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Gifts for KIDS UP TO 10

Shopping for kids is one of the best parts of the holiday season. And many of these toys aren't just great for kids, they're fun for adults too.

▼ FINGERLING

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◀ CRANE

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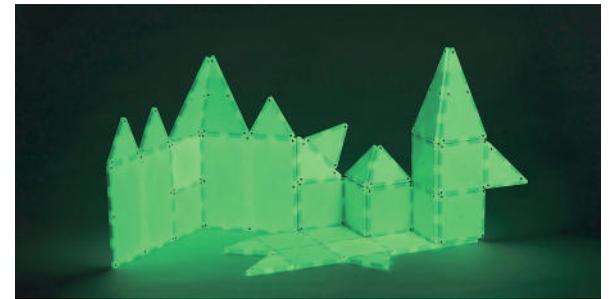
▲ SQUISHY TOY

Squishies by Kawaii. Cute, scented toys that squeeze down and pop back up. \$3 to \$15 depending on size, S.W. Randall and other retailers.



◀ LIGHT BOX

Cinema Light Box by Target. Your name in lights ... or anything else you'd like to say. \$19.99, Target.



▲ BUILDING TOY

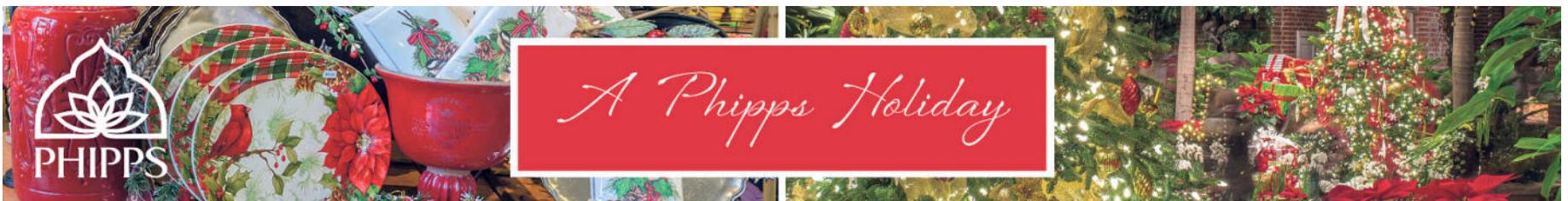
Magna-Tiles. Popular building toys that now glow in the dark. \$54.95 for a 32-piece glow set, Barnes & Noble and other retailers.



◀ PUTTY

Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty. Stretches, rolls and never dries out. \$3.99 to \$14.99 depending on size. Learning Express and other retailers.

— Anya Sostek, Post-Gazette



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Gifts for SHOE FANATICS

For some people, shoes are just shoes. For others, they're the exclamation point on a great-looking outfit. If you're shopping for someone who really cares what's afoot, we've got a few ideas:



◀ BLUE SUEDE SHOES

No one would dare step on this **blue suede shoe** with a killer heel. Hilliano is \$65 at the Nine West outlet in Grove City (or Tanger in Washington, Pa.).



▲ DECORATIVE HEELS

Leave it to Emy Mack to make a girl feel like a princess. Her **Emily heels with Cinderella bow** are \$750 at Emy Mack Collective in Shadyside or www.emymack.com.



◀ SCALLOP PUMPS

DSW has some stars in its lineup. The Jessica Simpson, also known as the **Paulene scallop pump**, sells for \$70 at DSW Designer Shoe Warehouses in The Waterfront in Homestead, The Block Northway and South Hills Village.

▶ PLATFORM BOOTS

When's the last time you were on roller skates? These **platform ankle boots** in cart steel by Trippen will make someone's heart race. They're \$448 at Maxalto in Shadyside.



▶ HAND-TOOLED BOOTS

Customers at Littles Shoes in Squirrel Hill call it the "Game of Thrones" **boot**, but its real name is Adagio and it's made in Europe by Papucei. This hand-tooled beauty is exclusive to Littles and retails for \$235.



— Sara Bauknecht, Linda Parker, Post-Gazette

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Gifts that HELP OTHERS

Looking to give back this holiday season? Here are some local nonprofits that are doing great work in the Pittsburgh community and beyond.



◀ DAYS FOR GIRLS

Every Wednesday, the downstairs social area of Third Presbyterian Church (www.thirdchurch.org) in Shadyside hums with activity as volunteers make sustainable women's hygiene products that will ultimately keep girls in school. This enterprising group — led by pastor Karie Charlton — has produced 1,000 **Days for Girls International** kits that include colorful, hand-sewn, washable shields and liners, soap, washcloths, underwear and a drawstring bag. Based in Bellingham, Wash., Days for Girls International provides handmade feminine hygiene products and health education to girls in developing nations on six continents.

The seamstresses include church members, students from Chatham University and the University of Pittsburgh and volunteers from Treasure House Fashions in Ross and Living in Liberty (www.livinginliberty.org), which aids victims of sex trafficking.

"We also have volunteers from the Pittsburgh Community Corrections Center," Ms. Charlton says. "It has been a joy to see those ladies come to fulfill community service obligations but in doing so find community and love."

"It's kind of been a universal girl experience."



▲ NEIGHBORWORKS

It's especially sad at holiday time to think about how many people don't have safe housing. **NeighborWorks Western Pennsylvania** is a nonprofit focused on increasing neighborhood wealth through financial education, coaching and community leadership development. The organization was founded in 1968 by community organizer Dorothy Richardson in response to the lack of safe and affordable housing. It has since become a model for other organizations around the country.

NeighborWorks (www.nwwpa.org) also provides foreclosure prevention services that can help distressed homeowners keep their homes.

"Financial stability — or lack thereof — directly impacts a person's overall well-being," said Emily Lavin, chief development communications officer. "We empower individuals and families to take control of their financial futures, to build assets and to purchase their first home — investing in themselves and putting down roots in the community."

Talk about the gift that keeps on giving!

Holidays AT THE MUSEUMS

Celebrate the holidays at Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History!

Uphold the holiday tradition of entertaining friends and family. Check out Neapolitan *presepio* and the decorated trees, write a letter to Santa Claus, pet Sven the touchable reindeer, listen to some live music, and take advantage of special holiday activities and store discounts throughout the season.

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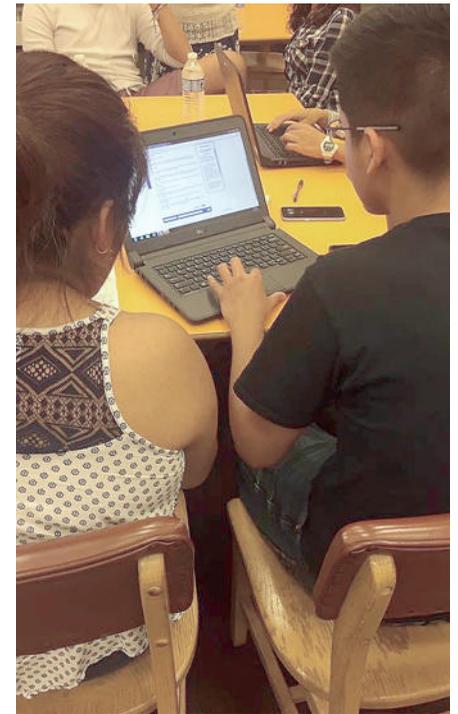


◀ TREE PITTSBURGH

Christmas trees aren't the only trees that deserve some love this time of year. **Tree Pittsburgh** is an environmental nonprofit dedicated to enhancing community vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest. The organization plants and cares for trees, educates and advocates for urban forests. Tree Pittsburgh (www.treepittsburgh.org) partners with TreeVitalize, a program that plants street trees throughout Allegheny County and grows trees for reforestation projects.

"Trees provide cooling shade, help to clean the air and they reduce harmful runoff into our waterways," noted communications coordinator Maggie Graham.

The Tree Tenders course, which covers urban forestry, tree biology, proper tree planting and care, has graduated over 1,800 people who continue to work in their communities. Just this year, staff and volunteers have pruned over 3,000 trees and Tree Pittsburgh is on track to plant and distribute 6,000 trees by year's end. Looks like someone will be on the "nice" list!



GARDEN OF PEACE PROJECT ▶

The **Garden of Peace Project** was created to uplift, uphold and empower the narratives and lived experiences of queer and trans people of color. The organization recently celebrated its fifth anniversary with a plethora of ongoing projects, including Trans Voices, VOICES Week, Roots Pride, QTPOC Market and Livin' Out Loud.

This year, organizers collaborated with Joy KMT, founder of Tabernacle of Immaculate Perception, to open Sanctuary Pittsburgh: A Space for Black Dreamers. It's an eclectic space at 5015 Penn Ave., 15224 that offers holistic and spiritual products, hard-to-find books by black authors, an art gallery and an event space.

To get involved, go to www.facebook.com/GardenOfPeaceProject/.



▲ THE RUKMINI FOUNDATION

Want to give back on a global level this season? Consider the **Rukmini Foundation**, a local organization that helps women and girls living in Nepal. Many Nepali girls are forced to quit school to help support their families, perpetuating a cycle of ignorance and poverty that repeats generation after generation.

The Rukmini Foundation's mission is to empower girls through quality education, mentoring services and a physical well-being program. One of its biggest goals is to prevent marriage of underage girls, an issue that impacts nearly half of all girls in Nepal. They try to educate girls and their families about the dangers of human traffickers, reduce the literacy gap between men and women and improve the mental, emotional and physical well-being of at-risk girls. Information: www.rukmini-foundation.org



▲ LATINO COMMUNITY CENTER

Opening one's heart is part of the spirit of the holiday season, and the **Latino Community Center** (www.latinocommunitycenter.org) wants everyone to feel included. The group's focus is to engage, educate and empower Latinos and their families by providing programs and connections to services.

Programs include field trips and homework help for grades K-12 and a new women's health initiative aimed at providing prenatal and postpartum services. The center also participates in national programs such as Girls on the Run and is developing a photo exhibit that shows the impact of separating mixed-status families while sharing real stories of families that decided to come to the United States.

