

Dream Weavers

You've got to have a dream

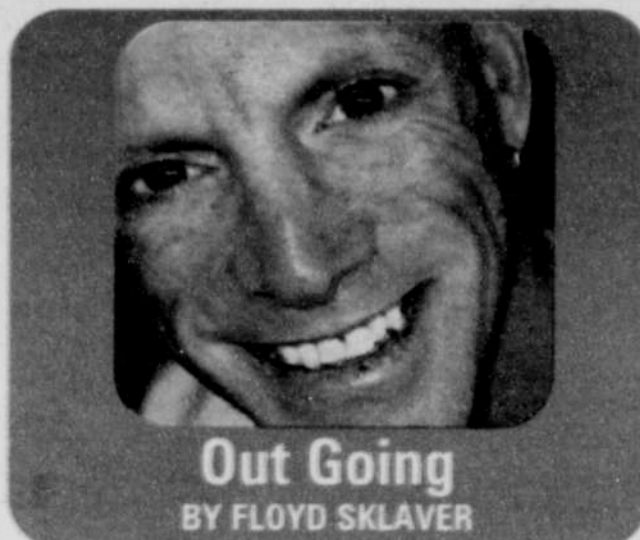
The lights dimmed and the air crackled with excitement as the curtain rose on the premiere of *The Women of Brewster Place*, with music and lyrics by Marc's cousin, **Tim Acito**. But the story really began two years earlier in New York's Central Park. There, as the three of us braved the cold at Christo's Gates installation, Tim shared the challenges of producing his previous musical, the critically acclaimed *Zanna Don't*.

"It sounds like it's time to move on," I finally said to him. "Isn't there another project you have a your heart set on doing?"

Shyly, he confessed his love of Gloria Naylor's novel and how he dreamed of turning it into a musical. "Go for it," I said. Now, here we were, seated at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., waiting for the curtain to rise. I couldn't have been prouder if it were my own dream.

The subject of dreams coming true was still very much on my mind as I witnessed **Sam Adams** announce his candidacy for Portland mayor at Roots Organic Brewing. (Go, Sammy!) So I began asking others in the packed crowd what dreams they had.

Adams' good government policy analyst, **Shoshannah Oppenheim**, wants to visit Cuba, because it's the last place her mom visited before she died. Q Center executive director **Kendall Clawson** would like to explore her heritage in Africa, while board member **Bob Speltz** wants to do a cameo on *Desperate Housewives* and a nude scene



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with Teri Hatcher. Realtor **Roger Mosser** also revealed a hidden wild steak, fantasizing about growing his hair long, getting some tattoos and piercings, and pursuing painting full time.

I continued this line of questioning the following week at Salon Q and learned **Jeremy Wilkins** would like to learn 10 languages, including Hindi and Farsi, and be fluent in at least five. **Abraham Rubio** would like to tell all the people he loves how important they are to him. (Friends of Abraham's, take note: You're important. There. Dream fulfilled.) **Eric Garcia** would like a gallery show of his acrylic paintings, and **Brad Phillips** would like to charter a catamaran in the Caribbean with friends. He'd take along very little luggage but "a big bag of dope."

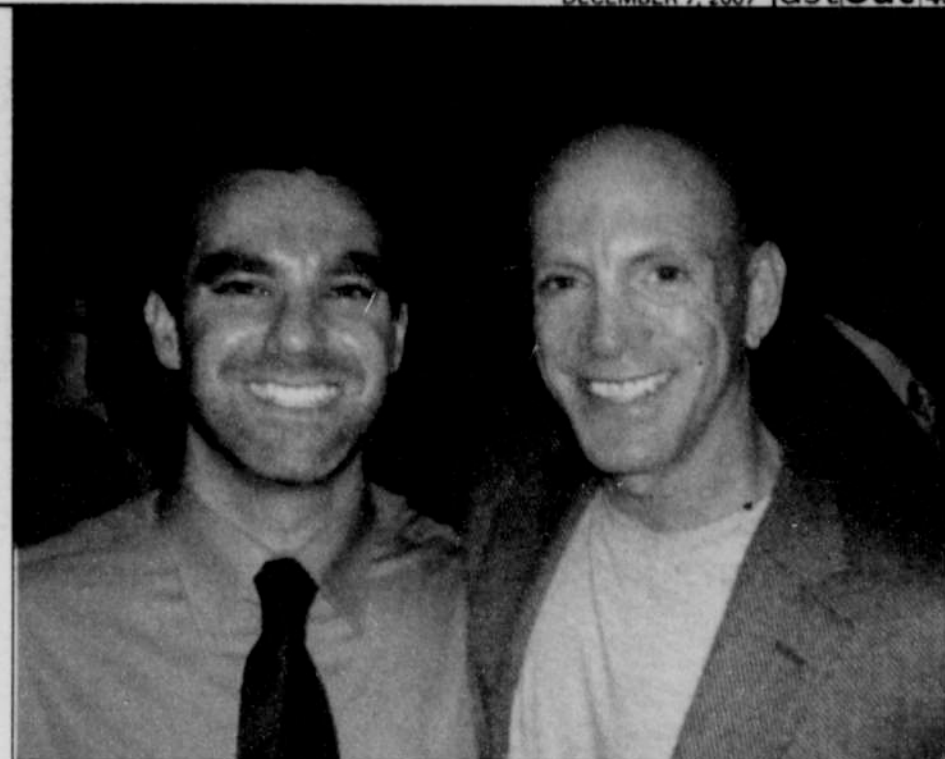
Speaking of luggage, **GI Joey Bodwin** has left town "with just four boxes, a suitcase and camera" in

order to pursue his dream of graduate school in architecture. He headed to Los Angeles "as a kick in the pants to motivate me to finish my portfolio" so he could apply to graduate school.

At opening night of Portland Opera's delightful version of *Cinderella*, chorus master **Rob Ainsley** shared his dream of conducting *Tristan & Isolde* at Bayreuth, while Portland Center Stage development director **Charlie Frasier** "dreams of finding my Prince Charming." Perhaps inspired by the music, season ticket holder **Karl Rohde** wants to be "the guy at a party who sits down and bangs out tunes on the piano." He could play until the cows come home for **Adam Tracy**, who wants to live in a valley in the French countryside tending sheep and cows.

At the grand opening of *Just Out's* new office in North Portland, *JO* writer **Julie Sabatier** told me her dream is to syndicate her KBOO radio show, *DIY, Portland*. The monthly broadcast "showcases revolutionary do-it-yourself projects, such as home burials." December's show (look for it on the third Thursday of each month) will focus on what Julie calls "the ultimate DIY project"—masturbation—and features Seattle sex columnist **Dan Savage**.

Libations were provided by the proprietors of



Floyd celebrates with composer/lyricist (and relative) Tim Acito.

Hip Chicks Do Wine. Despite losing their house to cover business expenses, wine goddess **Laurie Lewis** and wine maven **Renee Neely** have persevered to keep alive their dream of running the only winery within Portland's city limits. Other entrepreneurial dreamers in evidence were **Karen Thompson**, who, "in a moment of craziness," purchased Touchstone Coffee House in Northeast Portland, and **Jonathan Reitan**, who dreams of creating a gay community center in Salem.

Lastly, *JO* intern **Julius Calasicas** told me he dreams of seeing same-sex marriage legalized, although he adds, "First I need to find a boyfriend." Any interested parties can find Julius at *Just Out's* beautiful new space. But you'd better hurry because Julius is very Out Going. *JO*

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