

La Vie Boheme

That's PoBo

Hipsters make Portland happenin', a fact that my boyfriend, Oregon Book Award winner **Marc Acito**, pointed out in a recent *Oregonian* commentary. Marc's premise was that Portland attracts the kind of convention-flouting iconoclasts that make a city lively and livable. He calls them PoBos, Portland Bohemians, and lists queer artists **Thomas Lauderdale**, **Todd Haynes** and **Chuck Palahniuk** among them.

But it's not just the nationally known artists who do things unconventionally. Last month *Willamette Week* threw a party to preview *Finder*, its second annual guide to everything Portland, hosted by "Queer Window" columnist **Byron Beck**. WW's brand new digs in Northwest Portland were full of nonconforming, tattooed and pierced creatives. **Kira Hannum** had a tantalizing tattoo of almond-shaped eyes on her arm. When asked if she was gay or bisexual, she responded, "I'll eat pussy if it gets me into your column in bold print."

Working the crowd for event sponsor Kiehl's were the luscious **Reilly Bates** and self-described "all-around good guy" **Tyler Traudt**. Reilly is off to visit his best fag hag in West Hollywood at the end of the summer. And **Cole Stevens** told me about an impromptu trance party that started when he came home from Oceanside to find his roommate dancing naked in the back yard. (Cole, next time, call me!)

There was nothing impromptu about Portland Center Stage's well-organized Just Add Water/West



Out Going
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Playwrights Festival. Overseen by director of education **Mead Hunter** and education coordinator **Kelsey Tyler**, the 10-day playwriting festival included workshops and seminars, culminating in a packed weekend of semi-staged readings, including four curtain raisers written by high schoolers and directed by **Matt Zrebski**, former artistic director of the sadly defunct Stark Raving Theatre. Among the talented troupe of thespians were actors **Kurt Conroyd** and **Noah Jordan**, playwright **Sam Gregory** and sound designer **Casi Pacilio**.

It doesn't take much talent (or skill) to have fun at *Just Out*'s monthly Gay Skate. In fact, I fell on my ass all night. (By the way, thanks to **Matt Kitterman** for grabbing it, even though he was just reaching for something to hold onto as he fell himself.) **Omie Farza** invited grabbing with a

T-shirt that read, "Don't Just Look...Come Touch." Touchy **Trey Malicoat** wanted to do just that and said, "Call me, Omie."

Greg Eddie took a spin (instead of a spill) after spending the day making homemade raspberry jam. **Ben West** was there with **Paul Rummel**. The comely couple are experiencing "fairy tale Cinderella love" and plan to move in together in September. They met at this year's Gay Pride celebration, as did **Oscar Clark** and **Don Currier**. Curiously, Don has family in the small Virginia town where Oscar grew up. **Frank Carroll** just returned from a month in Europe, where he was "blown away" by the sheer beauty of the Alps and, especially, the walled city of Rothenberg, Germany.

Also skating was **Kelly Moe**, whose band Basic (pronounced "Basic") opened recently for the queer drag troupe Sissyboy. **Anne Viola** had an orgasm with her girlfriend that lasted for a full five minutes (it's amazing some of the things people tell me), and I had a great time hanging out with Vancouver Public School librarian **Maria Lowe** during couples skating.

Just Out Publisher **Marty Davis** promises that next month the giant pipe organ will accompany skaters; then, in October, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes (judged by yours truly).



Floyd just can't seem to keep his clothes on with **Eric Galoskowsky** (left) and **Chris Brough** at No Fish Go Fish.

Speaking of prizes, the place to be on Friday nights is No Fish Go Fish, where both contestants and audience members vie for drinks and appetizers during Strip Jeopardy. In the crowd with me last Friday was **Eric Galoskowsky**, who moved here from Missouri and is working as a handyman while looking for work in forestry. **Chris Brough** watched with his boyfriend, **Niko Loening**. Chris started working as assistant to Realtor **Tim Walters** and is very excited to finally receive benefits. Kate Northington was also there. Kate's straight but says she "loves pussy." She has two of them and works at a cat rescue agency. (Sorry, Kate, no boldface for you—wrong kind of pussy.)