VETERANS PLACE ▶

A great organization that helps veterans with homelessness, job training, mental health issues and addiction is taking its commitment to local veterans one step further with a Tiny House Community. **Veterans Place** is partnering with BOB Project Inc. to build a community that will serve as permanent, supportive housing for homeless veterans.

They plan to initially build 15 tiny houses on a 3.7-acre site in Penn Hills. The modular homes can expand as needs change and will have energy-efficient features, solar and other green building techniques. In some cases, the veteran who will live there will help with construction. The surrounding neighborhood is to include a holistic center, green spaces and community gardens. Information: www.veteransplace.org/tiny-house-community.



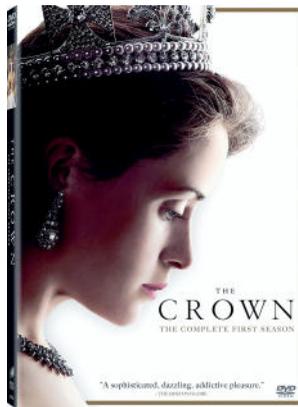
— Natalie Bencivenga, Post-Gazette

Gifts for TV BINGERS

As TV content continues to proliferate, so do tie-in products.

NEW SERIES DVDS ▶

For those who don't have Netflix but want to see the series **"The Crown,"** about the early years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the first season is now available (\$45.99 on DVD, \$55.99 on Blu-ray, Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, Best Buy).



TV SHOW STORYBOOK ▶

"The X-Files: Earth Children Are Weird" (\$18.99, Quirk Publishing, Barnes & Noble) reimagines FBI agents Scully and Mulder as children camping in their backyard. Mulder sees aliens everywhere while skeptical Scully debunks Mulder's theories.



HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

No matter their age, anyone would love the new DVD box set **"Peanuts Holiday Collection"** (\$44.98 Blu-ray, Warner Home Video, Best Buy). It contains nine "Peanuts" specials in 4K Ultra HD, including "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

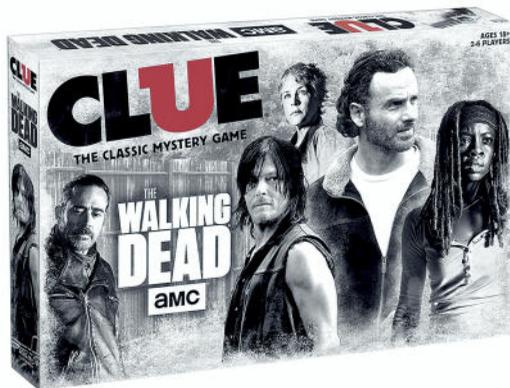
▼ SERIES COLLECTIONS

For something with more bite, there's **"The Vampire Diaries: The Complete Series"** (\$149.99 on DVD, \$179.99 on Blu-ray, Warner Home Video, Best-Buy.com), a compilation of all eight seasons of The CW horror drama that bid farewell in March.



◀ BOARD GAMES

USAopoly offers new TV editions of classic games, including Clue themed to **"The Walking Dead"** (\$39.95) and Monopoly themed to "The Golden Girls" (\$39.95, Barnes & Noble).



SHOW MERCH ▶

The Fred Rogers Company's **"Peg + Cat"** joins fellow PBS Kids program **"Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood"** with spin-off merchandise this year. There are the latest books, including "Peg + Cat: the Pirate Problem" (\$4.99, Candlewick Press, Barnes & Noble), and plush versions of Peg (\$19.99) and Cat (\$9.99, Import Dragon, Amazon.com). From "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" there's an updated 12-inch **plush Daniel** with new songs and phrases (\$19.99, Jakks, Target).



For more gift ideas for TV fans, visit TV writer Rob Owen's *Tuned In Journal* blog post at <http://communityvoices.post-gazette.com/arts-entertainment-living/tuned-in>.

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Gifts for VISIONARIES

Give the gift of sight — and style! — this holiday season with everyday eyewear or sunglasses. Here's an eyeful of what local shops and online retailers have to offer:



◀ READING GLASSES

Fashion meets sharp vision in a set of three **rimless reading glasses** with soft cases by gadget guru Lori Greiner, \$19.98 (www.qvc.com or 1-888-345-5788). They come in classic white, red and black, pastel pink, purple and turquoise and sunshine orange, yellow and green.



SHADES FOR HIM ▲

Take a look around the world at HeidiOptics in Downtown. The shop specializes in the finest **frames**, from something dramatic for her by Anne & Valentin to classic aviator-style shades for him from Mykita.

◀ MONOCLE



Get a Clue with the Colonel **monocle** from Warby Parker, the vintage-inspired eyewear brand that teamed with artist Craig Redman to design the limited-edition monocle. It starts at \$50, including prescription lens, and comes with a lens cloth and leather carrying case. Get it at the East Liberty store or www.warbyparker.com.

SUNGLASSES ▶

For the Pittsburgher on your gift list, you can't go wrong with **black and yellow statement sunglasses** (style No. 3641), \$99 at SEE eyewear in Shadyside or seeeyewear.com.



▼ UNISEX SUNGLASSES

Oakley **TWOFACE unisex sunglasses** combine the comfort of lightweight rims with durability plus High Definition Optics lenses that can handle the brightest sun. The metal mesh accents are nods to the machine shops that inspired Oakley's Machinist collection. \$160 at Eyetique locations or shop.eyetique.com.



◀ COMPUTER EYEWEAR



Anyone who spends a lot of time looking at a screen will appreciate glasses from **Phonetic Computer Eyewear**, a Pittsburgh company that is the sister brand of Penn Avenue Eyewear. Bravo frames start at \$49 (\$89 with prescription lenses) and come in a range of bold and neutral colors for men and women (phoneticeyewear.com).

— Sara Bauknecht, Post-Gazette

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Gifts for BICYCLISTS

SMART HELMET ▶

Bicycle helmets with an expiration date?

Alexi Frederick, saleswoman, teacher and mechanic at Pro Bike + Run in Squirrel Hill, said most people don't know that helmets should be replaced after three years. And you want the safest one you can get.

The hottest ticket in helmet design is the multidirectional impact protection system. MIPS is technology that reduces rotational forces during impact, according to Glenn Pawlak, owner of Big Bang Bikes in West Mifflin. The shop has **Giro Sport Design** helmets with MIPS for prices ranging from \$50 to \$207. Giro's **Savant helmet with MIPS** is \$120.

"It really works. Soon, there won't be any helmets without it," Mr. Pawlak said.

CAP IT ▶

Another nice stocking stuffer is **Specialized Bicycle Components Deflect UV cycling cap** (\$25), which soaks up perspiration if worn under a helmet and blocks UV rays by itself.



BE SEEN ▶

For zipping around Pittsburgh's narrow streets, bright orange is the way to be seen. A Swedish company, **POC Cycling Apparel**, offers the **AVIP rain jacket** (\$290), which is waterproof and breathable with fully taped seams and waterproof zippers. A reflective logo on the back and arm give maximum visibility.

BE SEEN, PART 2 ▶

A line of high-tech leggings and booties can also make it easier to see a bicyclist in the dark. The Italian company **Castelli** makes the **Evo shoecover** (\$49.99) from SoftShell fabric with a neoprene insert at the ankle for flexibility.



SECURITY MATTERS ▶

Security is another priority for bicyclists, especially with quick-release wheels, which can make theft swift and easy. German bicycle lock maker **Abus** recommends using frame locks and lashing chains together. **The Amparo 4850 frame lock and chain** is \$85.



BASKET CASES ▼

Saddlebags, also called panniers, are must-haves for serious bicyclists and they also make great gifts. Minneapolis-based **Banjo Brothers** offers a one-piece **saddlebag** for \$60 and **Ortlieb** has them for \$145 a pair. Both companies have waterproof designs for all-weather use.



— Kris B. Mamula, Post-Gazette

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◀ COOKBOOK

Around since 1950, “**The Talisman Italian Cookbook**” by Ada Boni and translator Matilde La Rosa is a version of “The Joy of Cooking” for Italian home cooks, stocked with recipes by region from Venice to Bologna to Sicily and Naples. For the American reader, measurements are listed in both standard and metric units. \$20-\$50 at amazon.com.



◀ KNIFE SHARPENER

Speaking of knives, there’s nothing better than a just-sharpened blade. Strip District-based In the Kitchen carries a range of knife sharpeners from \$4 to \$100. For versatility, the shop recommends the **Wustof tri-stone sharpener** with three different grits, as well as the two-sided, professional-grade **Waterstone blade sharpener** for Japanese knives.



▼ KNIFE

How about a **kitchen knife** made in Pittsburgh? Lawrenceville resident Jared Ondovchik of **Artifact Metalworks** crafts a range of sizes with handles carved from rosewood and maple. Prices start at \$75 for a paring knife and \$350 for a chef knife (artifact-metalworks.com).

▶ FRY PAN

A carbon steel pan gets hotter and holds heat longer than the average kitchen pan. Once it’s seasoned, it’s more versatile than stainless steel and is healthier than coated pans. Consider the **MINERAL B**, a de Buyer French Collection **fry pan** with an 11-inch surface area for about \$60 (amazon.com).



▶ FRUITCAKE

Panettone gets a bad rap as an expensive Italian fruitcake but a good one is sublime, laden with eggs and butter and dotted with candied fruit. The ones sold online at From Roy are an aficionado’s go-to, laced with pistachio, cherry and white chocolate. It’s \$50 for one of the most difficult breads to make — and this one is worth a splurge (thisisfromroy.com).



▶ PEPPER GRINDER

A good pepper grinder may cost a bit more but it’s totally worth it as fresh-ground pepper is an essential seasoning. Williams-Sonoma offers **Peugeot pepper mills** with an adjustable grind that’s easy to fill in a range of lengths and finishes. \$47-\$105 at stores and williams-sonoma.com.



