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handicapped person, why take that away too if he enjoys it?"

Other suggestions include talking clocks with alarms that get progressively abusive the longer you ignore them, she said with a chuckle. Then there are talking calculators, card holders, long-handled shoe horns, and drinking cups that do double duty as ashtrays when clipped onto the arm of a wheelchair.

For information, contact Ms. Lacatis at 494-9851.

HANDY AIDS, a non-profit shop at 6340 Brush St., Detroit, was founded to give blind persons a place to shop. Handy Aids director Ellen Milner has culled catalogs and suppliers to find more than 300 items that will appeal to the handicapped person.

During the past six years, she said she has spent hundreds of hours searching for unique, useful and attractive items that are now available to her customers. The proceeds, she said, go right back into the League-Goodwill-sponsored shop to purchase more merchandise. The shop also receives support, she added, from the Michigan Federation for the Blind and the Lions.

"I took a selection of what we have for our blind customers to a convention in Canada one time," she said. The merchandise was received with such enthusiasm that she found it difficult to refuse to sell the sample collection.

Ms. Milner is so dedicated to her Detroit customers, however, that she said she brought everything home to Handy Aids. Among the items that caused such a stir were braille greeting cards, cookbooks, a



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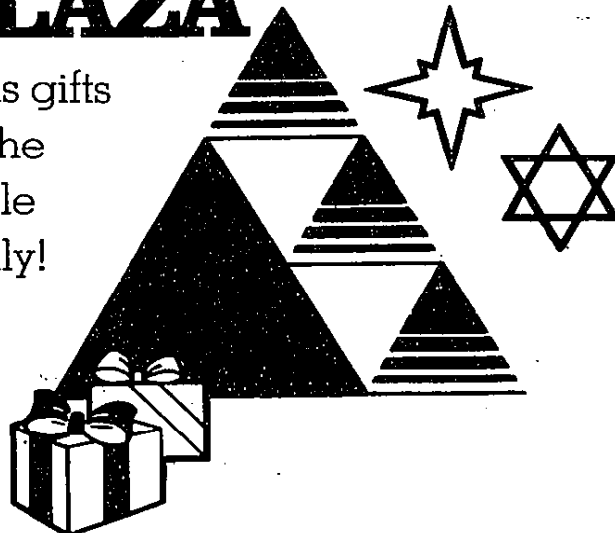
porcelain-and-gilt pendant watch fitted with conventional and braille markings, and a dual-purpose game of Monopoly complete with standard-size cards and over-size, braille-inscribed deed cards.

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