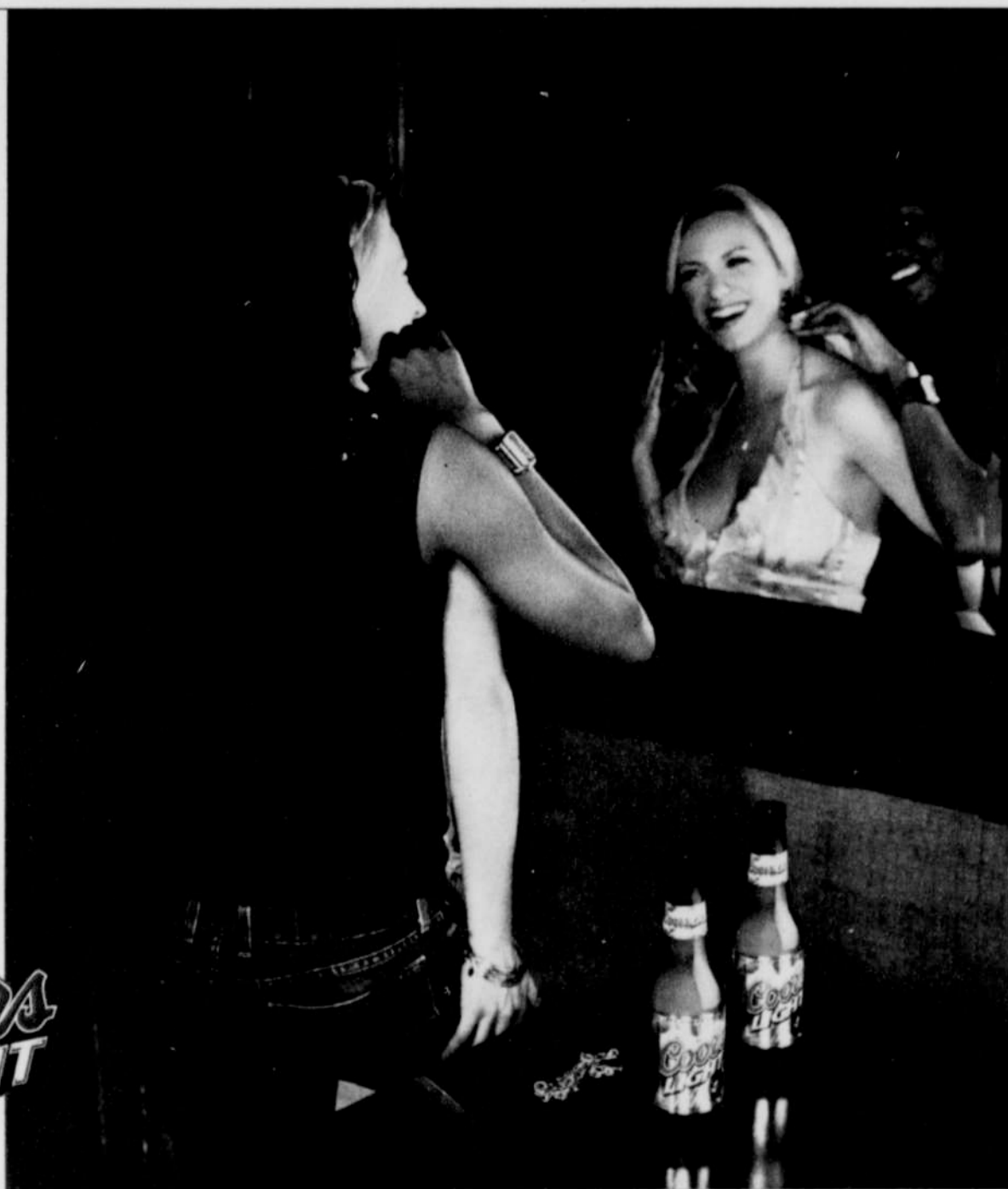
Portland has no shortage of the weird, the wild and the winning. Not to mention, the Out Going. **JO**

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