— Melissa McCart, Post-Gazette

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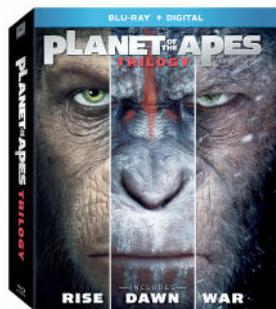
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Gifts for MOVIE LOVERS

Movie theaters will gladly sell you a gift card if you want to go the easy route for your favorite film aficionado, but these ideas could help those looking to be more Coen Brothers-style creative.

▼ DVD BOX SET

The “Planet of the Apes Trilogy,” combining the commercially successful and critically praised “Rise,” “Dawn” and “War” recent installments in the series, should be one of the favorite box set DVDs for any moviegoer to find under the tree this year. Expect to pay \$34.99 or more at Target, Best Buy, etc.



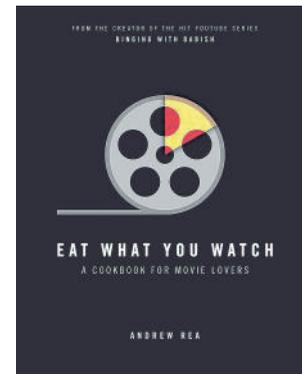
MASTER CLASS ▶

Anyone can try their hand at writing a screenplay, but they'd probably benefit from help beforehand from an Oscar-winning screenwriter like **Aaron Sorkin**. Hours of **online instructional videos** from him (or Martin Scorsese on directing, Dustin Hoffman on acting, etc.) can be ordered as a gift for \$90 at masterclass.com.



▼ COOKBOOK

If a filmgoer also knows his or her way around a kitchen, she might already be familiar with the “Binging With Babish” YouTube videos of Andrew Rea. He's put his film-related recipes (from “Big Night,” “Chocolat,” “Ratatouille,” etc.) into “**Eat What You Watch: A Cookbook for Movie Lovers.**” Barnes & Noble sells it for \$25 in stores, less online.



▲ T-SHIRT

Serve two purposes by giving a local film lover a gift that supports film-making in Pittsburgh. The **Pittsburgh Film Office** sells **T-shirts** that are stamped “Rated PGH” (probably a good thing our city doesn't start with the letter X). Get them for \$30 through pghfilm.org.



▲ STREAMING SERVICE

For the cinephile's cinephile partial to arthouse, indie and foreign films from all eras, the perfect gift might be a **gift subscription to FilmStruck**. The on-demand streaming service from Turner Classic Movies and The Criterion Collection has a one-year gift subscription for \$99 available to order at filmstruck.com.



◀ ORNAMENT

Your gift recipient can now be the one each Christmas — instead of Clarence or Zuzu from “It's A Wonderful Life” — to make sure everyone knows that “every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings.” That message is engraved on a **silver bell ornament** offered for \$10.99 at the Jimmy Stewart Museum in Indiana, Pa., or available at jimmy.org.

— Gary Rotstein, Post-Gazette

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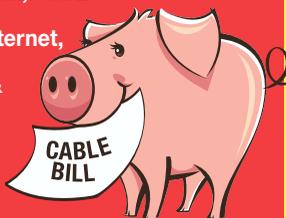
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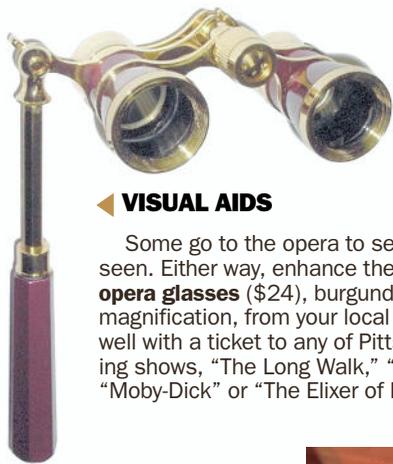
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◀ VISUAL AIDS

Some go to the opera to see and some go to be seen. Either way, enhance the experience with **HQRP opera glasses** (\$24), burgundy with gold trim and 3x magnification, from your local Sears. It would pair well with a ticket to any of Pittsburgh Opera's remaining shows, "The Long Walk," "Ashes and Snow," "Moby-Dick" or "The Elixir of Love."

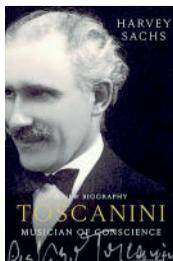
TRIBUTE ▶

Those who love the song "Misty" and the album "Concert by the Sea" will want "**A Reunion Tribute to Erroll Garner**," a session honoring the native-born jazz legend and featuring bassist Ernest McCarty Jr., drummer Jimmie Smith and the late pianist Geri Allen (CD \$13, download \$10 at blujazz.com). Mr. McCarty, who lives in East Liberty, has also published "Recollections," a 111-page memoir with stories of Garner, Gloria Gaynor, Oscar Brown Jr., Ike and Tina Turner and many others (\$19.95 at amazon.com).



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Gifts for JAZZ & CLASSICAL FANS



◀ THE CONDUCTOR'S TALE

It's been 150 years since the birth of one of the greatest conductors of all time. Those with a music history buff in the family should head over to Barnes & Noble for a copy of the new Harvey Sachs biography, **Toscanini: Musician of Conscience** (\$30), lauded by the New York Review of Books as a "gigantic and extraordinary new book."



◀ A TOAST

Share a melodious toast with that special concert-goer with a set of **Major Scale musical wine glasses**. Fill to your desired note, run your finger along the edge and drinking wine becomes a sublime symphonic experience. A set of two is \$65 or eight \$240 at uncommongoods.com.

RECORDING

World-famous for their charisma and vocal mastery, The King's Singers have just released a triple-disc set of their greatest hits as well as original work to commemorate the British a capella ensemble's 50th anniversary. Gold is \$35 as a CD, \$24 for a mp3 digital download and \$99 for a luxury box set at kingsingers.com. Their recent **Christmas Songbook** album is \$18 for CD or \$8 for digital download at amazon.com

CONCERT ▶

Any jazz fan would love to spend a Joyous Christmas with Norman Brown (right), Bobby Caldwell and Marion Meadows. Hear them Dec. 16 at the **Manchester Craftsmen's Guild** on the North Side. The MCG concert series also includes Stacey Kent, The Birdland All-Stars with Tommy Igoe, Ben Vereen, Paquito D'Rivera, Minda Abair & The Boneshakers with Bria Skonberg and Eliane Elias. Individual tickets are \$49.50-\$54.50, a four-concert package is \$198 and six concerts are \$285 at 412-322-0800 or mcgjazz.org.



— Jeremy Reynolds, Kevin Kirkland, Post-Gazette

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Gifts for A HOUSEWARMING

The nicest friends and neighbors give housewarming gifts with a Pittsburgh accent. Here are some ideas that will make newcomers feel right at home.



◀ PAINTING

Karl Mullen was born in Dublin, Ireland, but has spent much of his career working in Pittsburgh. The imagery in his **paintings** is born out of Irish mythology, family and dreams. His work ranges in price from \$195 (shown) to \$3,000 at Weissshouse (www.weissshouse.com) in Shadyside.



▲ CANDY

Nothing beats **chocolate-covered pretzels**, especially a whole tin of them from **Sarris Candy**. The 2-pound holiday tin is filled with bite-size pretzels covered in milk chocolate. It's \$42.95 at Sarris Candy in Canonsburg or sarriscandies.com.



▲ BAG

A true Pittsburgh original, the **Moop Shopper No. 1 Bag's** fame has spread far and wide. Designed and handmade in their Downtown storefront, this heavy-duty tote is constructed from cotton-waxed canvas with a heavy-duty bottom. It comes in three colors and sells for \$123 at the Moop Shop, 429 First Ave. or Moopshop.com.

MUG ▶

The **Roberto Clemente Bridge**, honoring Pittsburgh's iconic bridges and one of the city's favorite athletes, wraps around **Nicole Aquillano's handmade porcelain mug** (\$62). The series also celebrates other Pittsburgh landmarks and neighborhoods. For this and other artistic gifts, stop in Contemporary Craft's shop in the Strip District or contemporarycraft.org/store.



▼ SEASON PASS

If there is one thing that screams Pittsburgh — besides our sports teams — it's **Kennywood**. The **120th Anniversary Pass** (\$120) gives full access to the park through the summer season including Buddy Days, Phantom Fright Nights & Happy Hauntings along with up to two meals a day during the summer season and free admission to the Holiday Light Nights on select nights. On-line tickets start at \$16 for Holiday Lights, which runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 24-Dec. 23, 5-9 p.m. Look for Black Friday deals at Kennywood.com.



▲ DINNERWARE

Riverside Design Group's **SeaGlass dinnerware** series comes in a range of colors and shapes and it's both dishwasher and microwave safe. The freeform plate is \$60 and the 14-inch square platter \$80 at Perlor (www.perlor.com) on the South Side.



— Lizabeth Gray, Post-Gazette

Gifts for JEWELRY LOVERS

◀ BIRCH EARRINGS



Chemistry nerds like to look pretty, too. Sorcery-Science captures the beauty of the **estrogen molecule** in laser-cut birch earrings. Choose from natural or stained birch, or go with acrylic molecules in nickel-free silver-plated surgical steel earrings. Both are \$17 a pair at SorcerySciences' Etsy shop or the HandMade Arcade on Dec. 2 at the David Lawrence Convention Center.

RING ▶

The white gold **Triangle ring** at Brooks Diamonds has a modern yet elegant style and is studded with smaller diamonds. It's \$730 at Brooks Diamonds in the Clark Building Downtown.



◀ HANDMADE EARRINGS

The city that jewelry artisan Audra Azoury knows is reflected in her jewelry featuring bridges, steel and rust. Her **Warhol Bridge earrings** are made of lightweight steel with surgical steel ear wires and sell for \$38. The **Sister Bridge necklace** is made of oxidized solid copper and sells for \$58. Available at The Artsmiths in Mt. Lebanon, love, Pittsburgh in Mount Washington, The Direction at Ross Park Mall, Gather in Sewickley, Gifted Hands in Pine, Murrysville and the McCandless, Heinz History Center in the Strip District and The Mattress Factory on the North Side. She will also be at the HandMade Arcade on Dec. 2 at the David Lawrence Convention Center.



