



Used to recycle all my pop bottles. What will happen to the recycling centers now that we have returnables?  
A.G., Redford Township

Business will be as usual at all but two of the many recycling centers in the tri-county area. Your hometown recycling center in Redford Township, located at 1200 Beech Daly Rd., will continue to collect glass and paper Mon-Fri. 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Operators of recycling centers are now filling a gap in our solid waste stream for the last decade. Resource recovery, returnable bottles and recycled paper are the responsibility of the entire community. What is needed is continued citizen support of legislation and programs that will tackle and ultimately solve our mounting garbage and trash disposal problems. I can see a time in the not too distant future when recycling centers will be only a memory of the unenlightened past. Until that time continue to recycle and reuse as many things as possible. Remember that there are thousands of items packaged in glass containers and -all of them are recyclable.

For your copy of Concern's Recycling Center List, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

Is bottled drinking water safer to use than tap water? John B., Southfield

Not always. Because bottled water is classified as a food, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for seeing that bottled water standards be at least as stringent as the tap water standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. There is, however, no regular national sampling of bottled water. Contamination during packaging and deterioration on the shelf are two for problems associated with bottled water.

For Eco-Tips No. 4 Drinking Water Alert, send 25 cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., Detroit, at the above address. For additional information on clean water, write to the Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460.

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## Judge rules secret names of abused

The Michigan Department of Social Services has been ordered not to release names and addresses of battered welfare mothers who fear that disclosure may make them subject to further abuse.

A Federal District Court in Detroit told the department to stop releasing names and addresses of 14 battered women who were Aid to Families of Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients and plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the practice.

The court also ordered DSS to stop releasing names and addresses of any other AFDC recipients who fear that such disclosure will result in renewed domestic violence. The women must go to DSS and request that the information be kept private.

The policy was ordered by Judge Philip Pratt in a class action suit brought by the 14 AFDC recipients, the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization and the Underground Railroad, a Saginaw shelter for battered women.

The court held that a state law requiring disclosure of those names and addresses to the public failed to provide the safeguards required by the federal Social Security Act. That act requires states to provide safeguards restricting the use of information concerning welfare recipients.

Pratt's order permanently prohibits DSS from disclosing to the public the names and addresses of the plaintiffs.

The ruling also applies to all female recipients of AFDC benefits who present to the local DSS office a notarized affidavit attesting that they have been victims of physical and emotional abuse by husbands, former husbands, boyfriends or former boyfriends. They must also attest that they fear disclosure of their names and addresses by DSS will lead to a recurrence of such treatment.

## Researchers seek heart attack victims

A University of Minnesota research team is seeking persons between the ages of 30-59 who have had only one heart attack in the past 36 months. It is trying to determine if lower cholesterol amounts will prevent heart attacks.

Most heart trouble results from atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries, said a team spokesman. A clue to the cause of atherosclerosis may be that cholesterol, a fatty substance, is found in the diseased arteries. However, it is uncertain whether lowering cholesterol will prevent heart attacks.

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