

Facials

Treatment helps put best face forward

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The end result of the hottest new facial in town is a great deal more attractive than its in-process appearance might indicate.

Looking something like a green monster from outer space was Maxine Kreger, whose face was encased in this newest luxury facial treatment.

She had heard, she said, about the marvelous restorative properties of the four layer facial, called Repechage. Feeling in the mood for a holiday boost, she decided to stop at Kitty Wagner's new facial salon in Hunter's Square to try it.

The Repechage facial, which in French means second chance, is a treatment that moistens the skin, helps eliminate tiny wrinkles, firms up sagging contours and leaves an afterglow that lasts for days.

Repechage treatments begin with a thorough cleansing of the facial skin

following by application of pure aloe vera serum.

The second layer is a hydrating mask designed to re-introduce moisture into the skin. After that comes yet another application of a cool, refreshing seaweed mask which contains such minerals as potassium and iodine.

Molding itself to the face, it takes on an elastic form as it dries.

THE LAST layer is a mineral clay mask which hardens to the facial contours and creates a gentle heat.

One of the major benefits of the Repechage facial treatment is softening of facial lines that occurs immediately, Mrs. Wagner explained.

However, the treatment is recommended for use no more frequently than every two months. Mrs. Wagner said the beneficial effect is maintained in the interim with regular facial treatment each month.

Additional at-home care for lines which can be utilized is a facial mask



which is applied and then ironed with a warm spoon.

"Just immerse the teaspoon in warm water and press it on wrinkled areas," Mrs. Wagner suggested.

Aside from the obvious cosmetic benefits of having a monthly facial, there is more to the mystique according to Mrs. Wagner.

"A facial is an instant relaxer," she said. "It's as great for your psyche as it is for your skin."

The repechage treatment can also be administered to weary looking hands, softening the skin texture and eliminating the dryness often found in winter, she pointed out.

THE REPECHAGE facial is exclusive to Kitty Wagner Salons in Michigan. She came across the treatment quite by chance, she said.

"A customer came back from Israel, just raving about it," Mrs. Wagner said. "So I went to Israel to investigate and ended up bringing the products back with me."

Kitty Wagner Facial Salons are a family business.

Mrs. Wagner presides over the new salon in Farmington Hills while her daughter, Suzette, watches over the Southfield salon and son, Gary, manages the Novi Salon.



Starting the facial, Mrs. Wagner has her client relaxed and prepared before beginning to apply one of four layers of material.



The facial mask is nearly complete and the client, eyes covered with moistened pads, seems to enjoy the treatment.



Kitty Wagner, above, examines facial skin of Maxine Kreger, before applying the four layer luxury skin treatment she found during a visit to Israel. Repechage means "second chance" in French. It moistens the skin, eliminates tiny wrinkles, firms up sagging contours and leaves a glow that lasts for days, Mrs. Wagner says. At right, the moment of truth, Mrs. Wagner lifts off the hardened facial mask following the refreshing treatment.

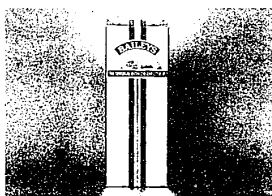


Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Creme de la Creme

This could be the hit of your holiday party. Bailey's Original Irish Cream Liqueur is an absolutely delicious after-dinner drink that has only been available in Michigan since November. It's becoming so popular that The Bottle and Basket stores can hardly keep up with the demand. Made in Ireland, it contains a blend of rich, fresh country cream, natural-flavors and fine Irish spirits. A 25.4-fluid-ounce bottle (approximately one fifth) costs \$12.30 and comes packaged in a gold gift box. A 16.9-fluid-ounce bottle (approximately a pint) is priced \$7.47. Bottle and Basket, 180 North Hunter, 646-6553, or Maple and Telegraph, Birmingham, 646-6484.



Self-Centered

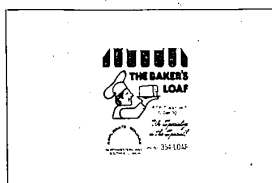
For the chocoholic, a ½ pound box (\$7.50) of Gayle's assorted homemade truffles should get you through the holiday festivities indeed. The truffle candies contain centers made of bittersweet chocolate, heavy cream and sweet butter. Some of the centers also contain various liqueurs such as Grand Marnier, Amaretto, rum, Kahlua, kirsch, apricot brandy or cognac. Once made, all of the centers are hand-dipped in dark chocolate; and some of them are then rolled in chopped macadamia, cashew, pistachio, almond or walnut meats.

Gayles Chocolates, 398-0001.



Let Them Eat Cake

The Baker's Loaf is busy baking lots of goodies for the holidays. For example, Stollen, traditional sweet dough German coffee cakes (\$3) that have marzipan centers plus candied fruits. The Hungarian Linzer Tortes feature a cinnamon and ground walnut pie crust-type base. Then they are filled with your choice of the traditional raspberry filling or with an apricot filling. To top it all off, there is a layer of sliced almonds that have been generously dusted with powdered sugar. Eight-inch tortes (\$6.95) serve 10 people and taste terrific with a dollop of vanilla ice cream or freshly whipped cream on the top. The Baker's Loaf, Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway at Inkster, Southfield, 354-5623.



Bottoms Up

Talk about getting behind Christmas, here's a cute stocking stuffer for the young or young-at-heart female on your Christmas list. LuLu's Lingerie has a group of white cotton underpants (\$2.75 each) complete with Christmas-related words and symbols stenciled on the rear. For example, the word "angel" is written in red letters that are dotted all over with white snow flakes. LuLu's Lingerie, 3615 West Maple at Lahser, Birmingham, and 28805 Evergreen, Southfield, 355-5599.

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