



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

WHAT TO BUY

WHEN MONEY'S NO OBJECT



▲ **KitchenAid** — Architect Series II 46-Bottle Wine Cellar features UV-protected thermal glass, dual temperature zones to accommodate various needs, and stainable maple racks. **Bestbuy.com, \$2,299.99.**

If you aren't worried about your bank balance, why not get the person who has everything just one more thing? Here's the shopping list for which most of us can only dream.

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▲ **Diamond earrings** — Looking to impress someone with that special someone? Try a pair of 3-carat diamond earrings. **J. Foster Jewelers at Westfield Franklin Park mall, \$30,000.**

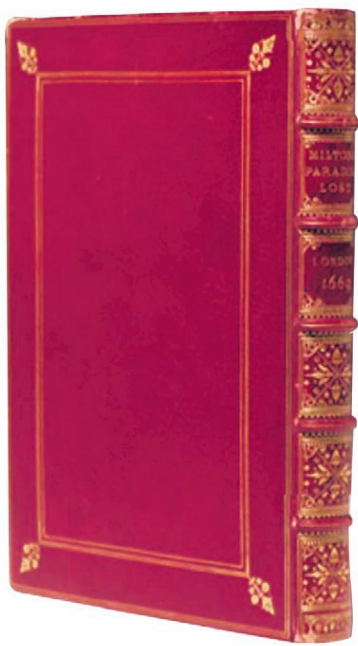


▲ **Louis XIII cognac** — For the most discriminating oenophiles, why go for anything less than this 750-ml bottle of Louis XIII de Rémy Martin? This 1,200 eaux-de-vie from the Champagne Region of Cognac, France, is aged 40 to 100 years in centuries-old Limousin oak barrels. The silver decanter alone is worth hundreds. **Joseph's Beverage Center at 4129 Talmadge Road, \$2,377.**



▲ **A new ride** — How about the keys to this fully loaded twin-turbo V8 2013 BMW 650i xDrive Gran Coupe — one of the hottest new luxury cars — and plane tickets to Germany as a stocking stuffer? The European delivery option allows buyers to pick up the car where it's made at BMW Welt in Munich, then break in the wheels on the Autobahn before meeting the car back home. **Yark Auto Group, 6055 W. Central Ave., \$120,000.**

▲ **Rare books** — Oh, this old thing, I didn't think you'd notice. For a coffee-table conversation starter, try a copy of **John Milton's Paradise Lost** from the novel's 1,300-book first run in 1669. **(\$35,000).** It goes well with an 1855 first-edition print of **Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass**, bound by its cloth and gilt-lettered cover. **(\$165,000).** **Baumanrarebooks.com.**



▲ **Home theater** — In need of a tube upgrade from, say, a big-screen that barely fits through the door to one the size of a small house? Try the 92-inch Mitsubishi Home Cinema 3D DLP projection (1080 p, 120 Hz). **Best Buy, bestbuy.com, \$4,499.** If you're looking for a bigger picture, go with a projector. One option: an Epson V11H398020 (1080 p) with 2D to 3D conversion and a split-screen option. There will never be a need to leave the house again. **Appliance Center, 3211 Illinois Ave., Maumee, \$2,699.99.**



▲ **Cruise vacation** — Someone on your list needs to get away from the rat race? How about the **Spice Route Join Azamara Club Cruises** on board Azamara Journey Sailing to New Zealand and Australia. The recipient will see fjords and other breath-taking scenery, and may spot penguins, dolphins, or koalas. Cruise departs April 17. 14 nights, from **\$2,899, plus \$217.34 tax.** **Central Travel, 4540 Heatherdowns Blvd., 419-897-2070.**



▲ **Recliner** — Don't just stop after buying that new TV. Provide the comfort needed to withstand the marathon sessions in front of it with a do-it-all recliner. **Options include the supersized 26-inch-wide leather Carmen La-Z-Time (\$2,399) and a Maverick PowerReclineXR+ (\$1,519).** And not to worry if reclining sounds like a lot of work after a long day. Both chairs include power recline while the latter includes a power-tilt headrest and power lumbar support. **La-Z-Boy at 5178 Monroe St.**



▲ **Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp** — For the baseball fan looking to relive the glory days, here's the next best thing: eight days in Tiger Town. Campers at the club's spring training home in Lakeland, Fla., receive personalized authentic home and away Tigers uniforms and play daily games, including a showdown against the hated Yankees (fantasy campers) and a final matchup against former Tigers stars at Joker Marchant Stadium. This year's camps, which run Jan. 20-27 and Jan. 27 to Feb. 3, feature a reunion of the 1968 World Series champions. **Packages can be booked through early January. (313) 471-2550, \$3,495.**