



### Heave-ho

Farmington Hills officials had long been watching the walls on the more than 100-year-old barn near the Eleanor Spicer Estate House in Heritage Park. A week ago, one of the foundation walls collapsed after heavy rainstorms. For quite some time, there's

been a lot of ground pressure on the cement block wall. About 15 feet of the wall collapsed and another 6 feet are ready to collapse, said Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director. Plans are under way to fix the wall and secure the barn.

BHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

## Local students, GM workers team up

Farmington Public Schools and General Motors are exploring a new twist in the growing partnership between industry and education.

Odyssey of the Mind state champions from Harrison and North Farmington high schools recently demonstrated their problem-solving skills to a group of 300 engineers and managers from GM's Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada division.

The students also competed with a group of GM employees in a mock spontaneous brainstorming session, similar to one which might be used at an Odyssey competition.

"We're teaching our engineers creative techniques applicable to engineering processes," said Del Schroeder, of GM's CPC division. "That's why we pitted a cross-section of employees against the student team."

"We wanted to see if engineers and students approach the same problem differently. We knew each team would learn from the other."

The get-together was part of GM's monthly "Cross Talk" series on creativity, where non-GM speakers are invited to discuss key business issues.

THE 1991 champs for Odyssey, an international creative problem-solving competition commonly called OM, presented their award-winning "Omer's Buggy Lite" engineering project.

For the brainstorming session, each group had to solve an engineering problem in six minutes. The exercise demonstrated that the process of problem-solving is more important than the outcome, organizers said.

The student Odyssey program teaches project management and brainstorming, in an effort to ensure development of these skills required in the business world.

Coach Dee Krause, a two-year volunteer coach of Farmington's Odyssey team, believes team members have learned their lessons well.

"My team exemplifies the teamwork and creativity needed to succeed in today's world," she said. "OM goes beyond what's taught in a regular classroom and teaches kids to think on their feet."

FARMINGTON Public Schools sponsors Odyssey of the Mind as an extra-curricular enrichment activity. It is open to all students in grades kindergarten through 12. The district has been involved with the program for nine years.

"The students on Farmington's team should make excellent future employees because of the skills they learned in OM," said Farmington superintendent Michael Flanagan. "We can't stress enough the importance of a strong industry/education relationship for the success of both institutions."

# Gallbladder Surgery At Noon. Back Home The Next Day.



Mary Lou Houlihan and husband, Martin, are escorted out of the hospital by Mary Stewart, nurse aide, only 23 hours after surgery.

Thanks to a new surgical breakthrough—laparoscopic gallbladder surgery—patients like Mary Lou Houlihan go home in less than 24 hours and recover fully in days, not weeks. Using specialized instruments, your surgeon makes four tiny openings, leaving almost

invisible scars. Since there's no long incision, there's almost no post-operative pain.

St. Mary Hospital surgeons now perform this new operation.

Please ask your physician about laparoscopic gallbladder surgery.


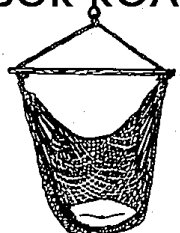
For Physician Referral call 464-WELL

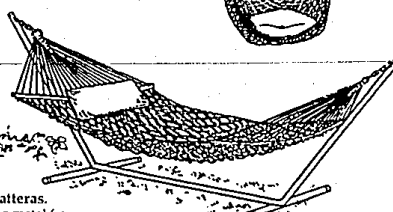


St. Mary Hospital

3405 W. FIVE MILE RD.  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154  
464-4800

## WORTH THE TREK OUT ANN ARBOR ROAD

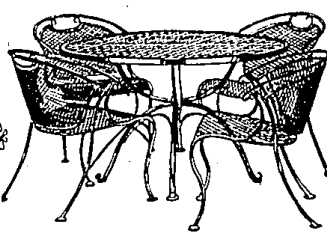


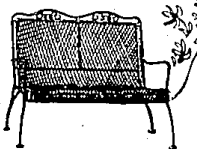
**Hand Crafted Rope Hammocks and Swings by Hatteras.**  
Rope hammock with free-standing metal frame  
Regular price: \$256.00 Our price: \$219.95  
Double rope swing  
Regular price: \$179.00 Our price: \$149.95  
Single rope swing  
Regular price: \$ 84.00 Our price: \$ 69.95

