

The Student Holiday Gift Guide 2006

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Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Right after Thanksgiving ends, it hits us like a ton of bricks. When we were young, we depended on mom and dad to give us \$20 and head to the mall to find presents for members of our family. But as we grew older, responsibility set in, and the thought of mom and dad handing us money faded away.

Now we have to buy our loved ones presents with our own money. I know, it's a tough reality to swallow, but Christmas does only come once a year. God forbid we spend our own hard-earned cash on a present for Mom.

But it's no secret that college students are usually strapped for cash. Here are some gift ideas that won't put you in debt this holiday season.

For Dad: City of London Neckties (\$25-\$45): Ya, I know what you're thinking. Buying a tie for Dad is so typical. But it doesn't have to be. Bringing influences of London to American boardrooms, City of London blends business with class. With its signature



polka-dot design on the reverse side of the tie, you can guarantee your dad will be the best dressed cat in the office. Macy's, boardroomties.com

"The 50 Coolest Movies of All Time", by Berge Garabedian (Paperback, \$18): Everyone has a 'greatest films' list, but this is the only 'coolest films' list. And the thing is, your Dad has probably seen most of these movies. And that makes your dad cooler than you. Amazon.com



For Mom: Acorn Chinchilla Booties (\$20): Everyone knows about Uggs, but not only are they always sold out, but they cost a pretty penny. These comfortable slippers are only \$20, and they will keep your mom's feet

warm in any weather. But don't blame me when your mom starts wearing these every time you're in public together. Sierratradingpost.com



Liz Claiborne Money Talks Clutch (\$25): It's not a mystery

that your mom loves to spend money. Now she can do it in style with the latest clutch from Liz Claiborne. With 20 card slots, Mom will have plenty of room to put backup cards when she maxes out the Mastercard. Ebags.com



For Brother/Boyfriend: Nixon Watches - The Block (\$50): If it's for your brother, it can be the first gift that he actually appreciates you getting him. And if it's your boyfriend, you're guaranteeing yourself an awesome Valentines Day gift in return. And unlike the Fossil watch he got two years ago from Mom, this watch won't be hidden somewhere in his desk drawer. Nixonnow.com



For Sister/Girlfriend: Grey's Anatomy Seasons 1&2 (\$53): This is a no-brainer. Guys, you simply can't go wrong. Even if she doesn't watch Grey's Anatomy, she will love this present. The only downside is that they will be watching it for a month straight. Soon enough you'll know exactly who McDreamy is. Amazon.com

Entertainment around Bakersfield

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Wednesday, Nov. 15

Open Mic
Fishlips Bar and Grill
1517 18th Street
9 p.m.

Celtic Sessions
1523 19th Street
7-9 p.m.

Karaoke at Trouts
805 N. Chester Ave.
8 p.m.

Francois & the Question Mark
McGees at the Icehouse
3401 Chester Ave
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16

The Warriors, Esiah, Remembering Never, Full Blown
Chaos and War of Ages
The Dome - Doors Open at 6.30
\$ 12 per ticket

Dearly Departed
8:00 PM.
Stars Theatre Restaurant
1931 Chester Ave
\$39-\$47

Men of Worth
Kern River Celtic Association
sponsored concert
7:00 PM.
The Spotlight Theatre & Caf
1622 19th St.
\$20

Friday, Nov. 17

Desole & Faulter, Lost Ocean, Hide the Children, Of Ink &

Melody
The Dome - Doors Open at 7 PM.
\$10 per ticket

Dearly Departed
8:00 PM.
Stars Theatre Restaurant
1931 Chester Ave
\$39-\$47

Assassins
8:00 PM.
The Spotlight Theatre & Caf
1622 19th St.

Pirates of the Ol Kern River
7:00 PM.
Gaslight Melodrama Theatre & Music Hall
12748 Jomani Dr.
\$750-\$1700

Jessie s Place
8:00 PM.
The Empty Space
706 Oak St.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Bakersfield Condors vs. Idaho Steelheads
Sat, November 18,
7:00 P.M.
Rabobank Arena

Dearly Departed
8:00 PM.
Stars Theatre Restaurant
1931 Chester Ave
\$39-\$47

Jessie s Place
8:00 PM.
The Empty Space

Movies out this week

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Casino Royale

Casino Royale is the story of James Bond's beginnings as a spy for MI6. After attaining the position of 007, Bond (Daniel Craig) is put on a mission to spy on a terrorist. Bond uncovers a plot by the terrorists to raise money for their operations through a high-stakes poker game in Montenegro's Le Casino Royale.

Bond is sent to La Casino Royale to play against Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), a member of the terrorist cartel. Bond is accompanied by fellow MI6 agent Vesper Lynd (Eva Green). If Bond can beat Le Chiffre, it would mean ruin for the terrorists.



Fast Food Nation

Based on the popular book by Eric Schlosser, Fast Food Nation is about the investigation of a marketing executive for a major fast food chain. The executive (Greg Kinnear), is sent to Colorado to find out if cow manure has gotten into his company's product. Fast Food Nation preaches the health risks involved with the fast food industry as well as the social and environmental impacts.



Happy Feet

In a land where penguins find a mate by singing, a penguin is born that cannot sing. Happy Feet is the story of a young penguin with an affinity for tap dancing. The voice-acting cast for this animated film includes Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman, Brittany Murphy and Hugo.

Weaving.



Let's Go to Prison

Let's Go to Prison is a comedy about a career criminal (Dax Shepard) and wealthy snob (Will Arnett) who become roommates in a maximum security prison.

Information courtesy of www.imdb.com

Events going on in Music and Theatre

CSUB Jazz Ensemble in Concert
Doré Theatre
Nov. 17
8 p.m.
\$10 General, \$6 Students & Seniors

CSUB Chamber Music Ensemble
Doré Theatre
Nov. 18
8 p.m.
\$8 General, \$6 Students & Seniors

CSUB Singers in Concert
First Presbyterian Church
1705 17th Street
Nov. 19
4 p.m.
\$10 General, \$6 Students & Seniors

Theatre Senior Student Projects
Arena Theatre inside the Doré
Nov. 21
7 p.m.
Admission is Free

CSUB Community Band Holiday Concert
Doré Theatre
Dec. 3
3 p.m.
\$10 General, \$6 Students & Seniors

For more information call
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Coffeehouse 654-2511
Community Band 654-6007
Jazz 654-6142
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