

Holiday Gift Guide



An endless number of sushi sets wait to be snapped up

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choices here. Foremost are the "flower fairies," small, lean figurines (\$12.99) who look like Hummels become gym bunnies. Steve and Larry explain their appeal: "There's one with total attitude!" and "There's the very hot elf fairy!"

The book *Decoding Egyptian Hieroglyphs* (\$18.95), notes Steve, helps in that pesky task of "designing your own tomb." Both campy and artful, the leopard-spotted "Safariware" glass line—martini glasses, goblets and pitchers (\$12 to \$30)—looks like it came from the Jayne Mansfield estate.

Stocking stuffers include "retro spooz mugs" with tacky messages (\$8.50); art pottery knock-offs (\$8.99); "lucky German mushroom tree ornaments" (along with the rarely sighted "lucky German mini-carrot tree ornament") for \$6 or so; and the ubiquitous Frida Kahlo in the form of "10 very mighty little magnets" for \$12.99.

Wild Life also has gift certificates and a gift registry for when you decide to make it legal (or as close as we can get to it).

—Gary Morris

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Gai-Pied, Portland's only gay male book, video and toy store—that's "toy" in the broadest sense—offers some welcome choices for the befuddled shopper. Opened seven years ago by Rick Spencer, this well-organized store features items of every description, along with a few that defy description, many of them discounted from list prices.

The extensive video and book collection offers myriad purchasing possibilities. Rick's partner, Nathan Moore, recommends *Notorious C.H.O.* on DVD (\$19.95) for its audio commentary with Margaret Cho impersonating her mother. Sexier fare includes *When Boys Fly*, a DVD documentary about the excesses of the White circuit party (\$29.95), and, for fans of firemen, *Got Me Burning?* (\$19.95) is a porn DVD with the tagline "Want me to hose you down?"

No holiday is complete without a pecker-shaped blacklight, and this is the place to get one (\$5.95). Then again, \$19.95 will buy a whole string of festive "Pecker Party Lights." More sensitive souls can opt for the "Chili Pepper Party Lights" for the same price.

Stocking stuffers include the Weenie Babies, insanely well-hung variants on the Beanie Babies



Let Nathan show you some holiday cards at Gai-Pied



of yore (\$11.95); the always-welcome "25 Deluxe Cock-tail Squids,"

little plastic octopi in a martini glass (\$3.95); and the Billy Dolls (\$49.95) with accessories in leather (\$19.95).

More fantasy comes in the form of calendars—Gai-Pied has more than 40 covering twinks, ethnic, military, leather, even patriotic hunks (\$12.95-\$14.95)—and used porn magazines and books.