RAW MATERIAL ▶

Hanover Designs (hanoverdesigns.com) mixes the raw feel of **concrete** with the polished finish of sparkling **silver druzy**. The circular **pendant** on a 20-inch silver chain adds a bit of glam to any outfit. All styles are \$39 with matching square druzy earrings in gold or silver for \$29 at WildCard in Lawrenceville, the Carnegie Museum of Art Shop in Oakland or HandMade Arcade on Dec. 2 at the David Lawrence Convention Center.



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Gifts for GADGET LOVERS

On the road or in the woods, who doesn't love a nice piece of tech gadgetry to make life easier/fun? Here are a few innovations to give, or keep for yourself.

PHOTO PRINTS ▶

Polaroid gets credit for upping its "instant" photo game with the **Pop**, a sleek, colorful camera that prints 3.5- by- 4.25-inch pics via zero-ink technology. It holds a 128-GB microSD card and shoots full, 1080p HD video. A touchscreen lets users compose shots, and of course, the fun is in the instant gratification of having those prints right away. Starting at \$200 at Best Buy, in stores and online at other major retailers.



SMART PRODUCT ▶

Amazon keeps evolving its line of Alexa-enabled smart products, and now we have the **Echo Show** (\$229.99). A video-screen (roughly 4 by 6 inches) adds to the interconnected experience; it works with a myriad of other connected products such as Nest web cams and Philips lights. Coming in December, the Spot, a tinier standalone version. Available at Best Buy and other big-box retail stores as well as, of course, Amazon.com.



STREAMING ▼

Roku's Ultra is the company's latest offering, a streaming media hub that provides 4K connection as you choose which show to binge this weekend. The remote includes dedicated buttons for Netflix, Sling, Hulu and HBO Now (subscription required) and a headphone jack for private listening. Find it at Target, Best Buy, Walmart and other big box stores, as well as online, for about \$100.



◀ SPEAKER

The **Ecoxgear Sol Jam** is waterproof, dustproof and the kind of portable Bluetooth speaker you can throw into your knapsack for tunes in the middle of nowhere, later. It's available at L.L. Bean (\$150) in stores as well as other outdoor retailers such as REI.



▲ TOP

For venturing into the great outdoors, or just in that chilly family room, there's a line of Polar Seal tops guaranteed to warm more than just the heart. A lightweight, 5-watt external battery slips into one pocket to power this line of men's and women's tops. Heat your upper back, lower back or both for hours. Available for pre-orders, most zip tops are \$179 at www.polarseal.me.

CONSOLE ▶

The **Nintendo Switch** is the Twix of gaming consoles. Is it a home video game setup? A portable system? It's both! Including innovative **Joy-Con controllers**, it's priced beginning around \$300. Available at big-box stores such as Toys "R" Us, Target, Walmart and Best Buy as well as online.



▲ SUITCASE

Tired of others hogging the phone charger outlets at the airport? Want a super-stylish hard-shell **suitcase** with 360-degree rolling wheels, and, best of all, a charging port built in? **Away's** line comes in a variety of sizes and eight colors (including millennial pink!), ranging in price from \$195-\$295.

— Maria Sciuolo, Post-Gazette

Gifts from MUSEUMS

Local museum shops reflect Pittsburgh's heritage and often feature the work of local artists. Many offer discounts to members. In fact, memberships are a great gift! Here are some others.



▲ COOL JEWELS

The Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland has **David Howell Co. earrings** that connect to a designer, artist or art period. These **exclamation point and question mark earrings** (\$30) are called *Wat is Dada?*

All of the jewelry sold at the Mattress Factory's store is by local artisans. These **Moon Pine Jewelry earrings and necklace** are \$38 each at the North Side museum.

— Sharon Eberson, *Post-Gazette*



DECOR ▲

A **large shell-shaped vase** (\$73) was a standout within a Carnegie Museum of Natural History shop display of vases that mimic nature in shape, texture and color.



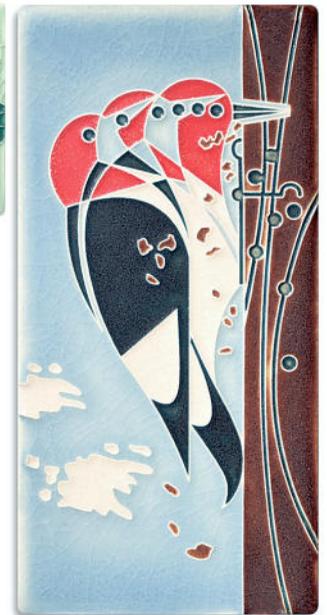
◀ PUPPET PALS

This brightly colored, fine-feathered friend by **The Puppet Company** (\$23.95) was ready to be plucked from the top of a tree at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's Little Orange Store on the North Side.



TILE WORKS ▶

The Frick Art Pittsburgh shop in Point Breeze has lots of unique items including **colorful, hand-glazed Charley Harper tiles** from **Motawi Tileworks** in Ann Arbor, Mich. The hummingbird is priced at \$94 and the woodpecker is \$82.



◀ HANG SOME HISTORY

The Sen. John Heinz History Center's shop (<https://shop.heinzhistorycenter.org>) in the Strip District has a **metal ornament** (\$20) that represents the museum's cog logo. It captures Pittsburgh's industrial history and high-tech present and future with a compass, clock and gear.



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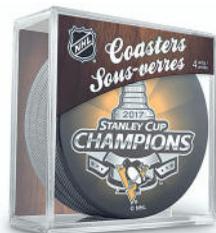
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Gifts for BEER LOVERS

Buying gifts is easy for beer fans — just buy them good beer. But if you want to get a little more creative, here are a few more ideas:

CANDLES ▶

Brentwood Distributing vice president of sales and marketing Michelle Dangelo Arnoni handmakes and sells **craft beer candles** in seasonal scents (and in beer bottles) via her website, <https://www.brewed2burn.com>. Prices start at \$21.50 plus shipping and tax for the candles, which you can find at area boutiques and breweries, too. A Holiday 4 pack — a gift box with a Spiced Pumpkin Porter, a Winterberry Wheat and a Winter Pine Pale Ale plus one other candle — is available for \$85.



◀ COASTERS

How about some cool sous-verres? That is, coasters. You can get a **Pittsburgh Penguins 4-Pack Puck Coaster Set** from Sher-Wood for \$19.99 at <http://shop.nhl.com> and local Pens-Gear stores. No word if they're better kept in the freezer, like real pucks.

T-SHIRTS ▶

Pittsburgh is once again getting its own chapter of the Master Brewers Association of the Americas. You can mark the occasion with a women's or men's **"United We Brew" T-shirt**, available at <http://my.mbaa.com>. Through December, get \$5 off shirts or other swag by entering promo code GAZETTE.



▲ TAILGATER HOODIE

This **National Union of Tailgaters hoodie** has a built-in koozie and bottle opener ("it will keep you warm and your drinks cold") and is available for \$40 at the Mt. Lebanon store or website of Commonwealth Press, which also makes and sells swag for Pittsburgh breweries (<https://compressmerch.com/collections>).

— Bob Batz Jr., Post-Gazette



◀ BEER TOURS

A couple of companies offer Pittsburgh **brewery tours**. City Brew Tours, which also does tours in other cities, since April has been offering an "original" with lunch (11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays) and an "after hours" with light dinner (5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday). Each tour makes four stops with up to 16 beer samples over five hours for \$99 per person. Learn more about the breweries and buy gift certificates at <https://www.citybrewtours.com/pittsburgh/tours>.

BREW-YOUR-OWN

You could help your beer fan **make his or her own craft beer** at the Copper Kettle Brewing Co. in Greenfield. For \$200, a person gets all the ingredients, equipment and guidance to brew, bottle and label four batches of brew from more than 40 recipes: www.copperkettlepgh.com. (Through December, for every \$50 gift card purchased with promo code "HoppyHolidays," you'll get a \$10 gift card to spend next-door at Hough's Taproom.)

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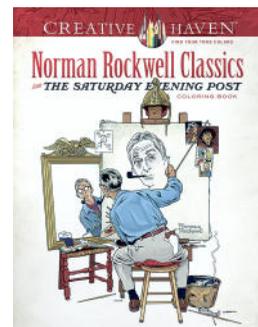
COMPRESSION SOCKS ▶

Compression socks help improve circulation but they're rarely stylish. **Vim & Vigr compression socks** come in a variety of designs from polka dots to stripes and a range of colors. They're \$37 a pair at Sanaljon's store at The Pointe in North Fayette.



▲ GERIATRIC MASSAGE

A geriatric massage can help improve circulation, increase flexibility and help with the pain of arthritis and ease joint mobility. Specifically geared for the elderly, a **geriatric massage at Massage Envy** is a softer application of massage techniques including passive stretching with either oil or lotion. To find the Massage Envy nearest you go to massageenvy.com. Prices vary by location and gift cards are available.



◀ ADULT COLORING BOOK

No longer just for kids, **coloring books** are a great way to relax for all ages. For **older adults**, you want something that is familiar from the past that will engage them. Subjects range from Norman Rockwell to sports to religion. Adding colored pencils, markers or Crayola crayons makes a great gift. \$10-\$25 at Barnes & Noble.

CLOCK WITH DISPLAY SCREEN ▶

Sometimes as you get older, it can be a struggle to remember the simple things you once took for granted like what day of the week it is. The **American Lifetime Day Clock** displays the time, the day of the week and the date in clear, easy-to-read type on a high-definition screen. \$49.95-\$56.95 depending on choice of finish at Amazon.com.



