

ENTREE'S SELECT TOP GIFT IDEAS FOR 2009

It's time again to be making a list and checking it twice. We want to sort out who's been naughty and nice. Naughty? Carrie Prejean, Jon and Kate, the distracted Northwest pilots, the H1N1 virus, the balloon boy father, people who wage war, greedy Wall Street big wigs, Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford, chef Gordon Ramsay, and Bernie Madoff, for sure. He definitely gets coal in his stocking. Nice? Captain Sully Sullenberger, of course, Raymond Bickson of Taj Hotels, Bill and Melinda Gates, Oprah, the Yankees, Stephen Colbert and so many others. We have a long list to shop for this year and while we are curbing our spending a tad, hope that this list of novel products and gifts might be of some help in your gift buying. Ho ho ho and all good wishes for the happiest of holidays.

FOR HER: The petite DailySafe H100 by Pacsafe is a compact and stylish travel purse and everyday around-town bag featuring Pacsafe's signature security features including slash proof exomesh construction, tamper proof zippers and more, \$79.99, www.pac-safe.com; The elegant and practical Jacqueline Tote by Brahmin is a perfect anytime handbag. Available in many exciting colors, this bag features an embossed leather crocco styling, \$295, www.brahmin.com; In-ear headphones by Audio-Technica are designed specifically for a woman's listening pleasure. The ultra-compact and feather-light construction delivers outstanding sound quality while providing superior comfort, starting at \$59.95, www.audio-technica.com; A Shusokumb tote bag is a compartmentalized tote for busy women on the go providing a stylish and functional way to carry everything a woman needs in one convenient and comfortable bag. Inspired by Oprah Winfrey's motto, "Get Movin," the tote makes it easier for women to walk to work and promote wellness through walking, \$39.95, www.shusokumb.com; Pump Gloves, fashionable, quality and pretty gloves created to protect women against grease and grime, gasoline and germs when they fill 'er up at the service station...as their slogan says, "Don't be a ditz, cover your mitts," \$14.95, www.pumpgloves.com; A leader in the woman's travel wear market, UbU makes lightweight wrinkle proof travel clothing, each piece a travelers dream. An original jacket, which can roll up into a pillow for the flight or easily be tossed in a carry-on, will come back to its incredible shape the second you put it on. UbU outerwear is multi-functional and extremely cost effective, from \$118 to \$206, www.ubuclothing.com; Distinctive luggage tags from Peru and Bolivia from Jenny Krauss, crafted by artisans who earn needed income in the process, just \$12 each, www.jennykrauss.com/artisans; neuLash, active eyelash technology is an innovative eyelash enhancement serum that promotes healthier, fuller looking lashes with amazing results in as few as four weeks with a simple once a day application, \$150 at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus or www.neulash.com; Nature's Nail Secret is a "green" approach to nail care, offering a completely natural alternative to achieving beautiful fingernails without the use of artificial enhancements or harsh chemicals. Nature's Nail Secret increases fingernail strength and flexibility from the inside out, creating stronger nails that won't crack, chip



or peel, \$9.95, www.naturesnailsecret.com; Zents, complex and sophisticated scents in sprays, our favorite being Fig eau de toilette, www.zents.com; lia sophia, the world's largest direct seller of fashion jewelry, has a stylish yet affordable line of sophisticated jewelry capturing looks from traditional to the trendy. The Pearlette Necklace and Bella Donna Earrings are our favorites. All items in the line range from \$14-\$220, www.liasophia.com; Great for spring or summer weather, The Shôul is a new fashion accent that compliments any outfit, a compact shawl that combines a vintage inspiration with a modern cut and drape. It is unique because it doesn't require clasps, buttons or ties to stay put! The Shôul is a soft knit fashion essential that offers a convenient and stylish alternative to bulky shawls, jackets and wraps. Travel ready, the Shôul stays on the shoulders effortlessly. Comes in Cashmere blend and Acrylic, \$43-\$49. Colors include black, camel, navy, dark brown, cream, and off-white, www.theshoul.com; Sibub Beauty's sea buckthorn berry-based facial cream Repair and Protect is packed with the fatty acid Omega-7 and helps to boost collagen production and creates the perfect barrier to moisturize, rejuvenate, repair and protect your skin for more radiant, softer and healthy looking and feeling skin. The sea buckthorn berry is a superfruit that grows in the Himalayas and nutrient-rich for better skin tone, \$19.95, www.sibubbeauty.com.

FOR HIM: The Cordless Power Precision Screwdriver by General is a must-have for the handyman or hobbyist. Its ergonomic design and 100+ RPM motor are ideal for delicate repairs as well as hobbies and crafts, \$29.95, www.generaltools.com; The Filson Duffel Bag exudes quality and superior craftsmanship while capturing a timeless style. These bags come in four sizes, each made of rugged twill and featuring a leather shoulder strap, carrying handles and brass zippers, \$215-\$330, www.filson.com; The Toilet Bag from BlackSocks is the easiest way for a man to pack and travel with all his necessary body care items. The pack includes top-quality products from Clarins and Trisa of Switzerland and is enclosed in a transparent, zippered PVC bag, making the preflight trip through security a breeze, \$38, www.blacksocks.com; The Oregon Scientific ATC5k Action Camera is a self-contained, hands-free digital video cam with a built-in 1.5" LCD screen. Waterproof to 10 feet and PC and MAC compatible, the ATC5k is an unparalleled action camera that every sports lover or family must have. Record your most thrilling moments and seamlessly download and email them to friends and family, \$149.99, www.oregonscientific.com; Colorful Jonathan Adler-designed journals, pen and pencil sets, diaries, totes and other smart accessories from Barnes and Noble, www.barnesandnoble.com.

