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## Supermarket Sampler

### New products on the shelves

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#### Sweet Tinny Tins

We're rather ambivalent about these cute candy-in-a-pail bouquets assembled in Ottawa by the mother-and-daughter team of Arlene Ben-Zur and Lori Levette. Basically, Sweet Tinny Tins is a new spin on the traditional gift baskets and bouquets that combines decorative metal pails with colourful candy to create, well, candy bouquets (if that's what turns you on). Comes in five sizes suitable for birthday parties, weddings, promotions and get-well messages. Prices range from \$15 to \$65 depending on the size and quantity.

Candies imported from the U.S., Korea and China; decorated tins are from the U.S. (Canadians, however, stuck the candies in the pails.) Available on the website [sweet-tinny-tins.com](http://sweet-tinny-tins.com) or by e-mail at [sweet\\_tinny\\_tins@rogers.com](mailto:sweet_tinny_tins@rogers.com).

#### Häagen-Dazs Latte

It had to happen: Häagen-Dazs has come up with a new Vanilla Caramel Latte flavour described as a "true representation of a coffee house specialty." Blends traditional vanilla flavour with caramel ripple swirled with rich coffee cream. Loaded with fat, as you'd expect. Made in Canada exclusively for the Canadian market, we tried it with somewhat mixed results: While the adults enjoyed the taste, our 13-year-old tester said he could take it or leave it. (Doesn't much matter what the young one thinks -- at \$6.29 for 500 mL, he'll not likely be buying it on his allowance anyway.)

#### Sweet Surprises

Hudson's Bay Company is rolling out a collection of Governor's Choice chocolates in time for Christmas. Billed as an "exquisite collection" of decadent chocolates, biscuits and confections, prices range from \$1.99 for a chocolate bar to \$14.99 for a box. We tried the Deluxe Belgian Chocolate Collection in a 400-gram grey tin box, and found them to be cloying. Sorry. Chocolates made in Belgium; box made in China.

#### Just Add Water

We really love these compressed paper TowTab towelettes that come 10 to a roll and look like, well, fat breath mints. Oh, but do not put them in your mouth because the moment they come in contact with two teaspoons of water -- surprise! -- each tablet puffs up and morphs into a damp face towelette. (Please, try to resist the temptation to play mean tricks on unsuspecting dumb animals or relatives.) We found them at Ashton Green mail order catalogue at \$2.95 a roll or \$19.95 for 10. Call 613-822-8613 or go online [www.ashtongreen.com](http://www.ashtongreen.com). Made in Korea.

#### It's All Soy

The other day we received an enormous package of products under the It's All Good