

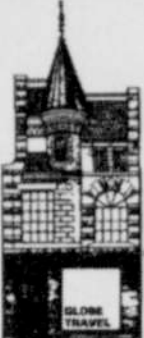
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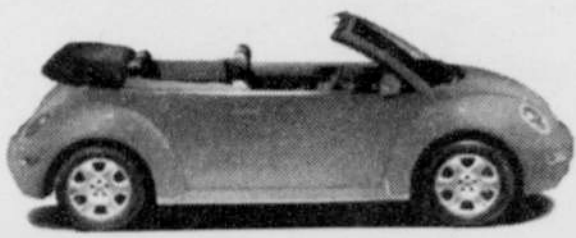



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Leathers, Queens and Bears, Oh My!

After months of searching for a location, 3rd Girl Designs opened Portland's only gay pride store Feb. 3.

What started as a booth at Portland Pride has expanded into a boutique of rainbow gear, all year round. Besides attire, costume jewelry and some home items, the shop shows art on consignment from local gay and lesbian artists.

The store strives to carry a variety of items not found in other shops in Portland. This is achieved through shopping at local stores and expos and over the Internet.

The people behind 3rd Girl are co-owners Kay Long and Maggie Wilson and business associate Cecil Lasure.

"I don't want to be the store that has a two-foot pride section. I want the pride to be overflowing," said Long, a third-generation Portlander.

Long, who is bisexual, said she hopes the store will become a landmark for Portland's queer community. The store is arranged as a comfortable meeting spot and place to visit and pick up the current issue of *Just Out*.

"We just want to promote that Portland is a livable city. It's a positive community where everyone is accepted for who they are," she said.

Long says she believes in giving back to the community and frequently sponsors candidates for the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court.

For more information visit 1007 S.W. Morrison St. or call 503-880-5296.

Suburban Style

Suburban life became a little more stylish, and convenient, with the recent opening of Open & Out Salon.

Owner and aesthetician Ellie Jaramillo opened the salon in January to bring a full range of services to clients who might not feel as welcome in standard salons in Milwaukie and are tired of fighting traffic into Portland to get the beauty treatments they deserve.

Jaramillo says her clientele is a mix of queer, creative, artistic types and other folks vested in the suburban community.

"It's open to whomever or whatever walks through the door. Provided they are polite and kind, they're welcome," she said.

According to Jaramillo, beauty is an ongoing learning process, and she requires her employees to continue their

education by attending nationwide conferences and workshops. She has been in the beauty industry for 22 years and has owned three other businesses in the past.

business watch




Ellie Jaramillo, owner of Open & Out Salon in Milwaukie, strives to create a welcoming atmosphere for her clients.

Besides a typical hair and nails salon, Open & Out provides professional makeup application with a full-service cosmetics bar, makeovers, waxing treatments and massage.

Jaramillo suggests that new clients meet with her for a free consultation to discuss their beauty needs.

The shop is designed with an industrial feel and warm colors to create a welcoming atmosphere for all.

For more information call 503-353-8400, visit www.openandoutsalon.com or stop by at 6128 S.E. King Road. 



From left, Kay Long, Cecil Lasure and Maggie Wilson specialize in products boasting everyday pride.