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## Speak out

### Where's the pride?

TO THE EDITOR:  
I am truly disappointed with *Just Out's* poor reporting of one of Portland's biggest queer events (the Pride 2000 parade). All I could find on this event was the collage page [July 7]. What a bunch of crap. I thought you were an "out" paper. I thought I could count on you for pictures and follow up. I think *The Oregonian* did better coverage. I'm sure glad I didn't subscribe to this rag.

DIANE CARVER  
Beaverton

### Peacock postscript

TO THE EDITOR:  
We would like to take a moment to thank the many volunteers that made Peacock in the Park another smashing success. As you know, Peacock in the Park is produced by an all-volunteer board of directors and crew.

The weekend starts on Friday afternoon when the sets are moved out of their yearlong storage space at the Embers Avenue. Saturday at noon, volunteers load the sets into the donated rental truck, and Sunday morning at 8 a.m. we rendezvous at the park to build the sets, dressing rooms and concession areas. Once the party starts, the same volunteers who have worked all morning act as security guards, concessionaires or performers in the show. After the show, these dedicated individuals stay to strike the sets, tear down concession and dressing room tents, haul garbage and comb the entire park for cigarette butts and beer bottle caps. Once everything is loaded into the truck, volunteers follow back to the Embers to load the sets back into the attic for storage. After all is said and done, it is usually about 10 p.m.

That really makes for a long day and a lot of

hard work. Peacock in the Park simply could not be without these dedicated and hardworking individuals! *Thank you* just seems like too small a word.

We would also like to thank all of this year's sponsors for their generous support and the staff of *Just Out* for all the wonderful coverage.

If you helped in any way with this year's Peacock in the Park, you are invited to attend a special "Thank You Party" at 6 p.m. Monday, July 24, at Darcelle XV Showplace, 208 N.W. Third Ave. We will be showing the video of this year's event and will be serving a light dinner.

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### Contact info needed

TO THE EDITOR:  
I have intended for some time to write about this matter, and I was prompted to do so by the article about Lebanon on Page 19 of the latest issue of *Just Out* [World News, July 7].

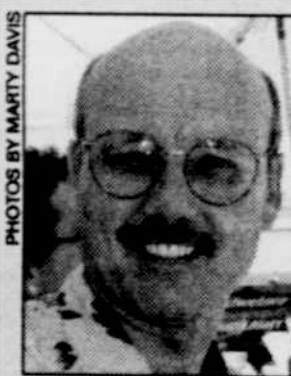
I often wish that information on where to write, call or send e-mail were included in articles so that readers could send expressions of concern to television networks, government bodies, businesses, etc. I know that not every article can contain such information, but it would be nice to have it included more often. I like to send thank yous to supportive organizations and to let others know that I am unhappy about something that they have done.

LYLE M. TUCKER  
Lake Oswego

### In defense of personal opinion

TO THE EDITOR:  
I'm writing in response to the seemingly

**just asking** Just Out's reporter attended Vancouver's Saturday in the Park and, in a totally Portland-centric spirit, asked celebrants: "Why do you live in Vancouver?"



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