

# Weekend

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## SHOPPING WITHOUT DROPPING

Alternatives to fighting  
the crowds on Black Friday

### LOCAL GIFT IDEAS

**Thunderbird wind chimes:** Handmade in Stuart, each is crafted to withstand all kinds of weather. Available at [www.thunderbirdchimes.com](http://www.thunderbirdchimes.com).

**Turtle River soap:** These natural, animal fat-free soaps were born on the Loxahatchee River in Hobe Sound, where founder Randy Porch got an idea to make a soap to repel the swarms of mosquitoes. Available at [www.turtleriversoap.com](http://www.turtleriversoap.com).

**2011 Florida Ranches calendar:** Created six years ago, the Florida Ranches calendar showcases the striking beauty of Florida's ranch lands, and celebrates the generations of rich cultural heritage and environmental stewardship of these special places. Available at [www.fireflyforyou.com/calendar2011.php](http://www.fireflyforyou.com/calendar2011.php).

**Blue Flame candles:** Soy candles that are fragrant, long-burning and leave no extra wax. Available at Fort Pierce Jazz Market on Saturdays and Ohana Surf Shop on Hutchinson Island.

**Akaimai Accents:** A variety of air plants, orchids, cactus and bromeliads grow in unique pieces of driftwood and grapewood. Available at Fort Pierce, Vero Beach and Stuart green markets.

**Make a difference:** Make a donation to a local charity, such as the United Way or the Boys & Girls Clubs, in the name of your gift recipient.