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More getaway gifts

WHAT IT IS: A compact way to store your vacation photos. The Spectcare KeyPix digital picture key chain stores up to 56 images that can be viewed on its small screen. Includes a rechargeable battery and all the software you need to crop and upload images from your computer.

HOW MUCH: \$60 from Flight 001 (www.flight001.com), 525 Hayes St., San Francisco; \$49.95 from Sharper Image (www.sharperimage.com), locations in San Jose, Milpitas, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, San Mateo, Burlingame and San Francisco; also available from Solutions (www.solutionscatalog.com).

Global Puzzle

WHAT IT IS: A fun way for kids and adults to piece together the world. The 600 pieces of the Global Puzzle are cut in the shapes of the countries in the world, making it a geography lesson for everyone. When completed, the puzzle measures 36 by 18 inches.

HOW MUCH: \$14.95 at Linden Tree in Los Altos; other Bay Area book, game retailers; and Geography Zone (www.geographyzone.com).

Energizer**WHAT IT IS:** Flashlights that don't need batteries -- and one that works with whatever batteries you happen to have. Energizer's Quick Switch Flashlight accepts AA, C or D batteries. All you do is flip a switch. The Max Burton Wind 'N Go has a crank that requires 30 seconds of winding for 30 minutes of light and is good for about 500 charges. The Freedom Flashlight Hybrid Light uses a lithium-powered light and works with or without batteries. It's waterproof and floats.

HOW MUCH: \$15.99 for the Energizer Quick Switch, \$24.99 for the Max Burton Wind 'N Go, \$19.99 for the Freedom Flashlight, all at Mel Cotton's, 1266 W. San Carlos Ave., San Jose.

Sharper Image**WHAT IT IS:** A great way to make sure you don't forget your important belongings. The Tag Alert includes two wafer-thin tags that you attach to your laptop, cell phone or any other valuable item, plus a tiny monitor that attaches to your belt or key ring. If you stray too far from your things (or leave them behind), a loud alarm alerts you.

HOW MUCH: \$49.95 from Sharper Image.

WHAT IT IS: A great way to keep your dog cool on long car rides or hikes. Soak the Outward Hound Cool-It Cooling Bandana in water and put it around your dog's neck. It'll keep him from overheating on those hot summer car trips or long walks.

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HOW MUCH: From \$2.70 for small dogs at Active K9 (www.activek9.com).

WHAT IT IS: A desk calendar for daydreamers. The page-a-day Islands calendar is filled with 313 color photos of far-off destinations, from Maui to Mykonos -- a perfect gift to remind you that your summer vacation is approaching.

HOW MUCH: \$15.95 from your local bookstore or Workman Publishing (www.workman.com).

WHAT IT IS: Quick-drying underwear for travelers on the go. Give-n-Go underwear for men and women is moisture-wicking and anti-microbial. Launder it, and it air-dries in four hours. Comes in a variety of styles (boxers and briefs for men, briefs, bikinis and bras for women, plus others).

HOW MUCH: From \$17.95 at Mel Cotton's, San Jose, and Going in Style, Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

WHAT IT IS: A clever way to get a friend or spouse to apply for a passport. Lonely Planet's "Don't Let the World Pass You By! 52 Reasons to Have a Passport" is a stocking stuffer that tells you how much fun it is to travel the world if you have a passport: Escape your daily routine, make new friends, dig up your roots, experience world events. An easy, enjoyable read.

HOW MUCH: \$10 at bookstores.

WHAT IT IS: Suspenders that won't set off security alarms. BuzzNot suspenders have no metal pieces -- the crosspatch is leather and the clips are plastic -- so there's no need to remove them before entering airport screening areas. One color: black.

HOW MUCH: \$19.85 from Magellan's.

WHAT IT IS: For the traveler who has everything, a couple of trips of a lifetime. Send someone up in a Moscow-based MiG-25; they'll see the curvature of the earth at Mach 2.5. Or how about a five-day shark-diving expedition to Ensenada? They'll observe Great Whites from the safety of a diving cage. Diver certification not necessary.

HOW MUCH: \$21,000 for the MiG-25 flying trip from Extravagift (www.extravagift.com); \$12,200 for four people for the shark-diving trip from Wallbounce (www.wallbounce.com).

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