



Naughty Vixen Heather Sims Takes On the After-Hours SEX SHOPS of Worcester

Are you looking for a good time? Does your sex life need some spicing up? There are several stores in Worcester where you should be able to find exactly what you need. And if you can't find it, they will order it for you.

I set out with a friend on a Tuesday night to explore the "adults only" shops of Worcester. It was a dirty job, but someone had to do it. Our mission was to discover what these stores were like and answer important questions, such as what sort of products they sold, what their prices were, how scary their staff and customers were, and whether or not they offered Senior Discounts. Here are the results of our investigation:

Myrtle Book Store, 42 Myrtle St, 755-7541

The right half of the store contains reading materials and "toys" for customers of all sexual preferences. This store had a fairly large selection of magazines and books, including a variety of bondage and fetish items. They had many kinds of toys, including dildos, bondage equipment, flavored lubricants, and musical condoms. They also carry cards and pins. Some of their prices were high (for example, a plain leather paddle was \$65), but sale items could be found for great prices in their bargain bins. I purchased one of their sale magazines for 50% off the original price.

The left half of the store housed their video collection. They carry just about every kind of video you could imagine, and a few titles you would probably rather not imagine, such as About to Drop (pregnant woman) and Grateful

Grannie's Anal Gang Bang. The videos were well organized in clearly labeled sections. If you can't find it, they will order it for you. There is an annual membership fee for rentals, and the videos are \$3 per night. They do not offer a senior discount.

The store was reasonably clean although somewhat dark. The staff person was polite but not terribly friendly. There were three other customers in the store, all men in their 30's or 40's. The store closes fairly early at 8pm week nights.

United Books, 290 Main Street, 752-9293

Like Myrtle Book Store, United carries videos for rent or sale, magazines, and adult toys for variety of sexual tastes. Looking for a high-tech thrill? United has a selection of adult-oriented CDROMs. The store houses two dozen peep booths in a back room with, according to my companion, a good variety of films. However, for 25 cents he only got to see the first 90 seconds of a film, which was not enough time to see anyone actually having sex.

The store has over 600 videos, including a large selection of gay videos. They did not have any inflatable sheep or cows in stock on the night we visited. However, they did have an interesting collection of leather bondage gear, lubricants, dildos, cock rings, and other inflatable dolls. Their prices were reasonable. Video rentals are \$2 per night with no membership fee.

The staff person was extremely friendly and helpful. He assisted me in locating a certain type of magazine that I had been unable to find at Myrtle Bookstore, and offered to hold any similar arrivals for me.

The store was clean, although I was afraid

to check out the back room peep booths, which seemed to smell like Lysol. The two other store customers were men in their 30s.

Gallo Video, 3 James Street, 795-0800

The new Gallo Video store seemed to have the largest collection of adult videos, renting for \$3.15 for two nights. Their videos were not well organized; spanking videos were mixed in with foot fetish and all-female films, so if you are looking for a particular subject you might need to check the all the shelves to be sure you haven't missed anything. My companion was impressed enough with their selection that he got a card and rented a video that night. They also have non-pornographic videos in a separate area.

They store sells some sex toys, including inflatable pigs and sheep. Their magazines were primarily geared toward heterosexual readers. They carry a collection of CDROMs and some cheesy-looking overpriced lingerie. They did not have many bondage or leather items. Their older store in Millbury (which we did not visit to review for this article) has a much larger collection of S&M equipment and other adult toys.

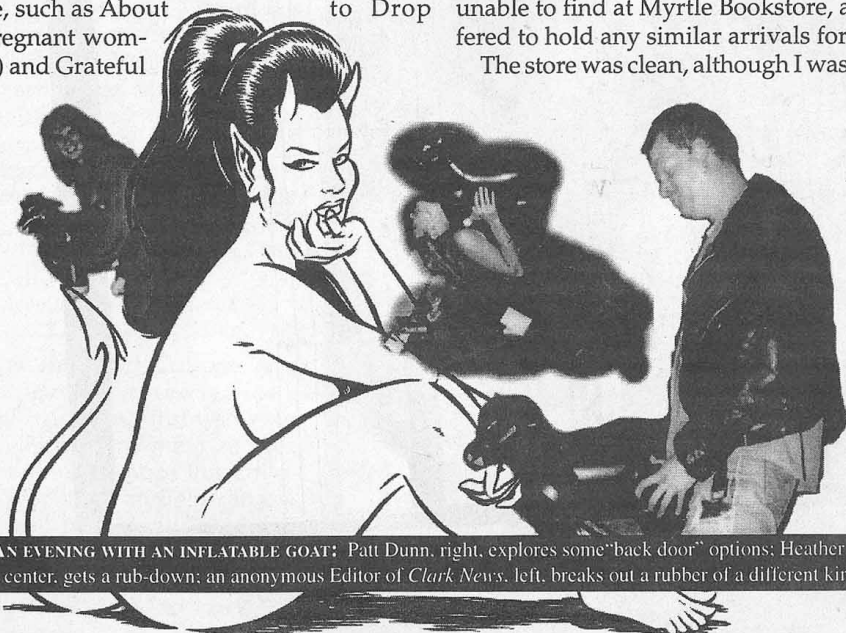
There were five or six young people working behind the counters, including one woman—the only woman I had seen during any of our visits. The employees were friendly, and the store was well lit and clean. There were four other customers in the adult section, again all 30ish males.

It was difficult for me to rate the "comfort" level for a female customer in these stores during this trip. Since I was traveling with a 6'9" leather-clad companion, I felt pretty safe in each of the stores. If you are nervous about visiting these shops, I strongly recommend bringing your own 6'9" leather-clad companion. However, none of the customers we encountered seemed threatening. They quietly kept to themselves and barely looked up at us.

If you go to these three stores and still can't find that special something, you may wish to check out the new Airborne For Men in Northboro or the Gallo Video on Route 146 in Millbury. If all else fails, there are several stores in the Boston/Cambridge area that may be able to meet your needs.

Still can't find what you're looking for? Well, sometimes fantasies are better left to your imagination... Happy shopping!

[Author's Note: Thanks Mr. Patt "Where are the spanking videos?" Dunn for his assistance with this article.]



AN EVENING WITH AN INFLATABLE GOAT: Patt Dunn, right, explores some "back door" options; Heather Sims, center, gets a rub-down; an anonymous Editor of *Clark News*, left, breaks out a rubber of a different kind...