Extravagance isn't the only measure of the perfect gift. This is especially true when it comes to food. Sure anyone would love a gift of faie gras, smaked salmon or caviar, but why not substitute your own cooking talent imaginative for a hefty outlay of cash.

Here are food gifts plus. The extra is clever packaging with items that can be used longer after the food has disappeared.

PANCAKES FOR TWO MIX (Makes 10 pancakes) 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons sugar

2 teblespoons buking powder

In a covered container, combine dry ingredients and store. When ready to serve, add 1 lightly beaten egg. ¾ cup milk and 2 tablespoons vegetable oil. Blend well. Preheat griddle over moderate heat. When a drop of cold water will dance on the griddle, begin cooking pancakes, using about 3 tablespoons of butter for each, allowing plenty of space between them and spreading each until about 4-inches in diameter. Cook until bubbles form

TY FRUIT SYRUP FOR PANCAKES (Makes about 1 pint)

1/2 cup water

1 package (12 ounces) Ocean Spray Fresh or Frezen Crenberries

1 cup sugar

% cup light com syrup

In medium saucepan, combine water and cranberries. Cook until cranberries pop and become hot. Through a cheese cloth, strain mixture pressing out liquid; discard cranberry pulp. In medium saucepan, add sugar and com syrup to strained juice. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil 2 minutes. Skim off any foam. Cool. In covered container store in

> PUMPKIN DATE NUT BREAD (Makes 2 medium leaves)

1-% cups sifted all-purpose flour 1-1/2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon baking sods

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

% Teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnemon

1/2 cup vegetable flour

1 cup conned pumpkin

1/2 cup water

1/2 cup chopped welnuts 1/2 cup chopped dates

1 cep Ocean Spray Fresh or Frezen Cramberries, coursely chopped

Prehegt oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour two (8-1/2 x 4-1/2 x 2-1/2 inch) leaf pans or two decorative molds of the same volume. Into a large bowl, sift together flour, sugar, baking sada, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add eggs, oil pumpkin, water; beat well. Stir in nuis, dates and cranberries. Into prepared pan or molds, pour mixture evenly. Bake for about 1-1/2 hours or until tops spring back when lightly pressed with fingertips. Cool on wire racks. Remove from pans. Cool

CHOCOLATE COVERED NUTTY

(Makes 36 (1-inch) pieces)

1 cup Ocean Spray Fresh or Frezen

I cup coursely chopped walnuts

In medium saucepan, melt chocolate over hot, not boiling water. Stir in cranberries and walnuts; stir to mix well. Onto a sheet of wax paper drop mixture by teaspoonfuls. Chill until firm in refrigerator. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

People play the state lotteries in hope of becoming an instant millionaire or just wining enough to pay off some pressing bill. They play with the hope of making life a little

money go.

STATE LOTTERIES

Where does the

But no matter what numbers come up across the nation, players and nonplayers alike are winning big in terms of state services and stable tax rates, according to lattery officials.

Take for example the state of Maryland, where the 12 years of lottery games has meant some \$1.3 billion dollars in profit for the state.

"Without the funds from the lottery, the services provided by the state would have to be curtailed or taxes would have to be increased," said Tom Skarzynski of the Maryland State Lottery.

In more specific terms, he said, in order to raise about two hundred million dollars for the state, retail sales taxes would have to increase by one cent on a dollar, or state property taxes would have to go up from 21 cents to 73 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The money could also be raised by increasing gasoline taxes by 10 cents on a gallon.

The bottom line, said Skarzynski, is that more money would be coming out of Marylanders' paychecks if not for the money generated by the lettery.

After state income and property taxes, the Maryland Lattery is the largest producer of revenue for the state. And those funds have meant much needed money for state hospitals, colleges, correctional institutions, and public safety.

In the past fiscal year, the Maryland State lattery had gross sales of \$681,000,000. Of this it paid out \$364.8 million in prizes or 53.6 percent of sales. Net revenues to the state amounted \$250,000,000.

While some states like Maryland put their revenue from the lotteries into the General Fund for state programs, others have specifically earmarked the money for special needs or programs.

Pennsylvania, home of the biggest lottery in the United States in terms of sales, uses its

cording to Terry Chaplin, spokesperson for the programs "did not exist before the Lottery Pennsylvania Lottery.

One program that is supported by the Pennsylvania Lattery is PACE — the Pharmaceutical 2 citizens than any state to provide services," Assistance Contract for the Elderly. This is a co-pay program that helps senior citizens cut the costs off medications.

The elderly person pays the first four dollars and the state — or rather the Lottery picks up a widows and widowers. the rest of the cost, said Chaplin.

Other services provided by the Lottery funds include home delivery of meals, free and reduced fores on various public transit systems throughout the state, and tax rebates.

According to Pat Wood, press secretary of

its senior citizens, ac- / the Pennsylvania Revenue Department, these

"Pennsylvania spends more for senior said Wood. "Pennsylvania is the only state who targets [lottery] profits to senior citizens." Wood added that a small portion of the funds go to programs for the disabled and for

Wood said that 43 cents of every lottery dollar goes to senior citizens, while 48 cents was distributed in prizes, six and a half cents went to retail ticket agents in the form of com-

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Lines were long as the Lottery Game began. Until the number of outlets increased, there was a wait sometimes of nearly a half-hour in Maryland.