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are out of your mind. If you think the VECTOR can be a learning tool for a student journalist, you are out of your mind. If you think a student journalist should be subject to an editorial review board, which censor anything that Miss Littlejohn and Miss Perry disagree with, you should join the Yellow Examiner, as outlined on Page 7. If Miss Perry's article on page 11 is not a slanted editorial, the thing the VECTOR people originally freaked out about, I don't know what it is. Think about it.

I used to help mail the VECTOR. However, after the arrival of censorship, because of editorialization in the news columns, I stopped that. Journalistically speaking, the VECTOR is really sick. Sincerely,

E.L. Smith

Dear Mr. Smith:

I do think that VECTOR can be an excellent learning tool for a student journalist. And I do think that a student journalist should be subject to review, which is not the same thing as censorship. In fact, any writer for VECTOR is subject to my authority as Editor. After four years of studying journalism, you should know that that is standard operating procedure. You suggest that VECTOR withholds from publication "anything that Miss Littlejohn and Miss Perry disagree with." I assume that you have reference to Larry Littlejohn and Perry George. Perhaps I am in a better position than you to determine what is submitted and printed each month in VECTOR — in spite of your past experience in mailing VECTORS.

Your comment concerning Mr. George's "Viewpoint" in the January issue is ridiculous. I regret that due to my oversight it was not clearly stated that "Viewpoint" is composed of personal opinions. It is designed to give our readers an avenue through which to express their opinions to issues raised in "Viewpoint." It is not an Editorial at all. And I do not think that "slanted" is a proper description at all. It was rather obvious and direct, not merely slanted. That is what the title, "Viewpoint," implies.

As to your charges of censorship and editorialization in news columns, they are pure crap. In view of the fact that VECTOR is reviewed each issue, at my request, by four members of the American press, I consider your analysis of VECTOR in the same view as the rest of your letter.

However, I do wish to stress that it is your privilege to think what you will of VECTOR. I'm not afraid to print it and I'm not afraid to answer it. I hope that you do not interpret my correcting your misspellings as censorship.

— Editor

Editor:

On page 12 of the January issue of VECTOR you pleaded for written material of all kinds, for the VECTOR. In October I submitted an article to the then editor, who suggested it was better for the December issue, since it was basically a Christmas story. I resubmitted in ample time for the December issue. What happened? Not printable? It wasn't returned. Most publications at least acknowledge submitted material. Several others told me much the same story. However, I'll let them do their own bitching. The whole point is, why bother to write when treated thusly? I hope you have the guts to print this.

David Stahlmann

Dear Mr. Stahlmann:

Obviously there was material which I considered more suitable for publication in the December issue than the story which you submitted. We are not so short of copy that we must print everything submitted. I will not let the fact that you are "not exactly unknown" intimidate me in my selection of material.

— Editor

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Homophile News Fronts

ACADEMIA, USA - VECTOR has been informed that the Student Homophile League is not "unique among homophile organizations," as reported in the November News Notes. We have been advised by L. Craig Schoonmaker, president of HU (Homosexuals Interimtransient) of the City University of New York, that there are many such groups on several different campuses throughout the country.

Among groups active on campus are Gay Liberation and the Committee for Homosexual Freedom, both active in the Bay Area. Mr. Schoonmaker expresses the belief that "all colleges ... and perhaps high schools too, should have homophile organizations." Anyone interested in helping to organize such student groups should write to Mr. Schoonmaker at 127 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10024.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA - San Jose State College has joined the list of educational institutions with homophile organizations. The new group is San Jose Gay Liberation. The group is just starting, but has already "created quite a stir," according to Don Washburn, the group's Community Liaison Chairman. Its first party was attended by both Straights and Gays.

Donations to the group may be sent to Gay Liberation Front in care of the Spartan Daily, San Jose State College. Information may be obtained by calling G.L.F. at 287-6969, San Jose Gay Liberation. Literature and correspondence can be sent to Don Washburn, 79 Devine, San Jose, California 95110.

Good luck to San Jose Gay Liberation!

