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ENTREE'S GIFT GUIDE FOR 2011

We've spent the entire year searching out new and innovative products for your holiday shopping. Take a peek. Let the craziness begin. Along with these gift ideas come our fondest wishes for a very merry and very happy holiday season. We still hold strong to visions of Santa, reindeer, angels and snowflakes, not cash registers.



BOOKS

MENU DESIGN IN AMERICA, Taschen, a fascinating epicurean tour of America through 800 color menu cover and interior photos from 1850 through 1985. For both the food- and design-minded reader. \$59.99 and available at www.taschen.com. DRINKOLOGY BEER by James Waller will help you to discover everything you've ever wanted to know about beer. Written especially for brew lovers, this guide is full of informative, witty and accessible information about global beer styles and history. Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$22.50. THE SECRETS OF PISTOULET, Stewart Tabori & Chang, an enchanted fable of food, magic and love by Jana Kolpen who brings ancient recipes to life with illustrations and prose. UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY BOOK, Abrams Image, \$16.95, by Brian Miller, Adam Paulson and Kevin Wool, a romp that includes 100 of the world's worst, most hilarious sweaters. DOGS TROT GLOBE, To Paris & Provence, \$19.95, by Sheron Long, a dog's eye view of adventures in France. 750 BEST APPETIZERS from dips & salsas to spreads and shooters by Judith Finlayson and Jordan Wagman, \$24.95, Robert Rose publisher, the quintessential book of appetizers for any occasion. THE FAIRY TALES OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM, newly translated edition with illustrations by legendary artists,

published by Taschen, a classic of world literature beloved by generations, a magical book to treasure in honor of the 200th anniversary of these original fairy tales.

FOR THE WINE CELLAR

Wines That Rock, innovators of rock-inspired wines, like The Police “Synchronicity” Red Blend that joins its first three Rock ‘n Roll varietals, “Rolling Stones Forty Licks Merlot,” “Woodstock Chardonnay” and “Pink Floyd The Dark Side of the Moon Cabernet Sauvignon,” released in 2009. A partnership between legendary rock business managers RZO and award winning winemakers Mendocino Wine Co., Wines That Rock looks to capture the quality and spirit of Rock ‘n Roll mythology in its portfolio of great tasting wines, iconic album art for labels, earth friendly production and great consumer value. Wines That Rock are crafted partly from the hands of Mendocino Wine Co. winemaker Mark Beaman, a talented winemaker whose passions are quality, sustainability and Rock ‘n Roll. The process for making “Synchronicity” began by listening to the legendary Police album to uncover the layers needed in its wine. “The term Synchronicity, Sting’s magnetic vocals and the theme of light and dark in the music were the main influences on the wine,” Beaman said. “Synchronicity as a meaningful mix of seemingly unrelated events resulting in a significant sum, lead me to a red wine blend of varieties not commonly seen together. The light and dark nature of the music pointed to a blend that could represent both a friendly and heavy side, along with sexy aromatics to lure people in, but with the flavor profile and structure to hold people’s attention.” Wines That Rock takes its respect for the music very seriously, with founders that have been at the forefront of bringing Rock ‘n Roll to fans for decades. Co-founders Ron Roy and Howard Jackowitz originally partnered with RZO and David Bowie in 1997 to create UltraStar Entertainment, the world’s largest online fan club company pioneering fan club ticketing and online artist communities. Currently available to the public at www.winesthatrock.com and retail locations nationwide.

Rosenthal The Malibu Estate Chardonnay 2009, Malibu Newton Canyon, a full-bodied masterpiece exhibiting pineapple, tropical fruit, lemon and honey by winemaker Christian Roguenat, www.rosenthastestatewines.com; Rosenthal’s 2006 Malibu Newton Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon is exceptional-ruby-red in color, robust in flavor, smooth and elegant like Mr. Rosenthal himself. Signorello Vineyard’s 2007

Padrone Proprietary Red Wine from Napa, a rare limited edition blend of Cabernet, Merlot and Cabernet Franc that will knock your socks off. Fuse Wine strives to make a Cabernet Sauvignon using only the best fruit in the Napa Valley. Their 2009 Cab is rich with earthy Cabernet, lush Syrah and Merlot integrated with Cabernet Franc, www.fusewine.com. Sustainably produced and delectable, the reds and whites from Halter Ranch Wines in Paso Robles, including the Ancestor Red Blend, \$44, are flavorful and bursting with character, www.halterranch.com. Family wines of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Stone Wolf Vineyards in Oregon's burgeoning Willamette Valley are both complex to drink and affordable to share; www.stonewolfvineyards.com. Pago Cimera Riserva Malbec 2008, "The Vineyard on the Mountain Crest," from Argentina-deep purple, blueberry, licorice, round and supple.

