

You Better Shop Around

Helpful holiday hints from the Just Out staff

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Esential Lotions & Oils

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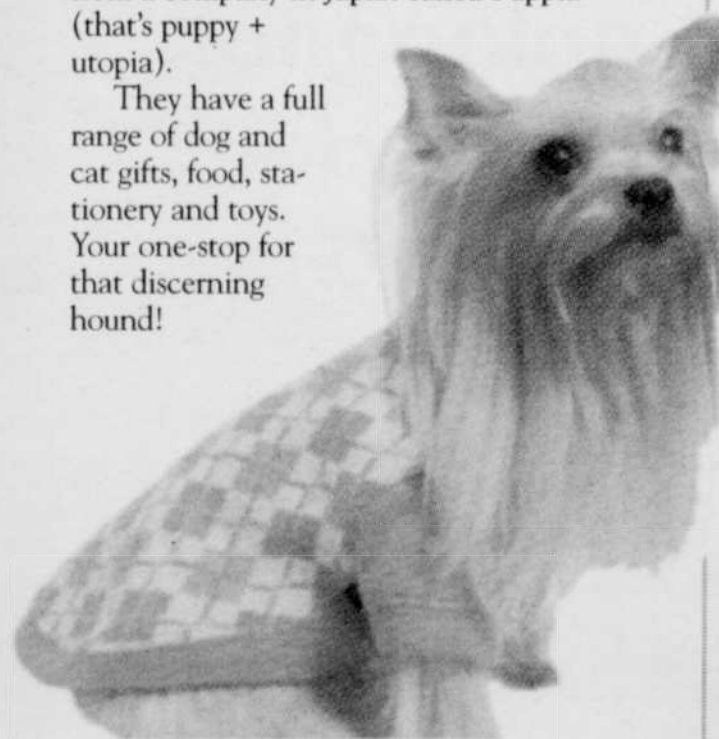
If you're concerned that the world will come to an end in the next four years, then why not treat yourself to some pleasant smells in the meantime? Esential's two locations on Northwest 23rd and Southeast Hawthorne offer hundreds of perfume and oil fragrance choices (prices vary), including several with names that might provide some comfort in these trying times: Headache Soother, Balancing and, most important of all, Clarity. You can also shop online at Esential.net.

FurEver Pets

1902 N.E. Broadway • 503-282-4225

So you can't afford to get yourself a pink vinyl outfit with fake-fur accents? Get your dog one! FurEver Pets carries Portland's largest selection of fancy dog outfits (\$30-\$50) to deck Fido out for the winter season. Some outstanding pieces include the angora capelet in an understated gray, a smart argyle number for the terrier in your life and a very lovely soft harness that looks a little like a miniature jog bra. FurEver Pets gets their great dog outfits from a company in Japan called Puppia (that's puppy + utopia).

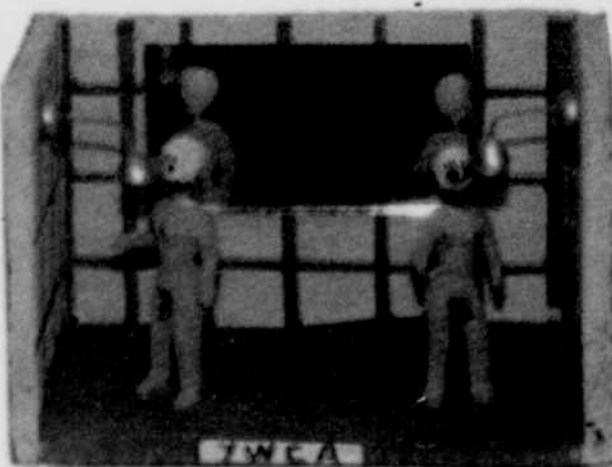
They have a full range of dog and cat gifts, food, stationery and toys. Your one-stop for that discerning hound!



Gold Door

1434 S.E. 37th Ave. • 503-232-6069

Take just a few steps off the beaten path of Hawthorne—you'll be glad you did. Gay owner Jerry Shover will amaze you with stories about sexy lead figurines made from melted-down car batteries, but queers will especially love the



Day of the Dead dioramas depicting naked women showering together at the YWCA (\$13). It's the perfect gift to prepare for the Village People/Cher concert Jan. 25!

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources

3734 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-232-6003

As America's only nonprofit women's bookstore, In Other Words is an excellent shopping destination if books are what you need. This season, it is featuring titles from its nonsexist children's book collection. Some titles you might consider are the coloring book by Jancinta Bunnell called *Girls Are Not Chicks*, as well as her other title, *Boys Will Be Girls Will Be Boys* (both around \$10).

