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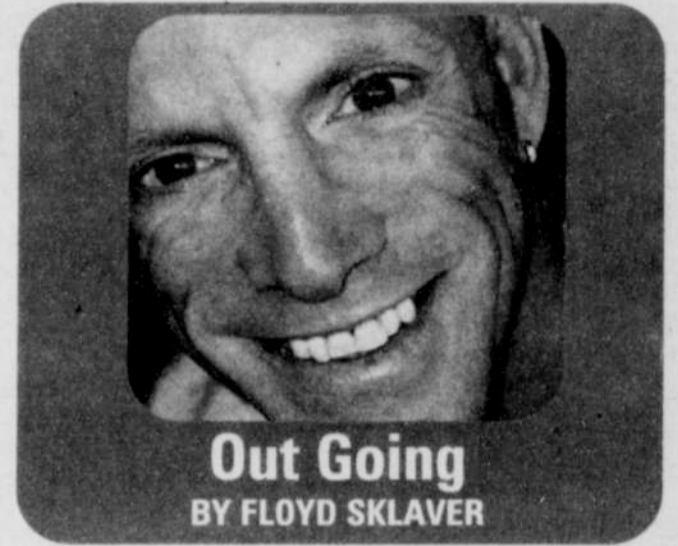
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## Funny Honey

Chicago star Rinna is a winna

It's kind of hard to take Lisa Rinna seriously. With her bright eyes, bee-stung lips and impossibly tiny waist, she looks like one of the Bratz dolls come to life. But the Medford native, who catapulted to fame in 2006 on *Dancing with the Stars*, has a steely determination that's led to her dreams. Now she's on her way to Broadway, where she'll star as Roxie Hart in *Chicago* opposite heartthrob husband Harry Hamlin (*L.A. Law*, *Making Love*). But first, Lisa comes to Portland for a week of performances. I recently sat down with the beauty and Human Rights Campaign supporter.



**Out Going**  
BY FLOYD SKLAVER

**FS:** Who are you modeling Roxie Hart after?

**LR:** No one, because I think the beauty of Roxie Hart is she's a woman who's childlike...and she wants to be famous. Now I think I certainly have that in me.

**FS:** You're from Medford. Did you ever get to meet Ginger Rogers?

**LR:** No, but we'd go down that Rogue River and we would look at her house and be like, "Oh my God, that's where Ginger lived."

**FS:** Have you seen her in the movie? [Rogers played Roxie in the 1942 movie that inspired *Chicago*.]

**LR:** I haven't seen it. Harry watched it and the funny thing is...it's all full circle...one of my oldest friends from L.A., her grandfather, William Wellman, directed the movie.... So I will watch it.



Floyd dances with the star.

**FS:** Any shout-outs for former friends or teachers?

**LR:** You know who I want to shout out to? My two teachers that taught drama at University of Oregon in 1981. My first experience knowing gay men, actually.... They wouldn't put me in Acting 2, so I quit school.

**FS:** Why wouldn't they put you in Acting 2?

**LR:** Obviously I wasn't good enough. So now I'll shout out to them and say, hey, y'know, tenacity, it paid off... 'cause I wouldn't be sitting here today probably if it wasn't for them.

**FS:** How so?

**LR:** Well, I think adversity teaches us much more than being given things.... My path has been about working hard and being told "no" as opposed to being told "yes," which is exactly what Roxie Hart's about. Her dream was to have her own act in vaudeville, and everyone told her no, no, no, no, no. So there are a lot of similarities there.

**FS:** Let's talk about *Dancing with the Stars*. Which was your favorite dance and why?

**LR:** Probably the *pasodoble*.

**FS:** That was pretty hot.

**LR:** Yeah. I transformed during that dance.... I really messed up my steps and I got really pissed off thinking, God damn it, I'm not going to let [the judges] be hard on me, I'm not gonna fuck up. And so something like came through my body and I just went whoosh, and that changed everything, because I danced out of body, like I had an out-of-body experience.

**FS:** Speaking of bodies, what did you do to get those killer abs, especially after two children and being over 40?

**LR:** Did *Dancing with the Stars*. Period.... Sometimes I'm like, God damn it, I don't want to live up to this, I want to just let it go, but I'm too vain.

**FS:** You did the reality show *Tease with Coby Archa*, the very bitchy, very funny and very gay member of *Survivor: Palau*. What was he like?

**LR:** I love a good gay man.... I always have me a good gay best friend. Always have, since I was in seventh grade. One of my best friends was gay; he didn't know it yet, but he was.... The gays tend to love me, so I love them back.

**FS:** Why do you think that is?

**LR:** Well, 'cause I'm married to Harry. Let's face it. It has nothing to do with me. It's 'cause I married Harry Hamlin and they all want him.

**FS:** Well, you have a wonderful personality.

**LR:** I'm silly, aren't I?

**FS:** Yes, but also *Out Going*. ☺

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