TRAVELLING CROWD

The Sound Oasis Sleep Therapy Pillow allows users to enjoy their favorite music or sounds in optimal relaxation and comfort. In addition to being an excellent everyday pillow, this clever device incorporates two high fidelity, ultra-thin stereo speakers positioned deep within the pillow, allowing users to surround themselves with sound for enhanced therapy or privacy. Just plug in any compatible iPod/MP3 player, CD player, television, radio or Sound Oasis sound therapy system and enjoy. Machine or hand washed by easily removing the speakers. Retail for \$49.99 and can be purchased online at sound-oasis.com, via phone at (866) 625-3218 or at retailers throughout North America.

Grab Guard is the anti-theft solution this holiday season. It's easy to use: one snap and your belongings stay where they belong. This innovative device fits in the palm of your hand. With one quick pull of the unique Lock Line and the simple setting of your 2 digit personal lock code, Grab Guard securely attaches anything with a handle or strap to any safe location. www.grabguard.com, \$19.99.

VinniBag is a versatile travel accessory that suspends items in an air cushion, providing protection against everything from impact and leakage of wine and olive oil to keeping safe antique tea cups while traveling. Both the sophisticated design and material of VinniBag easily tolerate significant changes in air pressure and temperature, allowing for

safe travel by air, car, rail, bike, backpack or however else you choose to go. Reusable, recyclable and made in the USA, ENTREE always makes use of these bags when on the road. \$28, www.vinnibag.com.

At \$19.95, the EatSmart Precision Voyager is perfect for the traveler in your life, from the casual vacationer to the road warrior. It's a savvy travel accessory that makes a great present for anyone who has a history of over packing. The Precision Voyager allows users to quickly and easily weigh luggage up to 110 pounds. Simply clip the scale's handle to your suitcase or bag and lift, the weight appears almost instantly. Its compact, durable design allows travelers to place it in their suitcase and bring it with them on their journey. Visit www.eatsmartproducts.com.

Walkabout Lite 4 22" Expandable Rollaboard from Travelpro is an ideal combination of lightweight durability, functionality and affordability for the frequent business and leisure traveler. Everything you'd expect and more from Travelpro, the expandable rollaboard offers ample packing space, a lightweight and The Walkabout Lite 4 collection is available in stylish black and dark blue fabric colors. The entire line includes the following options: Deluxe Tote, Rolling Computer Tote, 20" Expandable Business Plus Rollaboard, 20" Expandable Wide Body Spinner with Suiter, 22" Expandable Rollaboard Suiter, 24" Expandable Rollaboard Suiter, 25" Expandable Spinner Upright with Suiter 26" Expandable Rollaboard Suiter, 28" Expandable Rollaboard Suiter, 29" Expandable Spinner Upright with Suiter and Carry-On Rolling Garment Bag. A limited lifetime warranty extended by Travelpro guarantees that the luggage is free from defects in materials and workmanship. Walkabout Lite 4 collection is available in blue and black. Visit www.travelpro.com.

Nylon backpacks by Incase are the perfect carrying solution for all your essentials. They also make top quality high quality iPhone cases, MacBook cases, messenger bags, backpacks, iPad cases available at amazon.com and zappos.com and other fine retail stores.

The Jetsetter Mini has just landed! For the world worn or the novice, The Pillow Bar introduces the perfect travel companion to cradle your head and support your neck with just the right amount of cushy goose down comfort. Drift off comfortably while soaring the skies with the calming scent of our luxurious lavender sachet and a 300 thread count

cotton sateen protector. And like all Pillow Bar products, the Jetsetter Mini is made by hand of Hungarian goose down and includes an embroidered washable protector and an aromatic, calming sachet. \$85 from www.thepillowbar.com.

The Original Clever Travel Companion, a twist on safety while traveling, offers underwear with zippered pockets to prevent thieves and pickpockets from taking hold of your possessions. There's no better place to stash important documents, cash, credit cards or whatever else you might not want exposed, www.clevertravelcompanion.com. Around \$20-\$30.

