

# HOW CHILDREN PLAY High-tech toys are predicted to be hot this season

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NEW YORK — The annual hot holiday toy list from trade magazine Toy Wishes confirms how tech-savvy children have become: Seven out of the 12 toys featured to be this year's most popular are hooked to either a computer or TV screen.

"Today, kids have iPods and cell phones," said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of Toy Wishes, which based its list on the publication's review of thousands of toys and interviews

with retailers. "We live in a different world of how children play."

Here's the list in alphabetical order. The manufacturers' suggested retail price is included.

■ American Idol Talent Challenge (Tech2Go, \$49.99). Ages 8 and up.

■ Aqua Dots Super Studio (Spin Master Ltd., \$24.99). Ages 4 and up.

■ Barbie Girls (Mattel Inc., device, \$59.99; accessories pack, \$9.99). Ages 6 and up.

■ Eye-Clops (JAKKS Pacific

Inc., \$49.99). Ages 6 and up.

■ Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock (RedOctane Inc., \$99.99) Rated: Teens.

■ Hannah Montana Singing Dolls and Pop Star Stage (Play Along Toys, a division of JAKKS Pacific, doll, \$19.99; Pop Star Stage, \$59.99). Ages 6 and up.

■ Nerf N-Strike Disc Shot (Hasbro Inc., \$49.99). Ages 8 and up.

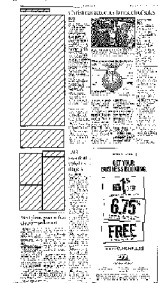
■ Rubik's Revolution (Techno Source, \$19.99). Ages 5 and up.

■ Smart Cycle (Mattel's Fisher-Price, unit, \$99.99, additional programs, \$19.99). Ages 3 to 6.

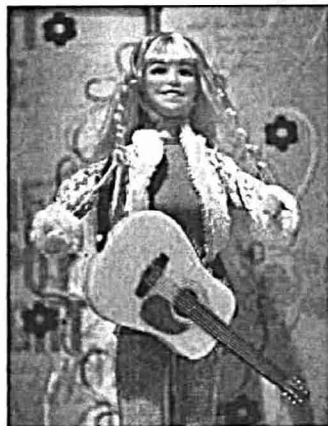
■ Spotz (Zizzle LLC, \$29.99) Ages 6 and up.

■ Swypeout Online Battle Racing (Spin Master, \$19.99) Ages 8 and up.

■ Transformers Arm Blasters & Transformers Movie Ultimate Bumblebee (Hasbro, bumble bee \$89.99, blasters,



**Hannah Montana Singing Doll (\$19.99)**



There's also a Pop Star Stage that sells for \$59.99.

**LuLu Karito Kids Doll (\$99.99)**



The Kenya doll is one of five in the World Collection.

**Guitar Hero III (\$99.99)**



The Legends of Rock is offered by RedOctane Inc.

**'I Can Do That!' (\$19.99)**



The game is held by the Cat in the Hat mascot.



**Thomas the Tank Engine (\$49.99)**

A remote control can change Thomas' expression.