

# outstanding Out on the Coast

**R**ick Brissette is a big player in the state's queer political scene.

He was recently honored with the Ken Hull Community Cornerstone Award for his critical role in passing a nondiscrimination ordinance in Lincoln City that includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

Brissette was the sole gay person on the Governor's Task Force for Equality, which successfully recommended statewide nondiscrimination and domestic partnership laws.

He was also a member of the Lincoln City Planning Commission and president of the chamber of commerce and has worked hard to finance the town's new cultural center as a member of the City Council.

Brissette and his partner, Dan Beck—Lincoln City's 2004 couple of the year—own the Little Antique Mall, the largest store of its kind on the Oregon coast.

Brissette takes great pride in the rural community he represents. He received tremendous support, and not one testimonial in opposition, when both the city and state nondiscrimination measures were proposed in Lincoln City and Lincoln County.

He speaks to *Just Out* about his work and passion for the Oregon coast.

**My name is** Rick Brissette.

**I am known as** a businessman and a politician.

**My cause is** AIDS awareness and the environment.

**I am** 51 years old. I feel 31 years old.

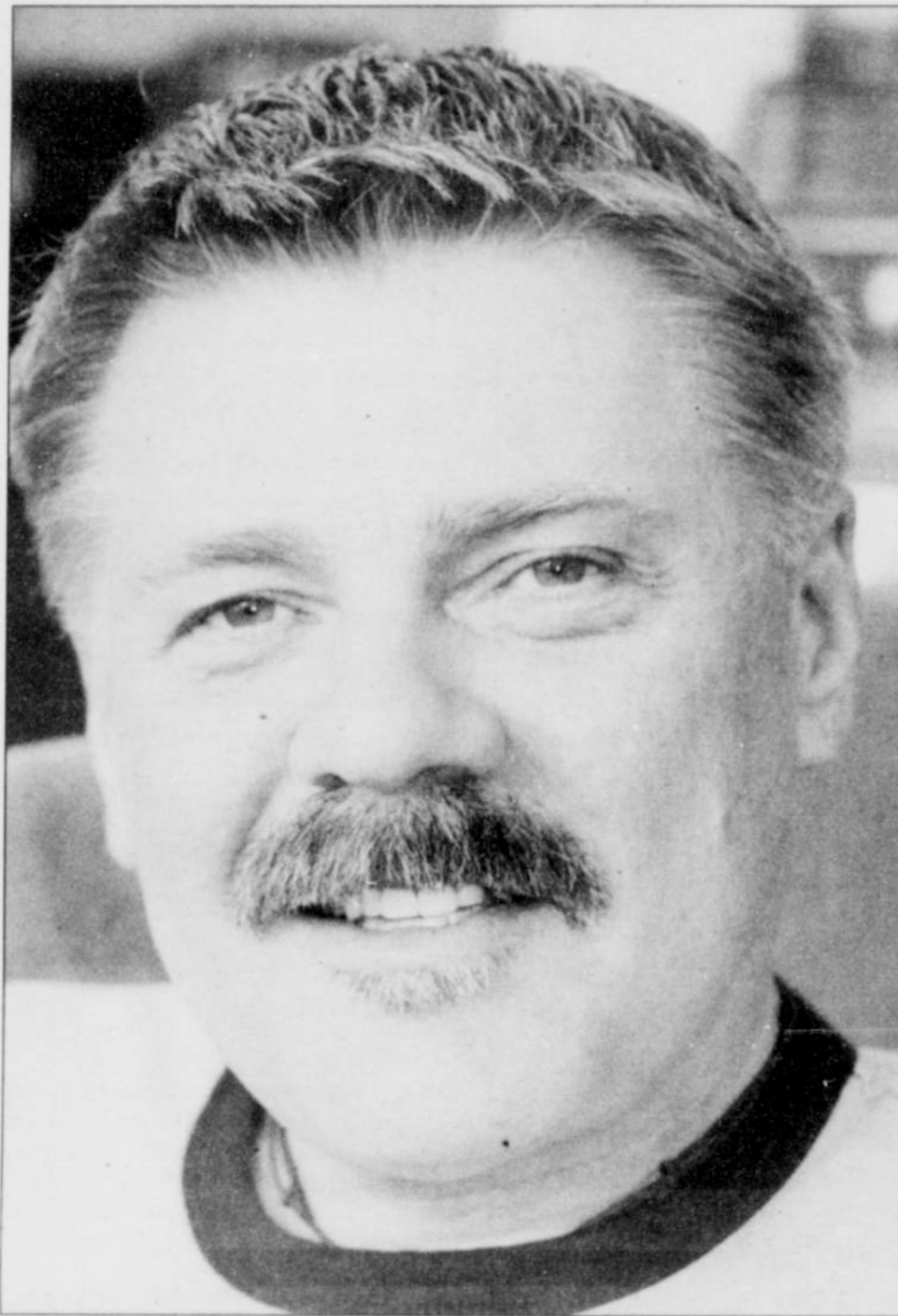
**My childhood ambition** was to be a singer. Since I can't sing, I didn't get very far. I wanted to be an astronaut, but my grades weren't very good. I found the disco, and there went my grades.

**My first same-sex crush** was on the guy on *McHale's Navy* who always had his shirt off.

**I like to spend my down time** with my dog, Lucy, and my partner listening to music or watching a movie.

**My proudest moment** was passing the nondiscrimination ordinance in Lincoln City with no opposition from anyone and huge support from the community.

**My biggest challenge** is running a business on the Oregon coast because it's so seasonal. You have to be savvy sometimes.



MARTY DAVIS

Lincoln City Commissioner Rick Brissette has made gains for queer issues statewide.

A perfect day in Lincoln City would be spent walking on the beach with Dan and the dog, breakfast at Otis Cafe, a visit to the Lincoln City Cultural Center and taking a class at our new Pacific Culinary Arts Center we just funded.

**My first job** was at the record department at J.C. Penney in Eugene.

**My inspiration** is my partner, [Lincoln City] Mayor Lori Hollingsworth and people who are living with AIDS and continue to live full lives.

**My highest hope for the cause** is equality—full, unadulterated equality for ourselves and for our relationships. **jo**

—Jaymee R. Cuti

# just asking

*Just Out* hit up viewers at QDOC: Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival to ask, "What's your favorite queer film?"



AMANDA RUSSEL  
Barista

"*Hedwig and the Angry Inch* [2001]. A lot of queer movies focus on sex and stereotypes. In *Hedwig*, the characters are multidimensional."



CHRIS VAN DETTE  
Teacher

"*No Secret Anymore: The Times of Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon* [2003] because it showed women making a difference and people who helped us get us our rights."



MIKE RAMEY  
*The Mankind Project and New Warrior Training Adventure*

"*Word Is Out* [1978] because of the candid snapshots of life from a wide range of gay and lesbian people. It was groundbreaking at that time."



KAJANNE PEPPER  
*Prolifically Delicious*  
(and *Just Out* cover model)

"*Liquid Sky* [1982] because it's a ridiculously high-fashion, genderqueer, tranny mess."

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