---

## WORTH THE TREK OUT ANN ARBOR ROAD

**Classic Wrought Iron Outdoor Furniture by Woodard**  
5 piece dining set (Accommodates up to 6 chairs)  
Regular price: \$1,185.00 Our price: \$749.95  
Single dining chair  
Regular price: \$190.00 Our price: \$119.95  
Love-seat glider  
Regular price: \$420.00 Our price: \$269.95





Summer Season Hours  
Monday through Friday - 10:00 am to 8:30 pm  
Saturday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sunday - noon to 4:00 pm  
Closed Every Wednesday

## CORNWELL pool & patio

874 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
459-7410

## FEDERAL FIREPLACE

# SUMMER FUN SALE

**20 PATIO SETS ON DISPLAY**

7'x Umbrella  
With stripes. Several colors to choose.  
#925. Ref. 119.99

All in stock 7'x & 8'x  
umbrellas, stripes, solids  
& flower patterns.  
**SAVE 30-50%**

**WHITE FRENCH RESIN STACK CHAIRS**  
Grosfillex® 3 yr warranty

MALAGA - Lowback structure \$697  
FIDI - Resin back structure \$1497  
BIARRITZ - 4 position stackable structure \$2997

**5 PIECE SET**  
Includes: 1 40" white French resin round table, 4 white resin stacking chairs  
3 yr warranty Ref. 168.99

**\$7787**

**South American "Rio" 5 Piece Patio Set**  
Quality heavy steel table with white perma bond finish • quality 42" top • quality heavy-duty folding chairs • your choice of forest green or snow white vinyl Straps • 7 year limited warranty. Ref. 385.00

**SAVE 48% INCREDIBLE OFFER!**  
Nothing compares in quality at this price!

**\$19997**

**40 BARBECUES ON DISPLAY**

**THERMOS.**  
• 225 sq. in. cooking surface  
• Dual 26,000 BTU burner  
• Push button ignitor  
• **FOLDING** side shelves

**\$8997**  
Ref. 149.99 #6001  
Tank sold separately. Only \$10.00 with purchase of this BBQ

**Char-Broil LP GAS BARBECUE**  
680 sq. in. cooking area, 36,000 BTU burner, porcelainized cooking grnds, tank gauge, heat indicator. #8030  
Ref. 259.99

**\$17997**  
Tank sold separately. Only \$10.00 with purchase of this BBQ

**Deluxe Natural Gas BBQ** - Features stainless steel grids, side shell, thermometer, push button ignitor, unique low BTU high efficient burners. 26,000 BTU 318 sq. in. cooking area, with post #15025  
Ref. 373.00

**\$29997**

**Ducane®**  
30,000 BTU 518 sq. in. cooking area, with post #15025  
Ref. 463.00

**\$36997**  
EXPERT INSTALLATION AVAILABLE

**LP GAS** \$499  
20 lb tank full  
Low 1 & 2 gallon Reg \$75.91 Reg 6.99

**UNIVERSAL BBQ PARTS**  
FROM MHP • Expires 6-25-91

**SAVE 20%**  
Bring in part or model number of grill

**Sunbeam Redwood BBQ Shell**  
Fits most BBQs  
Ref. 8.99  
Low 4 & 5 gallon Reg \$12.99

**3/4 Length BBQ Cover**  
#P668  
Low 1 & 2 gallon Reg 6.25 91

SALES ENDS TUES., JUNE 25, 1991 AT 6PM • HOURS: MON-FRI 10AM-6PM • SAT 9AM-6PM • SUN 10AM-5PM  
In F&M Plaza • Southfield Rd. at 12 Mile Rd 1 mile north of I-696 557-3344  
Federal Fireplace 348-9300  
In Pine Ridge Center • Novi Rd. at 10 Mile Rd 1-3/4 miles south of 12 Oaks Mall 348-9300  
SOME ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AS PICTURED