

HOLIDAY Guide

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Plump up your puckers for some mistletoe action with Lip Injection. No needles involved!

all that glitters

Madame Bouffant 1130 S.W. Alder St.

A trip to Madame Bouffant is like entering a drag queen's closet. This glamorous shop sells custom wigs, beaded bags, tiaras and all things glittered. It has an expressly gay clientele and the distinction of designing wigs for the Portland performance troupe Sissyboy.

This season, be mistletoe-ready with Lip Injection, a powerful lip gloss by Too Faced cosmetics, with plumping and fullness unmatched by anything but the needle of a plastic surgeon. The \$19 lip-expanding product is guaranteed to outlast your new year's peck, with three hours of staying power.

"The tingle means it's working!" says Stefanie Pinniger, who opened the shop two years ago.

For more information, call 503-219-9447 or visit www.madame-bouffant.com.



Kim models one of the more popular helmets at North Portland Bike Works.

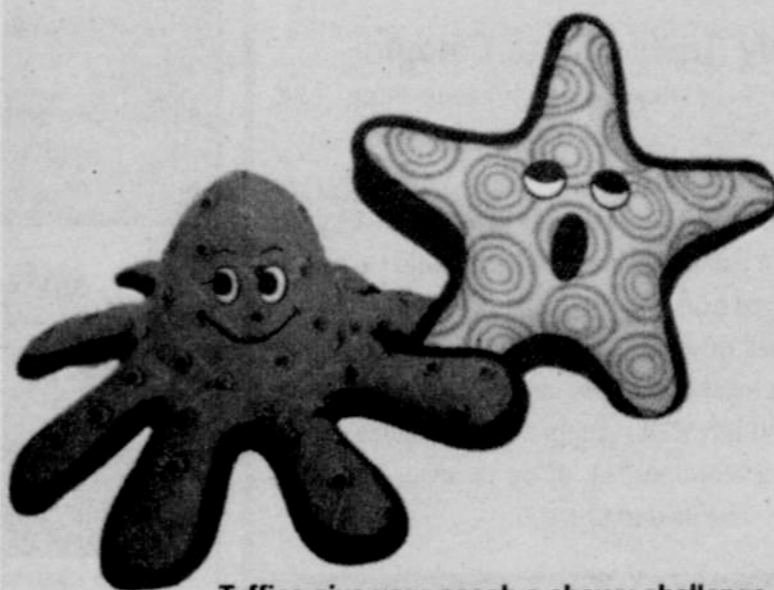
safe cYCLing

North Portland BikeWorks 3951 N. Mississippi Ave.

Radical riders and pedal dabblers alike are at home in North Portland BikeWorks. This queer- and female-friendly staple on North Portland's blossoming Mississippi Avenue is a nonprofit organization that repairs bikes, sells used bikes, holds mechanics classes and sponsors Woman and Trans night. Mechanic and teacher Tori Bortman says helmets are flying off racks this time of year. They're safe, colorful and affordable at between \$20 and \$25 a head. Add a political biking patch for a buck and you're a rider with smarts and sass. For more information, call 503-287-1098 or visit www.npdxbikeworks.org.



Radical patches make good stocking stuffers.



Tuffies give your pooch a chewy challenge.

TOUGHER THAN BOWZER

Healthy Pets Northwest 1402 S.E. 39th Ave. #2A and 2224 N.E. Alberta St.

If it's good enough for Julie Cantonwine's pooch, it's good enough for yours. Cantonwine, owner of Healthy Pets Northwest, is giving her dog, Brodie, a stocking stuffer from the indestructible Tuffies line of soft dog toys. Made with three layers of material, Tuffies' Sea Creatures squeak, float and can handle a machine wash. They're also great for training and won't hurt pooches' teeth. Wrap up an octopus, starfish or alligator, ranging in price from \$9.99 to \$18.99, and make your canine the happiest on the block come Christmas morning. The store supplies an oasis of green-minded pet food and supplies free from chemicals, pesticides and byproducts, ideal for the progressive pet in your home.

For more information, call 503-236-8036 (Southeast) or 503-249-6571 (Northeast) or visit www.healthypetsnw.com.



