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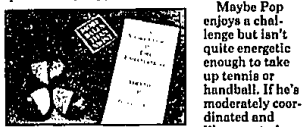
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Neat surprises make Dad's Day

Dad may sigh and try earnestly to assure the family that all he really wants for Father's Day is a quiet afternoon at home and lots of hugs and kisses from those he loves most. But we all know Dad well enough to see through the Hallmark moment and into the psyche of the guy who can't wait to open big boxes wrapped in mazy paper and tied with fancy ribbons. So, if you haven't succumbed to all of the holiday advertisements yet maybe these suggestions will help you make Dad's day special. Don't be stingy with the affection, though. A little sincere devotion is always appreciated.



Maybe Pop enjoys a challenge but isn't quite energetic enough to take up tennis or handball. If he's moderately coordinated and likes mastering new skills, he'll love "More Balls Than Most." This unique "life enhancing" juggling course includes three multicolored leather balls and an eight-step instruction booklet. Once perfected, juggling will provide Dad with hours of relaxing enjoyment and you'll never again have to hire Bob the Clown for the kids' birthday party. "More Balls Than Most" is distributed by two brothers from Birmingham, and is available at Hudson's for \$26.

Hudson's also introduces the new and exclusive Waterman Laureat pen (\$45). This exquisite writing instrument, in an amethyst colored shell, uses three different types of refills — soft slip, ballpoint and liquid ink. It's sold with a blue ballpoint cartridge.

Hollywood Dad
Carol Dombrowski of West Bloomfield suggests a unique frame for Daddy's prized pic. Her favorite is a replica of a magazine cover featuring his smiling mug as the "Cover Boy."
"You can find Man of the Year, Golfer of the Year, whatever suits him," she says.
Carol also discovered "Tool Time" T-shirts at Muller's — perfect for her husband who is an ardent Tim Allen fan and still claims that his electric screwdriver is his all-time favorite gift.

Linda Price from Wixom surprised her husband with an imaginative and extravagant gift one Father's Day, and they still cherish the memory. "I tucked a ticket and an itinerary inside a bathing suit and placed them in a plastic bag," she remembers. It represented her down-patrimony on a romantic cruise vacation. "You could wrap up a sleeve of balls and some hotel reservations for a golf weekend getaway," she says.

Par for the course
When I asked Betsy Coats of Bloomfield Village for her Father's Day idea, she said, "Golf stuff!" And she directed me to Bavarian Village in Birmingham where racks of skis and down jackets have been replaced by rows of shiny clubs and colorful golf ensembles.

The hottest new clubs are the Nicklaus NI's, designed with a new technology called Linear Dynamics. The contemporary styling incorporates vertical and horizontal stabilizing bars, resulting in perfect balance and a centered "sweet spot."
"As people become more aware of these clubs, they are really getting popular," says Chris of Bavarian Village.

Always in demand, the Big Bertha line of golf equipment is the first choice of Jim Coats. "I'm wishing for the Big Bertha 5," he says. "Although not a father, Jim's birthday was last week — hint, hint."

Other popular items at Bavarian Village include saddle-style golf shoes (Nike makes a great looking pair with buckskin trim), the 1992 Michigan Golf Map & Guide (\$17.95), Greg Norman straw Panama hats with the shark logo (\$24) and umbrellas (\$16). They also stock a good selection of in-line skates for the daring Dad. If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind collectible, don't miss the sterling silver treasure boxes at Neiman Marcus (\$125). Each hand-crafted box depicts a theme — a golf, sailing, fishing, or your custom created selection. Inside each box is a silver treasure. Each piece is signed and stamped by the artist, Michael Weitzman of California. Truly a thoughtful gift for the discerning Dad who has everything.

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Stores ease access

Prodded by requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and their own sense of social consciousness, our area malls and mainstreets have been adding amenities and removing architectural barriers so shoppers in wheelchairs, on crutches, and those blind or deaf, can buy suits, visit Santa, or have lunch out, just like us TABS - Temporarily Able-Bodied.

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Wheelchair-bound Joyce Kinaki of Southfield rolls through Laurel Park Place mall with ease, but when someone is thoughtful enough to let her in.

"Oh, I can get around inside the malls all right, but getting through some entrance doors is another matter," she explained with a sigh. "I have to depend on someone to open the doors and hold them open until I pass through. This bothers me because I don't feel I should have to depend on another shopper or custodian being there."

