



The Year Without a Purchase: One Family's Quest to Stop Shopping and Start Connecting

By Scott Dannemiller

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