Atttractive RFID-blocking wallets and accessories from SecureMyID, featuring specialized materials that stop scanners from accessing your information visit checksunlimited.com/securemyid.

Anything from Magellan's, the world's most trusted source of travel supplies, www.magellans.com.

FOR THE FAMILY

The cherished Putumayo label, a favorite of ENTREE, has released two rich collections as part of the World Beat Series, African Beat and Latin Beat. The record label is run by a true world music connoisseur Dan Storper who focuses full-time on his goal of introducing people to other cultures through music. These two make excellent soundtracks for anyone wanting a taste of lively summer travel during the cold and dark winter evenings. www.putumayo.com.

Relaxing by the fire or in the park is so much better when you have your tunes playing in the background. The wireless "Bump" speaker line from Aluratek, www.aluratek.com, lets you project your music anywhere with superb sound quality and portability. Our favorite from their newest collection: the AMS01F portable boombox and the APS01F 3.5mm lithium ion portable speaker. Easy to configure even for those not as technologically minded. Portable players starting at \$49.99

Reverse Charades is a hilarious twist on a classic stand-by (where one person acts out words for the team to guess-boring)! With Reverse Charades, the entire team has 60 seconds to act out as many words as one person can guess. It's a fast-paced, fiercely fun team competition that's an absolute riot with families, work teams, school groups, party-goers or among a few close friends. But be warned...you're in for big and dangerous doses of fun. Reverse Charades and Reverse Charades Junior, \$23.99, available on www.eaglegames.net; Pickup Lines, Pressman Toys, a great icebreaker or starter to a cocktail party, available on www.amazon.com, \$24.43; The 90's Game, popular culture trivia for your nostalgic youth who thinks that anything 1990's is vintage, www.amazon.com, \$49.82; Rudolph the red-nosed Reindeer DVD Game, fun holiday cheer surrounding a classic family film, www.screenlifegames.com, \$17.88; 20 Questions Electronic Version, hours of fun as your try to stump the computer, www.amazon.com, \$14.99.

The Original Christmas Classics DVD Collection available at www.amazon.com, combines all of your favorite animated and claymation holiday films into a 2 disc set. Hours of family fun while you share these stories with your loved ones. \$20.74.

Traveling is one of the great pleasures of life, though sometimes knowing how to plan a trip with children can be a challenge. Janice Davis and her two youngsters, Chelsea and Graham, all native New Yorkers, have a solution in the Travel Bug Book Series. Guides designed towards planning one-on-one trips with a child offer a unique opportunity to bond while sharing a travel adventure. In addition to endorsing such an experience, the books give all the practical travel information needed. A KID, A GROWN UP & A TRAVEL BUG: A You-Can-Do-It Travel Guide for one-on-one getaways with your child and FRIENDS, A VILLA & A TRAVEL BUG, a how to on arranging a fabulous villa vacation for yourself and a few dozen of your closest friends are both available at www.amazon.com.

IKEA, known for its contemporary furnishings and budget friendly pricing is joining with the Soft Toy Campaign, a global initiative in which one euro for every soft plush IKEA toy bought in IKEA stores between November 1 and December 24 will be split between Save the Children and UNICEF. Cuddly and charitable, these toys will bring holiday warmth to your home and others. For more information, visit www.ikea.com.

FOR THE OFFICE

The X-mini v1.1 Capsule Speaker delivers a superb audio effect with advanced sound technologies. The compact and robust design promises easy portability with a six hour battery life and an outstanding performance over years, www.x-mini.com, \$19.90.

JUST FOR HER

Bazura Bags, made in the Philippines by a woman's cooperative using used juice containers and discarded advertising banners; lively and smart looking, www.bazurabags.com.

ChicBuds Fauvette Gold Earbuds with a MIC are a girl's best friend in this techno-savvy world. For those with a smoking hot phone, why reach for boring Bluetooth sets and headphones? With chicBuds Fauvette, rich gold tones pair divinely with a cheeky kiss bird design on the bud in either hot pink or blue. Keep an eye out for their adorable gold tin packaging which can be used as an earbud holder when not in use. Available at www.chicbuds.com for \$29.99.

