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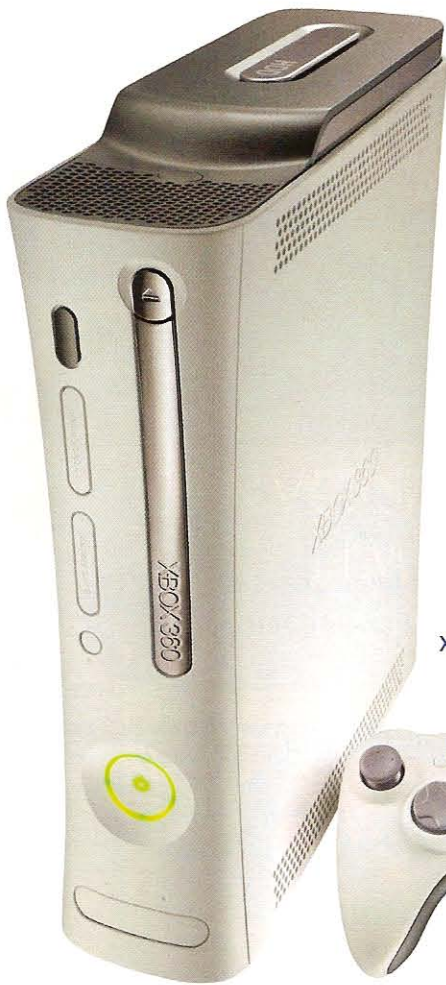


Flying Fish

Wild Alaska Seafood
spreads its wings

Holiday Gift Guide 2005

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XBOX 360



On the subject of gifting, that age-old proverb had it right. It's always better to give than to receive. And holiday time means gifts for everybody, an annual ritual that even the Scrooges among us have to like. With that in mind, we present a sampling of this season's best and our predictions for which gifts will give your loved ones reason for joy at year's end.



LG ELECTRONICS' 42P



LAMPS FROM KINZIG DESIGN

Malibu Two XL (\$679) from Ocean Kayak and the one-seat Tsunami 140 (\$925) from Wilderness Systems that have everyone excited.

"We've seen sales grow 20 percent in kayaks," says Kimmet, who notes that sit-on-top kayaks, in particular, have been popular with families. "We think 2006 will be the year of water sports."

Of course, no paddler is ready for adventure without the proper equipment. Kimmet recommends SealLine Kodiak Window Dry Bags (\$16.95 to \$35.95; www.seallinegear.com) from Cascade Designs to keep gear dry during a trip. What's more, Seattle Sports

offers a Basic Safety Kit (\$49.99; www.seattlesports-co.com) that includes a bilge pump, sponge, paddle float and paddle leash to make sure your paddles don't float away if the kayak capsizes.

For the golfer on your gift list, GAIM Golf, a company in Knoxville, Tennessee, recently unveiled the new G360 (\$149.95, www.gaimgolf.com), a tungsten putter engineered to provide better aim and distance control.

House and Garden

The popularity of home-improvement projects continues to soar across the country. New for this year, Black & Decker has unveiled the SmartDriver cordless screwdriver (\$39.99; www.blackanddecker.com) with a lithium

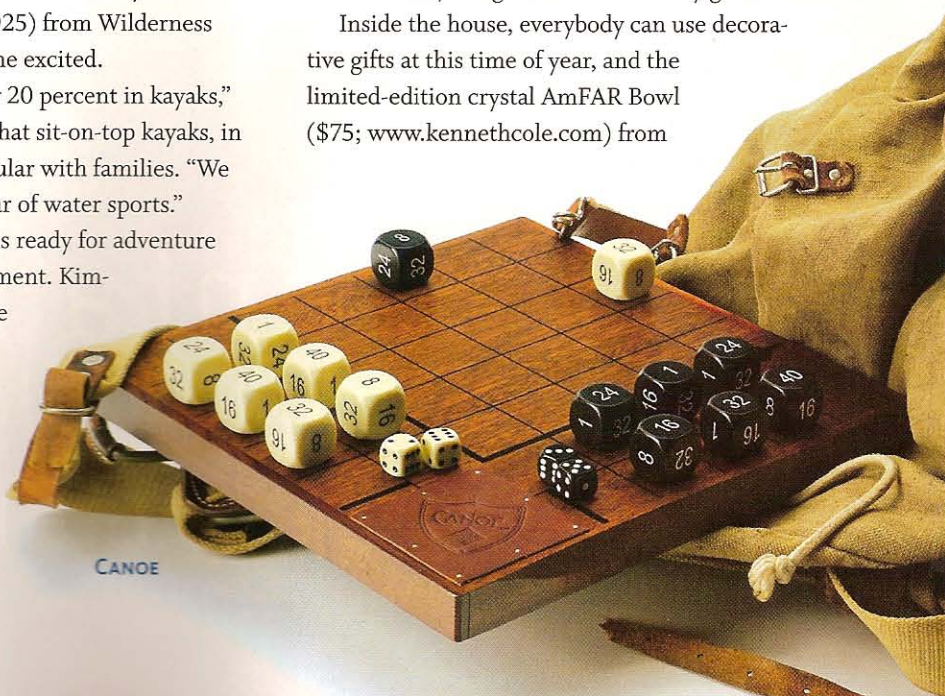


TEA-ZER FROM PACIFIC CORNETTA

ion battery for extended life, while the Craftsman Professional 18.0-volt cordless drill/driver (\$189.99; www.sears.com) comes with a trigger switch that controls variable speeds. Then there's always the Palm Pal hand wrench (\$14.95; www.herringtoncatalog.com), a valuable tool that fits itself to most common nut sizes.

Gift options abound for gardeners, as well, such as the Garden Tool Cart from Lee Valley Tools (\$89; www.leevalley.com). Not only is this wheeled caddy a great way to move all your tools around the garden, but it also doubles as a permanent tool holder for your garage or shed. Also, the Soho Potting Bench from Smith & Hawken (\$395; www.smith-hawken.com) is a great addition to any greenhouse.

Inside the house, everybody can use decorative gifts at this time of year, and the limited-edition crystal AmFAR Bowl (\$75; www.kennethcole.com) from



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