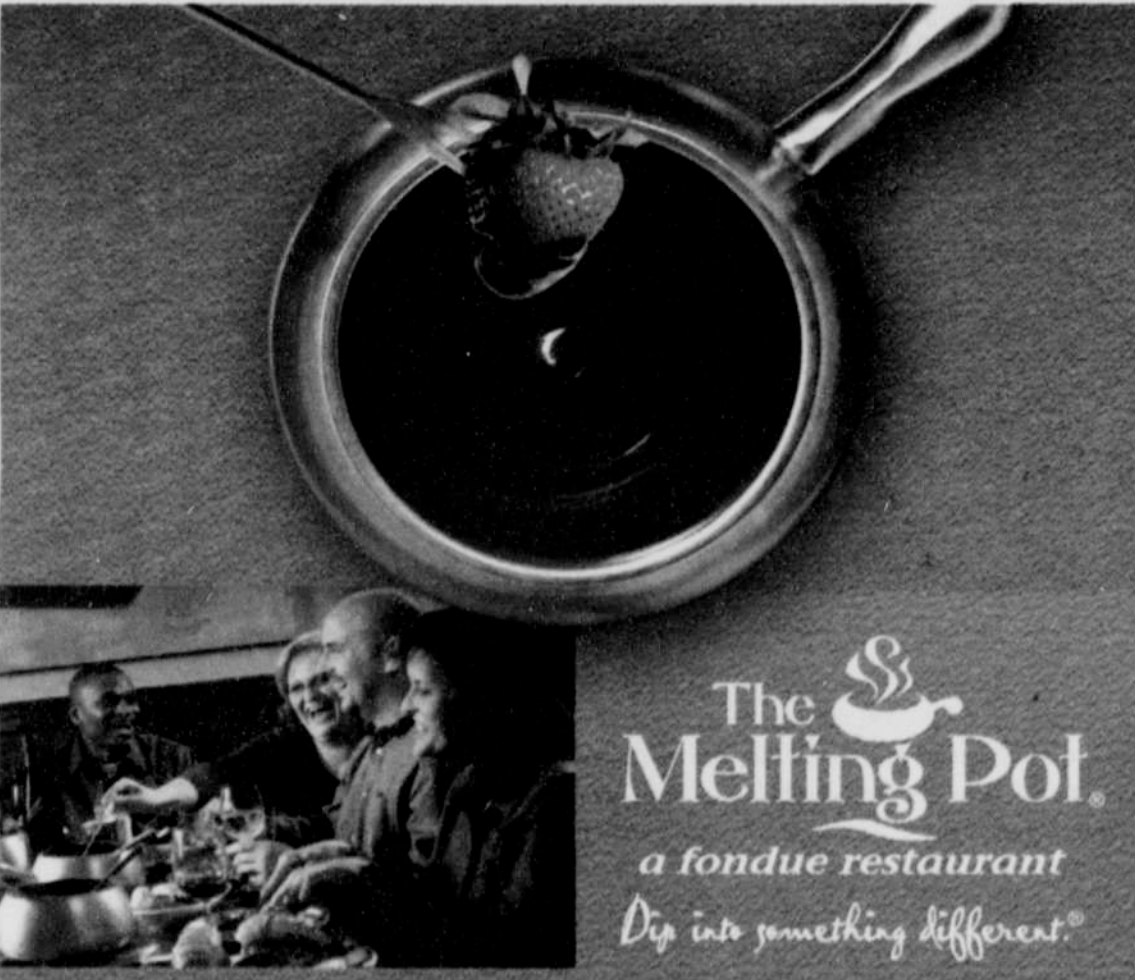




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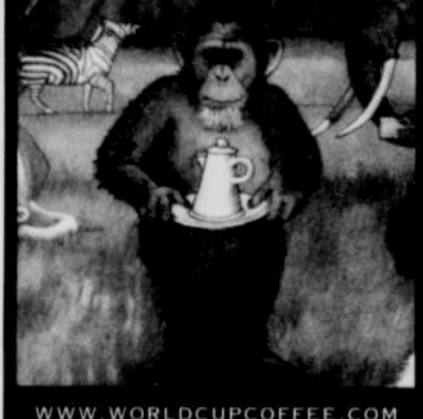
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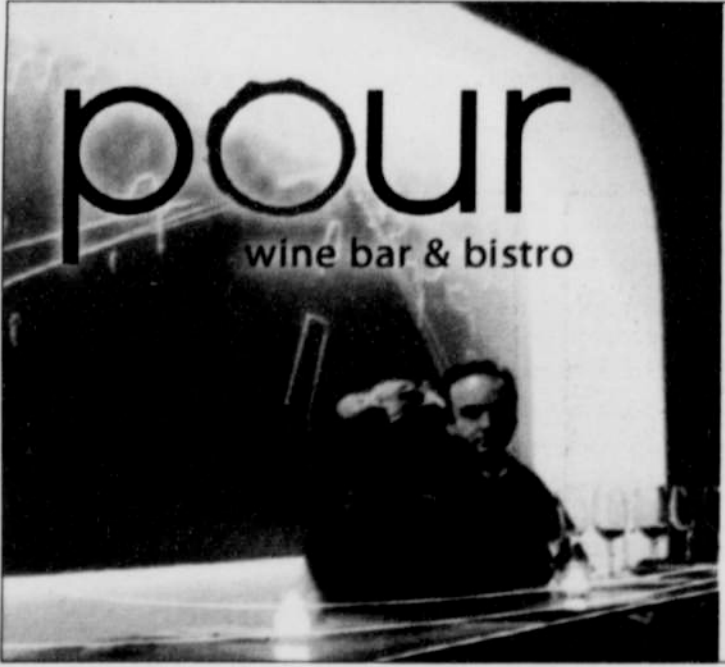
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Queers celebrate election results