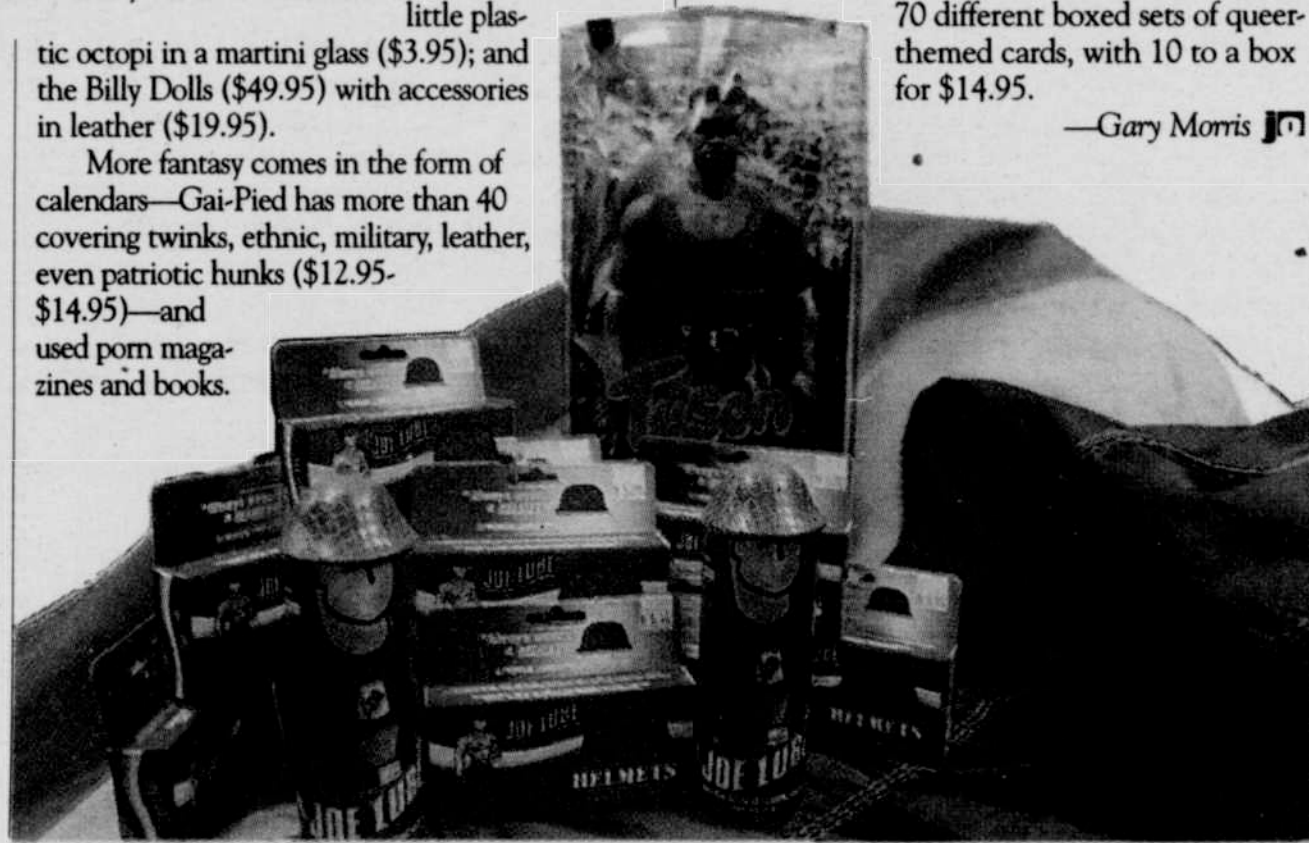


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Where to shop

For those occasional nights when the Real Thing comes along, there are two indispensable Joe Lube products: the lube itself for \$11.95 and "12 Lubed Helmets" (condoms) for \$5.95.

Gai-Pied caters largely to gay men, but there are also a number of items of dykish interest, from magazines (*Curve*, *On Our Backs*) to calendars focusing on goddesses, drag kings and, again, *On Our Backs*, to the useful *Damron Women's Traveller* guide (a bargain at \$15.95 for 616 pages).

Queers of every stripe will appreciate Gai-Pied's wide selection of rainbow items, among them flags (\$15.95-\$23.95), wind socks (\$4.95) and votive or oil candleholders (\$9.95-\$22.95).

The store also carries more than 70 different boxed sets of queer-themed cards, with 10 to a box for \$14.95.

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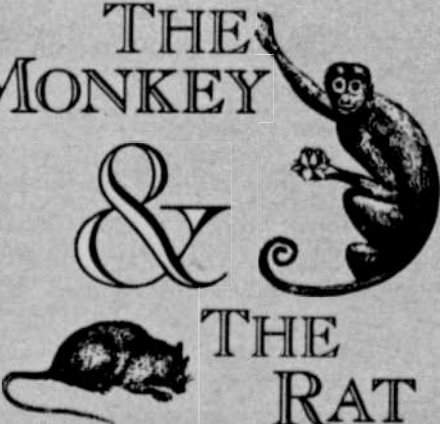
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