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - The Windy City now has a militant Gay organization, The Homophile Liberation Alliance (H.L.A.). According to VECTOR's sources, the Alliance is composed mostly of "young, liberal/radical Gay people," and plans to "act by whatever means necessary" to be obtained by writing to: Rev. Richard Chin, Casa de Paz, 2510 S. Sawyer, Rear, Chicago, Illinois 60623.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - The California Federation of Teachers adopted an unprecedented resolution demanding the establishment of a "balanced life and sex education program at all school levels which explains the various American life styles," at their annual convention in L.A. last month. The group also called for "the abolition of all laws and other government policy which involves non-victim sexual practice."

The group recognized that "the government's anti-homosexual policies set the tone of homophile oppression as a national policy." In the resolution presented by Morgan Pinney, delegate and member of S.F. State's AFT local, Pinney has been active in San Francisco's militant Committee for Homosexual Freedom since its inception last year.

The California Federation of Teachers represents thousands of California teachers at all levels of education. Passage of the resolution puts the union in direct opposition to State educational department rules barring homosexuals from teaching in the state.

In presenting the resolution Pinney said that "sex education in the schools is not valid unless it teaches that there are various legitimate life styles available to a young American other than the single-family, great-grandmotherly, hetero sexual mode." He went on to say that, "schools must take the lead in this area because young people with a homosexual orientation find no models or positive signs for this thing which is so totally natural to them."

CANDIDATES FOR S.I.R. BOARD NOMINATED AT MEETING

by Tom Stockman

Candidates for S.I.R. offices and committee chairs were nominated at the S.I.R. business meeting Wednesday night, January 7, 1970. On Candidate's Night, Wednesday evening, January 21, 1970, each nominee presented his platform and spoke for his candidacy.

On Election Day, Wednesday, February 4, 1970, the membership will vote on these candidates. Polls at the S.I.R. Center will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Candidates and the offices for which they are nominated are listed below. It should be noted that spaces for write-in candidates will be provided on the ballot.

President:
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Ray Broshers

Social Chairman:
Don Miller

OTHER BUSINESS

Among other business transacted at the January 7 meeting, Guy Strait was re-elected to serve the remaining one month of his term. Lois Martin was elected to serve the remaining thirteen months of the term of the recently resigned Public Relations Committee Chairman.

The following resolution, energetically debated, was passed by a vote of 23 yes, 22 no, 4 abstaining: Resolved, that all candidates, whether or not formally nominated, who request permission from the secretary two days prior to Candidates' Night, shall be permitted to speak for their candidacy.

Among the officer and committee reports was the announcement by the Social Committee Chairman that over $400 profit was made on the S.I.R. New Year's Dance. And the Funding Committee Chairman reported that plans are progressing well on the S.I.R.-sponsored tour of San Francisco's gay scene for out-of-town visitors. Those interested in acting as tour guides should contact the Funding Committee Chairman at their earliest convenience.

Among President S.I.R. Littlejohn's announcements were that new officers are now available to the membership for making suggestions and/or complaints. These forms, available at S.I.R. Center, insure that any individual's complaints will receive a prompt response in writing from the appropriate S.I.R. officer or committee chairperson.
This Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Frank V. Bartley, murdered on April 17, 1969 in Aquatic Park, Berkeley, by a group of white police officers. Frank was a friend of many of us and was active in several S.I.R. groups. His death should have a deep meaning for all of us. Frank was killed by an influential political force. He was killed very simply because he was a homosexual. He was killed because of the ignorance, fear, prejudice and sometimes psychotic hatred of many persons for the sexual deviant. Frank's death goes unavenged because of the general indifference of the community to most forms of injustice and because our homophile organizations are not strong enough to force official agencies into meaningful action.

The past year at S.I.R. is a year of which we can be proud. S.I.R. continues to be a stable, responsible organization performing valuable services for the entire gay community. We have many solid accomplishments to our credit this past year. However, we have not yet even begun to realize our full potential or to adequately meet the needs of the homosexual for law and order, freedom from discrimination, education of the public; and the promotion of a healthy social life. Let us do more in the future.

In April, 1969, Annual Meeting, sixteen new Board Members and defeated a proposal to increase membership dues from $10 to $15. In February, S.I.R. delegation visited the State Capitol to attend the first working session of the Joint Senate and Assembly Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code dealing with sex offenses. We met with Mr. Philip Johnson, a California state official who had just been appointed to the Tenth-United States Civil Service Commission.

