

# The quest for the gift unique

The million dollar lottery is over for a while and those that didn't win must now resign themselves to the fact that Christmas will be spent at home instead of in sunny Spain. Christmas shopping will be done from mail-order catalogues rather than elegant boutiques of the Riviera.

Winning the million would certainly put a different light on your Christmas shopping. But would there be any need to travel the world to gather those gifts you need for Christmas?

With the million in your chequing account and your winter coat on, one short trip to the Georgetown Market Centre or Moore Park Plaza would easily take care of your complete gift list and leave plenty of money for that after Christmas

trip around the world. After all, the rich people know you seldom travel during the holiday season when everyone is on one of those "economy tours." Paintings make a nice addition to any home. But

choosing one to match your decor as well as your tastes sometimes presents a problem. Blobs of color available in modern art enhance a room but a custom landscape or perhaps a painting of your own home would make an ideal gift for the living room or even the den.

David Vance, artist and owner of the Four Winds Art Shoppe completes many custom orders for Christmas giving. Photographs of scenic areas and homesteads become valuable paintings that would suit any connoisseur of art for only \$250.00.

It would be unthinkable to begin Christmas shopping in the old family car.

Mike Tarp's Georgetown Chrysler has two very nice cars for the perfect his and hers package.

For him the luxurious Imperial LeBaron with power brakes, steering, air conditioning, power windows, tinted glass and automatic transmission, plus a few options such as power sun-roof, power seats and stereo FM and tape would only cost \$13,218.90 including genuine leather bucket seats.

For her, the Chrysler Cordoba with leather bucket seats, vinyl roof, air conditioning and AM-FM Stereo track, plus a few smaller options would cost \$7,720.45.

Paintings are just one of many gifts available for the home. With the added entertaining that the holiday season brings, perhaps a new living room suite would be appropriate.

One grouping suggested by Jack Pieterse of Homestead Furniture would cost about \$1,918, suggested list price. The grouping includes a sofa, an chair by Braemore, coffee-table with matching side tables, two lamps, oak bar and a selection of small pictures to brighten the decor.

For the man on your Christmas list, perhaps a new wardrobe to replace some of those older, more comfortable things he insists on keeping.

In addition to the regular slacks and sports shirts a new suit and topcoat must be included on the list. What self-respecting millionaire would attend the grand opening of the new arena, in an old suit? A suit, leather top coat, shirt, tie, belt, gloves and, of course, socks would cost about \$500.00.

If underwear is still needed there is still plenty of time to drop a little hint to grandma. If Grandma is too busy or has bought all her gifts already, Stevenson's will be glad to help at the same time you're getting your suit.

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PRACTICAL gifts are the top of the list this season Georgetown's downtown merchants have found. John Vieira clerk at Silvers writes up a bill for two shirts, a gift for a customer's husband.

## Useful presents are the 1974 trend

Christmas is in the air. The snow is falling. Old St. Nick arrives in downtown Georgetown Saturday and with him comes the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping.

And what better place to please all on your shopping list than right here in your own home town where you receive personal, friendly attention. The downtown stores are gaily decorated and offering weekly specials up to as much as 40

percent off in an effort to keep Georgetown shoppers at home.

Despite popular opinion that Christmas time has become a big, outlandish spending spree, Georgetown's downtown merchants find people are now more practical and conservative. The trend this year is to buying useful presents to help supplement the family budget.

Peter Lee, owner of Lee Ming Supermarket, finds a roast of

beef or a steak is a good gift. Sometimes a customer will even buy a hind of beef for a Christmas present. Homemade Christmas cake is a popular item at Sykes Bakery. You can order it in any size and it comes with almond icing and holly decorations. "It is much cheaper to buy one than to make it yourself but this year there is no way we can put a price on it until we have made them and determined our

costs," said Karen Sykes. She said people will buy a one-pound cake, some home baked cookies and homemade jam and box them for a gift.

Rico Caruso claims, with today's inflated prices, food is one of the most valuable gifts you can give. At his fruit market on Main Street he will make up an attractive fruit basket as a welcome gift. Poinsettias and potted amaryllis bulbs are also good

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A barrel of socks for daddy or, maybe just a pair or two, is a popular gift with little Christmas shoppers. The Debrau girls Cheryl, 4, Nicole, 3, Sandra, 4 and their friend, North Halton Sports Shop on Main Street. Martha Darling 4, are pictured browsing through the



IT WOULDN'T take a million dollars custom painting done for your favor in the house. David Vance of the Fo