FOR THE KIDS: Dinosaurs Alive!, a captivating, real-life scientific adventure on DVD and Blu-Ray with eye-popping animation, narrated by Michael Douglas, \$19.98, www.image-entertainment.com; Asheba, the pied piper of calypso music for children leads the way with 11 vibrant new songs on his album In the Kid Zone. Asheba takes listeners on a joyful journey sharing Caribbean and world beat style music for children of all ages, \$13, www.asheba.net; Nickelodeon music video stars Hot Peas 'N Butter bring unusual Puerto Rican and Cuban beats to the 11 original and traditional songs featured on their new CD, Best of the Bowl. Some songs are in English, some in Spanish, and some blend the two languages for a tasty mix of sounds and themes, \$14.95, www.hotpeasnbutter.com; Going to a theme park, zoo, restaurant, or traveling somewhere soon? Lock your stroller in style with The Buggyguard retractable lock to secure it as you go about your day, worry-free. Fits all stroller models, no tools required! \$24.99, www.buggyguard.com; My Heritage Book is a personalized children's book based on heritage. Each hardcover book can include up to four different countries, has the child's name throughout, and pages for the child to fill in his or her own family's traditions and family tree, making it a truly unique keepsake, \$39.95, www.myheritagebook.com; Bellysonic is a baby's first set of headphones, created so mommy can play her baby-to-be tunes before birth. Comprised of an Organic Sherpa

cotton pouch, sound splitter and a pair of digital stereo speakers, the Bellysonic easily connects to an iPod or MP3 player to provide soothing sounds to a precious child, \$69.95, www.bellysonic.com; The Play it Safe Game is a clever new board game that is not only entertaining for the whole family, but teaches children invaluable lifesaving information. The game covers everything on the subject of safety: Internet, strangers, transportation, wild animals, fire, water, and much more. The family bonds and has fun while learning to tackle difficult situations, \$29.95, www.playitsafegame.com; Snuggin Go, the only SIDS reducing adjustable crash safety tested infant positioner, keeps your baby safe & breathing correctly in car seats, strollers, swings, high chairs, and more. Snuggin Go grows with your baby from birth to one year plus it allows parents to use other products like strollers and high chairs at a much earlier age, \$44.95-49.95, www.snuggingo.com; Junior Varsity Naturals brand deodorant is an all-natural product developed for active children of any age. This antibacterial deodorant is complete with odor-preventing botanicals, which are gentle and effective while using no harsh chemicals. The deodorant is clear and will not leave any residue, \$6.99, www.jvnaturals.com; The Pocket Referee is a remarkably simple tool that will help your kids to learn how to settle their disagreements. Whoever's turn it is to have the coin has a choice to get their way on the current decision, which means giving up the coin to a sibling for the next choice, or letting a sibling have their way now and keeping the coin for the next thing that comes up. It's a win-win situation for all! \$12.95-\$15.95, www.amazon.com; Rebel Ink Baby provides classic black or white, 100% super soft cotton apparel that is hip, durable, and trend-worthy. Spouting sassy sayings including "I'm too sexy for my diaper" and "Beastie Babies - Fight for your right to potty," these rebellious tees and snap-suits are guaranteed to make you smile and offend someone, all at the same time. There is something for everyone. The line includes recently added pants, hats, and bibs, all made in Minnesota, \$3-\$24, www.rebelinkbaby.com; Thomas & Friends' Holiday Express DVD is an entertaining an exciting adventure filled with lucky trucks, Christmas puddings, surprise parties and much more. It is trainloads of fun for every kid, \$7.99, www.amazon.com; My Virtual Tutor is a fun, affordable and portable educational video game that helps children learn how to read and is for Nintendo DS, \$29.99, www.myvirtualtutorgame.com; Playstation 3 has three very exciting new games coming out this season including extreme off-road racing games Fuel and Dirt 2 by Codemasters and an action-filled adventure across a mysterious island in Where The Wild Things Are by WB Games, www.playstation.com; Nintendo DS has plenty of new offerings to keep the kids entertained including Scooby-Doo! First Frights—a mystery-solving quest by WB Games, Nostalgia—a role playing adventure which takes the player on a airship around the world by Ignition Entertainment, Astro Boy—a super-powers fight to save Metro City by D3 Publisher, Ben 10 Vilgax Attacks—a battle against villains by D3 Publisher and The Secret Saturdays Beast of the 5th Sun—the Saturdays team fights to take control of the evil cryptids by D3 Publisher, www.nintendo.com; The ever-popular Nintendo Wii system continues to crank out hit video games including its own versions of Scooby-Doo! First Frights, Astro Boy and The Secret Saturdays Beast of the 5th Sun. In addition, the Wii system offers Spore Hero—players build their very own world saving super hero by EA and Deca Sports 2—an exciting completion game featuring 10 different sports by Hudson Entertainment, allowing players to compete with other "DECAtletes" from around the country by way of Nintendo's Wi-Fi online connection, www.nintendo.com.

FOR ONE AND ALL: The Oxygenics Evolution showerhead relaxes and massages your body with 54 powerful spray nozzles and 30% more water pressure while saving water and energy. It has a clean sleek design and installs easily on any standard shower arm, \$52.95, www.oxygenics.com; iGo universal power chargers: one charger for all your devices made possible by iGo's patented tip technology that enables a single unit using interchangeable tips to rapidly charge all of your gadgets, \$49.95, www.igo.com; Soft Hugwear is a new collection of plush accessories helping to pamper you and your loved ones. Escape the chill with a Plush Blanket, bring a bit of indulgence to a long flight with the Travel Essentials Kit, or lounge around the house in a cushy pair or House Slippers. Items in the collection range from \$3-\$29,