

Try adult toys for amusing evenings

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DESPITE THE lackluster economy, there are high hopes for the games that adults play this holiday season.

Why? Adult board games, accounting for only 5 percent of total board game sales in the early 1980s, now chalk up 20 percent of the \$1.2 billion market, according to analysis.

Here's a look at the new batch of challenging adult games and some old favorites with novel twists:

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Remember Lawn Darts, now banned as unsafe by the federal government? Now comes the alternative: 21 Lawn Dice (Uni-Screen) features oversize dice that you roll into giant rings. First to 21 wins.

Constellation Station (Aristoplay), for astronomers of all ilk, is a glow-in-the-dark adventure game that pits players to recognize and colonize the constellations.

Computerized football lives. Mike Ditka Power Football (Accolade) features a multi-angle player and realistic play, including practice drills. And John Madden Football

(Electronic Arts) rates pro teams' real players, simulates game conditions (mud, ice, rain, etc.) and 200 plays from the great coach himself.

Two other football games worth checking: Micro-League Football — the Coach's Challenge (Sports Assn.) and NFL Pro Foto-Football (Cadaco), a board game with a three-dimensional stadium.

Golfers will find PGA Tour Golf (Electronic Arts) challenging. Simulated courses include the TPC courses at Sawgrass, Eagle Trace and Avenel. And Jack Nicklaus Unlimited Golf & Course Design (Accolade) allows you to golf two challenging courses or design your own, including bunkers, slopes, pin placement, water and trees.

For tennis buffs, Pro Tennis Tour 2 (Electronic Arts) lets you create skills of touring professionals, including forehand and backhand shots, volleys and serves.

Ecologists have plenty to crow about. The Whale Game (Wildlife Games) board game makes you the humpback whale, coping with pollution, whalers, depleted fisheries and shallow beaches.

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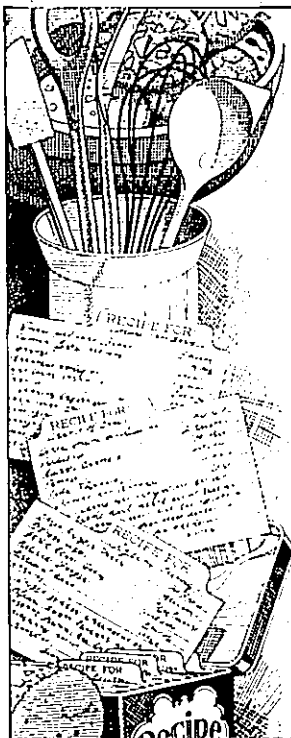
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