

Pet of the Week



Lucille

Just six months old, Lucille feels her owner picked a bad time to leave her, and she hopes you'll come a long way to find her. Besides being a sweetheart, she can touch her nose with her tongue...maybe she'll teach you how!

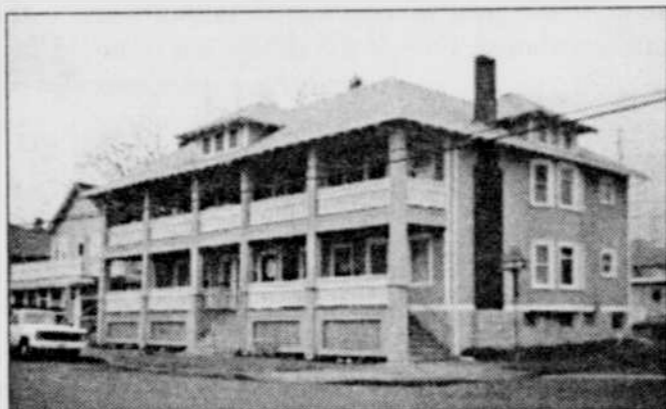
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LOCAL news

QUEER COFFEE CULTURE

At the coast or in the city, queer pleasures prevail

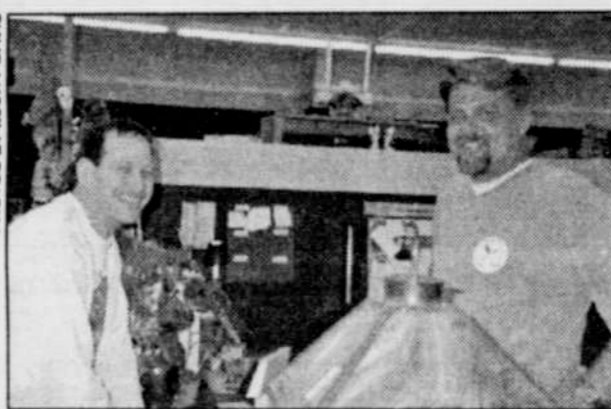
If these (sometimes) slightly warmer, (sometimes) slightly sunnier spring days find you heading to the beach, check out a few of the many friendly gay-owned shops and eateries dotting the Oregon coast.

Going to Lincoln City? If so, you might want to snag a fresh cup of joe at Cosmic Coffee—to get you pumped for the casino, perhaps. Owned by Mary Kay White and Jane Ferguson, the recently opened shop features an array of coffee beverages, yummy baked goods and daily soups.

THE QUEER PROFIT
by Marty Davis

Cosmic Coffee is located within the Little Antique Mall, formerly the Little Antique Store. With 50-plus vendors, there is something at the site for every collector.

The Little Antique Mall is owned by Rick Brissette and his partner Dan Beck. Brissette was last featured in the pages of *Just Out* when he ran, unsuccessfully, for a seat on the Lincoln County Commission.



Rick Minor (left) and Rick Brissette

Brissette estimates several thousand gay men and lesbians live in Lincoln County, and he makes sure to let people know they are "safe and welcome" at his establishment. (Indeed. Plans call for a new rainbow flag to be unfurled soon, which will beckon proudly to passing travelers.)

Also gay-owned in Lincoln City is Rocking Horse Antiques. Located in a bright purple building, owner Rick Minor invites folks to browse his collection of preowned treasures. While his store does not feature a coffeehouse, he points out there's an ice cream shop right down the street.

Should Lady Luck smile upon you while visiting the aforementioned casino, the Coastal AIDS Network will happily accept a tax-deductible portion of your winnings.

Located at 2830 N.E. Highway 101, this nonprofit organization operates a drop-in center called the Hive and maintains Joe's Cupboard, a food and clothing bank serving people "infected or affected" by HIV. Funded by donations and grants, Joe's Cupboard provides food staples, sundries and new and used clothing to qualifying residents of Lincoln and Tillamook counties.

If you're looking for overnight accommodations that are queer-friendly, you need to call Jan and Murray at Queen's Cottage. Located in the Nelscott Beach area of Lincoln City, this charming and private getaway can accommodate up to six people while featuring all the amenities that you may want and expect while on holiday.

In Portland, rumors persist about the ongoing changes in management at the 12th Avenue Grill.

Robert Meeker, the business's newest general manager, confirms that Hamburger Mary's has acquired partial ownership of the beleaguered bar and restaurant.

He stresses that Hamburger Mary's is not relocating from its Broadway address and will not be impacted by the new relationship. Instead, the experienced new management has been brought in "to help set a direction" for the 12th Avenue Grill, which we're told will continue to be marketed as the "straight-friendly gay bar."

Elise Campbell has joined the staff at Bender Properties as their newest Realtor. She comes with an experienced background in sales and marketing and will be handling residential properties in the Portland metro area.

Gail Davis of Bender Properties happily reports that sales figures for the agency for the year are "off the charts."

Ron Carter, Randy Rapaport and Dean Sidwell have opened 3 Friends Coffeehouse. Located at 201 S.E. 12th Ave. in Portland, this newest addition to the caffeine scene is meant to function as a social hangout for men who are seeking an alternative to the bars. (It's a non-smoking environment.)

They are scheduling later closing hours and plan on being the host site for Cascade AIDS Project groups and other men's organizations in the community. Oh yeah, they'll need to sell some coffee to keep the space profitable and viable.

Lesbian entrepreneur Kate Puls is bringing her unique line of retro clothing to her storefront boutique at 1607 N.E. Alberta St. in Portland.



Kate Puls

Her cleverly designed space is actually two stores in one. The first is called 2 Birds with 1 Stone, and features high-quality preowned clothes with flair and flavor. Spring and summer bring the addition of Herb 'n' Fruit, wherein Kate makes available seedlings of sustainable herbs and select heirloom varieties of vegetables. All her plants are grown organically and are currently available to good homes.

Business news with a queer bent should be reported to MARTY DAVIS at the Just Out office.