

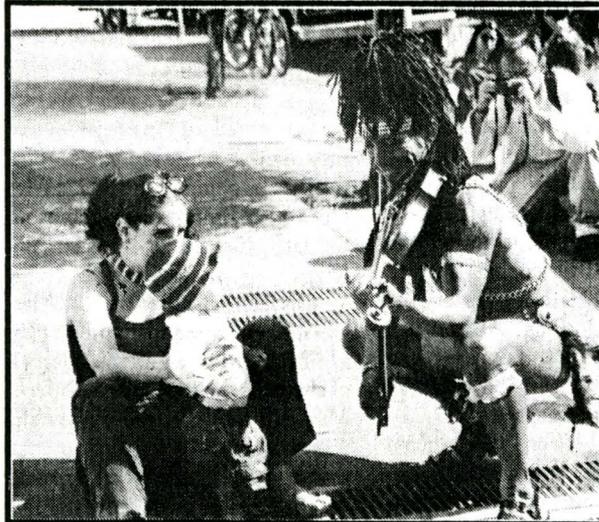
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Haight Street Fair Turns 20



An estimated 50,000 people turned out for the annual Haight-Ashbury Street Fair on June 8. The sun was shining as the crowd enjoyed foods, arts, and crafts from over 200 booths and music from 10 different bands, with styles running the gamut from reggae and rockabilly to jazz and swing.



It Was 20 Years Ago Today . . .

The fair celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year. The first fair, held in April of 1978, was designed to help revitalize a post-60s depression. At the time, about two-thirds of the storefronts along Haight were closed, and half of the existing businesses were liquor-related. Merchants and residents planned and presented the fair with help from Supervisor Harvey Milk, who had suggested the Castro district do the same thing five years earlier.

Police officer Paula Overend (above left) recreates flower power; a soloist from Thoth receives a standing ovation from a young fan (above right); two youngsters dance in the street (below left) while George and the Wonders (below right) jam.