In a world that is surrounded by cutting-edge technology, it seems that everyone is keeping up with the latest electronic gadgets such as iPhones, iPads and laptops. With so many expensive devices it is more important than ever to have cases and protective coverings for the costly possessions. Thanks to Hadaki, all women can say goodbye to plain, simple cases and hello to stylish, trendy cases, pods and wraps for their most valued electronics. With Hadaki's collection of fashionable bags and accessories, holiday shoppers can rest assured that they are giving a gift of style and personality to the women on their lists. Available in unique designs and color combinations, there is a Hadaki bag for everyone. And what's more, holiday shoppers can feel particularly good about their purchase knowing that Hadaki's manufacturing process is eco-friendly and eliminates harmful chemicals that are traditionally used in the manufacturing process. Check out Hadaki's latest collection online at www.hadakishop.com, \$8-\$220.

The Myrtle Leaf has just released a new “Cool Cucumber” anti-aging facial mist designed to help carry essential nutrients deep into the skin; made with pure, all-natural ingredients and hand-crafted in small batches several times per week. A 2 oz bottle of “Cool Cucumber” facial mist is \$24. Visit www.myrtleleaf.com or call (888) 544-7873.

Kings of Cole is the perfect gift for that woman in your life. Great for the gym, for lounging or even to dress up (all of the sweats are detailed with rose gold colored hardware), Kings of Cole zip-ups, pullovers and sweats are perfect to give to any loved one, mother, grandmother, etc. They are extremely soft and just right for all of the yoga moms out there, visit www.kingsofcole.com.

JUST FOR HIM

Wahl’s Lithium-Ion grooming kit, a precision and powerful set of trimmer, shaver, combs and guides used by professionals and perfect for home, guaranteed to shave and trim better, www.wahltrimmers.com

Grilling is one of the great triumphs of summer, so why let the BBQ fade away with the warmer weather? Enjoy quality steaks and beer all year long with Robinson’s Prime Reserve and Samuel Adams’ ultimate specialty grilling packages. Developed by artisanal meat purveyor Jake Dickson, the Boston Lager cut is designed to be the ideal beef counterpart to Samuel Adams Boston Lager. Caramelized flavors of grilled steak play off the sweet maltiness of a lager, while the beer’s spicy, citrusy hops cleanse the palate for the next bite. The Samuel Adams Boston Lager Cut Package includes 6 (8 oz) Samuel Adams Boston Lager Cuts and 2 Samuel Adams Boston Lager Pint Glasses; \$79.95, <http://robinsonsprimereserve.com>.

NIFTY GIFT IDEAS

Custom crafted with top-grade fragrance oils, SOI candles are the safest, most fragrant eco-candle you’ll find. Completely hand poured and soot free, these candles stay warm to the touch without risk of traditional scalding. Eco-friendly, hand-crafted and biodegradable. Plus they smell and look delightful. www.thesoico.com.

The Toothbrush: A packing essential whether embarking on an overnight trip, weekend getaway or an escape from reality vacation. It's functional but no fun. Enter the Slim Sonic Toothbrush by Violight: a new sleek sonic toothbrush that's portable, easily packable and stylish in an array of trendy colors. At \$14.95, the Violight is a great value and stocking-stuffer, plus it comes with two toothbrush heads and batteries included. Who says functional gifts can't be fun too? www.violight.com.

The poker chip-sized ZOMM, \$99, www.zomm.com, is the first Wireless Leash for cell phones that will flash, vibrate and even sound an alarm if you start to walk away from your phone. Just clip the Bluetooth-enabled device to a keychain, purse or pocket to ensure you never leave your phone behind. And because the ZOMM is wirelessly connected to your phone via Bluetooth, it doubles as a speakerphone when your cell is out of reach.

Leave your e-readers and other electronics at home and take a nostalgic trip down memory lane with a new game that combines two classics—Rubik's Cube and Scrabble. The new game, called SCRUBLE Cube, is a one piece block that you twist and turn to spell words for points. Or, if you are feeling ambitious and playing alone, you can try to "solve" the cube by spelling "Scruble Cube" on each of its faces. www.scrublecube.com, \$24.95.

