

Save money and recycle at Southwest Portland thrift shops

THE COUNTRY STORE

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Economy giving you the blues? Get heartburn searching for that perfect prom dress? Why not save money and recycle too at Southwest Portland thrift shops?

From women's business suits to baby clothes, the high quality and low cost may surprise you. Clean your closet at the same time exchanging those clothes you never wear. Here are some favorite



Micalah Wilson straightens the racks at Here We Go Again in John's Landing. (Post photo by Paulina Olsen)

finds in the order *The Post* visited. Be sure to call for hours:

Here We Go Again

The Post met up with salesperson Micalah Wilson who started working at the attractive John's Landing consignment shop about six months ago. "We have women's clothing, teens and up," she said. "We mostly carry designer labels or high end brands."

The store does look high-end with large dressing rooms and colorful displays that include bags, sunglasses, shoes and jewelry along with racks of clothes. "Moms and daughters come in together," Wilson said. "We get a lot of working women. The cost depends on the condition and design but it's a big discount from new."

With a rack of prom dresses special for the season, regular inventory includes business suits and everyday wear. Suits we saw ranged from \$45 to \$148. Cotton blouse varied from \$14 to \$41, business slacks from \$23 to \$45.

Find extra discounts on the sale rack, which offers an additional 50 percent off the last week of each month. Or, for specials and coupons, Or, for specials and coupons, sign up for



Cole (baby) and Cydne Casper in the play area at Katelyn's Closet. (Post photo by Polina Olsen)

the free e-mail newsletter next time you stop by. Bring clothes to sell for 40 to 50 percent of the asking price. Here We Go Again is located at 0511 SW Carolina St. in John's Landing, www.hwga.com, (503) 244-6910.

Hoot-n-Annie

Jan Hanlon spent so much time at Hoot-n-Annie that when the place came

up for sale last October, she bought it. The resale children's shop has proved a good business. "We have a big variety of customers," she said. "Some are regulars from the neighborhood and we're getting others from around town."

Hanlon offers freshly washed and ironed merchandise at steep discounts, like the brand new \$32 party dress on sale for \$8.50. "We have high name
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