

LEE IACocca • SPORTING COMMUNITIES • HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

STRATOS

JOURNEY BEYOND FIRST CLASS

HOLIDAY ISSUE 200

LAPPING IN LUXURY
Around Lake Como



Leading Edge

Your Ultimate Holiday Gift Guide

Million Dollar Lure ▶

Late last month, high-end jewelry and lure manufacturer Mac McBurney sank \$1 million dollars into winning the famed Bisbee's Black and Blue marlin tournament off Cabo San Lucas. With its \$4 million purse, the tournament is the richest of its kind in the world, and McBurney trolled a lure worth \$1 million to try to win the competition. The foot-long piece contains just over three pounds of 14-karat and 18-karat gold and platinum and is encrusted with 100 carats of diamonds and rubies — 4,753 stones in all. At press time, *STRATOS* did not know if McBurney landed the big one.

www.macdaddysfishinglures.com.



The Keys of Luxury ▶

Since 1853, Steinway pianos have set an uncompromising standard for sound, touch, beauty and investment value. Handcrafting each Steinway requires up to one full year. Not surprisingly, Steinway remains the choice of nine out of 10 concert artists and countless pianists, composers and performers around the world. This Alma-Tadema grand piano re-creation, the first piano in its premier Legendary Collection, has been described by Christie's in London as "the most artistic piano ever produced." It is an exact replica of the original piano created more than a century ago. \$675,000. (718) 721-2600. www.steinway.com.



Leap for these Wines ▶

Wine lovers know that "Napa" on the label assures a certain level of quality. But the Napa Valley is home to many sub-regions, and the Stags Leap District appellation, representing less than 1 percent of the Valley, is among the finest, especially when you're talking cabernet sauvignon. The 15 wineries of SLD put together a box set of their cabernets — the only AVA in the country that makes such an offering — and the 2003 box represents the 10th anniversary of this unique collection. New to the collection are Griffin Vineyards and Taylor Family Vineyards, and the other 13 include stellar producers from Shafer and Cliff Lede to Hartwell and Silverado. \$1,200. (707) 255-1720. www.stagsleapdistrict.com.