

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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Summer fun: Tugger War is the coolest way to challenge friends and siblings to a daring test of balance and agility. Begin by putting both feet on the tugger base, a study domed platform with just enough rock built in to keep you slightly off balance. Each player grasps an end of the pro-performance cord and the war is on. Ages 8 to adult. Available at local toy stores and some drugstores.

Where can I find?

Virginia Shimshock of Livonia called looking for a World War II Veterans flag to present to her husband on Father's Day. "He and I are both Navy veterans," she said, "and the flag I want is flying in the Ram's Horn parking lot on Grand River in Farmington. Where can I get one?"

The next day Shimshock called Malls & Mainstreets back to say she found her flag through the Contemporary Awards & Trophy Company of Farmington. The store confirmed that veteran's flags can be ordered by calling 1-800-478-8550. A 34-by-44-inch nylon flag is \$32.50. A 4-by-6-inch rayon flag is \$2 or \$20 per dozen. The small flags come attached to a 9-inch black plastic staff for waving.

Hatboxes found
Stacy Murowski of Redford

Township phoned to answer the plea for see-through hat boxes from Jean Baker of Farmington. The women exchanged phone numbers and a hat box deal is in the works.

Now onto the next challenge... We still need sharp choppers to locate a cookie jar in the shape of a chili pepper for Michelle Sliger who phoned frantic to find one in time for her sister's wedding.

If you know where Michelle can find a chili pepper-shaped cookie jar, please give Malls & Mainstreets a call at (810) 901-2567. You can fax a response to (810) 644-1314. Or write Where Can I Find, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 305 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. New shopping challenges are also welcome through these avenues. Thank you!

Retail Realities . . .

The Kayser-Roth Corp., founded in 1911, introduced No-nonsense pantyhose in 1973 to meet the growing demand for an affordable pantyhose product that was durable with a comfortable fit for working women ages 18-54.

In the United States, behind the top-selling brand L'Eggs. Each year approximately 12 million dozen pair of No-nonsense pantyhose are sold in the U.S. according to company spokesman H.D. Kenan.

No-Nonsense, based in Greensboro, N.C., currently ranks as the second best-selling hosiery brand

The No-nonsense line is available in 13 styles to meet wardrobe needs for pantyhose, tights and trouser socks.

Ask tough questions about playscapes

Editor's note: This story comes from Stacey Parish of The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop in Royal Oak. She provides guidelines for parents planning to invest in a wooden, outdoor playscape. It's based on the questions the toy store gets each spring from customers.

growth forests.

- Consider only sets that use pressure-treated lumber to prevent decay and insect damage and which are surface prepared and sanded.
- Choose a set that is constructed with nuts, bolts, and wood screws instead of nails.

- Are the colors dark or bright? Light colors show dirt quickly.
- Beware of cotton fabric used for tents and swings because it will lose shape and strength as it weathers.
- How functional are the designs? Are the designs all modular? Are there many accessories

that can easily be attached over time to adapt the swingset as your child's needs grow.

- Carefully examine the details in the swingset's design. Has actual value been added for lasting safe play, or are you looking at something that has been overly promoted?

With warm weather and daylight savings time in effect, children are outside more than ever. Many parents like the peace of mind knowing their kids are close to home and playing safely on a quality wooden swingset in the backyard.

If you plan to purchase an outdoor playscape, consider the following guidelines:

- Look for a company that has a solid history of manufacturing wooden swingsets. What is the company's reputation? What is the local dealer's reputation? You want to ensure that the manufacturer is a company who will be fully accountable for everything you purchase.
- What do existing customers have to say about the brand they purchased? Call your friends and the companies themselves. Ask if there are any noteworthy examples in your area that you could examine. How do these structures look after a couple of years in Michigan weather?
- Ask how closely each company adheres to the safety guidelines offered by the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC). This is a very serious issue that should not be overlooked.
- What types of wood should be used in a playscape? In this "earth friendly" age, Southern Yellow Pine has proven to be the most popular because it is grown commercially and not harvested from important virgin and second

Prom dress patterns copy '50s

Corset waists and sculpted seams shape the ultra-feminine Vogue and Butterick prom dresses this season.

With these scintillating styles light up the night, they exude an elegance that refers back to 1950's couture. Karl Lagerfeld made the corset the focus of his spring '95 season and other designers followed suit with variations in lingerie shades of pink and black.

Vogue Patterns achieves this curvaceous look with Bellville Sassoon's corset waist top and flirty point d'esprit lace skirt V160.

Butterick Patterns also reveals its mastery of corsetry with pattern 4002, which is an innocent's (ala Lolita) version with its baby pink fitted bodice top with corset tie, details topping a full organza skirt.

All patterns are available at fine fabric stores nationwide.

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