Some area malls have installed power-assisted doors at their entrances activated by push buttons at wheelchair level. But many have not. The holdup is in the mall's interpretations of the Americans With Disabilities Act and what exactly they are required to provide for shoppers with handicaps.

"We have power-assisted doors at Twelve Oaks Mall," says Phillip Morcos, explained, "but we are still working on other improvements. The ADA is not very specific and the process is slow. We want to make sure the improvements we make actually work and are practical for shoppers with disabilities."

Mike Buescher at Laurel Park Place said the entrance problem is under discussion. Joe Thomas at Wonderland Mall said officials there are also looking into some kind of en-

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Sparkle and Shine: Danielle Danielson (right) and Randy Stegen (left), two students from the Northwest Skills Center, keep Wonderland Mall looking good as part of their on-the-job training class. The mall shows its appreciation for their work by treating these special students to an occasional lunch and giving them gift certificates for merchandise.

Mall gets special treatment

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
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Wonderland Mall shoppers will have to clean up after themselves for the next few months, as students from the Northwest Skill Center take a break for summer vacation.

"We will miss them; that's for sure," said mall manager Joe Thomas of the mall's five-year liaison with the center for developmentally disabled in Livonia. "These students contribute to the overall operation of the center, and we've been able to secure some long-term employees from their ranks. It's a very positive program with the mall tenants as well as the public."

A mall walker who wished to remain anonymous watched as Mike Stot, 25, of Westland scraped a mall bench free of sticky stuff.

"I give this young man a lot of credit," she said, shaking her head. "He's performing a service for his community and we appreciate it."

Every semester a new crew of developmentally disabled young adults un-

der the supervision of their teacher, Margaret Bonnici, and paraprofessional Jonn Neilson, learn basic custodial service skills using the Wonderland Mall as their classroom. They arrive at the shopping center by bus in the morning and leave at 1:30 p.m. each day.

The students scrape the gum from the underside of tables and benches, clean ashtrays and trash bins, and wipe down pillars and posts. They supplement the work of the mall's full-time custodial staff, keeping the mall extra-clean. They seem to enjoy their work and admit that they really like being in the mall.

"I like all the people and the music," said Danielle Danielson of Northville, taking a break from her dusting. "I like working here."

Patrick Brown of Redford agreed. He is the youngest of three brothers who have participated in the program.

"I love it," he said with a mile-wide grin. "I do a beautiful job. I like doing the planters. I hate doing ashtrays."

Joe Stairs, 23, of Garden City said the mall work "is good for me. I like being in the mall. I don't come here very often."

Under Bonnici's watchful eye the students chat and polish, stopping to share a joke or two with their devoted teacher.

"Got to have a sense of humor," she advised. "Ten years from now these young people may not remember the lessons I've taught them, but they will hopefully remember me as a kind and helpful person."

"It seems everybody has somebody disabled in their family," she continued. "Shoppers come up to me and ask so many questions about the program and tell me stories about the disabled people they know. I'll stop and talk to them and pass along the literature I keep handy for these inquiries."

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MONDAY, JUNE 14

GOLFERS' FUN
Crowley allows shoppers to experience five world-class golf courses. Clubs provided or bring your own. Through June 20. Players paying \$3 per hole receive "buy one, get one free" coupon for bucket of balls at Walton Golf Range, Meadowbrook Village Mall, Wixom/Adams. 253-9451.

MAKEUP TIPS
Barbara Welken, president of the BW cosmetic firm, discusses skin care and answers customers' questions through June 20 at J.C. Penney's cosmetics dept. Regular mall hours. No appointment necessary. Northland Mall, Eight Mile/Greenfield 557-6000.

TACKY TIES
Crowley's invites shoppers to bring in ugly, old ties for \$5 off a new one. Prizes awarded for the three worst entries: \$500, \$200 and \$100 gift certificates. Final judging 8 p.m. June 17 at the Dearborn store by spokesperson Bernie Smilovitz. All Crowley stores. 253-4950.

BIRTHDAY BASH
A June birthday entitles you to a mall-sponsored birthday party, Saturday, June 26, featuring free cake, clown, balloons, music and prizes. Registration now through June 25. Chance to win a trip to Disney World. Pick up a birthday card/application at mall management office. Orchard Lake, Seven Mile/Middlebelt 476-1166.