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— Lizabeth Gray, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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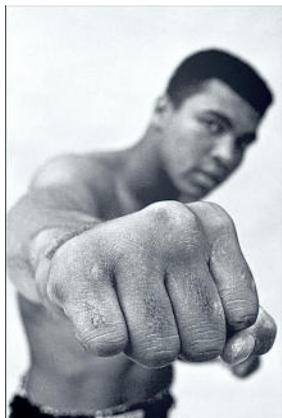


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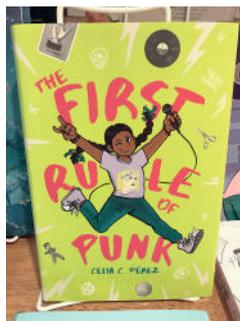


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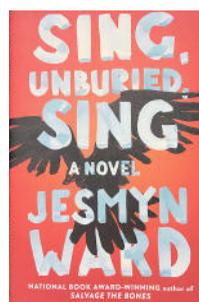
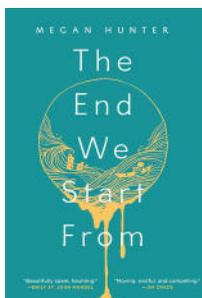


◀ **“Ali: A Biography”** by Jonathan Eig. The life of the legendary boxer is deeply researched, eloquent and nuanced. Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Price: \$30. Available at City of Asylum Bookstore at Alphabet City, North Side.



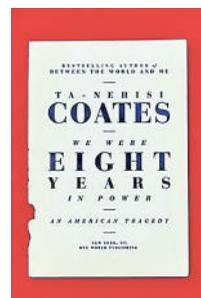
▲ **“The First Rule of Punk,”** by Celia C. Pérez. Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers. Price: \$16.99. This is a great book for that headstrong, smart, spunky kid in your life. Available at The White Whale Bookstore in Bloomfield.

▼ **“The End We Start From”** by Megan Hunter. This novel is about a mother struggling to care for her newborn baby as the world succumbs to ecological disaster. Publisher: Grove Press. Price: \$22. Available at City of Asylum Bookstore at Alphabet City, North Side.



▲ **“Sing, Unburied, Sing”** by Jesmyn Ward. The author of “Salvage the Bones,” which won the National Book Award, returns to Bois Sauvage, Miss., and her writing is as magical as ever. A book to stay up reading late into the night. Publisher: Scribner. Price: \$26. Available at The White Whale Bookstore in Bloomfield.

▼ **“We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy”** by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Mr. Coates, one of the nation's leading black intellectuals, writes about race and identity in this collection of essays. Publisher: One World Publishing Co. Price: \$28. Available at Classic Lines Bookstore in Squirrel Hill.



▲ **“Chagall and Music”** by Ambre Gauthier. This beautifully produced book, a companion to an exhibition now on view at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, shows how music influenced artist Marc Chagall. Publisher: Editions Gallimard. Price: \$50. Available at Classic Lines Bookstore in Squirrel Hill.



◀ **“Zaha Hadid Architects: Redefining Architecture & Design”** This book showcases the imaginative building designs of Zaha Hadid, who, in 2004, became the first woman to receive the Pritzker Architecture Prize. Publisher: Images Publishing. Price: \$51. Available on Amazon.

— Marylynne Pitz, Post-Gazette



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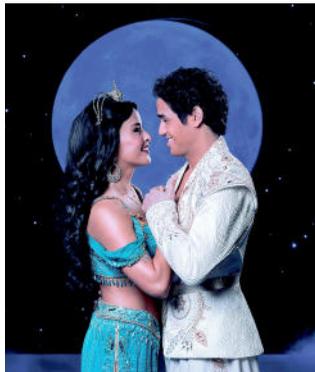


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▶ UNPLUGGED SHOW

Weird Al Yankovic’s brings “The Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour” to the Palace Theatre in Greensburg on May 24. This show is for die-hard fans who can appreciate an unplugged show by the king of pop culture parodies. And Emo Philip is his first-ever opening act! Tickets are \$45-\$75 at www.thepalacetheatre.org.



▶ ICE SHOW

The Penguins aren’t the only entertainers on ice at PPG Paints Arena (www.ppgpaintsarena.com) in 2018. “Cirque du Soleil: Crystal,” Cirque’s first ice show, combines skating, acrobats and hockey in a tale of self-discovery and imagination. Seven performances will be held Jan 17-21. Tickets: \$34-\$175.



▶ TICKETMASTER GIFT CARD

For music fans who would rather choose their show, **Ticketmaster gift cards** are always welcome. They’re available at ticketmaster.com or in stores such as Giant Eagle and are good for concerts such as the St. Vincent Fear the Future Tour stop at Stage AE Jan. 9 or the **P!NK: Beautiful Trauma World Tour** at PPG Paints Arena April 7.

▶ BOXED SET

Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company plans to return to the landmark August Wilson House at 1727 Bedford Ave. in the Hill District with a Wilson play in April. While they wait, theater lovers will love “The August Wilson Century Cycle,” a hard-cover boxed set of all 10 plays for \$112 at www.barnesandnoble.com.

— Sharon Ebersson, *Post-Gazette*



▶ PASSES

Pop-culture geeks will swoon over the celebrity list coming to the **Steel City Con** on Dec. 8-10 at the Monroeville Convention Center. They’ll see a “Star Trek: Next Generation” reunion of Jonathan Frakes, LeVar Burton and Brent Spiner and “**Harry Potter’s**” James and Oliver Phelps. Three-day passes (\$50) go fast at www.steelcitycon.com. Check out single days (\$23-\$35) and the cost of autograph-photo sessions with your favorite someone’s favorite someone.



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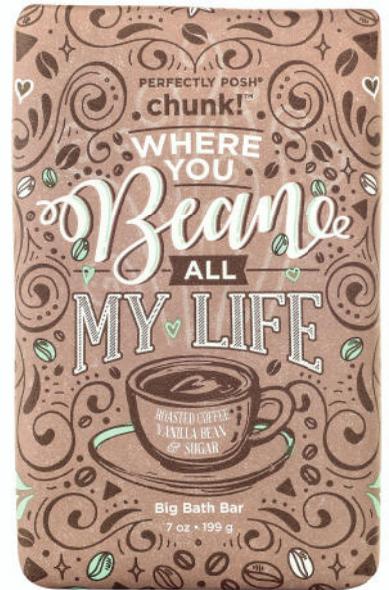
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Coffee adoration can happen at night — even without decaf. As part of its Banned Books collection, **NorthAveCandles**, a Pittsburgh-based Etsy boutique, has created a **1984-inspired Coffee and Chestnut candle** (\$22) with nutty aromas and hints of vanilla. The candle invokes “The Chestnut Tree Cafe,” a rebel hideaway in George Orwell’s classic. Pick it up online at www.etsy.com, at the I Made It Market on Nov. 24-25 at The Waterfront in Homestead or Amazing Books & Records on the South Side.



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— Courtney Linder, Post-Gazette

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MADE IN PITTSBURGH

Lovers of Pittsburgh-made crafts look forward to two big markets: I Made It! for the Holidays (imadeitmarket.com), 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 24-25 at The Waterfront in Homestead, and Handmade Arcade (handmadearcade.com), 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown. Here are just a few of the artisans who will be there:

NATURAL ART ▶

Chris and Leila Head of Brighton Heights are **Rustbelt Workshop**. They use driftwood found on the banks of local rivers to make planters, lamps and other items. Planters average from \$15-\$30 and **lamps** from \$40-\$80 on Facebook, Instagram and at I Made It! for the Holidays.



COOL GLAZING ▶

Gina Chalfant and her **WhiteSwanStudio** make wheel-thrown stoneware decorated with brown oxide that melts into the glaze on the third firing. Her double-handled **sugar bowl** (\$38) features four Nubian goats and is microwave- and dishwasher-safe. Her pottery is sold at Robin's Nest and will be at Handmade Arcade for the first time. She has an Etsy shop (etsy.com) and will be featured in Country Living magazine's upcoming gift guide.

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◀ STAMPED POTTERY

Amanda Wolf of **Wolf's Den Pottery** throws pieces on a wheel and stamps and glazes them with botanical designs. Her **Spring foliage tumblers** (\$32), which are microwave- and dishwasher-safe, are sold at Phipps Conservatory, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Artsmith, Gifted Hands, Stray Cat Studio, I Made It! and the Highland Park Pottery Tour on Dec. 9-10.



TASTY TREATS ▲

Willowcreek Farm in Cabot, Butler County, has been producing tasty things since 1909. Now Robert and Tandi Stivason create mustards, butters and jams as Jarred (www.jarredgoods.com). Their **Roasted Red Pepper Mustard** sells for \$10 a pint at I Made It!

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— Kevin Kirkland, Post-Gazette

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▶ LOVELY LEEK

Wilds Leek vodka by CJ Spirits in Kane, Pa., is one of my favorites at Pennsylvania Libations in the Strip District. When paired with a touch of vermouth, it's a nice stand-in for an extra dry Gibson martini without the onion. \$30 at Pennsylvania Libations on Penn Avenue.