Essential Oils offers its most popular scent, Egyptian Musk, along with 130 other delectable smells to mix into your favorite toiletry.

smELL Like an egyptian

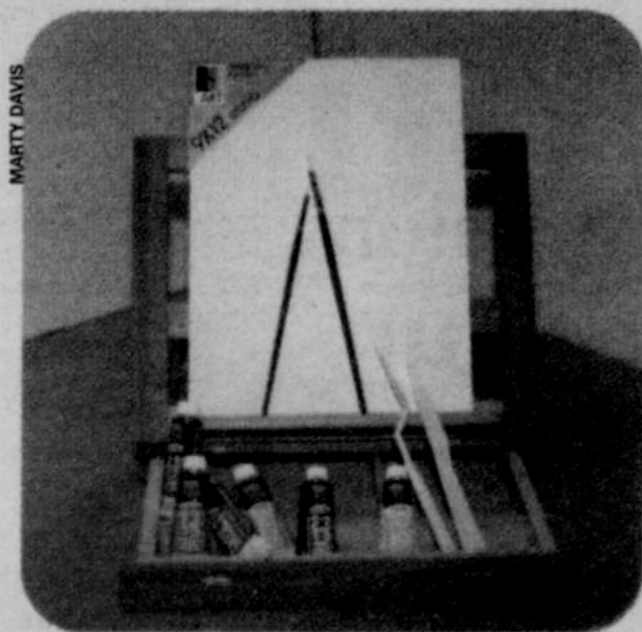
Essential Lotions and Oils 3638 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

Custom-blending a fragrance makes perfume a personal present. Essential Lotions and Oils has been providing custom scenting for more than 20 years.

This year's hot seller is Egyptian Musk fragrance oil, a clean, musky scent that can be worn alone or added to the store's line of unscented products such as shampoo, lotion, massage oil and bubble bath. Smelling like an Egyptian is cost-effective at \$6 for a quarter-ounce bottle and \$8 for a third-ounce roller.

And if Egyptian Musk clashes with your natural pheromones, try one of the shop's 130 other blends and fragrances.

For more information, call 503-236-7976 or visit www.essentialonline.com.

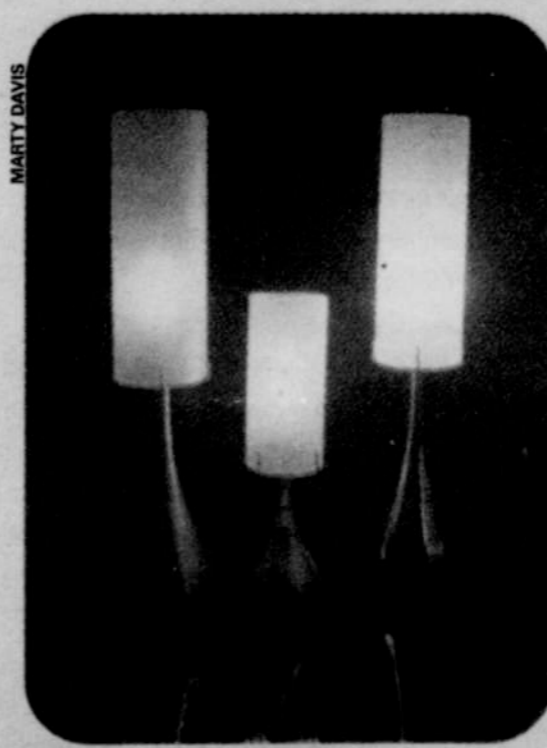


For that painter on the go, try this Marquis Desk Easel.

foLLow your muse

Muse Art + Design 4224 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

Gay-owned Muse Art + Design deceptively appears to be an average art supply store. But ask a question about product or technique and you'll quickly see how customer attention is at the core of owner Peter Rossing's plan. The store offers supplies to artists of all levels with a staff that knows what you need. Check out the Marquis Desk Easel—a steal at \$30—which includes acrylic paint, brushes, putty knives and high-quality canvas to get the painter going. Best of all, the well-crafted easel is portable and ready to take to the park, the coast or wherever the muse leads. The store regularly shows the work of Portland artists and has a lending library. For more information, call 503-231-8704 or visit www.mustartanddesign.com.



Candlelight without the mess of wax from the selection at Lux.

in the mood LIGHTING

Lux 1333 N.W. Glisan St.

Treat your honey to countless nights of candlelight with romantic Sophia (small) or Isabella (large) lighting fixtures designed to simulate candlelight. The sophisticated torpedo-shaped lights range in price from \$85 to \$125, although you might want to add an easy-to-install Credenza dimmer for \$20. This mock candlelight design is safer than an open flame and free from allergens sometimes emitted from the smoke and wax of burning candles.

Give yourself time to browse this Pearl District specialty shop, which provides lighting ranging from functional to artistic, garish to understated, modern to retro.

For more information, call 503-299-6754 or visit www.luxlights.com.