



*Adventures in Toys, on West Maple in Birmingham, specializes in unusual, luxurious and hard-to-find toys — some of them good enough to tempt adults.*

Store owner Shelly Littman holds one of the walking, talking bilingual dolls the store carries. Made in France, they come dressed in sweater, slacks and legwarmers and retail for about \$170.

DAN DEAN/staff photographer

The *piece de resistance* of the whole shop has to be the sealed-down, gas-operated, two-on-the-floor, red BMW car for \$3,500.

With its fiberglass body and 16 mph real Honda engine, the mini-car is a luxury toy in anybody's book.

It's so true to life, "You even have to check the air pressure in the tires,"

Littman said.

The only rub is it can't be driven on the streets or roads.

So where can you drive it? Littman asked the manufacturer's representative.

"Why, my dear," he responded, "on the circular drive of your estate."

Of course.

## Holiday gift that keeps on giving?

Choosing the right lottery numbers must be tough, since so few of us do it. If playing Mary Margaret's birthdate, or anyone else's for that matter, hasn't made you millions, your luck might be changing. But first, you must ask Santa to bring the video game, "Taboo, the Sixth Sense," for Christmas. Designed for the Nintendo Entertainment System, Taboo comes from Tradewest, the video game maker that puts you in the action. Taboo offers what may be a better way to choose lottery numbers. This adult video game has the ability to pick personal, exclusive "lucky" numbers for the lottery or any other reason. The popular game uses ancient Tarot principles to help users select numbers or "predict" the future. However, Tradewest offers no guarantees of wealth or fame.

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