Preparing a traditional, festive New England holiday dinner or finding the perfect unexpected gift has never been easier with GetMaineLobster.com. Their gourmet holiday seafood packages solve the two biggest questions surrounding the holidays: "What to serve?" and "What to give?" From the Lobster Feast for Two and the elegant Surf and Turf dinner to a customized gift certificate wrapped in a festive red box, GetMaineLobster.com delivers the perfect option. Direct from the mid-coast of Maine, where the icy and deep Atlantic waters create the sweetest lobsters in the world, GetMaineLobster.com lobster and seafood is hand-selected and shipped overnight to your doorstep. For holiday giving, the simplicity and speed of checking a gift off your list by ordering gift certificates for friends, family, clients and colleagues is a gift in itself. Our favorite order: the Maine Lobster Feast for Two—an indulgent treat of two 1.5 pound just caught live

Maine lobsters, two pounds of mussels and two whoopee pies—a decadent gift at a reasonable price of \$115. Allow GetMaineLobster.com to help you with your holiday entertaining and gift list with many packages and options.

Wahl's Heated Therapeutic Massager to relieve pain and fatigue with 9 attachments and variable power, www.wahlmassagers.com.

Widely touted as “the most comfortable headphones for sleeping,” we at ENTREE agree that there’s nothing like SleepPhones. Embedded in a Polartec headband, these innovative and physician-developed headphones are akin to wearing cozy pajamas over your ears. SleepPhones aid in sleeping by providing a noise canceling and calming effect, whether at home, on a plane or just someone who needs that extra little help, www.sleepphones.com, \$39.95.

Now is the time to order ENTREE Travel Newsletter as a gift for your friends and colleagues. All get a special pricing deal (just \$49 a gift) if they call (805) 969-5848 or e-mail our publisher, William Tomicki, at wtomicki@aol.com. What better gift is there than our travel news and insights every month? And, our elves happily gift wrap free of charge.

FOR THE KITCHEN

Bialetti's eco-friendly easy to clean nonstick nano-ceramic 10 1/4" saute pan is perfect for a unique cooking experience all-year-round. From the company that brings us the innovative Moka Express stovetop coffee maker, \$39.95, an icon of Italian design and a permanent collection of New York's Museum of Modern Art, this cookware is equally functional and visually appealing. www.bialetti.com.

Nescafe Dolce Gusto Circolo by Krups, high design meets function with this coffee maker and so much more. Enjoy delicious espresso, lattes, cappuccino and all of your other favorites with this gorgeous machine. In addition, its no mess, easy to clean and dishwasher safe design, make it the perfect holiday gift for the coffee lover in your life. www.dolce-gusto.us, \$150.

BEER AND SPIRITS

All of the celebrating that takes place between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve can often result in a case of "one-too-many" syndrome. Now there is a hangover remedy that can relieve headaches, fatigue and settle upset stomachs in minutes. Blowfish is a new remedy that is an FDA regulated drug specifically designed to treat the major symptoms of a hangover, with tablets that you dissolve in water and drink the morning after a big night out. <http://forhangovers.com/>.

Agwa de Bolivia, the world's only coca leaf liqueur, a delicious spirit that's refreshing and a perfect pick-me-up on cold nights. Unlike other liqueurs, Agwa delivers a shot of energy by drawing out natural alkaloids in the coca leaf. www.agwabuzz.com and available online for \$29.98.

FOR THE HOME

Dyson Hot fan heater is the most advanced and stunning way to heat an entire room from the geniuses who brought us miracles in vacuuming. Sleek, effective and designed in a way you'll be proud to show off, the Dyson line of space heaters and fans bring function and form to the pesky problem of climate control. \$399.99 www.dyson.com. We have named this fantastic fan GIFT OF THE YEAR!

Poo Pourri is a bathroom natural air freshener and spray deodorizer that eliminates bathroom odors using environmentally friendly essential oils, making it safe for the planet and your nose. This stuff really works. Visit www.poopourri.com.

Forget the traditional boring party napkins; ENTREE has found a new alternative. Each pack of Trivia Party Starters come with 20 napkins and includes 40 different trivia questions designed to keep guests mingling and entertained. In addition to the fun wine-themed trivia, which we preferred, these napkins are offered in 12 other themes like Girls Night Out, Baby Shower Trivia, General Trivia, Celebrity Trivia and many more. Sold in select stores in U.S. or online at www.triviapartystarters.com.

Commended by the Arthritis Foundation for ease of use, Fiskars pruning snip makes quick, precise cuts virtually effortless. Their Softouch Micro-Tip Pruning Snip makes deadheading, trimming and shaping plants so easy you'll actually be looking forward to gardening in spring. Action design opens the blades after each cut to reduce hand strain, and the high-grade, stainless-steel blades feature a precision-ground edge that stays sharp longer and cuts all the way to the tip for healthy cuts on living plants. The Softouch Micro-Tip Pruning Snip also includes a contoured Softgrip handle for a more comfortable grip. \$12.99. www.fiskars.com.

