Honorable Mentions:

Q-tips: If you want to proceed cautiously into a weightlifting program. . . .  (Art Concutti, Levittown, Pa.)

Toilets: Ladies, don’t pass up the chance to own this cordless, environmentally friendly, whisper-quiet hair dryer.   (Cindi Rae Caron, Lenox, N.C.)

Kites: Blackout! They happened in California. They could happen here. Are you prepared? (Holly Shafer, St. Louis)

Buggies: Ever had a geezer call you a buggysnapper? Now you can just smile and show the old goat one of the very last buggy whips! He’ll be speechless! (Joel Kaniwatsu, Rock Island, Ill.)

Balloons: With these air storage devices, you’ll be sure you’ll never run out! Lightweight design makes them perfect for backpacking trips! (Bill S. Bender, Gaithersburg)

Paper clips: Take your place in the Guinness Book of World Records! The world’s longest paper clip chain is an achievable record with minimal skill required. Note: Our last customer ordered 5,000 cases; to avoid disappointment, we suggest a minimum order of 8,000 cases. (Bill S. Bender, Gaithersburg)

Combs: The Philatelists’ Helper Mini Drying Rack lets you safely air-dry each stamp separately after soaking it and removing it from the envelope. Only $9.95!(Mike Genz, La Plata)

Organo: It’s not just a myth, kids; it’s true: Smoking pot really does make you stupid! So take advantage of that fact—bring a few baggies of Fantastic Shamariluana to the nearest college campus or the next rock concert and make big money off those wasted potheads! (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)

Flypaper: Order our new Home Bikini Wax Kit now! (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Fishing lures: Tired of plain old metal? Try . . .  (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Shoeboxes: Hey, coke-heads, those spoons are never big enough, huh? Get bigger and better snorts with the Horn-o-Plenty! (John O’Byrne, Dublin, Ireland)

Mr. Polka Heads: Small-town police departments, we have a deal for you! Instead of an expensive sketch artist on your payroll, get your wanted flyers out fast with this versatile yet inexpensive product! (Ron and Pam Dolley, Potomac Falls)

Toothpicks: Make sure your vote counts! Banish pregnant, dimpled and hanging chads today with the surgically crafted Chad-B-Gon Vote Assurance Tool! (Mike Genz, La Plata)

Cigarettes: If the nicotine patch doesn’t do the trick for you, try the revolutionary new NicoStick. Just light up a NicoStick every time you get the craving and you’ll never have to use the patch again. Just $40 for a course of 20. (Rod Ewing, York, England)

Ceiling fans: Budget too tight for wallpaper? Can’t afford those expensive toys for the kids? Solve both those worries at once! The amazing new room-size Twirl-A-Point will provide hours of redecorating fun for the whole family! (John Kammer, Herndon)

Super Glue: Stick to your diet with the latest in weight-loss technology! No willpower required! Just apply like lip gloss, press lips together and watch the pounds melt away! (Cindi Rae Caron, Lenox, N.C.)

Defective condoms: A vacationing gardener’s dream! These slow-release drippers water your plants for days! Only $8.99 for a pack of three—a real boatload of water! (Kate Barnett, Newman, Ga.)

Tickle me Elmo dolls: If you have unsightly and dangerous fireplace soot in your home, you need the Tickle Me Elmo chimney mop! Just skewer the giggling red Muppet on the special telescoping handle, shove him up your flue, and listen to him talk and laugh as you twist him around, scraping the crud out of your fireplace! (Phyllis Kepner, Columbia)

One-a-Day Vitamins: New Ten-a-Day Vitamins! Only 5,000 bottles available! (Russell Beland, Springfield)

Wine-Out: Is your aluminum siding looking dull and dreary? Spruce it up and get plenty of exercise, too! (Bruske W. Alter, Fairfax Station)

LP records: A pizza platter and pizza slicer in one matching, easy-to-store set (Bob Kopac, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)

Buddha statuettes: A must for the desktop of every political appointee: a tasteful scale rendering of Vice President Cheney at the beach. (Chris Hill, Santa Fe, N.M.)

Old-style sanitary napkins: Modess Ope- randi Maxi Furnace Filters, as thick as a submarine sandwich to totally absorb the flow of dust and pollutants in your home. (Phyllis Kepner, Columbia)

Scatological jokes made obsolete by The Cars’ temporary departure: Now you can enjoy 137 poop jokes a day for a whole year! (Russell Beland, Springfield)

The Uncle’s Pick:
The Uncle Loves Me T-shirts: Into ‘60s memorabilia like the Who’s classic “Tommy”? A must for collectors, this limited-edition T-shirt commemorates that “special” relationship between a boy and his uncle. . . .  (Cindi Rae Caron, Lenox, N.C.)

The Uncle Explains: There is still a place in our hearts for those cherished old-time values, and I am honored that my prize can help remind our readers.