

# Not superior, but the water's cleaner

I've heard that all of the Great Lakes except Lake Superior are polluted. Is that true?

G.W., Birmingham

All of the Great Lakes, including Lake Superior, are polluted to some degree.

Lake Superior, the largest of the Great Lakes, is also the cleanest. But it has been plagued by asbestos-like particles from taconite mining, which have gotten into drinking water in the western area of the lake and have caused communities there to install filtration plants, which previously were not required.

Lake Huron is the second cleanest, then Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario and finally Lake Erie, which is the shallowest and smallest of the Great Lakes.

Which uses more water — washing dishes by hand or using an automatic dishwasher?

It all depends on how each is used. The American Waterworks Association offers some figures.

It takes 30 gallons to wash dishes by hand the way most people do it. But if they are washed and rinsed in sink pans, the amount can be cut to five gallons.

An automatic dishwasher runs

through its full cycle takes 16 gallons. But a conservation use, involving a short cycle, would use seven gallons.

## Eco-Tip

Water is our most treasured natural resource; without it civilization would perish. For a copy of Eco-Tips #16 Wa-

ter, send 50 cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Concern Inc. Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

Consumer Mailbag answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. For information call Concern Inc. Detroit during regular business hours at 879-1333.

## consumer mailbag

## volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at more than 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the Bureau.

**RECEPTIONIST** — Robert W. Groves Center, an agency dealing in treatment of Substance Abuse, needs a volunteer to handle receptionist duties. The job involves answering phones, duplicating, light typing, and handling paper work. The time commitment here is for three-hour periods three to five times a week.

**CRISIS COUNSELOR** — Do you fit into any of these categories — 18 and older, empathic, non-judgmental, constructive and open to supervision? Individuals falling in to these categories are needed by the Gateway Crisis Center, located in Madison Heights, to counsel crisis callers or drop-ins, provide information and referrals. Other duties include doing necessary paper work, attending all staff meetings and being able to work 7-11 p.m., Monday through Friday for a period of six months. Training is provided.

**RESIDENT ADVOCATE** — Nursing-home residents all over Oakland County need volunteers who care enough to visit them weekly to provide support and information about their rights. If

you are at least 18 and a good listener who is also assertive, this may be just the job for you. The organization seeking volunteers is Citizens for Better Care. The time commitment is three hours per week for six months.

## DIT benefit by DCB

The Detroit Concert Band will stage a benefit concert for the Detroit Institute of Technology at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. The program, featuring the music of John Philip Sousa as well as soloists and a holiday medley, will be presented in the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road.

Sousa, known as the "March King," was an envoy of the U.S. to all corners of the world. Out of that tradition, Dr. Leonard B. Smith and the Detroit Concert Band are reminding Americans of their heritage.

Tickets, priced at \$8.50, \$7.50 and \$6.50, are available from the D.I.T. Development Office, 2727 Second Avenue, Room 238, Detroit 48201, or may be purchased at the Redford box office or Master's Candies, 17340 Lahser Road.

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## Stores, Marines recruit toys for needy children

"Home for the Holidays," a benefit evening for the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, will be held at Gorman's Fairlane from 7-9 p.m. tonight.

Gorman's will be joined by Saks Fifth Avenue, Fairlane, in presenting the benefit.

The theme, "Home for the Holidays," will be carried throughout the event. Fifteen models will display at-home and evening fashions from Saks in the various room settings. Decorations and holiday accessories, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be furnished by Gorman's.

The admission to the evening is a toy, new and unwrapped, to benefit the Toys for Tots program. The toys will be distributed to needy children in the tri-county area on Dec. 20.

Soupy Sales, television personality who began his career in Detroit on WXYZ-TV, will be in town to kick off the effort. Soupy, who is appearing at the Hyatt Regency DB's Club until Nov. 22, will accept the first toy donated.

The Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, in its 33rd year of nationwide operation, is a totally volunteer effort, sponsored and organized by the Marines in the Detroit area.

Their goal this year, in response to the growing numbers of less fortunate children in this area, is 55,000 toys, their highest to date.

"In planning 'Home for the Holidays' it was natural for us to extend our efforts in a way which would have a more lasting benefit," said Bernie Moray, president of Gorman's.

"No child should go without a Christmas, and our location astride every major freeway should insure that the more fortunate of us in the community make a significant contribution to the Marines' program," Moray said.

Gorman's three stores will be designated as official Toys for Tots depots until Dec. 20. Toys can be dropped off at the front entrance of each location.

Gorman's Fairlane store stands north of Fairlane Towne Center and next to the Kyoto Steak House; Gorman's Troy is at 1455 W. Big Beaver Road, at Crooks, and Gorman's Gallery is at 29145 Telegraph and 12 Mile Road.

Reservations for "Home for the Holidays" are recommended. Interested persons should call either Gorman's Troy, 649-2070, or Gorman's Fairlane, 336-0340.

## class reunions

### BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 1970

The class that graduated in 1970 from Birmingham's Seaholm High School will hold a 10-year reunion beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, in the Michigan Inn, Michigan at Southfield, Dearborn.

Information on reservations is available from Ken and Diane Schack, 288-0428, or Lynn Dell, 455-2462.

### GARDEN CITY EAST 1976

The Garden City East High School class of 1976 plans a five-year reunion Oct. 24, 1981, in the James D. Donovan Hall, 25620 Van Born, Dearborn Heights. Tickets at \$10 will cover buffet dinner, drinks and a band for dancing. Information is available from Denise Johnson, 532-8198.

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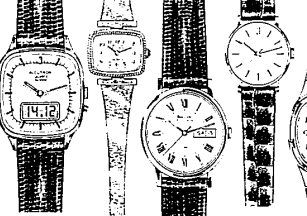
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