Unique gifts are out of this world

IF THERE'S AN amateur astronomer on your Christmas list, you could give that person an out-of-theworld gift — a private observatory on a 40-acre site on the big island of Hawaji.

The starting price for this one-ofa-kind gift is about \$1 million. Un-less you're a Getty or a Rockefeller, chances are this gift idea is unrealis-

You still can surprise your favorite stargazer with a unique gift, however; one that won't wipe out your savings account. For \$70 you can give an individual the right to name a two-stor cluster high in the universe. The name chosen by the recipient will be reported to the Li-brary of Congress by the International Star Registry to make it offi-

That's just one unusual idea Ruth Katz, a New York gift consultant, suggested. Ferreting out creative gift ideas is a year-round occupation for Katz. She finds them in press releases, in catalogs, during visits to the gift building in New York City and on shopping excursions.

No one is impossible to shop for, Katz said. You just have to put a little thought into selecting the right

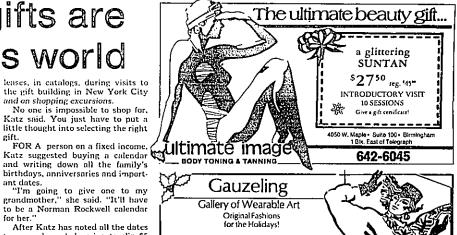
birthdays, anniversaries and important dates.

"I'm going to give one to my grandmother," she said. "It'll have to be a Norman Rockwell calendar for her.

After Kntz has noted all the dates to remember, she's going to clip \$5 phone service gift certificates to the calendar. That way Katz's grand-mother can call her relatives with-

out worrying about the expense.
"It's the perfect gift for her," said
Katz, who suggests buying a calendar from an art museum or one to match a person's special interest.

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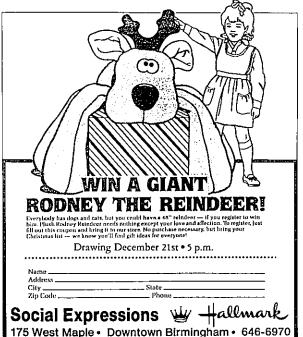


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