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Gift Ideas for People on Your List

Chances are the folks over 50 on your list don't need another mug, candle or coffee grinder. Why not give them something that will help them discover their encore career?

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Support Lacking for Career Switchers

After practicing law for many years, Dan Ladd, 59, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, craved a career that offered "a little more sense of adventure." But his journey to becoming a veterinary technician was bumpier than expected. That's because of the pitfalls that await people making significant career changes in later life, says *CommonWealth* journal.

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Shattering Older Worker Myths

An article in *The New York Times Magazine*'s special Year-in-Ideas issue debunks stereotypes about older workers being risk averse, noncompetitive and uncooperative. Check out this study.

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Encore Stories for the Holidays

Engineer's Encore
After he retired from Intel Corp. as a designer and engineer, Paul Osterlund started a project to help subsistence farmers in drought-prone areas of the world improve their yields and increase their incomes. Find out how. Read More.

Foster Care Reformer
A news item about a foster child who had been kidnapped prompted Massachusetts toy store owner Judy Cockerton to start an intergenerational residential community that supports foster kids statewide. Read More.

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Searching for Purpose Prize Winners

An NPR reporter recently called The Purpose Prize “a kind of MacArthur ‘genius award’ for retirees.” You or someone you know could win the $100,000 Prize in 2010.

- Learn more about The Prize, then nominate someone – or yourself.
- Watch and share this brief video of the 2009 Purpose Prize winners.
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