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▶ COVER UP

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— Karen Kane, Post-Gazette

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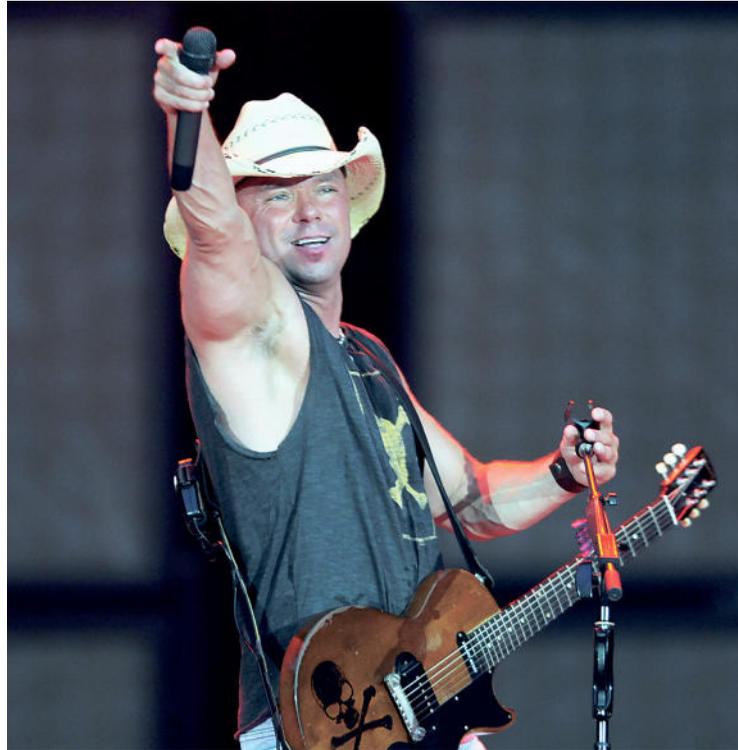
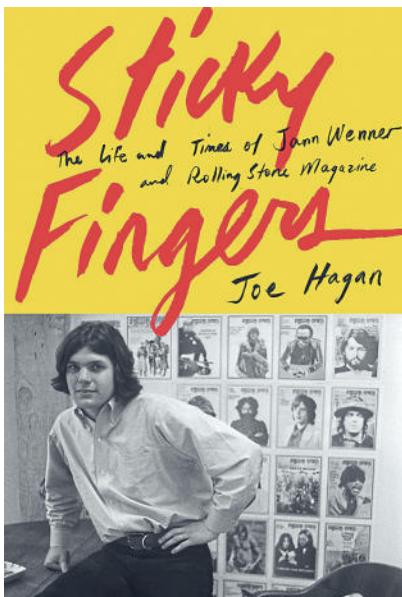
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▲ HOLIDAY ALBUM

Sia, the Australian singer with the "Titanium" voice, sings about candy canes, snowflakes and puppies on her first holiday album, **"Everyday is Christmas"** (Monkey Puzzle/Atlantic Records; \$11.99) and Patti LaBelle gathers Ruben Studdard, Vivian Green and others for **"Patti LaBelle and Friends — Home for the Holidays"** (GPE; \$12.98). Amazon.

▼ ILLUSTRATED STORY

Admit it. With **David Bowie**, you want more pictures than type. **"Bowie: The Illustrated Story"** (Voyageur Press, \$27.50) charts his Hall of Fame career with concert and candid photography, gig posters, 7-inch picture sleeves, concert ticket stubs and more. Amazon.

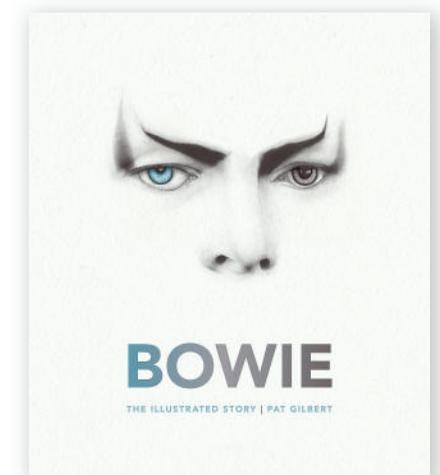


▲ CLOCK

You can rock around the clock with a **vinyl timekeeper** from Jeff Davis (\$38), who has an array of unique, handmade LP products at uncommongoods.com.

◀ CD

The age of the physical copy is firmly behind us, but when it comes to **Taylor Swift**, fans may want the whole package of pictures and liner notes. Target has a "Reputation" exclusive of the CD with a 72-page magazine (\$15).



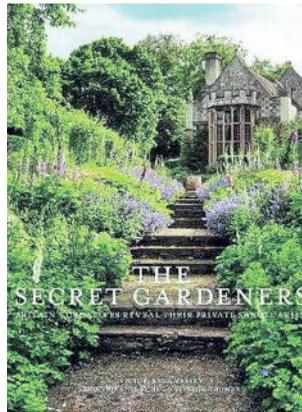
— Scott Mervis, Post-Gazette

Gifts for GARDENERS

Sometimes you find the best gift ideas in someone else's garden:

GNOMES ▶

If you think garden gnomes are tacky, you've never met Burt from **Kimmel Gnomes**. The 10-inch tall copy of a vintage German gnome costs \$89 plus \$17 for shipping. He's handmade from clay in Sturgis, S.D. (kimmelgnomes.com)



◀ COFFEE TABLE BOOK

How about a coffee table book they'll actually read? **"The Secret Gardeners: Britain's Creatives Reveal Their Private Sanctuaries"** (Frances Lincoln, \$45) has over 400 lovely pictures from the gardens of Brits including Rupert Everett, Terry Gilliam, Jeremy Irons, Sting and Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne (no, they don't have a bat house); barnesandnoble.com.



▶ DOWN UNDER POT

Mary Grimm, another Great Gardens Contest winner, grew 'Angel Wing' begonias in her **Down Under Pot** from **Kinsman Co.** in Pipersville, Bucks County. Start annuals in the bottom of these ingenious containers from Australia, then turn them upside-down for the rest of the season. The pots range from \$22.95-\$44.95 and wrought-iron stands are \$22.95 and \$32.95; kinsmangarden.com.



▶ PLANT PYRAMID

Brian and Barb Dunn, winners of the PG's Great Gardens Contest, pack lots of vegetables into their **Burpee Plant Pyramid** (\$260 for five tiers/\$150 three tiers). It's made of red cedar and assembles without tools (burpee.com)



◀ MEMBERSHIP

Still stumped? Inspire them with a membership to the **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden** — 60 acres in Collier and North Fayette that is being transformed from minefields to gardens and woodlands. From the flower-filled entry garden to the Lotus Pond to the Dogwood Meadow, it's a gardener's paradise. In June, the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Town & Country Tour offers a peek at some of the area's best gardens. Memberships range from \$35 for individuals to \$100 for families at pittsburghbotanicgarden.org.

— Kevin Kirkland, Susan Banks, Post-Gazette

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▲ COME FLY AWAY

The best gift idea for travelers is an airline ticket. But if you don't know where they want to go, get them **gift card for their favorite airlines**. Southwest and Delta gift cards are available at Giant Eagle stores.



A TOWEL & MORE ▲

The quick-drying **travel towel** from Case + Drift (\$40) is easy to pack and has multiple uses from a scarf to a sarong to a towel. The **Wet Bag** for packing wet things is also \$40. Both are available at <https://caseanddrift.com/drift-shop/>.



HYDRATION AID ▲

The **Hydaway water bottle** is portable, collapsible, BPA-free and dishwasher-safe. It comes in 12 colors for \$20 at www.hydawaybottle.com.

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▲ WHILE AWAY THE HOURS

Just because you are on the move doesn't mean you don't have time to play. **Rollors** is an easily portable **game** to bring along, especially if you are traveling with children. \$49.85 at Dick's Sporting Goods and Walmart.

— Patricia Sheridan, Post-Gazette

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SHIRT ▶

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FOOT LIGHT ▶

Early-morning and after-work runs often are in near or complete darkness. Nathan's LightSpur RX LED Foot Light is a lightweight LED light that clips onto the heel of a runner's shoe and kicks out a super-bright light for up to 12 hours. Weather- and water-resistant, it runs on a USB-rechargeable battery. (\$30 at Fleet Feet Sports, Bethel Park)



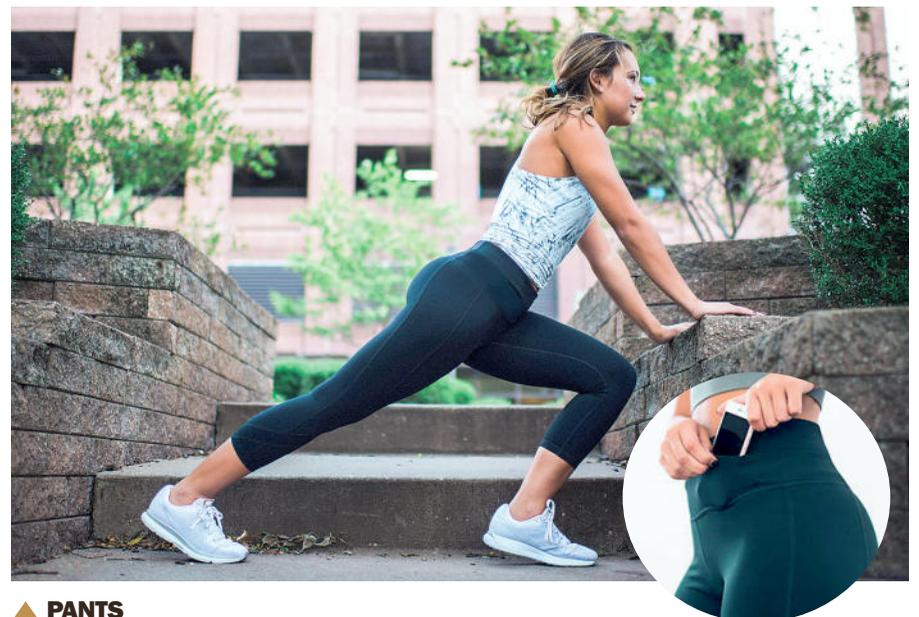
▲ ID

Many runners like to go it alone on roads and trails, which can make for anxious times back home. **Road ID's** line of safety identification **tags** and **bracelets** provide peace of mind for runners in the event of an emergency. (\$19.99 and up, roadid.com)



▲ HAND WARMER

A runner's fingers are among the first body parts to feel like ice on winter runs, especially in those first painful minutes before your blood starts to flow. **Grabber Hand Warmers** will keep her digits warm for up to 7 hours. They're small enough to fit in most gloves or mittens, so just shake and go. (\$10 for a 10-pack at REI)



▲ PANTS

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— Gretchen McKay, Post-Gazette

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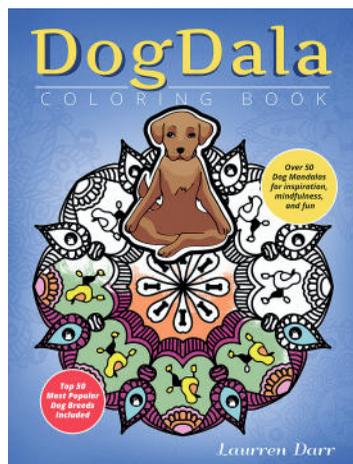
Gifts for PETS & PET OWNERS



◀ JEWELRY

Kay Jewelers has launched a collection of pet-themed jewelry, "Love is a Four-Legged Word," with a \$200,000 donation to American Humane. In addition to dogs and cats,

you can wear rabbits, turtles, birds, fish, snakes and spiders on pendants, bracelets, necklaces and rings. A sterling silver **dog necklace** with smoky quartz, white sapphires and a 10-karat rose gold bow tie is \$109 at Kay Jewelers stores.



