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APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Stories you won't see in the newspaper



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In this column I thought I would promote myself to the status of a newsman and give you some happen-ings in the world today. These are not stories you would normal-ly see in the media, rather they are stories I get through the grapevine of industry

papers, etc.

For example, Joe Gagnon is currently retained by two different legal firms in regards to clothes dryers being the cutse of house fires. He soon will be giving his deposition in a room full of attorneys and engineers from different manufacturers. Already having done this several times in the past and helping the consumers Mr. Gagnon and his papers, etc. ing the consumer, Mr. Gagnon and his testimony have cost the opposing par-ties some very big bucks. Stay tuned to this column as in the weeks ahead for more details.

Just a few weeks ago I wrote about chlorofluorocarbons (Freon) in which I explained my viewpoint that millions of dollars have been spent on the say so of dollars have been spent on the say so of highly contested findings by the E.P.A. and their scientists. My closing remarks in the column were, "Now I only hope that in the next few years the E.P.A. doesn't come out with a new finding, 'It really Isn't that serious folks, we spelogize if we caused you any expenditure.'" — Holy Smokes folks, the spelogize if we caused you any expenditure.' — Holy Smokes folks, we still have to wait a could not years. e didn't have to wait a couple of years, we didn't have to wait a couple of years, it's already begun in the front page of the Appliance News out of Chicago is the headline story, LEGISLATION TO POSTPONE CFC PHASEOUT UNITED TO THE CONTROL OF TIL 2000 IS INTRODUCED IN CON-GRESS. Scientific evidence for han ian't sufficient, say sponsor Doclittle. Doclittle said he hasn't seen sufficient Docities and no hazard associatific evidence to justify the immediate phaseout of CFCs, which many scientists claim destroys the Earth's protective ozone layer. The delay would give the scientific community more time to prove its theory, he added. Stay tuned to this column with some assur-

ance that there is more to this story.

Ken Adler, the owner of the Detroitbased Servall Co. has retired as director
of the Appliance Parts Distributors Association, a nationwide organization. After 50 years of heading this group, Adler will be retained as an adviser for

the next six months, Judging by Adler's youthful appearance, this writer thinks he may have started working in the ap-pliance industry when he was only 6

Maytag Corp. recently announced a potential fire hazard in their dishwashers produced between March 28, 1994, and January 31, 1995. If you have one of these dishwashers and the serial num-ber ends with any of the following letber ends with any of the following let-ters, please call Maytag at 1-800-462-9267 for an inspection of the product — KF, KH, KK, KM, KQ, KS, KU, KW, KY, KZ, MB, The serial number is low cated on a plate on the upper left por-tion of the tub.

Bemis Manufacturing Co. has re-called about 400,000 WATERWICK whole house humidifiers to correct a powhole house humidifiers to correct a potential fire hazard. If you have one of these humidifiers in your home, please look in the back for the model number and if it is any of these numbers 4261, 4261cn, 4262, 4273, 4362, 4363, 4363cn, 4371, 4963, 4971, 4973, 6964, 6964cn, 6947 — call 1-800-765-1122. The Benmis Co. will pick up and deliver your unit free of charge, plus give you a new air filter for the product.

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I know that some of you think I'm not too happy with some of the appliance manufacturers in this country, and rightfully you should. I certainly am one who knows they can build better products for their customers, but folks, they don't listen to me. Now I'd like to say something nice about one of them, because they're deserving. Several weeks ago there were two children ages weeks ago there were two children ages
11, and 3 kidnapped from Benton Harbor. The Alvarado brothers were found
in New Orleans where the alleged kidnapper was arrested. We followed this
national story for several days with our
local media to discover a somewhat
brutish but happy ending. What most
becopie don't know about this story is
that the Benton Harbor based Whirlpool Corn. made room in their corporate pool Corp. made room in their corporate headquarters so that the FBI, State Police, local authorities, and others could work together to coordinate their ef-forts. When the boys were discovered, it forts. When the Boys were inscored, it was the Whirlpool Corp, who leaded the parents onto their company jet and flew them to New Orleans for a tearful re-union. They returned the family to Benton Harbor to hopefully have happy ever after. As J.P. McCarthy would have said — Roses to you, Whirlpool.

Holly Day activities scheduled

Holly Day offers a variety of festivi-ties 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in Franklin Village.

For information, call (810) 855-1576. The events include candlelight home tours, historic district carriage rides, a greens sale, children's crafts, a bake sale, open houses and ruffles. A topiary tree demonstration will be given 1 p.m. and satisfies music loxes will play in ...

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votate songs 0-0 p.m. as currounty ofto-Ltd., and an earring demonstration will take place 3-7 p.m. at Beadworks. Among the raffle prizes are a basket of gourmet treats at The Markot Bas-ket, a Dept. 56 lighted house and other seasonal gifts at The Village Barn, a 14-heart places a wardent at V-1-2 P. karat pinecone pendant at Yanke Da-signs Jewelers and on aighan showing Franklin Village historidalitis.