Weapon wonderland

Kick off the holidays by buying guns for loved ones



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Well, the holidays are upon us

Time to rejoice in the year that has been. Time to spend time with friends and family. Time to remember the ones we love. Time to lock and load.

Yes, friends, tomorrow is the first day of December – the busiest time of the year for shopping. It's also the busiest month of the year for gun-

buyers. Yes, holiday gun-buying season

Some find it odd that December is the busiest gun-buying month. I think it makes perfect sense.

After all, nothing says "Merry

Christmas" like firepower. In fact, I'm pitching a card idea to Hallmark to tap into this vast base

"During this joyous time of the year, we just want to wish you and yours a happy holiday. You are the hollow-points in the high-capacity magazine that is our heart."

Besides, guns make the perfect gift. They're highly decorative yet practical. And there is a huge selection to choose from. Handguns, shotguns, rifles, assault weapons and military hardware.

Plus, firearms are good for all

There's nothing like seeing the joy on little Billy's face as he unwraps a 30.06 Remington XL-700 with a 10-

power

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Get Mom a little chrome .25 semiautomatic. As the person who brought you into this world, she'll be touched when you give her the means to take you out of it. It's also very fashionable and can be worn with just about anything."

It's truly a Kodak moment - as is the flood of nostalgia your grandparents will feel when they open the his and hers matching Colt Single Action Army revolvers.

By giving a gun, you're saying that you trust this person with the means to kill you. That's love.

That's why, guys, you should get your beloved lady a Smith & Wesson LadySmith revolver. Unless you're sleeping with her roommate. Then you might be better off getting her

Ladies, if your boyfriend just gets you some flowers, he's sleeping with your roommate. Go buy your own LadySmith.

The gift of firearms also shows that you care for this person enough to worry about their safety.

What about the gift of pepper spray? That's more of an "I like you"

A gun is an "I love you" gift. But guns aren't just for your significant others. They're good gifts for the whole family.

Get Mom a little chrome .25 semi-automatic. As the person who brought you into this world, she'll be touched when you give her the means to take you out of it.

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Dad would love a sharp little Ruger 10/22 .22 semi-auto rifle. It's a great little varmint gun, and comes with several different species of wood stocks.

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Besides, can you think of a better way for males to bond than by killing all animals? I know I sure can't.

Grandma is a little more difficult to buy for. She's got discerning tastes at her age. You can't just get her any old Saturday Night Special. No, Nana deserves the very best.

I'm thinking a Beretta over-under shotgun. It's imported. It's handcrafted. And Granny will know that you think enough of her to buy the

However, if Granny requires more than two shots, a Benelli semiauto is a quality piece. It also comes with many accessories to convert it into an assault shotgun. See, you're thinking practical, and Grandma will appreciate that.

Grandpa, on the other hand, is much easier. Get him a reminder of his service days. For WWII vets, a slab-sided Colt .45 is the ticket. If he's a Korean vet, than an M-14 carbine is the only way to go.

Brothers and sisters? Considering that you'll be competing against them for the inheritance someday, the advantage of knowing what they carry might be just enough to save your butt.

Buy them small-caliber pistols with little capacity.

Sure, some naysayers to firearm fun will point to the increasingly violent society we live in. But see, that's why the firearm makes the perfect

(Maybe it's just me, but most of the shootings we hear about involve stolen guns



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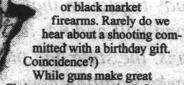


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Christ-mas presents, don't forget that graduation is also coming up in December for some. That's more of an occasion for gun accessories.

For example, a high-grade leather shoulder holster, preferably one that matches his or her briefcase, is a elegant yet practical gift.

If you're looking for something a little more exotic, try shopping at the Kramer handgun leather company's Web site. From their Exotica collection, you can choose from sharkskin, whipsnake, python and ostrich skin holsters at http://www.kramerleather.

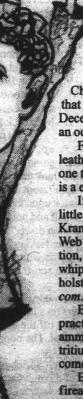
Birthdays are good times for the practical firearm gifts. Boxes of ammunition, spare magazines and tritium night sights are always wel-

But for the biggie, Christmas, firearms are the only way go.

Besides, it eases the burden on

Santa Claus. He doesn't have to check the list so often. Uncle Sam will be making the list and checking

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ing. Janet Reno knows when you're awake. Sarah Brady knows if you're

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