HUGE S.F. GAY PARADE NEARS

Thousands Expected

Mark your calendar for June 25 and plan to be present for the Christopher Street West Gay Parade which is due to begin at 2:00 p.m. from the corner of Montgomery and Pine, and covering 22 blocks to the steps of City Hall. This event, which is drawing floats and entries from various spots in the nation and from our Canadian neighbors to the north, is destined to be the "in" event of the year. It deserves your support either as a participant or observer -- so make the Gay Parade your thing for the 25th.

A Gay Liberation Dance is scheduled for the evening on the Great Highway in the Friends and Relations Hall (Family Dog). Admission will be $2.00 with rock bands and varied entertainment scheduled for the event. Refreshments will also be available. If you haven't entered a float or auto in the parade, do so without delay. Call 771-3366 for further information.

San Francisco, long noted for its hospitality and cosmopolitan atmosphere will witness an outstanding demonstration of pride in the Gay Parade - - it truly deserves your support.

The TIMES KALENDAR extends best wishes for every success to those working on parade and attendant activities and extends a most hearty welcome to all out of town visitors who are in San Francisco for this event. May your visit be a happy one, filled with bubbling contentment.

CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST ... THE GAY PARADE

GAY PARADE

Sunday

JUNE 25th

2 P.M.

CITY HALL

Parade

will snake along a 22-block route from Pine and Montgomery Streets to the steps of City Hall. Endorsed by:

The Society For Individual Rights S.F. Tavern Guild Metropolitan Community Church; Gay Activists Alliance; Community of St. John the Evangelist; and other such organizations. It was a truly great liberating experience, an experience that can't be verbally expressed, but must be felt to be appreciated.

Keeping in mind that New York is fairly oppressive in its attitude toward gays, the responses of the crowds along the way were surprising. I had expected some harassment and hassles of some sort. I saw none. Many people watching were simply stunned. Bus and Taxicab drivers honked, waved, applauded and cheered. I was stunned when some construction workers began applauding and cheering.

Regardless of where anyone was on the socio-political scale, of one's age, of one's lifestyle -- we were all O.K. --Huo, militant, radical, conservative, and in-between; young, old, students, workers. GAA, GLF, Mattachine Society, the various student homophile organizations. We all marched in a unified spirit to proclaim that we were Gay and Proud to be so.

REFLECTIONS ON NY GAY PARADE

by Bob Gerard

At June 25th approaches, bringing the Christopher Street West Parade, it seems appropriate to speak of last year's gay parade in New York. It was very successful with, if I recall correctly, some 12,000 gays marching from Pine and Christopher St. to Central Park, ending in a huge Gay-In.

Although my friend and I both lived and worked in New Jersey, we were still reluctant to join in and march. It was not that we had any hang-ups, at least not in terms of accepting ourselves, but we were still shy about being free and open with the rest of the world. So we went to watch, and walk along the fringe. Somehow we were caught with the spirit and not before long were in the parade, marching along with our brothers and sisters, chanting "Out of the closets and into the streets," singing "Gaymen" to the tune of "Men of New York," shouting "2-4-6-8 gay is just as good as straight."

Hey, hey, what do you say, try it one the other way, "Better blatant than latent," carrying signs and posters bearing "Gay Power," "Gay Pride" and other such slogans. It was a truly great liberating experience, an experience that can't be verbally expressed, but must be felt to be appreciated.

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HELIOTROPE

by Bob Gerard

A while ago I came across a Heliotrope bulletin and was amazed at what it offered. Heliotrope is called a free university, but not because there aren't any fees for its classes. Fees range from $5 to $150 per class. It's free in the sense that it's not restrained by the boundaries of any institution and is self-supporting. Perhaps it would be better described as a free storehouse, for it truly serves people and not any institution that would restrict its activities.

The variety and range of classes offered is limitless. I won't try to list even a small portion of all you have to choose from. Perhaps the following could help you get an idea of what is available. A list of classes may be obtained from the Heliotrope bulletin and sent for free by sending first class postage stamps.

Duration of classes range from one day seminars to two weeks. They are held in people's houses as a volunteer basis. (Classes are free if it needs in your house.)

The process of registering is simplicity itself. Choose the class(es) you want, fill out a little form and mail it in. When Heliotrope sends you a letter with your ticket of admission to the class as well as the location.

My experience with Heliotrope has been extremely gratifying. I've been exposed to more ideas and learned more knowledge than I've ever dreamed possible. People from many interesting and varied walks of life have been my instructors. From the Heliotrope bulletin and the storehouse, I have discovered that perhaps the best education is self-education. One humorous moment comes to mind when I had a friend who was my girlfriend. I told her I was going to Heliotrope. She asked me what I was going to do. I said, "I was going to register for classes." I said, "I said, "I was going to register for classes." She replied, "Did you like her?" "She's great!" "No, I mean, did you enjoy her?" "Yes," I said, "I enjoyed her very much and I also enjoyed the storehouse." She said, "What's the storehouse?" I said, "It's a place where you can buy books and other things."

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WINE COLUMN

by Bob Patterson

The wine column is an ongoing feature in the San Francisco Chronicle that provides insights into the world of wine and its industry. The column covers topics such as wine production, tasting, and evaluation, as well as historical and cultural aspects of wine. The column is written by Bob Patterson, a well-known wine expert and author.

AWARENESS

The column begins with a discussion on the increasing awareness of wine and its importance in our lives. It highlights the role of wine in our daily lives and its impact on our health and well-being. The column emphasizes the growing appreciation for the diverse flavors and characteristics of wine from different regions around the world.

JEWELLED CITY

This section delves into the history and significance of San Francisco as a wine-producing center. It explores the city's long-standing tradition of wine production and its role in shaping the wine industry. The column discusses the unique qualities of San Francisco wines and the challenges faced by local wineries.

SUGAR & SPICE

The column concludes with a focus on the importance of sugar and spice in cooking. It highlights the role of these ingredients in creating a wide range of flavors and aromas in various dishes. The column offers tips and recipes for incorporating sugar and spice into cooking, emphasizing the balance and harmony of flavors in the final dish.
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