

Keeping it Unique

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She doesn't buy anything she thinks might be found at another store in Portland.

"And I only buy two of each design - one in a large size and another in a small size," Causey said. "That way nobody is out walking around in the same thing."

A native of Mississippi who moved to Portland in the late 70s, Causey said it was a natural decision to go into her own business after more than 20 years in banking. Tired of the corporate world and constant fear of displacement during a tough economic climate, she found a little shop last April in the revitalized Alberta Arts District. Banking only on her good sense of style and a desire to provide a venue to ethnic fashion, she opened up and kept her fingers crossed.

"I'm very happy about my decision," Causey said.

She is also very happy about her location - in a section of northeast Portland that offers a host of different ethnicities and economic classes. Causey and her husband, Clyde, remember when Alberta Street was lined with boarded up buildings and when gangs had take over the neighboring streets with drug deals, pros-



PHOTO BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Linda Causey wraps up a sweater for customer Tamar Barnes at Annie Mae's Unique Gifts and Collectables. In order to make room for new Easter merchandise, Hoof is featuring sales all week at the Alberta Street boutique.

titution and shootings.

But things have changed, Causey said, for the better.

"You have a lot of people here now," she said. "There are African Americans, Koreans, Hispanics and people from all over the nation. It's

great."

And she is more than pleased to provide them with great clothes from all corners of the world.

"We live in a very diverse community and I really want to bring equally diverse clothing to Port-

land," Causey said. "That was something this town was always lacking - but not anymore."

Annie Mae's is located at 2631 N.E. Alberta and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 503-528-2933.

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REVIEWS ON EXCITING NEW VEHICLES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MANUFACTURERS

2003 New Beetle Convertible GLS



Price Tested.....\$25,355.00
Engine... 2.0 liter, 115 horsepower, 4 cylinders
Transmission 6 speed Automatic Transmission, Tiptronic

The New 2003 Beetle convertible expresses Volkswagens engineering passion for designing and building cars with exceptional, road-handling qualities. The car sports an extra-rigid body structure, and semi-independent suspension system that gives it a rock solid, feeling. The Beetle convertible provides the perfect balance of power, and performance whether driving down a straight stretch or taking it to the limits around the winding roads. Most importantly the Beetle convertible is unlike any other car on the road - it represents one of the most expressive designs in the industry.

The question is: why did it take Volkswagen so long to bring the convertible back? The New Beetle will not only evoke the free spirited attitude of the young generation, but it will revive the older generation who remember it's legendary namesake. Remembering the Beetle of the past may inspire thoughts of "slug bug" but do not let your memory the slow moving Beetle of the past cloud your thinking of this Beetle of the future.

Front seat passengers will feel the roomy interior of the vehicle from head to toe but the back seat passenger may feel a little cramped. But because of the dome shape there is still enough headroom. Trunk space is limited with a small storage compartment and an even smaller opening. There's hardly enough room in the trunk for grocery bags, let alone the bug net and convertible cover. The interior of the vehicle has a wealth of standard features like power windows and doors, CFC-free air conditioning with an integrated pollen filter, new-tech design in the shifter and parking brake. The blue-lighted instrument panel minimizes the glare at night and the protruding center console gives the driver and easy access to the stereo and heating controls. A small bud vase is located next to the side of the steering wheel to hold a fresh flower like a daisy.

It's easy to drop the top with the semi-automatic convertible cover. The rear window comes with a defroster. The ragtop cover limits noise from the outside making for a quiet ride. The dual cup holders under the console leaves no room for a tall drink, but swivels to the right to accommodate one.

The New Beetle Convertible is a smooth sporty ride full of fun. The Beetle pairs a great braking system with performance and safety features like the other exceptional vehicles in the new Volkswagen line.

Reward Offered for Terror Suspect

(AP)—A \$5 million reward has been offered for information leading to the capture of Habis Abdulla al Saoub, who's under federal indictment in Portland for conspiring to wage war against the United States.

Government officials say al Saoub, who was born in Jordan and is a legal U.S. resident, was the leader of a group of five men who allegedly traveled from Portland to China in an attempt to fight with al-Qaida and the Taliban against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

The FBI thinks al Saoub did not return to the United States after leaving Portland on Oct. 17, 2001. Officials said he was last known to be in mainland China on May 23, 2002.

"The amount of the reward demonstrates the seriousness that our government places on his location and apprehension," said Charles Mathews, who heads FBI operations in Oregon.

Mathews said the FBI is working with the CIA and intelligence agencies in Middle Eastern countries to track al Saoub. He said al Saoub has lived in many countries and probably has had help eluding authorities.

The 37-year-old al Saoub is a former mujahedeen who fought against the Soviets in Afghanistan during the 1980s. He lived in Peshawar, Pakistan, until 1993, when he emigrated to the United States. The State Department said he is a radical

fundamentalist Sunni Muslim.

Al Saoub is among six charged in the, alleged conspiracy, although prosecutors say others may be indicted soon.

Jeffrey Leon Battle, Patrice Lumumba Ford, Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal, and Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal are accused of traveling overseas in a conspiracy to wage war against the United States, provide material support and resources to al-Qaida and contribute services to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

October Martinique Lewis, who faces the same charges, is accused of wiring money to Battle, her ex-husband, while he traveled. All have pleaded innocent and are in jail in Portland.

St. Vincent Wins \$1 Million

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Alabama, home of the Anniston Army Depot.

St. Vincent DePaul Enterprises provides training and employment for workers with disabilities with facilities on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard just north of Alberta Street.

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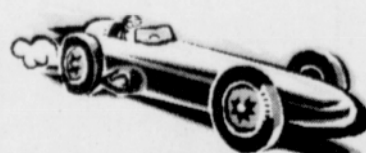
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