

BEAR EARRINGS AT AUGURIE



THANK YOU CARDS AT LETTERHEAD



also available). You could pick up a bottle of inexpensive wine (don't skip reading the entertaining handwritten recommendations for each) and a set of **Vinotagz** (\$12.50) to go with it; the little wine-tag rings are easy to store and can be written on with ballpoint pens.

For a sweet tooth, there's **Moonstruck Chocolate's** little crate of candy apples (\$28) or a stocking stuffer of Marché's **housemade marshmallows** (\$3), much heavier (and doubtless tastier) than the poofy mass-produced things. Provisions manager Leah Pearl suggested a lovely little **glass pitcher** (\$18) and set of **Et Al Designs' handcrafted beeswax candles** (\$20), which come with different decorations; in keeping with the fleur de lys theme of one pair are the thick, comfortable **French glasses** (\$9). And don't get me started on the sheer number of small jars of delicious-looking sauces and preserves, or the salts, or ...

If the person you're shopping for likes things with a handmade touch — that are still classy and stylish — head to **Augurie** (285 E. 13th Avenue) for a selection of items from around the country, including beautiful paper goods, like **coasters** (\$10, available in many designs) from Minnesota's **Papered Together** and funny trinkets from Philadelphia's **Something's Hiding in Here: the moustache charm** (\$6) is perfect for the Moustache Rally later this month, and wee canvas bags with the company name on them, at \$2 a pop, are a fun substitute for ordinary giftwrap. The store also carries handmade items from closer to home, like **Steven Weeks' gorgeous journals** (in a variety of sizes and prices) and Augurie's own charming **post earrings** (price varies) and **hobo tote bags** (\$26), which — hey! — look just about right for carrying about all your holiday shopping. It's

funny how these things work together.

At **Letterhead** (25 E. 8th Avenue), as at **Modern**, I wandered around picking things up and putting them down again (including **soaps** from Portland's **Arcana Soaps** and a **pirate toast stamper** for gussying up your breakfast) before settling on a little array of wonders. For the *artiste* on your list, there's the **Paintings By the Running Meter yardstick** (\$22), which unfolds with paintings and their eras and years (I've also seen a history version of this, which might help some of us do better at Trivial Pursuit). Brighten up a friend's work bulletin board with handcrafted **bird pushpins from Jim Clift Design** (\$14) — these pewter pins also come in several other designs, including one of wine glasses and grapes. Make an iPod last longer and carry your ID at the same time with the **Golla mobile lifestyle wallet/iPod case** (\$18) in soft corduroy and stylish swirls (or not; there are more designs, but this one called to me). Everyone knows a procrastinator who would probably get a good laugh out of the **Chic Office All in Good Time file folder set** (\$12); the labels read "Yesterday," "Today," "Tomorrow," "Next Week," "Next Month" and "Who Knows?"

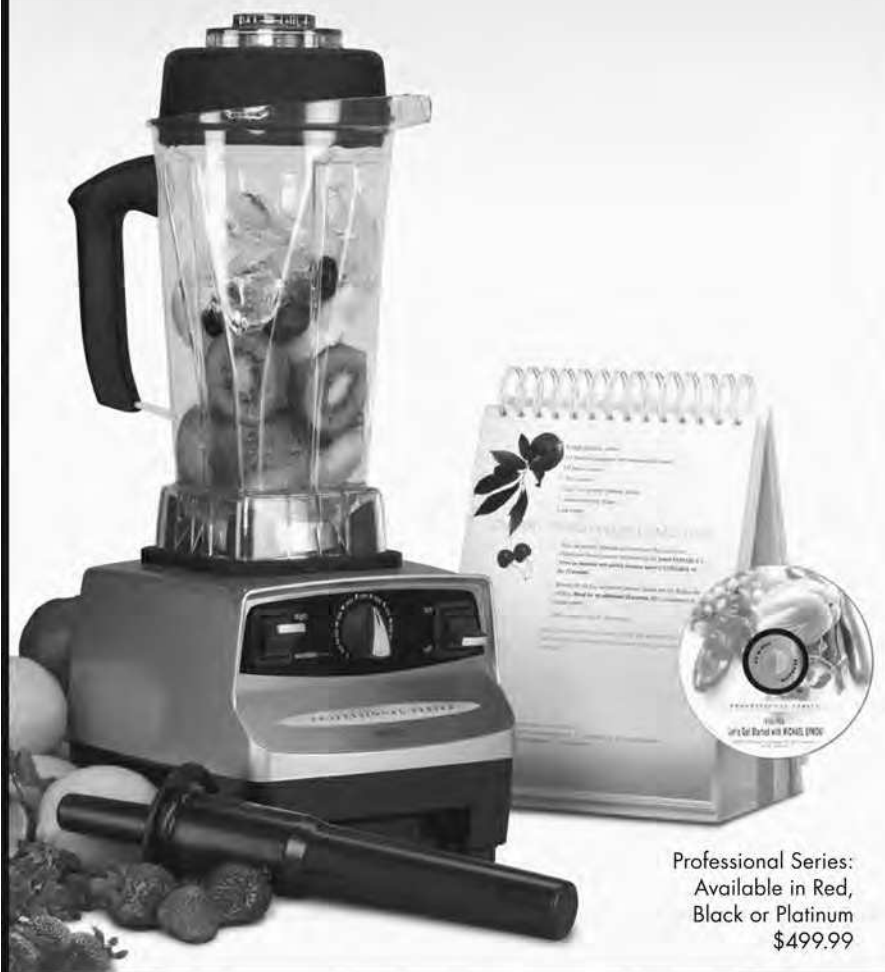
When you're finished with all that tiring shopping, you might want to consider the pleasant possibility that you could be on the receiving end of a few treats this season. And when that moment arrives, you'll want to be prepared to quickly thank your lovely gift-givers, no? What better way to do so than with a set of **Seltzer pirate thank you notes** (\$14 and printed on recycled paper). Everyone's heard "Thanks!" a million times, but "Much obliged?" It's just got a snappy ring to it. Or perhaps I've been watching too much *Deadwood*... ■

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