

Open a window during tornado

BYOND the initial columns, it's rare that I get follow-up mail to the information — I get many requests for the fact sheets and brochures in the ECO-TIP section — so it was surprising to get two letters on two columns in the same week.

I thought the follow-up information might also interest some of you also.

FROM TROY:

"I have been told that during a tornado one should open the win-



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dows, but I can't throw open the windows every time the area blows. What is the story on this anyway?"

A. Because tornadoes are a low pressure system within a low pressure storm, a tornado will cause the

inside pressure of a building to exceed the outside air pressure. This extreme pressure difference is what causes the windows to break into the building.

In very rare cases, this pressure has caused the building to explode. That is why it is suggested that the windows be opened on the leeward side of the building — the side opposite the direction the tornado is coming from. By opening the windows, you equalize the pressure.

Taking time to open the windows during a tornado warning must be weighed against the amount of warning you have before the storm hits.

FROM CANTON:

As a Girl Scout leader I'm always looking for ideas to enrich our program. I've noticed that you mention National Week of . . . and National Month of . . . in your columns. I've been looking for a source that lists all the national weeks, days, months. Can you help me?"

A. I don't have a source that tells

me when the different events are recognized. My information is obtained from material that comes in to the Concern office.

In response to your question, I called the TIP Service at the Detroit Public Library. They use and recommend "Chase's Annual Events." "Chase's" is a paperback book that each year compiles all the nationally recognized events that they get information about. If the sponsoring organization sends the information to "Chase's," it will be in the next edition.

Anyone interested in finding out about specific nationally recognized events or topics or just upcoming ones can call the TIP service at 833-4000. Or you can write to the following address about getting a copy of "Chase's Annual Events": Contemporary Books Inc., 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

The book may also be available through the larger book stores.

ECO-TIP: Speaking of nationally organized events, April 26 — May 2 is National Volunteer Week. If you see people wearing a red, white and blue ribbon, thank them because they're a volunteer.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to the Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, 1025 Shelby, Detroit, MI 48226.

Libertarians host Indian advocate

Indian rights champion Russell Means will be in Michigan for three appearances sponsored by the Libertarian Party.

Means, 47, a Sioux from South Dakota, will speak at a reception and fund-raiser running 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue at Greenfield.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6.50 at the door, according to Marie Wyszomierski, who is taking reservations at 465-4785.

Seeking the Libertarian presidential nomination, Means will deliver the keynote address at the party's state convention in Midland.

He also will testify before a legislative committee on the question of third-party access to the Michigan ballot.

Means became a Libertarian when he found his Indian philosophy matched the Libertarians'.

"By running for president, I hope to show all Americans that the failure of socialism which former Secretary of the Interior James Watt once pointed to on American Indian reservations is a universal problem. Voting Libertarian is a very important way for people of all races to say, 'We've had enough. Give us back our freedom.'"

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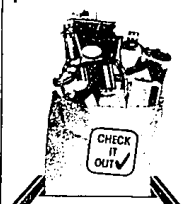
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