#### 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 overs 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 menioned by Consumer's Report magazine included difficulty in cleaning, hot spots, small size and cost.

When will the lunk food han so into

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 the sale of gum, soda and some some sole of the the sale of the the sale of the content 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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Consumer Mailbag answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. Thoughts from readers are also shared. Send any comments or suggestions to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1. Northfield Plaza, Troy 4898, or call 879-1333 during regular business hours. GRACER, GLUSKIN,

# Academy stars Gloria Vanderbilt

Gloria Vanderbilt will be celebrily 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, writ-er, 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 schol

arsing funds of incinging as oldest inde-pendent school. Reservations for the \$50 per person, black the 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 bene-fit enables Sacred Heart to continue

# Museum hosts orchestra

The Dresden State Or- begin the 1979-1980 Per- Art on Saturday, Nov. 10 Linked States tour, the chestra, conducted by istyle Concert Series at at 8:30 p.m.

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eral chairman. To obtain tickets comfriday, Nov. 16 in the Detroit Athletic
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### 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.

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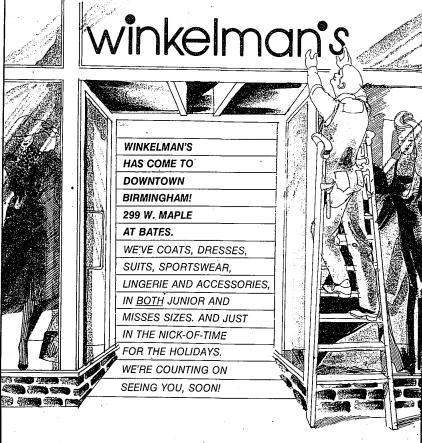


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