

## consumer mailbag

### How well do convection ovens work?

Are the new convection ovens more energy efficient than regular ovens?  
M.F. Troy

Not according to testing done by Consumers Union. Convection ovens cook by blowing hot air around the food. This method when tested against conventional electric ovens did not demonstrate any advantage in time or energy savings. For example, an electric oven broiled six hamburgers in about half the time of the convection oven — 18 minutes as opposed to almost 30. Other disadvantages mentioned by Consumer's Report magazine included difficulty in cleaning, hot spots, small size and cost.

When will the junk food ban go into effect in the public schools?  
Joan K.

Probably some time after the first of next year. The Agriculture Department will forbid the sale of gum, soda and other junk food until after the last lunch period. However, Dr. Michael Jacobson, director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, maintains that the rule as written is a farce. It allows any food item that supplies at least 5 percent of the recommended daily allowance of any one of eight nutrients to escape the ban. This includes virtually all candy bars that contain milk, or other ingredients considered nutritionally valuable. For more information, write to the Center for Science in the Public Interest, 1755 S St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Eco-Tip: Avoid waste in the home

and when shopping: Buy simply packaged items, take bags only when necessary, recycle as many items as possible, read labels, know what you're paying for, use processed foods sparingly or not at all.

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GREGORY GLASBEIN  
Executive director

## Academy stars Gloria Vanderbilt

Gloria Vanderbilt will be celebrity guest speaker for the evening benefit to be sponsored by the Academy of the Sacred Heart beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the Renaissance Ballroom of the Detroit Plaza Hotel.

The evening includes cocktails and dinner followed by a showing of holiday and resort fashions by Hudson's and late evening dancing.

Ms. Vanderbilt, artist, designer, writer, actress and the creator of a popular collection of jeans, skirts and tops, will be commentator for the fashion show

along with Gretchen Snow, Hudson's fashion events manager.

Mrs. George Gaston and Mrs. James Elder of Bloomfield Hills are co-chairwomen of the 23rd annual benefit which assists the operating and scholarship funds of Michigan's oldest independent school.

Reservations for the \$50 per person, black tie optional evening are available by sending checks to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, or by calling 646-8900.

The Academy of the Sacred Heart is

an independent college preparatory day school for girls in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 with boys enrolled in the primary grades.

Operated by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, the academy educates 440 students of all faiths and socio-economic backgrounds from 30 Detroit communities.

Financial aid, based on academic acceptance and need is available upon request. The annual fall celebrity benefit enables Sacred Heart to continue this assistance.

## Museum hosts orchestra

The Dresden State Orchestra, conducted by Art on Saturday, Nov. 10, will perform the Mozart Concert Series at 8:30 p.m. Herbert Blomstedt, will be the soloist. As part of their first

### Christ Child benefit coming

A silent auction and the sale of hand-drawn cards by members will be among the features of a benefit for the Christ Child Society. "Ye Olde Merry Mart" will take place from 7-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 in the Detroit Athletic Club.

Continuous entertainment and hors

The society aids needy children.

### Women and law conference topic

The 1979 "Midwest Regional Conference on Women and the Law" will be held Nov. 9-11 at the University of Michigan Law School.

Designed for law students and lawyers, the conference includes some 20 workshops on such topics as women in business, rural law, equal opportunity

in educational sports (Title IX), pregnancy disability, and sexual harassment.

The keynote speaker at a banquet Nov. 10 at the Michigan Union is Mary Dunlap, founder of Equal Justice Advocates in San Francisco, one of the earliest legal groups involved in women's rights litigation.

United States tour, the East German group will perform the Mozart Symphony No. 39 in E-flat Major and Bruckner, Symphony No. 7 in E Major. A limited number of tickets for this performance as well as season tickets for the Peristyle Concert Series are available at the Museum Concert Office and may be reserved by phoning (419)

255-8000. The Dresden State Orchestra was founded in 1548 as orchestra to the Royal Court of Saxony and was the renowned orchestra of Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner. One of Beethoven's conversation notebooks for 1823 reads: "It is generally said that the orchestra in Dresden is the best in Europe."

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