◀ COLORING BOOK

The **DogDala coloring book** from Left Paw Press has more than 50 breeds just waiting to be colored by lovers of canines. Breeds include pugs, Labrador retrievers, great Danes, poodles and a variety of terriers; \$9.99 at Amazon.com. Check out more adult coloring

books featuring pugs, cats, chickens, horses, hamsters, owls and farm animals at leftpawpress.com.

▶ CATNIP

Skinny Pete's **three-piece gourmet catnip** gift sets include organic catnip grown in the USA. Choose Blue Meowy Wowy, Furmaceutical Grade and Purruvian Pink for \$17.99 at skinnypetscatnip.com, where you can also buy cat-themed apparel for men and women from "meow and paw" startup partners Rich and Lisa Jackson.



▶ TOYS

HuggleHounds dog toys are adorable and durable even for tough chewers, with dozens of designs in plush or rubber. The Knotties collection includes a lion, moose, lobster, bunny and raccoon. They're \$15.49 (small) and \$24.99 (large) at Larry's Laundromutt in Sewickley.



▶ COLLARS

Odin models a plaid collar made by Scout Dog Collars, a local company. The machine-washable **collars** are stain repellent and come in prints, plaids and stripes. Prices are \$22 to \$25 for the 1½-inch wide versions. Add \$6 more to have the dog's name and phone number embroidered on. Shop at scoutdogcollars.com, Petagogy, North Pittsburgh Animal Behavior, Lather a Pet Bath House and Belacoop Animal Hospital.



▶ ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL

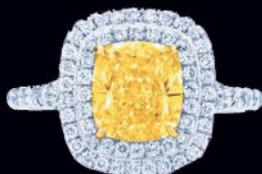
You can't bring home a red panda, Amur leopard or African Lion, but you can participate in **Adopt-An-Animal** at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. Every animal in the zoo is available, with yearly fees ranging from \$30-\$500 at pittsburghzoo.org/Adopt-An-Animal. Adoption fees benefit zoo animals and help protect animals in the wild. "Adopters" receive an adoption certificate, magnet and recognition on the zoo website, a board next to the Safari Gift Shop and the zoo newsletter. Bigger donations bring bigger perks, including free admission.

— Linda Wilson Fuoco, Post-Gazette

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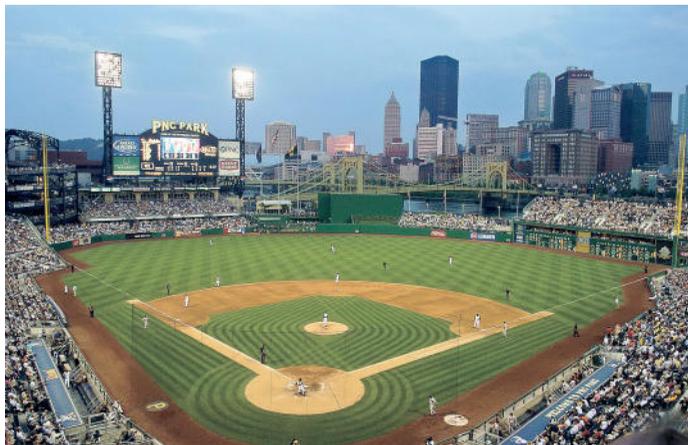


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With so many professional and college sports teams, buying gifts for local sports lovers is a win-win-win for everyone.

Fans of Steelers wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster know that one of his preferred methods of transportation is his beloved bike, **GHOST Square Cross 3**. The 2017 model of JuJu's beloved hybrid bike can be found at REI.com for a discounted price of \$558.93.



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GROWLER ▶

Pittsburgh craft beer lovers or fans of Iron City beer will enjoy having their own Pittsburgh-themed growler. Basket of Pittsburgh has a package that includes a 32-ounce amber glass **Pittsburgh – Drink Local growler**, cork beer coasters and more for \$68. For those who don't drink, there are also chocolate baskets for \$55 and \$100 at [Basket of Pittsburgh in Robinson](http://BasketofPittsburgh.com) or basketofpittsburgh.com.



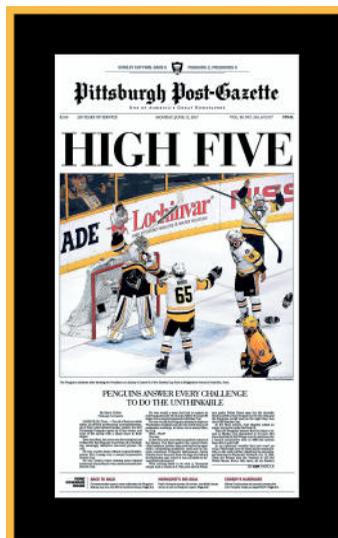
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▶ PLAQUE

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— Omari Sankofa, Post-Gazette



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— John Hayes,
Post-Gazette

RIFLE

Say goodbye to BB guns. Modern air-rifle technology can stop game animals in their tracks and is now legal for hunting small game in Pennsylvania. The gas-powered **Gamo Raptor Whisper air rifle** with 4x32mm scope propels .177-caliber pellets at 1,300 fps through a muzzle blast reducer, making it an accurate and quiet squirrel gun. (\$132.60, Anthony Arms and Gun Works)



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Holiday cheer:

THERE IS LITTLE INFLATION ON 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By PR Newswire

The PNC Christmas Price Index predicts true loves will be on their merry way to a more robust and satisfying holiday shopping season this year. To purchase the gifts included in the classic holiday song “The 12 Days of Christmas,” it will only cost 0.6 percent more than in 2016, according to the 34th annual holiday economic analysis by The PNC Financial Services Group.

PNC calculated the 2017 price tag for The PNC Christmas Price Index at \$34,558.65, approximately \$200 more than last year’s cost and less than the government’s Consumer Price Index, which increased 2.2 percent through September for the past 12 months.



“The U.S. economy is growing at a sustainable pace, fueled by higher consumer confidence, low unemployment, modest wage gains, and low interest rates,” said Thomas P. Melcher, chief investment officer for PNC Asset Management Group. “However, The PNC Christmas Price Index rose at slow steady pace of 0.6 percent in 2017, as companies appear hesitant to pass through price increases to the consumer.”

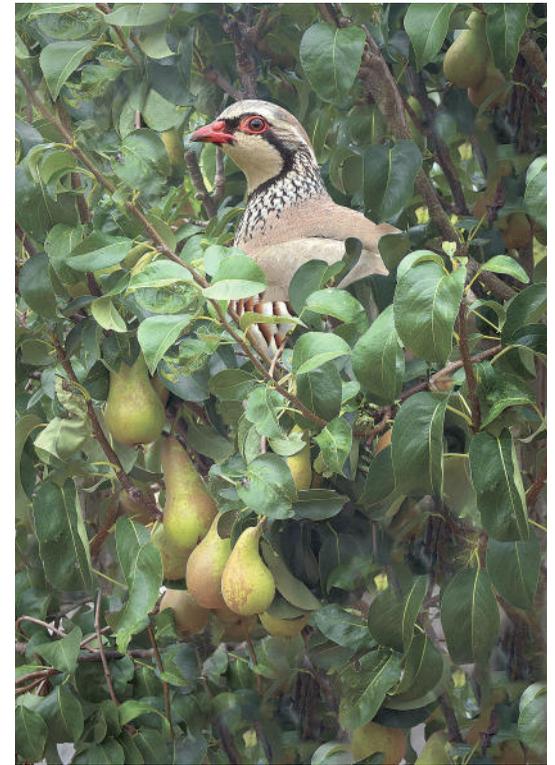
The cost of each item was revealed on PNC’s interactive website (pnc.com/ChristmasPriceIndex), which features a historical comparison of index data. Of the 12 items measured, nine remained the same price as last year.

This year’s insights include:

► The overall price for the first gift mentioned, a **partridge in a pear tree**, increased 4.7 percent, but not because of the partridge. The pear tree increased 5.2 percent, from **\$189.99** to **\$199.95** due to increased cost of living for workers and the limited supply of larger, more mature trees.

► Despite wages rising modestly and a tight job market, only the **lords-a-leaping** saw an increase, as prices jumped 2 percent to **\$5,618.90** after two years of stagnant growth.

► The largest growth rate in this year’s index was the cost of **five gold rings**, which jumped 10 percent due to increased demand and popularity. Prices had remained steady at **\$750** during the last five years.



