

**N**o Fish! sandwiches, Kuan Yin statues and real fish tacos—these are only a few of the fine products available at three of Portland's newest queer-owned shops and restaurants. From North Killingsworth to Southeast Hawthorne by way of Northeast 28th, discriminating consumers can spend their lavender dollars supporting local businesspeople—and getting excellent value in return.

Our tour begins at the very reasonably priced No Fish! Go Fish! at 634 N. Killingsworth St. in a location surrounded by hungry Jefferson High School and Portland Community College students. The downtown lunch crowd has been



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Thanks to John Doyle (left) and Sean Brown, there are plenty of other fish in the sea

able to enjoy this excellent homemade food for several years at vendor carts located throughout the area. The No Fish! empire previously consisted of three carts downtown, including Soup'r Dog, and now owners Sean Brown and John Doyle proudly announce the opening of their flagship restaurant and kitchen directly across from PCC's Cascade Campus.

## BAIT AND SWITCH

Check out these new queer-owned businesses

Their story is as interesting as the food is tasty. The abbreviated version has them meeting in New York and then moving to Korea. While overseas, they became honorary members of Kitty Kitty, the Korean Lesbian Society, and learned how to make little fish sandwiches that don't contain any fish (more about this shortly). With Asian culture and saved earnings in tow, the soon-to-be entrepreneurs moved to Portland, where they share and enjoy noncustodial co-parenting of Brown's 10-year-old daughter.

OK, now back to those interesting little sandwiches. You see, it's a mold kinda thing—big, heavy, black cast-iron molds—wherein the little pocket sandwiches are shaped like fish, but they actually don't have fish in them. Your filling selection instead might include spinach and feta, apples and cinnamon, cheese or teriyaki chicken. OK, I know it sounds a little confusing, so just go try one.

P.S. They have great soup, too.

Heading out with a full belly and an urge to spend your extra pocket change, knock on the Purple Door at 518 N.E. 28th Ave. This shop's merchandise includes a popular favorite: replicas of the Kuan Yin goddess.

Featuring an eclectic assortment of new gifts and retro resale clothing, the Purple Door definitely is a browser's delight. Owners Dan Wood and Benny Alvarez have grand plans to decorate the site, which previously housed a thrift shop, and the future just might include an espresso bar.

The men enjoy the diversity and autonomy of the neighborhood and look forward to taking an active role in the continued revitalization of 28th Avenue. New merchandise arrives daily, and you never can tell what might await you on your next visit.

Well, now it's been an entire hour since you last ate, and all that serious shopping has created quite a hearty appetite. Remember, this little mission of ours is for the betterment of our brothers and sisters in commerce, so unbutton your pants (no, silly, just the top button!) because now we're heading over to Southeast Hawthorne for more serious eating and to meet the new owner of Dingo's Taco Bar, Tiffany Miller.



Steve Ehrlich and Tiffany Miller promise Dingo's won't eat your baby

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took over the popular eatery in mid-November, and things haven't been the same since. Ehrlich brings years of cooking experience to the grill, including time spent at Chez José and Chart House.

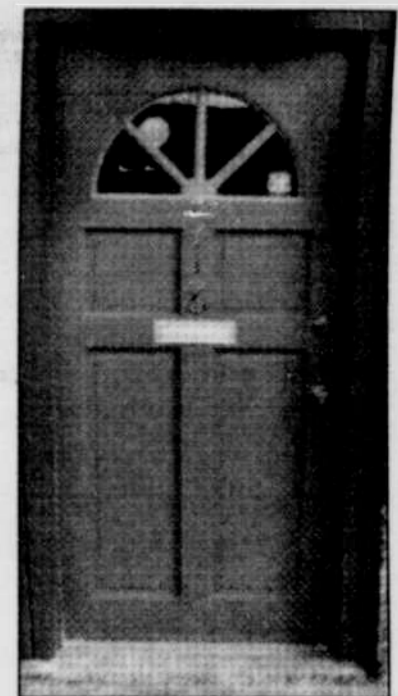
Remodeling, new menus and new energy have brought the hungry taco crowd right to their newly painted doorstep. But the plans for change and fun don't stop there. Miller wants to use her new business to help create a sense of cohesiveness in the lesbian community and thusly is creating "Ladies Night Out."

This still-evolving and subject-to-change format involves the basic concept that there just ain't enough to do for fun during the week. So, ladies, let's get together Thursday nights to raise the roof and create our own fun and excitement.

Dingo's features all the benefits of a full bar, including specialty drinks, yet the entire bar and restaurant is nonsmoking. Just imagine: A roomful of women, and you actually will be able to see them without requiring an oxygen mask. Can it get any better?

So there you have it: sandwiches without fish, tacos with fish and a nothing-fishy-about-it new store to visit. Enjoy! ☐

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