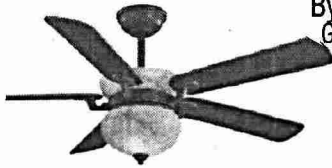


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A weekly look at stuff you can buy

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A better fan

Right about now you're kicking yourself for not installing that ceiling fan in your bedroom. You forgot that it'd be dang hot at night. You forgot you'd be sweating worse than George W. Bush in a spelling bee. If you cheaped out because you were worried about ringing up energy costs, it's not too late to reconsider. The folks at Hampton Bay have rolled out a high-performance Aero Breeze ceiling fan blade system that allegedly moves up to 25 percent more air than standard fans. All the while, your room will boast a stylish fan. Hampton Bays line of fans comes in styles ranging from brushed nickel to pewter and are available at Home Depot for about \$200. For more information, visit www.hamptonbayinfo.com.

Water works

Cue the music from "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly." It's time for a showdown in the garden, and some of the biggest, baddest retailers in the land are gonna draw their weapons at high noon. Home Depot's got the Orbit SunMate 7 Pattern Zinc Turret Pistol (\$7.97), a durable nozzle with seven different spray systems. Lowe's can match that power with the Gilmour 7-Pattern Nozzle (\$8.97), a slender metal nozzle with comfort grip. But the town of Gardenville might not be big enough for those two and the Dramm Touch 'N Flow Revolver, a nine-pattern spray gun that can not only mist your plants and lawn but can also wash your car and clean your deck (\$12.95 at homeharvest.com).



Cable to go

We know, we know. The car is not the home, but with all the time people spend traveling over the summer, vehicles might as well be considered an extension of the living space. CableOrganizer.com has several solutions, including the PowerStation, which is not only a decent '80s group but also a useful cable organizer that charges three devices at once. It's available in black and gray and includes five cable ties to secure the cords and an extra cord for use with oversized plugs (\$32.99, an AC/DC Adapter is available for \$15.99). You also might want an organizer for that clutter, such as the adjustable Back Seat Organizer at www.stacksandstacks.com (\$12.99). It's got an adjustable buckle attachment system to latch on to most back seats, a CD player pocket, a secure drink holder and other pockets.