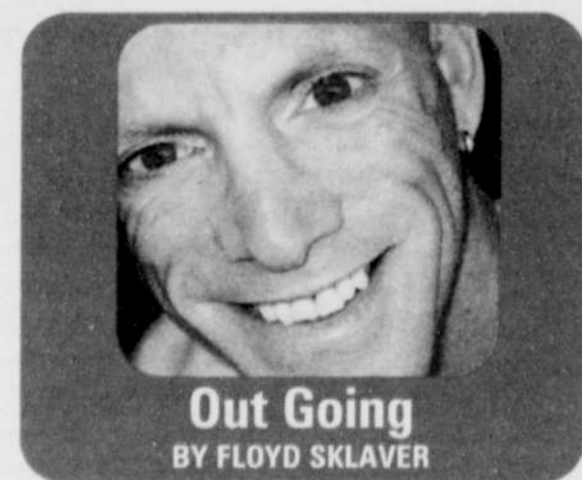
Election night brought jubilation to the queer community, and nowhere was victory sweeter than at the Benson Hotel, where Basic Rights Oregon threw open the doors of a penthouse suite and invited all to celebrate.

In one corner of the bedroom, BRO's crack communication coordinator, **Bryan Boyd**, scanned his computer for election results while plotting his next move. (Or was he watching Internet porn? His smile was so wide it was hard to tell.) BRO used more than 800 volunteers during this campaign season. They put in 2,700 hours of volunteer time, knocking on 30,000 doors, distributing 70,000 voter guides and making almost 30,000 phone calls. Go BRO!

While the television in the bedroom blared good news, the room got so crowded with jubilant revelers that there was nowhere to sit except smack in the middle of the bed. Of course, I climbed aboard to luxuriate in the victory by luxuriating in the king-size comfort. Then I enticed the adorable **Aaron Ridings** to jump on as well. (Thank you, BRO, for helping me finally get Aaron into bed.) Later, **Boris Lopez** joined us (another fantasy come true), although he insisted on changing the channel to *Dancing With the Stars*. Boris has been selected as one of five national Dating Advisors on Gay.com, which is surprising because I've never seen Boris with a date.

Alas, Boris and Aaron soon deserted me (probably because of comments like the one I just made), so I turned to my right and discovered a pair of lovely lipstick lesbians, **Kate Millgard** and **Virginia Thompson**, who were rubbing each other's shoulders tenderly. The delicious duo told me they've been together for two years after meeting at a Christmas party where Kate saw Virginia across the room and was smitten. Similarly smitten were former state Rep. **Gail Shibley** and her lovely lady, **Tiffany Harris**, who climbed aboard as well. Gail and Tiffany met during the legislative session and have been dating ever since. Going from party to party in the Benson, they were eager to relax, and the conversation quickly turned from politics to shoes. There I was in bed with four beautiful women talking about shoes. It was sheer heaven.

Speaking of heaven, my thanks go out to the heavenly **Andrew Hansen** for bringing the five of us beers in bed. Talk about room service. Others who jumped into bed with me that evening were **Jessica Lee**, who works for BRO as a youth organizer; **Missy Townsend**, who was more excited to be in bed with Gail than with me; **Tracy Winters**; and **Kevin Hendrick**.



Out Going
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Afterward I ran into Missy again at **Bruce Carey's Saucebox**, where I met up with **Mike Long**, **Brian Johnson**, **Carl Halvorson** and **Scott Fedje**, all of them toasted and toasting the evening's trouncing. Carl, who is a professional operatic tenor, turned the restaurant into an impromptu karaoke bar by singing "You'll Never Walk Alone," joined by Brian, who always loves an excuse to sing show tunes. **Aaron Scott** was also at Saucebox, letting me know that 96-year-old chanteuse **Kitty Carlisle Hart**, who sang to the Marx Brothers in *A Night at the Opera* and matched wits on TV's *To Tell the Truth*, will appear with **Thomas Lauderdale** and **Pink Martini** at the Schnitz on New Year's Eve.

The martinis flowed freely during *Willamette Week's* recent singles party at Vault. Tattooed owner **Casey Hopkins** and his boyfriend, **Kenny Stachovich**, greeted the gay guests while **Tim Schroeder**, Kenny's ex and best friend, looked on. Tim just returned from studying in Germany for a year. While **West Duncan** talked up Equity Foundation, I talked politics and books with **Karen Wertheimer** and **Sally McPherson**. As we chatted and gossiped, Karen scanned the room searching for a suitable date but soon confessed that she really just "came for the food."

Mike Schultz filled me in on the gossipy revelations of *Grey's Anatomy* star **T.R. Knight** and *How I Met Your Mother* star **Neil Patrick "Doogie Howser" Harris**. More relevant to the election, however, are the scandals of **Mark Foley** and **Ted Haggard** (whose names I'm delighted to put in bold). If these gay hypocrites had been out, perhaps the Republican Party wouldn't be Out Going. 10

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Floyd celebrates progress with (from left) **Kate Millgard**, **Virginia Thompson**, **Gail Shibley** and **Tiffany Harris** at the Benson.