TIFFANY GLASS
The Mole Hole hosts a Mayde Tiffany lamp exhibition featuring over 75 stained glass lamps and lighting fixtures through July 5. Collection includes Art Deco, Nouveau, Deco and nostalgic styles, many hand-crafted from original turn-of-the-century molds. Regular store hours. Downtown Birmingham, Maple/Woodward. 644-8233.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Amateurs' black and white entries accepted through July 18. Prints must be 8 x 10 or larger. Photos must be mounted and/or matted. Grand prize \$300. Show runs July 20-25. Unlimited entries, \$4 fee per entry. Application form must accompany each photo. Available at mall management office. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. 476-1166.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

TRAIN EXHIBIT
"Romance of Transportation," Lionel model train dis-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

play, through June 19 under the rotunda. Additionally, Richard Knight, CEO of Lionel Trains, displays classic cars and automotive art from his private collection throughout the mall. Special children's feature on Saturday, June 19: story hours at 1 and 3 p.m. Kids can meet Thomas, and friends Annie and Clarabel, star of PBS TV series "Shining Time Station," and View Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, the first and only electric Thomas set. Show at 10 a.m. through June 20. Big Beaver/Coolidge. 855-7777.

PLANET PERFORMERS
Lorie Linn plays selections from her latest recordings. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Repeated June 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lakeside and 5-8 p.m. at Twelve Oaks Mall. Lorie's main floor. 4800 Orchard Lake, 4 Mile/John R.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

ARTS AND CRAFTS
More than 40 exhibitors display and sell handcrafted items with customers for makers featuring Monday of Paris Unpredictable Colors. Call Hudson's for appointment. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Repeated June 18 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Summit Place Mall, 6900 Orchard Lake, 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oakland Mall, 597-2354.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

HOMELESS BENEFIT
Fourth Annual Zip Up for the Homeless, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bring in used jeans (clean, no holes) receive 50 percent off new pair. Jeans and other donated garments will be given to Homeless of Oakland County. "Good time to clean out your closets," said Guya N' Gals manager Sherr Levenson Stav. "Last year we collected over 500 pairs of jeans and additional clothing." Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake/Maple. 851-1200.

GOLF EXHIBITS
Pro demonstrations, video-taped lessons, chance to play Pebble Beach course on interactive golf simulator. Drawing for Florida Golf Weekend. Coincides with PGA Seniors Golf Tournament through June 27. Mini golf green in center court. Pro shops set up with clothing and gift golf merchandise. Pro champion Jay Lumpkin, demonstrates swings and other techniques every two hours beginning at 1:30 a.m. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Southfield. 593-3546.

FREE WRAPPING
Through June 20 complimentary gift wrapping of all Father's Day gifts. Noon to 9 p.m. Upper level, center court. Twelve Oaks Mall, Twelve Mile/Novi. 348-9438.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

FARMERS MARKET
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Village Commons Parking Lot. One-half mile east of Farmington Road on Grand River. Repeated Saturdays through October. Downtown Farmington. 474-2440.

DESIGN A TIE
Kids can paint dad a special tie for Father's Day. Noon-8 p.m. Completed tie costs \$15. Paint is washable. Choose from red, white or black ties. The Swift Bar, 10 Mile/Evergreen. 352-7779.

DREYFUSS VISITS
Celine TV star of Empty Nest greets fans and performs stunts with trainer 1-3 p.m. on stage near Crowley's. Livonia Mall, Middlebelt/Seven Mile. 476-1166.

MARITIME ARTIST
J. Clary, artist and author, resident of St. Clair, visits Land and Sea Gift Store to greet clients and sign his works. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. His works include "Titanic" drawn from a 1983 expedition from which the Titanic was first discovered. Clary assisted the mission by producing over 484 computer drawings of the ship in different positions on the ocean floor. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh. 462-1100.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

STORYBOOK SUNDAY
Jim Harper of WNIC radio will read "A Perfect Father's Day" and "My Dad The Magnificent." 1 p.m. Center court. Children can earn reading points for gift merchandise. 99-cent meals at participating restaurants. Fairlane Mall, Michigan/Southfield. 593-3300.

CLASSICS AND CROSSBANTS
Noon to 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by WQRS. Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. Ticketa \$20 per person. Available at concierge desk. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge. 643-6360.