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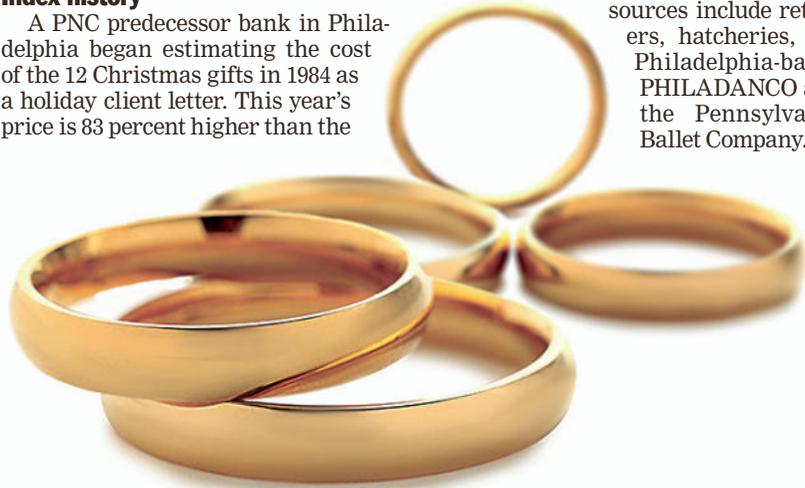
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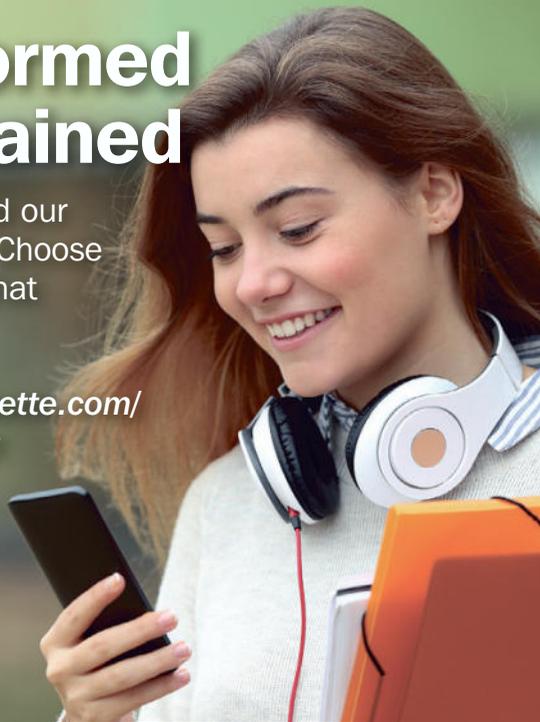
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By Kaitlyn Alanis
The Wichita Eagle

Every holiday season there seems to be one toy that stores just cannot seem to keep stocked on the shelves.

Most always, if you wait until Black Friday to buy the “toy of the year,” you are too late. And this year seems to be no different.

The MGA Entertainment “L.O.L. Surprise! Big Surprise” ball is rolling off the shelves.

This toy, regular priced at \$69.99, consists of a sparkly, plastic dome-shaped case filled with 50 surprises, including dolls and their accessories. Oh, and some of the dolls that you might find inside can cry, spit or tinkle, according to the Washington Post.

Each of the toys is individually wrapped, and it can take quite some time to open all the presents, so it should be no surprise that unwrapping the L.O.L. Surprise is responsible for much of the appeal.

It’s “50 layers of surprise for the ultimate unboxing experience,” according to Walmart’s toy description. The toy can then become a



purse carrying case or bath play set.

Videos of people unwrapping their surprise have gone viral across YouTube and social media. One, a 13-minute video of someone unwrapping their surprises, has received more than 7.3 million views since it was posted in September.

“I knew it was going to be a challenge to find one,” Crystal Lessner told the Post. “But I was determined to be a cool mom for the first time in my life.”

If you also want to be a cool parent, the time is now to begin shopping for the surprise.

The toy is already sold out online from Toys-R-Us, Walmart and Target.

You can still buy one from Amazon, but it’s going to cost you \$130. On eBay, the toy can cost you as much as \$345.

If the price tag is too high, you can settle for smaller versions of the toy.

A “L.O.L. Surprise! Fizz Factory” is available from Target for \$29.99. Mini surprise balls can be purchased at Target for as low as \$3.49.

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SOME BIG RETAILERS STILL BETTING ON BRICKS AND MORTAR

By Michael Corkery
N.Y. Times

NEW YORK — One morning last month, Target's chief executive, Brian Cornell, stood amid racks of designer T-shirts and a cooler filled with prepackaged sandwiches in a store in Midtown Manhattan.

"This is really a symbol of the future," he said.

Mr. Cornell wasn't talking about an e-commerce warehouse staffed by robots. Nor was he speaking into a voice-activated device that knows just how much toilet paper a customer needs.

He was discussing Target's new store near Herald Square in New York City, down the block from Macy's flagship store and other national retail chains. It is one of about 130 smaller format stores Target has opened or plans to open by the end of 2019. The new stores are scaled-back versions of the big-box Targets that predomi-

nate in the suburbs.

The company's store strategy stands out at a time when just about everyone seems to be questioning the relevance of brick-and-mortar retail. Amazon is seizing an ever-larger share of consumers' wallets, reducing foot traffic to stores.

Such pressures have contributed to a string of recent retail bankruptcies, including Toys "R" Us, Payless, Gymboree and Radio Shack. Sears and Macy's have also been closing hundreds of stores around the country as they struggle with slipping sales.

Last month, the company that owns Lord & Taylor sold its famous flagship Fifth Avenue store to WeWork, a startup catering to millennials in need of shared office space. The deal was seen as a vivid reminder of how the allure of the department store has faded.

But for all the gloomy uncertainty that surrounds the industry's future, stores

Below: Some brick and mortar stores are relying on renovations and expansions to direct shoppers in-store and away from online retailers.



Jeenah Moon/The New York Times

will most likely remain at the heart of retailing for a long time — even as they evolve to meet the demands of the modern shopper.

The retail industry has been pushing back against the pessimism. This summer, the IHL Group, a retail and hospi-

tality advising firm, produced a report that showed retailers will open more new stores than they will close this year. (Most of the growth, however, came from restaurant openings, not new department stores or big box retailers.)

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been out there about the death of retail is patently false," Greg Buzek, the group's president, said in August when the report was published.

Some of the biggest growth in brick-and-mortar stores is coming from discount retailers, like TJX, the parent company of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls. E-commerce may offer convenience and instant gratification, but shoppers are still willing to go into a store to hunt for a good bargain.

In August, TJX said that over the "long term" there was an opportunity to open as many as 5,600 stores, up from the 1,700 the retailer currently operates.

"We continue to see store openings as an attractive investment and a very good use of capital," the company's chief executive, Ernie Herrman, told investors on a conference call.

While discounters like TJX operate in a sort of an oasis, many other retailers face a conundrum. While retailers are plowing more money into their digital operations,

they risk rendering their stores even less attractive to shoppers by starving them of investment.

"The big challenge is how do you get customers to come into a store if they don't have to," said Melina Cordero, head of retail research for Americas at CBRE, the real estate firm.

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, has slowed its brick-and-mortar expansion, though it continues to open stores, particularly smaller format ones. The company is also using its vast store network — located in nearly every corner of the country — to support its e-commerce business.

Walmart gives discounts to customers who order certain items on the company's website and then pick them up in the stores. The company has converted thousands of workers into "personal shoppers" who pick out groceries for customers who order them online and drive to the store to pick them up.

Even as it expands its digital offerings,

Walmart is also trying to generate more buzz around its stores, which had drawn complaints from some customers in recent years for being too cavernous and unpleasant to shop in.

This month, Walmart is holding holiday parties — complete with toy demonstrations and workers in reindeer hats — as it "cranks up the volume on store experiences."

Retailers like Walmart are hoping they can build a more profitable business that incorporates both brick-and-mortar and online shopping — a strategy known in the industry as "omni-channel."

Online retailers like Amazon face high transportation costs, particularly as they guarantee free two-day and even same-day delivery. They are also bearing the cost of processing free returns.

Many analysts and retail executives said Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods and its more than 460 stores validated the relevance of brick and mortar.

Still, e-commerce continues to grow at a blistering rate, far outpacing the increase in overall retail sales. Unless that growth abates, analysts and economists question how so many stores — from suburban malls to hip boutiques — can survive.

"E-commerce is putting extreme pressure on brick and mortar," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "This really feels like a watershed moment."

Target is betting its stores will win out. It boosted sales at each renovated store by as much as 4 percent, said Mr. Cornell, the CEO. The company now fulfills about 50 percent of its customers' online orders from its stores.

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By Doreen Christensen
(Palm Beach, Fla.) Sun Sentinel

Black Friday is but a ghost of Christmas past.

Since big-box retailers continue to open on Thanksgiving, the term "Black Friday" has become meaningless. It no longer describes the kickoff to holiday shopping.

It's more accurate to refer to the busy retail season as Black November. Shop now, shop later. Shop online. Shop in stores. Pick a day, pick a sale, pick a retailer. Every day is Black Friday.

Retailers already are deep into splashy preview sales online, offering hot deals similar to those usually found on Thanksgiving, or the day after. It's part of the relentless effort to push holiday buying earlier each year to fatten bottom lines.

No wonder. Things are looking especially jolly this year. The National Retail Federation is predicting consumers will spend an average \$967 this year, up 3.4 percent from 2016, according to its annual survey. Retail sales are expected to top \$682 billion, according to the NRF.

Hanukkah is Dec. 12-20 and Christmas is on a Monday this year, which also will allow retailers to get in a full shopping weekend before the holiday is celebrated.

Best Buy, Walmart, Macy's, Target and others have already released once super-secret advertisements. All plan to open at various times on Thanksgiving.

Here's a look at when stores will open and what deals they'll offer:

Best Buy, opening at 5 p.m. Thursday, kicked off a hearty Black Friday preview sale online Nov. 12. Deals mirror those in the Thanksgiving ad, including \$125 off Apple iPad Mini 4; \$99 Samsung Chromebooks; \$150 off an LG 43-inch LED 4K Ultra HD Smart TV for \$279.99; \$170 off a Dell 15.6-inch touch screen laptop for \$359.99 and \$220 savings on Beats Studio2 wireless headphones. Shipping is free on most items with no minimum purchase through Dec. 25.

Walmart deals will go live online at midnight Thursday and at 6 p.m. in stores. Like Best Buy, the world's largest retailer had a pre-sale on Walmart.com through Nov. 12. Advertised Thanksgiving deals

include \$300 off a Samsung 65-inch Class Curved 4K Smart TV for \$998, and 700 DVDs and Blu-ray movies starting at \$1.96.

Gobble up doorbusters at Macy's, online at midnight Thursday and in stores at 5 p.m. Deals include \$29.99 diamond earrings with any purchase of \$50 or more, small electronics for \$7.99 after rebate and a KitchenAid stand mixer for \$179.99.

Target, which also kicked off an online preview sale on select toys, electronics and entertainment items, will start its Thanksgiving sale online at midnight and in stores at 6 p.m. Bag a 55-inch Westinghouse UHD TV for \$300 and save \$100 on a Sony PlayStation 4 1TB console for \$199.99.

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