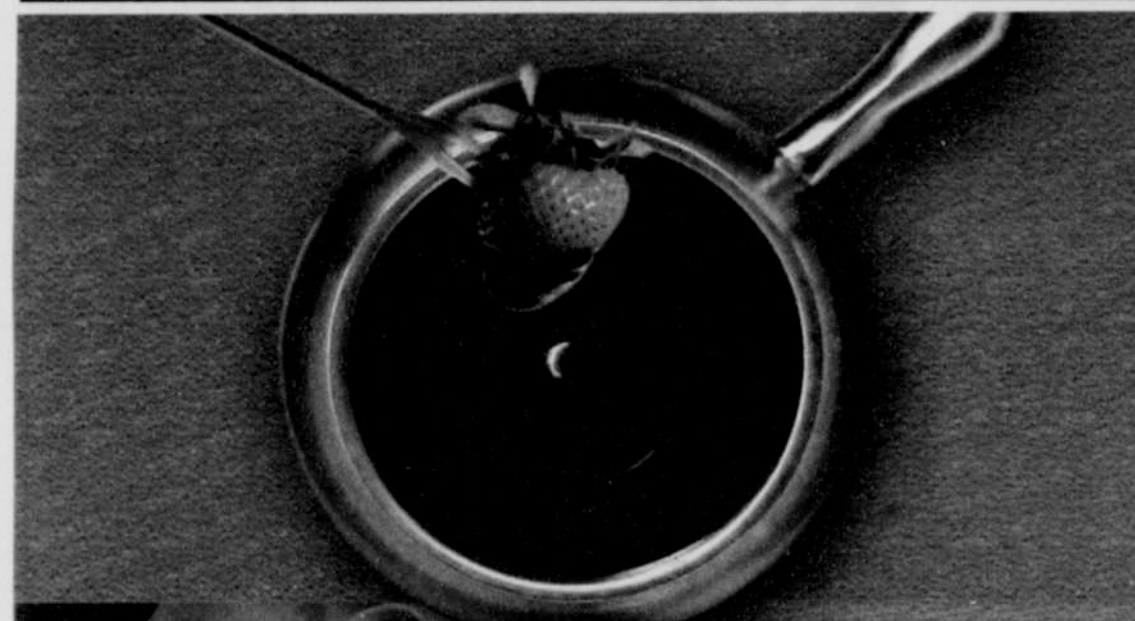
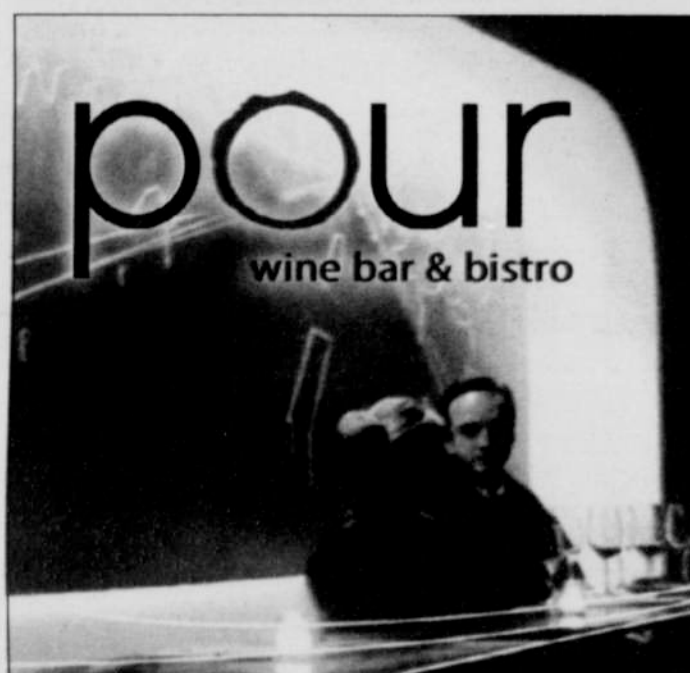




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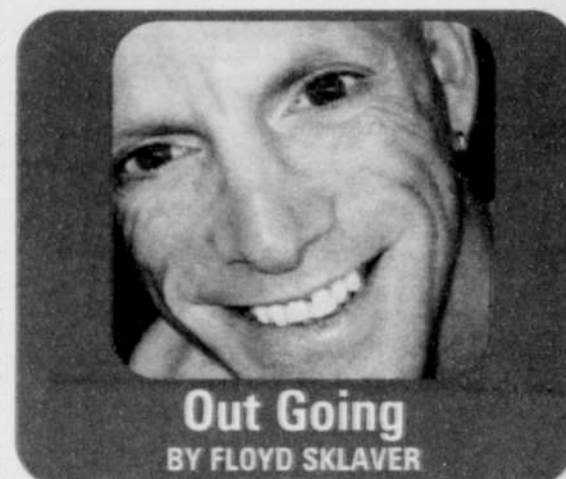
Going to parties, eating in chic restaurants, dancing the night away—you have no idea the lengths I go to for my readers.

