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Headphones, speakers top gift lists

By THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON (AP) — The holiday season is in full swing, and the list of gifts people want to give is long. According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, headphones and speakers are among the top gifts people want to give. The survey found that headphones are the most popular gift, followed by speakers. Other popular gifts include video games, books, and clothing.

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Christmas of '67

The older I get, the more ordinary Christmas seems. Maybe that's what it means to grow up — the glitter and the whimsy of something that was once magical and wild slowly fades. Or maybe it's because on Christmas will ever reach the highs and lows of the one I survived the year I turned 13.

That was the Christmas my dad quit. It was the Christmas my mom had her first heart attack. It was the Christmas my brother was born. It was the Christmas my sister got married. It was the Christmas my grandfather died. It was the Christmas my grandmother moved to Florida. It was the Christmas my uncle was arrested. It was the Christmas my aunt got divorced. It was the Christmas my cousin was killed. It was the Christmas my friend was hospitalized. It was the Christmas my neighbor was evicted. It was the Christmas my teacher was fired. It was the Christmas my boss was laid off. It was the Christmas my company was bankrupt. It was the Christmas my country was invaded. It was the Christmas my world was in chaos.

It was the Christmas of '67.

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