





Bake Sale! Toys! Furniture! Clothing! Decorations! Gift Items! 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston The thrift shop will be closed Nov. 30-Dec. 1 to prepare for the sale.

Classifieds **HELP WANTED** Mechanic to put rod bearing in Ford pickup truck. Not a garage (individual). Pays good. (217) 283-7918. 332-333 Daytime help wanted, 10 a.m.-2p.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Apply in person at Burger King. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE One 90" sofa, beige and rust, one large arm chair; beige. Call Pat Regan, (217) 283-5762. SERVICES Car, boat and motorcycle storage available. Call for details. (217) 283-6585: VEHICLES FOR SALE 1985 Dodge Ram Charger. 4WD, automatic, air, new paint. \$4,800. Call (217) 283-5122. 1976 Buick LeSabre, 4-door hardtop, 86,000 actual miles Good tires, runs good. Phone (217) 283-6432 or 283-6034 May be seen at 924 W. Young. WANTED TO BUY Guns, pistols, rifles and shotguns. Reasonable. (217) 283-7918 332-333 Put the "class" in classifieds with Just the Facts! Classified rates: \$2.50/day up to 15 words \$1/each additional 5 words. CALL 217-283-9348 WITH YOUR AD!

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Tis the Christmas shopping season - for those who are up to it

Friday kicked off what is traditionally considered to be the start of the Christmas season. That's Christmas as in shopping.

Retailers around the world are counting on us to make this Christmas season a merry one, indeed, as we shop til we drop to find just the right gift for that special someone.

Christmas shopping is not for the neophyte or the faint-hearted.

For those wondering if they're up to the rigors of seasonal shopping, I've come up with the first annual Christmas Shopping Quiz. Take it and find out if you're ready.

1.) You're in a store when you find the perfect chartreuse and pink polka-dotted tie for Uncle Victor. Unfortunately, another shopper is eveing the same thing. You:

a Let her have it. After all, Christmas is the time to be full of good cheer.

b. Let her have it. Preferably with an elbow to the midsection or a heel to her instep.

c. Slice it with a pair of scissors you always carry with you. That way, you may not get it, but neither will she.

2.) There are several people on your list for whom you haven't got the foggiest idea what to get. Futhermore, they're your in-laws so you don't really care. You:

a.) purchase items you know they won't like at stores that you know have a "no-returns" policy. It serves them right for being crummy to you all year.

b.) buy fruitcakes. If they don't eat them, they can always use them as door stops or paper-weights.

c.) quit your job so you can honestly say you didn't have enough money to go around.

3.) Your kids want the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, which are in very short supply. You:

a ) scour stores near and far until you find the darn things.

b.) realize your life is really stressful and drive your children into a lake, then fake a kidnapping.

> c.) find their old dolls, dress them up to look like Power Rangers, and place them under the tree.

4.) You've only got so much money to spend on Christmas, but while shopping, you find your favorite store has sales on

all the stuff you really want. You: a.) skip buying yourself anything. It's better to

give than to receive.
b.) buy yourself a little something. It's a treat.
c.) buy everything on your list. After all, nobody else gets you what you really want.
SCORING: 1: a. 0, b. 10, c. 5; 2; a. 5, b. 5, c. 10, 3 a. 0, b. 10, c. 5; 4, a. 0, b. 5, c. 10.
If you scored 30-40 points, you have no clue what the true meaning of Christmas is, but you're an excellent seasonal shopper. A good therapist could probably teach you the meaning of the season.

If you scored 20-30 points, you're not as experienced at shopping, but your heart's in the right place. But that doesn't find bargains.

If you scored 10-20 points, you're no Christmas shopper. You probably make most of your gifts anyway.

If you scored under 10 points, you either should hire someone to shop for you or do all your shopping via the Home Shopping Network.

Weather

Very windy, colder and partly sunny today. High around 40. Tonight, clouds developing late. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 42, low near 26.