The Throver from Crypton, \$99, an elegant and soft armor for anything you might need to cover. Used like a tarp, the super fabric is durable, pet safe, water resistant and available in fashionable colors and patterns. www.cryptonfabric.com. In addition, check out Crypton's selection of pet beds, made from the same wonderful fabric.

The fridge is more or less the place for you to leave notes for the rest of the family, especially when you are not able to meet them because of scheduling conflicts. Bringing this idea into the new millennium, the Native Union Play video memo pad, designed by Fabian Nauroy, allows users to leave short notes in a fun, colorful and portable way. \$80, www.nativeunion.com.

In today's technology-obsessed society we are constantly surrounded by electronic devices that are responsible for zapping our energy and stressing us out. The positive ions that are released by our computers, cell phones, televisions and even our air conditioners are the culprits behind this daily brain drain, but a new trio of devices can help combat the effects while purifying the air around you. The Ionic Lifestyle collection from Purely Products is a series of ionizers for the home, car and your computer that emit negative ions to increase serotonin levels and the flow of oxygen to the brain

resulting in higher alertness, decreased drowsiness, and more mental energy. Simply the best designed negative ion-generating unit for your home or office. From amazon.com.

EXCELLENT EDIBLES

Baker's Bacon is made in America, but hand rubbed and slowly smoked by British expat and celebrity chef, Tony Baker. Sourced from sustainable, naturally raised hogs, Baker's Bacon is all dry-cured, then naturally smoked with real apple wood smoke. Everything's better with bacon, right? www.bakersbacon.com.

Chuao Chocolatier boldly unites sweet and luscious premium milk chocolate with the salty crispness of all-natural potato chips to create the Potato Chips in Chocolate bar. The combination effortlessly flirts between flavors to satisfy every craving. Chuao Chocolatier is an award-winning company known for its culinary creativity and unique pairings. The Potato Chips in Chocolate bar is available in stores and online at www.chuaochocolatier.com for \$6.

An Air Ribs shipment or gift card is very creative; truly unique; always welcome; easy to order; available and shipped everywhere in the U.S....and what's not to love about juicy, delicately smoked Bar-B-Q? Meats range from pork and beef ribs, brisket, turkey and sausage, all slow-smoked to allow aromatic hardwood flavors to penetrate deep within. Each Air Rib portion is frozen and vacuum-packed to seal in the natural juices and flavors. Even if you have vegetarians on your list, Air Ribs offers a wide array of fabulous desserts and breads. Information and orders can be found at www.airribs.com or by phone at (800) 247-7427.

Delicious smoked salmon from The Santa Barbara Smokehouse, full sides of delicate, buttery salmon 2.2 lbs. in weight, either mild, robust, cooked or lemon-pepper, call (805) 966-9794. Called "the world's finest smoked salmon" by The New York Times Syndicate.

FOR THE KIDS

Alphabet Animals Quilt Set and Book by Story Time Café, a menagerie of adorable animals in a slide-and-peek book plus a 36x48-inch quilt for story time and a 24x24-inch buddy quilt, www.cilettipublishinggroup.com.

Video games—Xbox 360 GREEN LANTERN, Rise of the Manhunters, with 3D glasses included, puts the universe in their hands; DISNEY'S PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, experience it Lego-style with all the action and memorable moments of the movies.

The Classic Scene It DVD games from Screen Life Games have expanded into nearly every possible corner of popular culture. With editions like Scene It Glee, Harry Potter and Comedy Movies, there's no doubt that everyone in your family, from stripling to senior, will participate in the action, www.screenlifegames.com, around \$30.

Sport headphones from Rockbuds by Chicbuds that deliver incredible insulating sound for the iPhone, iPods, airplane and most listening devices. \$24.99, www.chicbuds.com.

We end with some advice: Listen hard for reindeer and bells, look carefully for a bearded man in a red suit, absorb a child's smile, taste a snowflake, celebrate these wonderful times with joy. The economy may be crashing, the world may in turmoil, our government is rudderless, but as always, a new year is on the horizon and with it hope and promise. In 2012 we wish for a fat bank account and a thin body. Don't want to mix these up like last year.

