 and heard one. They could not believe the sound. It was a far cry from the small one Carl's mother had in a powder box. In the 1890s, music boxes cost \$10 to \$15, although some cost as much as \$1,000. It took about 20 years before the Curtis' could afford one because they are so expensive today. After they bought the first one, they were hooked.

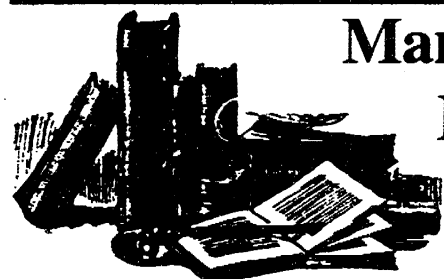
Carl also showed a videotape in which he clearly explained and demonstrated how a music box works. Next month, he will show some slides of music boxes and Howard Parr will present a program on one-room schoolhouses.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Manchester Area Historical Society meetings held the third Tuesday of the month at the Blacksmith Shop, 324 East Main Street, beginning at 7:30 in the evening. Refreshments are served after the interesting programs.

—Betty Cummings, Secretary, MAHS

## Manchester Township Library News

— by Ann Fowler



Recently several residents indicated an interest in contacting Manchester Township Library Board Trustees. Elected every four years, the six trustees are responsible for the policies and financial decisions required to maintain our Library.

In 1996, Charlotte Major, Linda Conzelmann, John Crispin, Gary Seguin, Laura Sutton and Ruth VanBogelen were elected for four year terms. Linda and John recently resigned. Jane Cooper and Richard Spring, appointed by the Library Board, will complete their terms.

Charlotte Major, (phone 428-8451), Chairman of the Board, elected in 1992, chairs the monthly Board meetings and is the liaison to the Friends of the Library group. She assists Director Dorothy Davies with the monthly agenda and is particularly involved in medical information since her background is in nursing.

Gary Seguin, (428-8154), treasurer of the Board, prepares monthly financial reports, manages the bank accounts, and, along with Charlotte, handles invoices after the entire Board approves all expenditures.

Laura Sutton, (428-7445), supplies the Board with her knowledge of local and historical information. As an attorney, she also is invaluable when legal matters are discussed.

Ruth VanBogelen, (428-7872), with her knowledge of computers, is very helpful during the present change to computers and technology recently funded for the Library.

Newly appointed members, Jane Cooper (428-1290), and Richard Spring, (428-9425), bring new experiences to the group and indicate special interest in children's services.

Unlike many elected officials, the Library Board Trustees serve without compensation of any kind. Their commitment is to provide the very best service possible with the limited support from local taxes, state penal fines, resident contributions, and State library aid.

Library Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. The meetings are open to the public.

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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 6: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
Saturday, May 9: Prom at EMU  
Tuesday, May 12: 5/6 grade Band Concert MS Gym, 7pm  
Thursday, May 14: 7/8 grade Band Concert, HS Gym, 7 pm  
Saturday, May 16: Band Boosters car wash at Klager  
Tuesday, May 19: MS Sports Recognition Awards Nigh 7pm  
Wednesday, May 20: HS Awards Night 7pm  
May 21-24: 8th grade Washington trip  
Friday, May 22: Seniors last day  
Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Parade downtown  
Thursday, May 27, MS Honors Night 7pm  
Thursday, May 28: Baccalaureate 7pm  
Sunday, May 31: Graduation Ceremony at Athletic Complex

## Manchester High School Alumni Association

The Alumni Board met on April 14th planning for the 121st reunion of the graduates of Manchester High School.

The banquet will be held June 20, 1998 at the Manchester Sportsman Club, 8501 Grossman Road, Manchester, MI.

Invitations will be going out soon. Any information regarding address changes, please notify Marion Voegeding, 14355 Bethel Church Rd., Manchester, MI 48158.

## Notice of Air Pollution Public Comment Period

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period until May 27, 1998, on a proposed Renewable Operating Permit under consideration to be issued to Freedom Compressor Station, 12201 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan. The facility's responsible official is Mr. Benedict Sosinski, Manager.

