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Modern medleys

From Chamblee, the Big Easy and the Sunshine State, collections reflect contemporary designs, tout King Gator and keep your tootsies comfortable in cool, colorful sandals. *By Linda Jenkins For the AJC*



www.alexapulitzer.com

Write on

Alexa Pulitzer's whimsical line of paper products will make you want to put pen to paper. In her modern collection, the New Orleans native uses iconic images associated with the Big Easy, including crowns and fleur-de-lis. Her King Gator design, which features Louisiana's state reptile wearing a crown, is one of Pulitzer's most recognized designs. Trained as a textile artist, Pulitzer has created specialized products for Anthropologie and other retailers. Her new Hornabet letterpress coasters (six for \$25) are available through Bergdorf Goodman. The design features Victorian letters wearing masculine horns. See the entire collection, including note cards, notepads, gift cards, napkins and mouse pads, at www.alexapulitzer.com.

Feet first

For more than 50 years, Jack Rogers' sandals have been a summer staple at resort areas from Palm Beach to the Hamptons. The original, handcrafted leather sandal was made popular by Jackie Kennedy in the early 1960s. The company's classic Navajo sandal is still a year-round favorite. Recently, the Florida-based company introduced a jelly version of its famed footwear. The Bahamas Navajo jelly sandal, with its rubber upper and foot bed, goes stylishly to the beach or pool. The flirty flip-flop comes in eight colors including gold, zesty orange and white. Available for \$68 at www.jackrogersusa.com.



www.jackrogersusa.com



www.djaddalancing.com

Mirror, mirror

In Chamblee, Margaret Taylor designs frames and furniture using reclaimed wood and salvaged materials, such as decorative tin. Taylor's sunburst mirror is available in two sizes: 30 inches (\$448) and 40 inches (\$609). Another popular choice, especially during the summer, is her outdoor dining collection. With its contemporary design, the industrial chic tables, benches and chairs are made from salvaged pine, sanded smooth, on a welded steel frame. For example, the bench (\$483) is 11 inches wide and 67 inches long. Taylor's work is sold across the country and at festivals; you can buy it at her store and studio, 5655 Peachtree Road, in Chamblee (770-234-0096) or online at www.djaddalancing.com. The store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Where can I find it?

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Q: Most people who have traveled to Costa Rica quickly become addicted to the sauce that accompanies most meals in nearly every restaurant — salsa Lizano. Its red, white and green labels are hard to miss. However, my friends and I have not been able to locate this product in Atlanta. If you can help us, we would greatly appreciate it. We are tired of lugging it home from trips to Costa Rica. — *John Xerogeanes, Atlanta*
A: John, you won't have to worry about exceeding your baggage weight limit when you next visit beautiful Costa Rica. You can get all of the savory condiment you like by making the short trek to Buford Highway Farmers Market, 5600 Buford Highway, Doraville, 770-455-0770. Check out the brilliant Hispanic Añejo 4 and you'll find plastic 700-milliliter bottles of Salsa Lizano from Costa Rica for \$5.49 each. This mild brown sauce is made from vegetables, including carrots and onions, and seasoned with turmeric and mustard.

Q: I live in a house with small closets and I'm looking for those racks that you see in retail clothing stores. They're like portable closets and I think those would be good for me but I can't find them. I appreciate your help. — *Margaret Hardin, via phone*
A: It sounds as if you're in need of a commercial garment rack and you'll have no trouble finding exactly what you want at the Container Store, 3255 Peachtree

Road, Atlanta, 404-261-4776. Here, you'll find an adjustable rack with extendable arms that's about 4 feet wide. This chrome rack unfolds easily out of the box — there's no assembly required and it also folds flat when you need to stash it away. The rack sells for \$69.

Q: I'm trying to find Sung-lem Red and Neiman Marcus Red lipsticks by Estée Lauder. — *Paula Kalliter, Decatur*
A: Paula, the bad news is that both of those shades have been discontinued by Estée Lauder. However, there's a company called Three Custom Color Specialists that can clone just about any makeup you're seeking, including lipstick. In fact, they've already made batches of Sung-lem Red but not the Neiman Marcus color.

Although it's not mandatory, the company does suggest sending a small color sample if you have one. A set of two tubes of Sung-lem Red will cost you \$55, and you should receive them a couple of weeks after ordering. To order, call 888-262-7714 or check out www.threecustom.com.

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Grab bag

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Trader Joe's Plain Non-Fat frozen yogurt \$3.49 per quart
What happens: Billed as pleasantly tart with active cultures, the yogurt gives you a refreshing, healthy frozen dessert that provides a perfect foil for a variety of toppings.
What works: Part of the appeal is the tart flavor tempered by a bit of sweetness, which sets Trader Joe's plain frozen yogurt apart from flavored varieties. It's not heavy or cloying in any way. If you want to switch it up, you can add fresh berries and enjoy a rich-tasting dessert without a speck of guilt.
What doesn't: If you're not a fan of plain yogurt, then this might not be the dessert choice for you.
What you get: A 1/2-cup serving contains 100 calories, 5 mg cholesterol, 3 protein grams and 50 mg sodium. Ingredients include nondairy milk, sugar and corn syrup solids.
Where you get it: Available in the freezer section of Trader Joe's stores.

LG LuV400T Kompressor vacuum \$324.99
What happens: From hardwoods to carpets and even your mattress, this upright vacuum will keep your entire house in tip-top shape.
What works: This vacuum offers superior suction on carpets, and works equally well on hard surfaces and hard-to-reach areas. The LED light comes in handy, as do the added controls on the wand. The flexible crevice tool gets into tight places like inside dryer filters. Equipped with an extra-long 40-foot cord.
What doesn't: The mechanism to empty the bin is a little awkward to use, and the Click 'N' Go wand takes a bit of practice to get it to slide into the base.
What you get: The vacuum's Kompressor system employs a wiper blade in the bin that compresses the dust, allowing it to store up to three times more than other vacuums. Accessories include two crevice tools, a mattress tool, pet hair turbine tool and a nozzle for hardwoods.
Where you get it: At most Sears stores or www.bestbuy.com can ship to local stores.

Uita Contour lip liner pencil, Flesh \$7
What happens: This flesh-toned lip liner pencil will give you a terrific natural lip color — a perfect choice for a casual summer look.
What works: Finding a true flesh-toned lip liner pencil is tougher than you'd expect, but Uita brand offers a perfect shade that still adds definition to your lips. It's not too dark nor is it invisible. It goes on smoothly and is perfect with just a little gloss or your favorite lip color.
What doesn't: Skin tones differ, so it might not be the perfect flesh color for everyone.
What you get: This thin wooden pencil comes with a plastic lid and can be sharpened with a regular sharpener.
Where you get it: Available at Ulta stores and through www.ulta.com.

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