



**TWO-FOUR-SIX-EIGHT. PORTLAND PRIDE WAS FREAKIN' GREAT**

I was very impressed with this year's turnout! Nope, we're not California, but what felt like a lagging year last year felt like a rousing success this year! More folks lined the parade route; the festival area itself was jam-packed with all sorts of different folks. There were so many people there that I didn't even run into any ex-girlfriends. Compare and contrast is never helpful, especially when you're talking about different cities/states. Measure progress against the thing itself, and it's remarkable to me that so few people were able to put on so large an event. Kudos, Pride Northwest!

—Stacy Bias

Had a wonderful time at the festival with my friends, partner and dog. What a great opportunity to spend time with the whole family!

—Rick

The whole scene—parade and festival—was such a happy and wonderful experience. I look forward to the gathering of like individuals every year. Having dogs around is a great excuse to talk to people. I hope one bad dog owner and experience won't blow it for the rest of us who enjoy having them around.

—Heather

Loved the festival and the parade! Someone commented that it feels like a fair, to which I said, "Yeah, but everyone is friendlier and not so scary!" Seemed less

family-friendly than years before, but overall, so nice to be in a sea of accepting folks!

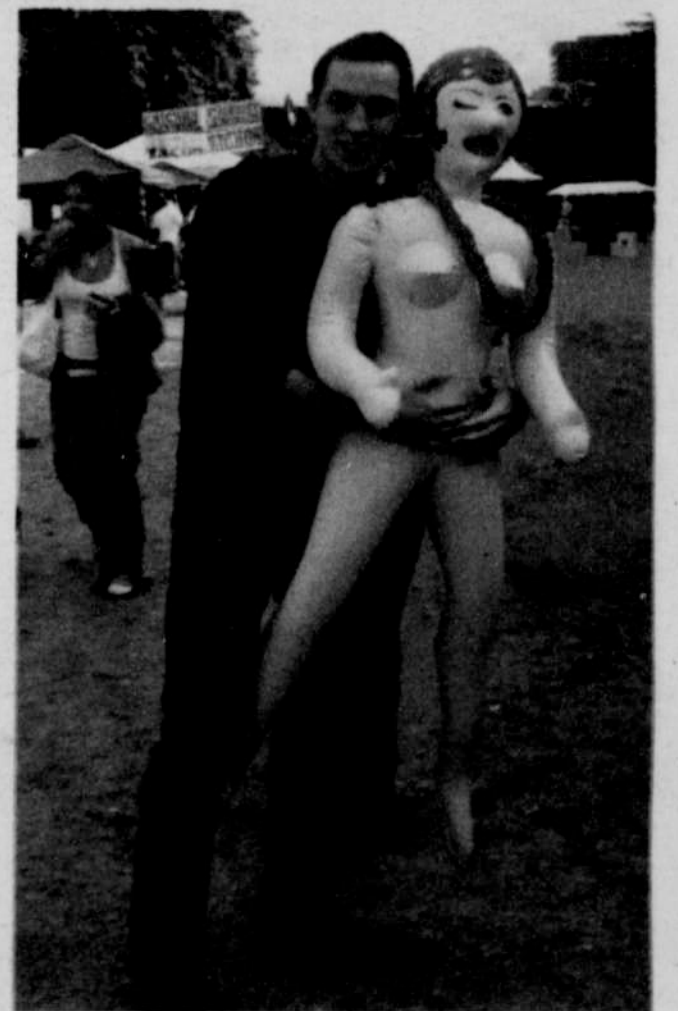
—Honey Bun Is Fun

I had a great time at Pride, both the parade and the waterfront. Although some acts were not my "cuppa" tea, I thought Pride Northwest did a great job of getting top acts to perform, and presented a lot of diversity in musical styles as well as new features like the underwear fashion show. Pride is the time when we all get to be gayer than gay, to celebrate, be freaky, be stylish, have fun, get down! Pride is about how we are different and to recognize that it hasn't always been safe for us to celebrate who we are and who we love. We are lucky in Portland to have such great support in our community. Way to go, Pride committee, for throwing a kick-ass party!

—PDXgirl

This was the second year that I've been involved in the festival, and the first year officially. There were, and always are, growing pains in an event this size, particularly with a volunteer staff that experiences turnover. Such is the nature of community volunteerism. For myself, I can speak to the number of people who approached me to let me know how much they were enjoying the

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