



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

WHAT TO BUY

THOSE WHO ARE HARD TO BUY FOR



▲ **Retro Pop** — Old-fashioned pop brands are sure to bring out the kid in even the crankiest codger. **Boyd's Retro Candy Store**. \$.99 to \$2.99



▲ **Beer Kit** — Making your own beer and wine is a fun new hobby that's easy and takes a minimal investment to begin. You can buy everything from hopped kits (recommended for beginners) to grains, hops, and liquid yeast for the advanced brewer. **Titgemeier's Feed and Garden**. \$64.99/beer kit, \$86.99/wine kit.



▲ **Toledo Zoo Experiences** — For the animal lovers on your list, give a gift certificate for a behind-the-scenes tour at the Toledo Zoo, which are offered Memorial Day through Labor Day. Two options are available, the Giraffe Feed tour, or getting up close to the polar bears and seals on the Arctic Encounter tour. **Toledo Zoo**. \$6 to \$15 per person.



▲ **Maumee Theater Rental** — For a gift they will never forget, you can rent out the entire theater and show the movie of your choice. \$125-\$425 (depending on day and time).



Prices subject to change.



▲ **Massage** — There is no one who wouldn't benefit from 60 minutes of relaxation. And the timing will be perfect after the stress of the holidays. **Salon Onyx**. \$65.



▲ **Toledo Flying Lessons** — For those who have everything, including an adventurous spirit, flight lessons might be the ticket. Gift certificates are available for a Discovery Flight, which includes 30 minutes of time in the air and about 45 minutes of ground school, or the Introductory Flight, which includes one hour of flight time and about 90 minutes of ground school. **toledoflyinglessons.com**. \$120-\$199.



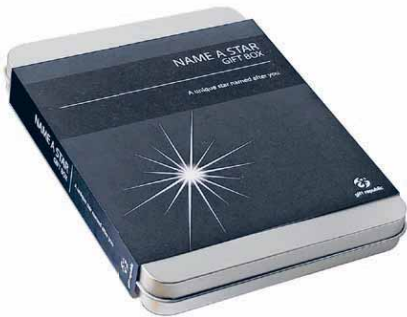
▲ **Car-Related Gifts** — For the truly difficult to buy for, this is a no-fail gift for a car owner. Get a packet of car wash certificates, an oil change gift card, a gas gift card, or all of the above accompanied by a high-end snow scraper and some car interior wipes if you are feeling generous. **Russ' Auto Wash**. \$32-\$60 for pre-buy tickets or gift card in any amount.

Some people on your shopping list either seem to have everything, or truly don't want anything. But it's hard to believe them when they say "really, don't buy me anything." Don't listen to them. Their feelings will be hurt if you neglect to remember them this holiday. Hopefully some of these suggestions will help.

— By Tanya Irwin
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▲ **Baseball Cufflinks** — Made from baseballs that were used in a major league baseball game, encased in sterling silver, with the nickname of the team on the backside. A hologram on the cufflink refers to an online authentication site where owners can type in the information and learn who was the pitcher, who was at bat, and more info about the game in which the baseball was used. **Paula Brown Shop**. \$170.



▲ **Name A Star** — It's a little cheesy but kind of fun. A variety of online companies offer this service. **nameastarlive.com**, **nameastar.net**, **gifttree.com**. \$19.95-\$49.95.



▲ **The Blade and The Week** — You don't have to be a bookworm to enjoy a subscription to The Blade or The Week. Besides news, The Blade offers recipes, movie reviews, comics, games, and the Sunday coupons. The Week is a well-written and condensed form of all the news of the week. It's a must-have for news junkies. \$30/12 weeks of The Blade, \$59.50/50 weeks of The Week.

▲ **Flowers Every Month** — Sending flowers once is nice, but how about a recurring gift of a monthly bouquet for as many months as you choose. **Ken's Flowers**. Monthly from \$20 to \$53.