I often have to be in two places at once, so I could only stop in at **Thomas Lauderdale's** birthday party before heading elsewhere. (In fact, I arrived before the birthday boy.) But this was enough time to chat with **Lucy Brennan**, owner of **Mint** and **820**. The siren of saloons, ranked one of the nation's top five mixologists by *Food and Wine Magazine*, hopes to expand her empire with a third.

Another birthday boy, **Matt Neupert**, turned 23 last month at **Boxxes**. In attendance was **Tom Wills**, enjoying the nonsmoking atmosphere now that he's kicked the habit himself. (Note to other Portland bar owners: Studies in California and New York show that attendance increases when you go nonsmoking.)

Also at **Boxxes** that night were **Eric Kingsbury**, who is moving to Seattle for a job opportunity; **Camron Hamilton** and **Donald Dimick**, who are moving to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; and **Gary Hopping** and **Jose Oyague**, who aren't moving but were certainly on the move, trekking across America to Madonna's opening nights in Boston, Los Angeles and San Jose, Calif.

Coincidentally, **Boxxes** go-go boy **Eric Gross** also marked his birthday that night, his 25th,



Out Going
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boyfriend, **Paul Floreck**, recently returned from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, looking tan and fit, proving that a nice body is always the best costume.

Partygoers lined up to get their bodies painted, including **Sam Phomsoukha**, who had a black and blue dragon crawling over his shoulder breathing fire down his chest. He enjoyed the primo performers, including hottie hula dancer **Vince Mafnas**, who performed a sinuous story of love. Vince told me there's hula in his native Guam, but he's only been studying for two months.

Plenty of people of gayness turned out for Triangle Productions' revival of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, including **Jon Palanuk**, just home from both the Gay Games in Chicago and the

Outgames in Montreal. Jon made six personal bests in the 50- and 100-meter swim events and hung out with superhot **Mark Tewksbury**, president of the Outgames and a gold medal swimmer at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. **Tom Barreto** also went to Montreal, where he played doubles tennis with out professional baseball player (and author) **Billy Bean**.

Hedwig signaled the triumphant return of Triangle artistic director **Don Horn**, whose autobiography, *Crumbs of Love*, is being vetted by his publisher's lawyer. But Don's year has been full of real-life drama—his son was in a near-fatal car accident while overseas. The good news is that the young man is recovering, and we're lucky to get Don back producing. Also at the show were **Randy Eskelin**, **Jerome Guillen** and **Laura Widener**, who is leaving *Southpark* after 4 1/2 years to be the pastry chef at *Higgins*.

Speaking of my favorite restaurants, the crowd at *Bluehour* was almost as gay as the one at *Hedwig*. I was the guest of the charming **Rio Bininger** but was equally charmed by

our adorable waiter, **Allen Wiemer**, who has moved in with masseur **Tod Carrig**. No wonder he looked so relaxed.

Juan Martinez was there with friends, as was **Shoshannah Oppenheim**. **Lucky Lake Perriguet** dined with **Jennifer Gately**, curator of Northwest art at the Portland Art Museum. Jennifer is responsible for the 2006 Oregon Biennial, which features the region's most provocative artists. Be sure to catch queer filmmaker **Vanessa Renwick** for an artist talk 2 p.m. Sept. 24.

I'll be there, of course, because that's the kind of thing you do when you're Out Going. 10

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Floyd and his boyfriend, Marc Acito, do the hula at Luau Extravaganza.

which made me realize that when you add his and Matt's ages together, you get mine.

Of course, neither of these fellas celebrated in as big a way as **Mike Lytle** and **Alejandro Chavez**, who toasted Mike by skydiving from 13,000 feet. After freefalling a mile and a half, their ripcords were pulled by humpy instructors straddling them as they floated in tandem.

I picked up this tidbit at Alley Productions' Luau Extravaganza, which was great fun, despite a modest turnout of 300. (Note to party boys: If you want great events to continue, you need to show up.) **Jim Feild** created a magical atmosphere aided by (among others) **Scott Murdoch**, who wore a grass skirt made from a table skirt. **Page Chisman** wore a multicolored mesh G-string; he and his