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This faux amythast beaded neckled has crystal beads. \$160 at Quintessence at LaMirage, Southfield.



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This soft grey cashmere sweater looks all the more luxurious with the 14-K gold "Omega" style collar with sculptured (removable) gold pendant. Sparkling complement are the 14-K gold and diamond spike earrings. Sweater, \$230, Quintessence at LaMirage, Southfield; necklace, \$2,290; pendant, \$1,095; earrings, \$2,300, all from Astrien's Jewelers, Birmingham.

ultra-thin gold dress watches to suit the festive occasion.

While these jewels are highly visible throughout the holiday hoopla, others will wait patiently under wraps until Christmas morning.

Unlike their flashier cousins, these timeless jewels are selected by gift-givers because they are comfortable and informal enough to be worn every day, yet still maintain the importance and prestige linked with a gift of jewelry.

Among the hottest gifts for men are

clean-lined sterling silver with gold cuff links, tie tacks, money clips and key rings, according to the jewelry association. For a personal approach, there are monograms or family crest rings and pave diamond tie tacks that depict this favorite hobby.

The big news in fine jewelry for women is the tennis bracelet — a gold bracelet with diamonds set completely around the wrist that's worn every day as a permanent accessory. It's called a tennis bracelet because its worn on the same wrist as the watch,

usually the hand that does not hold the tennis racket.

ALSO GUARANTEED TO elicit Christmas morning "oohs and ahhs" is a diamond ring with mixes of baguette and pave, or a colored gemstone ring with fancy-cut stone.

Retro jewelry is sure to delight the woman who loves anything linked with a bit of history. Especially in demand now are "Old World" pins, per-

fect to pair with the classic styles of winter.

Antique pins and other finds can be uncovered in antique shops, flea markets or through estate auctions. But if the Christmas spirit sparkles more than actual available coinage to pay for the gift replicas of antique jewelry — plus a host of trendy designs — can be found at the costume jewelry counter.

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