In *King and King and Family* (\$14.95), newlyweds King Lee and King Bertie journey into the noisy jungle. The Kings soon discover that there's no adventure more wonderful than starting a family. You can also shop online at InOtherWords.org.



It's My Pleasure

3106 N.E. 64th Ave. • 503-280-8080

There are many fantastic stocking stuffers available at It's My Pleasure, particularly if



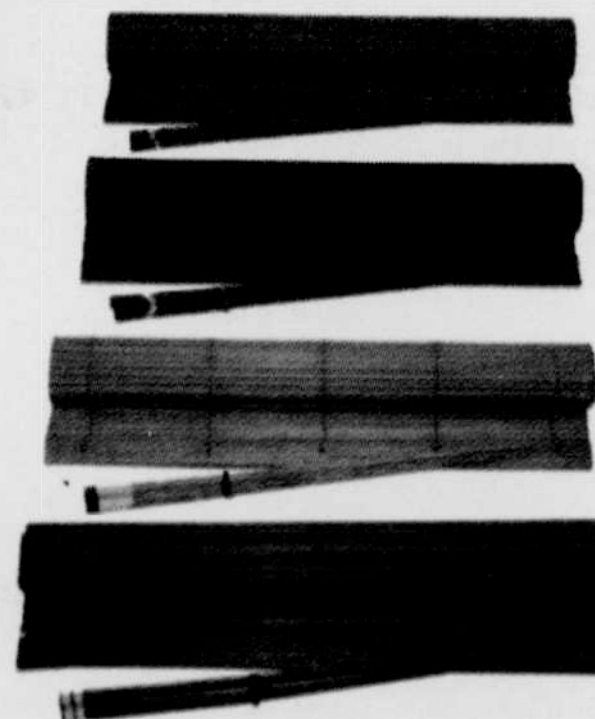
you are into the naughty dice/sexy card game kind of stuff. On the other hand, if you actually want to give someone something to use while doing it, there are a few new items you should check out. One has the not-particularly-sexy name "Silicone Ring with Teaser" (\$32.50), which is a

cock ring with a clit vibrator and a dangling mini cat-o-nines. The great thing about this toy is that the clit vibrator is remote controlled—no messy wires to tangle. Another thoughtful gift might be the waterproof vibrator (\$20-\$30) combined with some aqua erotica (printed on waterproof paper, of course) for the bathing beauty in your life.

The Jellybean

721 S.W. 10th Ave. • 503-222-5888
3534 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-239-9205

Lesbian owner Cynthia Frost has stacked her stores with enough cards, gifts and novel-ties to get a rise out of anyone, but the W Deck (\$13) is just right for the right-wingers on your list. Every playing card depicts President Bush in drag: snuggling with her male lover, ice skating in an American flag costume, announcing her sex change on the cover of *Focus* magazine (not that there's anything wrong with that—but to him there sure is). You also get to see what Dubya would look like if he were a poodle or a monkey.



The Monkey & the Rat

131 N.W. Second Ave. • 503-224-3849

Did you know that Portland is home to the son of Peter from Peter, Paul and Mary? Mr. Yarrow's son Christopher is the owner of this fine establishment. If your love of "Puff, the



Magic Dragon" isn't enough to get you through the door, maybe this will: The selection of "fine and friendly objects from faraway places" is outstanding, and the price is right, too. Check out the array of beautiful chopsticks (\$4 a pair) and matching placemats (\$5 each) and invite your friends over for some sushi. The best time to shop is from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, when the store will be filled with food, drink and music to ease the burden on your wallet.



Portico

3630 S.E. Division St. • 503-230-2522

This Dutch-owned interior decorating wonderland across from the E-Room is filled with an overwhelming array of colorful merchandise, so don't rush your visit. Particularly cool are the wood plaques displaying crate labels from the 1940s as well as travel posters from France and other faraway destinations (\$10-\$16). They're sold on consignment from Wildchild Designs, which is owned by self-described "stay-at-home mom" Brenda Mavromatis of Tigard.

Presents of Mind

3633 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-230-7740

Searching for the ideal stocking stuffer for your newlywed pals? This should do: Same Soap Marriage (\$8.50), a bar with two brides (or two grooms) smiling at you from inside the pure glycerin. This gift was suggested by cute gay employee Anthony Summers, the mastermind behind the lovely wrapping job on the cover of this issue. This gift will cleanse away your dirty sins and allow you to celebrate same-sex marriage in the process. As Anthony pointed out, "It may not be legal, but let them try and stop us!" 

