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PREMIUM BACK SUPPORTER I FIRM

Competition Price Our Factory Price

Twin.....	\$259	\$89
Full.....	\$379	\$119
Queen.....	\$799	\$279
King.....	\$1199	\$499



PREMIUM BACK SUPPORTER II LUXURY FIRM

Competition Price Our Factory Price

Twin.....	\$359	\$129
Full.....	\$499	\$149
Queen.....	\$1099	\$389
King.....	\$1599	\$589



PREMIUM JUMBO BACK SUPPORTER PILLOWTOP

Competition Price Our Factory Price

Twin.....	\$459	\$199
Full.....	\$599	\$229
Queen.....	\$1399	\$499
King.....	\$1799	\$699



L.E. CLOUD PREMIUM JUMBO BACK SUPPORTER PILLOWTOP

Competition Price Our Factory Price

Twin.....	\$529	\$229
Full.....	\$679	\$269
Queen.....	\$1499	\$599
King.....	\$1899	\$799

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appliance doctor

Deadly dryer fires can be avoided



JOE GAGNON

The weather is
turning cold and the
snow is accumulat-
ing on the ground
and the winter
sports enthusiasts
are having a ball.
Daytime tempera-
tures are hovering
around the 0 degree
mark and home-

owners are making
sure windows and doors are shut tight.
It's the typical midweek day in a Michi-
ganer's home and the laundry is being
put through the wash and dry process.

Ms. Jane Doe has just loaded the
dryer with her second load of clothes
consisting of sheets, pillow cases and a
few towels when the telephone rings.
On the other end is her husband who
has just finished working the night shift
and calls her to ask that she turn up the
temperature in the hot tub which is
located on the outside patio. Jane hangs
up and slips her jacket on the proceeds
through the sliding glass doors.

During the time she was out of the
house the clothes dryer had ignited the
lint build up inside the vent line and
bottom area of the dryer. The dryer had
continued to run and the dryer blower
had forced the flame up the back wall of
the laundry room some 35 feet away
from the glass patio doors. In the time of
that first two minutes after Jane went
outside, the laundry room was engulfed
with flame. Because of the air tight con-
dition of the home this fire was now
starving for air to continue is devastat-
ing path. When Jane re-entered the
house, the air that the fire needed so
desperately was located directly behind
her.

As Jane turned to shut the doors, the
flames hit her in the back and ignited

the hair on her head causing some very
serious burns. So surprised by the shock
of it and realizing that she hadn't even
smelled smoke, through all her pain,
Jane was still able to grab her sleeping
infant from the playpen and run out into
the back yard where she collapsed. Her
husband pulled into the driveway and
saw the smoke pouring out of windows
and called the fire department from his
cellular phone.

The fire department arrived in min-
utes and Jane was whisked off to the
hospital where she would spend several
weeks in treatment. The fire department
had a tough time fighting this fire
because there was a room full of plastic
toys etc. which give off toxic deadly
odor when ignited. Except for the outer
shell, the house was completely
destroyed, but fortunately not the lives
of the two people inside.

Footnote: This story is true, and it is
only one of the many I have spent time
investigating as an opponent of plastic
or flexible dryer vent line. I write, I
preach, I talk and still many of you are
using the wrong kind of vent line on
your clothes dryers. In the year 1995,
there were a total of 60,076 reported fires
in the state of Michigan. Will your name
be on that list for 1997?

Please send a No. 10 stamped, self-
addressed envelope to your local
Observer & Eccentric office for a free
booklet on the subject to clothes dryers.
It could save your life.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor,
will answer your questions about
maintaining and repairing large appli-
ances. Gagnon is president of Carmack
Appliances in Garden City and does a
weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He
is author of "First Aid from the Appli-
ance Doctor," available at area book-
stores.

Show bottles up Americana

The Metropolitan Detroit Antique
Bottle Club will host its 25th annual Jan-
uary Mini Show and Sale 7-10 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Clawson Com-
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Clawson. Admission is free.

Sales tables and displays by the 60-
plus members of the club will be fea-
tured.

Take Exit I-75 to 14 Mile and go west
about two miles to Main in Clawson.

Follow the signs to the Clawson Com-
munity Center at the end of Fisher
Court, three blocks north of the 14 Mile
and Main (Livernois) intersection. The
phone number for the center is (810)
435-4500.

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