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HOME WORK

Cold weather causes more trouble

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



E Place a small space heater near the back of the washer and activate it for only an hour or so of the rough-est Decemest Decembers in our history as we experienced bitter cold winds and temperatures with snow levels above normal.

It's been a while since we've talked so much weather. Snow et the force out the forc

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about the winter weather. Snow on roofs has melted, then frozen, to create ice dams and many homeowners are suffering through roof damages.

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The winter weather brings other problems that are less obvious. Consumers call for service on their weathing machines because the machines won't ogisate the clothes after filling with water. Sometimes the cause is nothing more than a cold wall that the washer is located against. An outside wall — which gets very cold during 0° nights—can cause the oil in the washer's transmission to congeal, resulting in a very slow agitation speed. It can also cause the belt to burn up which you may smell when operating the washer.

For anyone who might have this problem I suggest you place a small appace beater near the back of the washer and activate it for only an hour or so before laundry time. It may take care of your problem.

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We live in a winter wonder-land. During these four months

before laundry time. It may take care of your problem of congested oil. we spend "hibernating' inside our homes, we may feel the effects of remaining indoors — dry skin, plugged masal passages or burning eyes, which can origi-nate from the very air inside a home.

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The humidifier, whether it is located on your furnace or it is portable, is critical to keeping your health on an even keel. Is it working, is it clean and is it set on the correct setting to match the temperature drops?

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on the correct setting to match the temperature drops?
Today's consumer is a much smarter person because they are more aware and educated about homes. Take the case of the person who suffers water damage because of the gutter problems. Water will run between the inner and outer walls and may show some stains on the carpet or other areas. Some homeowners will repair the damage, while others live with it. They should know that wet insulation between walls will grow batteria and multiply greatly during the months of apring and summer. These are not problems that you forget about or ignore, because they can affect your health and you should be cognizant of that fact.

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fact.

Do you know the origin of the 200 cubic feet of air per minute used to dry clothes when you operate your dryer? It's coming from inside the house. For almost an hour, it is recycling the same old air and you are breathing this very same air.

Why not open a window when you run the dryer and make the inside environment a cleaner one? You won't forget to do so if you put a little note on the front of the dryer door.

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I was recently involved with a television story on the safety of dormitory living for college students. I centred that the old system of tinfoil used to vent clothes dryers was still in usc. Even today, students are at risk because of the use of a product which is known to cause fires. I hope you or your college-aged children are not using tinfoil or plastic to vent your clothes dryer.

Footnote: I would like to thank the hundreds of people who recently traveled with me to California. I met many who read this newspaper and I had great this newspaper and I had great this teste of Michigan, I can only say that my preference is to stay right here in the winter wonderland.

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land.
In the bus ride from Los Angeles to Las Vegas we viewed beautiful mountain scenery and a lot of desert. No birds, no insects, no trees, no flowers and guess what, no snow. Pardon me folks, but I'll stick to Michigan, just the way it is. Have a good New Year my dear readers, and keep your chin up. Stay tuned.

Readers ask about microwave oven, range

Here are letters from readers and responses from the "Appli-ance Doctor" Joe Gagnon.

ance Doctor Joe Gagnon.
Q: I have a Tappan microwave
that is about five or six years
old. When food is put in it and it
is turned on, it will heat up the
food only one out of 20 times. (In
other words it only works intermittently.) Is there something
that I can check out first or
should I take it to the repair
shop? (Chuck Holowecky)

switches. Take it in.
Q: I have a Kitchen Aid Gas
Sealed Burner Glass Cooktop
(model no. KGCT30). With all
the knobs off the igniter is "ticking" and arcing to ground. It is
not as fast as it would normally
be when lighting but it is as
though there is a voltage leak
across the burner switch. I have
pulled the plug on the igniter

A: It sounds like an adjust-ment is needed on the interlock switches. Take it in.

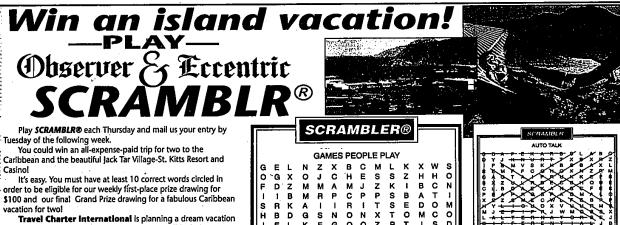
A: It sounds like an adjust-ment is needed on the interlock switches. Take it in.

Do you have any suggestions? (Jack Sharp)

A: Check for any loose wires to the burner switches behind the knobs. If there aren't any, you could have a defective module.

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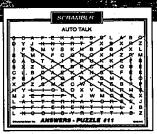
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