Major stationary sources of air pollutants are required to obtain and operate in compliance with a Renewable Operating (RO) permit pursuant to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 and Section 5506(1) of Article II, Chapter I, Part 55 (Air Pollution Control) of PA 451 of 1994. The RO permit is intended to simplify and clarify a facility's applicable requirements and compliance with them by consolidating all state and federal air quality requirements into one document. The proposed RO Permit will result in no emissions change at the facility.

Copies of the proposed RO Permit and the staff report are available for inspection at the following locations or copies may be obtained by writing or calling the District office in Jackson at the address and telephone number listed below:

**JACKSON:** Air Quality Division, Jackson District Office, 301 E. Louis Glick Hwy., Jackson, MI 49201 (phone 517/780-7690)

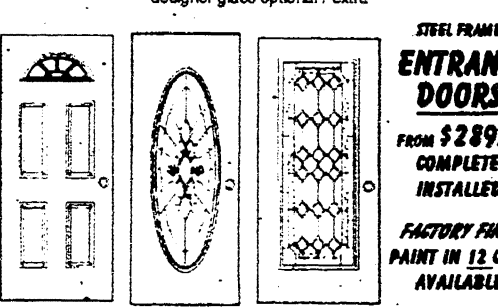
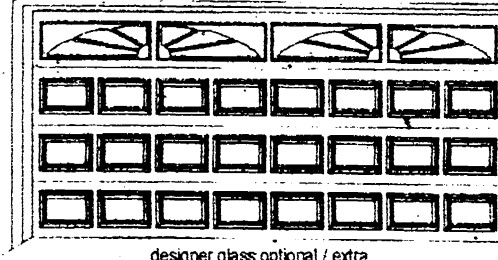
**LANSING:** Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Hollister Building, 106 W. Allegan, P. O. Box 30260, Lansing, MI 48909 (Phone 517/241-7463)

In addition, the proposed RO Permit and staff report are available on the Internet. The Air Quality Home Page is located at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aqd>.

All persons are encouraged to present their views on the proposed permit. Persons wishing to comment are requested to submit written statements by May 27, 1998, to the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Jackson District Office, 301 E. Louis Glick Hwy., Jackson, Michigan 49201, to the attention of Ed Lancaster. If requested in writing by May 27, 1998, a public hearing will be scheduled if sufficient public interest warrants one. A written request for a hearing should also be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Jackson District Office, 301 E. Louis Glick Hwy., Jackson, Michigan 49201, to the attention of Ed Lancaster by May 27, 1998.

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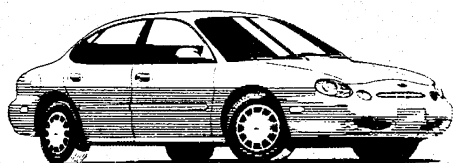
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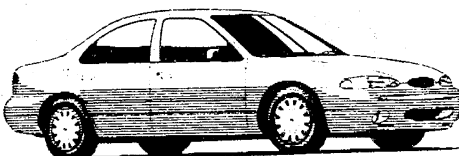
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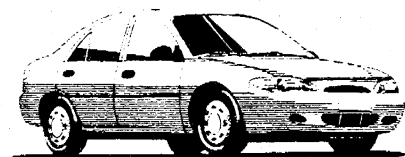
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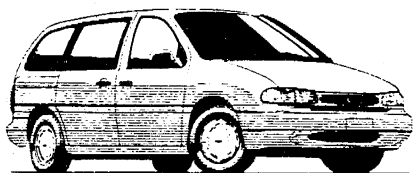


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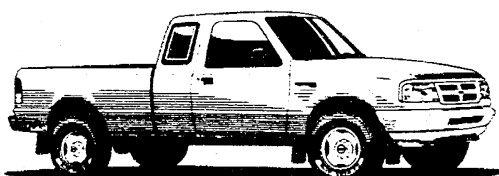
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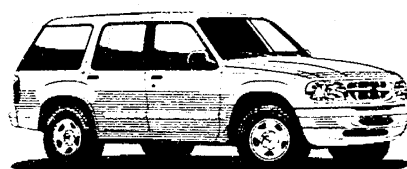
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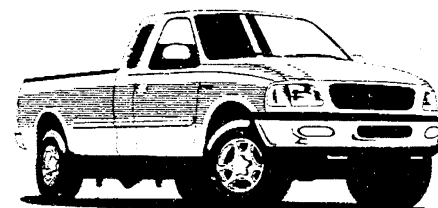
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