

Parade Madness

Parades in New York are great for the manufacturers of fluorescent uniforms, plastic shakos, pop-sicles, pretzels, automobile clutch brakes and horns, and six-foot banners saying Elmwood High Celebrates Austro-Hibernian Day. If these benefits were not so evident, it would be clear that any city that ties up its main artery and traffic nerve, center every Saturday or Sunday that suits some group's convenience has reached the point of pure, inspired madness. Down at City Hall they must have a banner of their own saying Every Marcher a Voter and The Public Be Damned on Weekends. No one has really seen what fun Fun City can be until he's seen it in pointless, parade paralysis, flags and litter flying high, Excelsior on its banner, backward.