



### Readers rant and rave in retrospect

Photos by Melissa Morales

**A** record 50,000 people passed through the gates of Portland's Pride festival June 16 and 17, and the Dyke March, with the addition of a Trans March, doubled in attendance.

From our observations at the *Just Out* booth, revelers were impressed with the music lineup featuring headliners God-dess and She from New York and local favorite Storm Large & the Balls. The main stage and coffeehouse lounge shows were packed with crowds, leaving standing room only.

Many enjoyed the family- and pet-friendly atmosphere, while others glimpsed at the hotties on display at the Under U 4 Men Fashion Show featuring the Ginch Gonch Boys.

Some were annoyed when they were growled at by stressed-out dogs and disappointed when they felt a beat with no dance floor to shake it.

We asked *Just Out* readers about their Pride experiences, and they responded. Here is a sample of the comments we received via the *Just Out* Web site.

—Jaymee R. Cuti



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