



Jackets, Movies, Jewelry Hot Items This Christmas

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Briarcliffe Mall

With Christmas inching ever closer, the following is a list of "wanted" items that will be on the minds of Grand Strand area children and adults this year.

They range from jackets, caps and Christmas goodies prepared by restaurants for the holiday season to diamonds and other jewelry items, according to merchants at Briarcliffe Mall between Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach.

"Diamonds — in rings, earrings and bracelets are getting a lot of attention," says Robert Domian, owner of Bits of Silver & Gold. "Bold pieces — bracelets and collars — in sterling silver are also going well."

Domian says diamond tennis bracelets made popular by professional tennis stars, are also the rage.

If food is your gift fancy for the holidays, slip a hint to a close friend or loved one that there are

plenty of specials ripe for picking at Briarcliffe Mall.

Mama Brava has deli trays for take out to parties and even Christmas pizza. And, believe it or not, bagel pizza.

Chick-Fil-A has plenty of "party" nuggets and chicken salad for the holidays and The Peanut Shack has Christmas tins of flavored popcorn, holiday trays of crackers and nuts.

Cards, always a favorite during the Yuletide season, are again abundant at Lynn's Hallmark Shop at Briarcliffe Mall.

There's more than just cards at Lynn's, however.

"We probably sell as many party items during the holidays as we do anything," says Lynn's Hallmark manager Melanie Nelson. "Things like table runners, plates, napkins and cups. We also sell loads of cards, ornaments, tins and miniature mice and Santas."

For the sports-minded shopper, almost everything in the world in children and adults, college and professional attire is available at Merle Harmon's FanFair at Briarcliffe Mall.

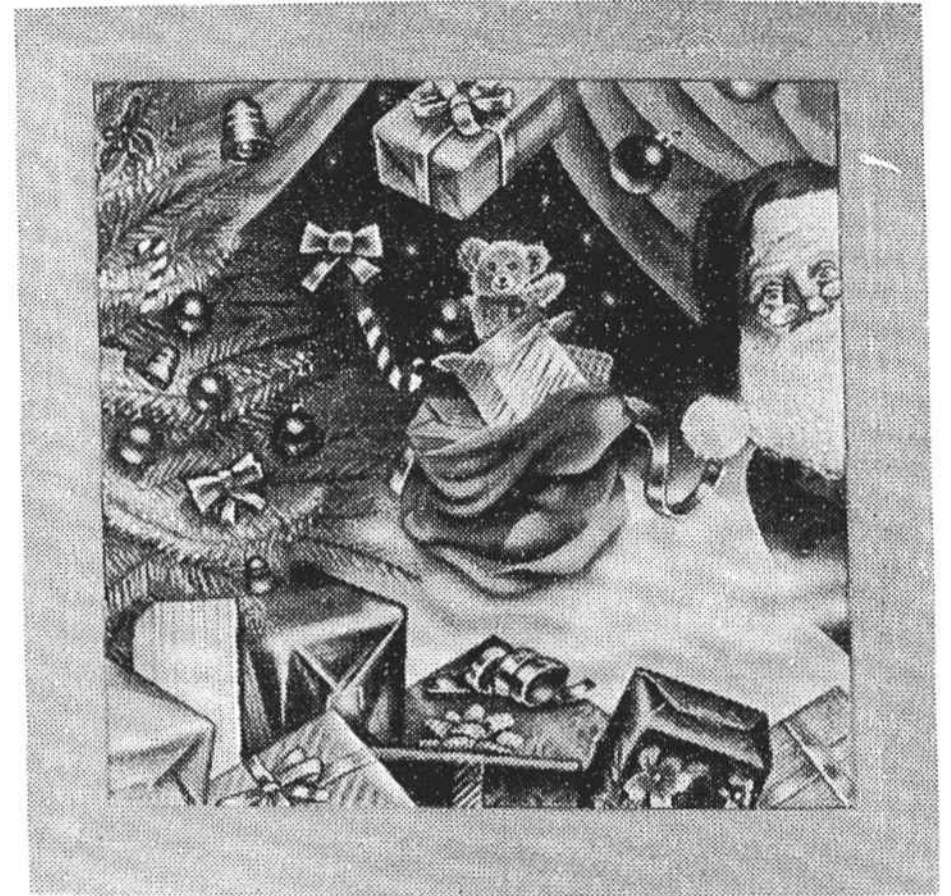
"My son has a store in South Bend, Ind. and he sells Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and Notre Dame logo items," says Vince Laurita of the Briarcliffe store. "Here, there are so many different people from different places, we sell a little bit of everything."

Things like San Francisco 49ers official jackets. Jerseys, sweat-shirts, caps and posters featuring the top collegiate and professional teams and athletes. "One of the hottest items is logo trash cans," Laurita says. "The grandmothers and children all want them."

For dad, the husband or boyfriend, the Tinder Box has all sorts of pipes, tobacco, cigars and fancy lighters. And, you can buy one or a bundle of their aromatic cigars in a variety of price ranges.

Happi-Names is a Briarcliffe Mall store that features monogrammed items such as aprons for the chef of the house, lunch pails for the teacher, back packs or dance bags for the children.

Movie buffs shouldn't fret either. The Christmas season is a perfect time for taking in a flick, whether it's geared to the holidays



or just a new release you've been waiting for.

At Briarcliffe Cinema 6, there are a host of new movies including "Scrooged" starring Bill Murray. It's a humorous story about a modern-day Scrooge and rated one of the top features of the season by movie critics.

"Cocoon, The Return" is a far-out story about aliens coming

back to Earth. Many of the movies have top stars — Dustin Hoffman in "Rain Man" and Whoopi Goldberg in "Clara's Heart".

So there are a number of hot sellers in a number of stores at Briarcliffe Mall. What you purchase for that special someone depends on preference. One thing's for sure — there's lots of everything for all tastes.



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