

The late shoppers' gift list

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did his shopping back last September) smugly proclaiming the Christmas countdown, reciting solemnly in sepulchral tones — four more shopping days to Christmas. And watching the panic.

No need to panic.

Four more shopping days are plenty of time to browse the stores and select your gifts. Especially if we've already done the browsing for you.

May we present some timely suggestions from The Times, not necessarily a rundown of everything available around town, just a personal list of gifts to please, we hope, the people on your shopping list.

FOR THE KIDS

Bubbly . . .
Country Store bubbling bath oil in plastic bottles, orange peel, green apple, strawberry, peach, potpourri and lemon verbena scents — \$2.99 (Cargo Canada).

Cuddly . . .
a hand-made stuffed corduroy lion — \$19.95 (Kiddlywinks, Square One).

Musically . . .
toy saxophone — \$3.44; toy trombone — \$2.44; toy trumpet — 66 cents, and harmonica — \$1.33 (K-Mart).

Warm . . .
little girls' flannel pink or blue flowered nightgowns, sizes 2 to 3X — \$1.97 (Zellers).

Intellectual . . .
a great selection of children's books (Rumpus, Square One).

Creative . . .
Selectabox boxes from Holland, each one containing a different kind of craft, paints, crayons, gluing, collage, beads, etc. — \$1.75 (Kiddlywinks, Square One).

Stuffed . . .
Plush pyjama bags disguised as stuffed animals — \$3.97 to \$4.44 (Woolco).

Styles . . .
sweaters with matching scarves and tams, red, pink,

powder blue and navy, sizes 4 to One).

The Stage . . .
people puppets, little girls with pigtails, old men with sideburns and spectacles, by Judy-folk puppets, Victoria, B.C. — \$7 (Cara Shop, Square One).

THE TEEN SCENE

Tuning in . . .
make-your-own portable eight-transistor radio kit complete with earphones and leatherette carrying case — \$12.95 (Radio Shack).

Tanking up . . .
tropical fish, a good variety, from the common gold fish — 39 cents for peewee size — to the king-size royal blue discuss — \$60. choose some others like pearl gouramis — \$2.95, medium black veil angels — \$3.99, and kissers with mouths all puckered up — 99 cents (Aquarium Toronto, Square One).

Tacking up . . .
flowered painted thumbtacks for bulletin boards, assorted colours, package of 10 — \$1.25 (Insight Book Store, Sheridan Mall).

Stoned . . .
electric rock tumbler set for polishing gem stones, includes electric tumbler, half a pound of stones, adhesive, abrasives, polish and jewellery settings — \$24.50 (Lewiscraft).

Ringin' . . .
Original rings by Rafael, bright stones set in copper or brass bases — \$7 (Cara Shop, Square One).

Remembering . . .
Sanwa Instant Load Camera Outfit for cartridge film — \$17.88 (Japan Camera Centre).

Hung . . .
framed cork bulletin board from Spain — \$3.99 (Cargo Canada).

Sung . . .
records, almost anything on the hit parade, but for more of a guide — Helen Reddy is the top-selling female vocalist; Elton John is the top-selling male vocalist; favourite groups are Chicago, Pink Floyd and Grand Funk.

framed Canadian prints for his

\$13.50; small double — \$18; four prints framed together — \$35; a large single — \$70 (Cara Shop, Square One).

The layered look . . .
acrylic vests, sizes small, medium and large, assorted colours — \$6.95 to \$13. (Thrifty's).

The perfect host . . .
carrying case with three 12 ounce bottles of Hiram Walker liqueur — apricot brandy, chocolate mint and creme de menthe — \$10 (L.C.B.O. stores).

For pipes . . .
pipe racks — \$5.29 to \$13.95, some attractive rustic-looking ones at \$8.95 (The Den for Men, Square One).

Reading . . .
bookmarks, Canadian Indian designs from Vancouver — 55 cents (Insight Book Store, Sheridan Mall).

Recycling . . .
for him — Liebfraumilch Black Tower Rhine white table wine, 35 ounces, for her — when the wine is all gone, the bottle, a traditional black German crock to make into an attractive lamp base or a vase for dried flowers — \$3.40 (L.C.B.O. stores).

Cooking . . .
heavy plastic old-time type chef aprons — \$7.50 (Cook Nook, Square One).

Cooling . . .
ice buckets made of lucite acrylic resin in attractive amber or dark brown shades, with stainless steel tongs — \$14. (Cook Nook, Square One).

Carrying . . .
coloured canvas log totes — \$7.98 (Best Wishes, Square One).

Kiting . . .
Tell him to go fly a kite, the kite invented by Alexander Graham Bell, now in Tetra kite kits — \$6.99 (Leisure World, Square One).

The well-dressed man . . .
Pierre Cardin shirts, some attractive styles, wine with flowers, dark grey on grey, blue and green shades, some all cotton, others permanent press, assorted sizes — \$9.99 (Jack Fraser Stores).

The art of cooking . . .
purpose cookbook now in paperback — \$3.95 (most book stores).

Flowering . . .
early-blooming hyacinths, a touch of spring, — \$1.50, one bulb per pot (Trimbee Florists, Square One).

Furry . . .
fun fur bomber jackets — \$100 to \$119 (Romar, Square One).

To Serve . . .
round metal trays from Great Britain, assorted colours, modern designs — \$1.95 (The Nook, Sheridan Mall).

To squeeze . . .
china toothpaste tube squeezers — \$3.49 (Golden Faucet Boutique, Westdale Mall).

To fill . . .
an assortment of wicker baskets, all shapes and sizes, to fill with cheese or wrapped candies, dried flowers, stockings or scarves (Miracle Mart).

Pants . . .
pant suits on sale, plain and plaids, — \$25 to \$30 approximately (Fairweather).

Parties . . .
perfect for the holiday social season, long-sleeved pullovers with narrow horizontal silver stripes to team with long plain party skirts. The sweaters are available in red, black, brown, green and navy — \$16. (The Hip Pocket, Square One).

Picks . . .
for table decorations, patriotic picks, 50 toothpicks with small Canadian flags (made in Japan) — 89 cents (Insight Book Store, Sheridan Mall).

Helping the energy crisis . . .
handpainted Spanish ceramic candleholders — \$4.75 to \$8.50 (Sangarad, Square One).

How does your garden grow . . .
terrarium kit complete with 32 ounce bottle, a planting tool, seeds, sterilized sand, pea gravel and terrarium soil — \$9 (Lewiscraft).

FOR YOUR MEN
The Canadian look . . .