In April, S.I.R.'s suit against the Pacific Telephone Company, filed in 1964, was heard by the California Public Utilities Commission. S.I.R. had sought to place the following ad in the Yellow Pages: "Homosexuals, know and protect your rights. If over 21, write or visit the Society for Individual Rights, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco - 781-1170." The telephone company rejected this ad on the grounds that it was controversial and objectionable. As of yet, no decision has been made in this case.

In May, S.I.R. Assembly Meeting, Assemblyman Willie Brown spoke on his bill AB 743, which was hostile to discrimination on the basis of sex and sex acts from the criminal law in California.

In July, 1969, Frank Bartley was murdered by a plainclothes Berkeley decoy officer opposite the Aquatic Park, Berkeley. After Frank's death of a heart attack on May 22nd, S.I.R. and other local groups held a press conference in San Francisco and, including Elaine Kaufman and Gordon Lau, demonstrated at the Berkeley City Hall to protest the death and inaction and action against the police officer who shot Frank. We made every effort to urge the appropriate state agency to make a personal presentation to your President Frank, to the San Francisco Civil Rights Commission.

In November, the Oakland Federal Building Fund was formed to raise $500 to publish a bi-weekly and to do community activities.

In December, the Oakland Federal Building Fund was given a boost by a $500 donation from Longhorn Club members and by profits from a benefit auction for S.I.R. organized by the Covered Wagon. The donation was shipped from the Ramrod bar from their Hallowe'en party. S.I.R. treated invaders with an outdoor e'tc dance which packed the Center to capacity.

In November, S.I.R. continued its traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction. This year's Auction raised over $500. S.I.R. was very much in evidence again this year at the C.M.C. Campus. We can be proud of the record of information, fun and exhibits. One of the most outstanding events of the social calendar in S.I.R.'s annual Society Banquet. For the first time, Capades was held in our own Center for a total of 5 performances.

In addition to being a theatrical and entertainment venture, this, the 1969 Fund Drive netted over $2,000.00 for the S.I.R. Treasury.

In June, a series of Friday night discussion groups were sponsored by the Ramrod Bar. The groups featured such noted speakers as Judge Joseph Kaye, Dr. Alan Davis, Dr. Alan Davis, Dr. Alan Davis, Dr. Alan Davis, Dr. Alan Davis, Dr. Alan Davis.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Mr. Tcharov is a professional writer, who has an intense interest in all creative mediums. He describes his experiences while filming on location at Land’s End. It is not his intent to express an opinion, simply to chronicle the experience.

The theme that has been seen and is a beautiful addendum to this piece is magic in the fact that the scene described occurred within the City of San Francisco.

The second half of this article will be presented in the next issue of VECTO.

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Many of the better-known personalities in the "movement" get so wrapped up in their own self-importance and describing how the world is out of step with them, that they aren't interested in the cadence. They tend to schizophrenically put down one organization or the other, hoping that their "issue" won't be met and end the attention-getting thunderbolt.

Of course, the blind entourages give weight to all of this madness. With all this confusion, the vast "middleground" is caught on the paving to the Hell, while they sway like so many willows to the lilting music of Gay bars. Or worse yet, spend their emaciated lives in the company of coathangers.

The homosexual subculture works like a microcosm of the larger, more confused American Culture; where a President worries more about re-election than the sacrifices made to keep this country strong; that a nation generous and strong; that a nation generous and wealthy enough to not only to literally support them, was not built overnight.

Some people, neglected soul wants to burn a S.I.R. card or scream "Dirty Gay Rats,"... that's their trip, let them go on it, but don't tarnish the gas — your attention. There are simply too many other things more important to occupy your thoughts and energies. There are individuals to help understand them. There are laws to be passed and lawmakers to be supported. There are rights to be defended. There's work to be done... Hell, yes. But it damned sure isn't destroying one another.

The Readers

Viewpoint: A peculiar aspect of our contemporary society is the advent of the organization. From the Audubon Society to the Black Panthers, there is an organization for every conceivable purpose. Notwithstanding is the homosexual society, initiated by ONE and fanned by Mattachine, the homosexual culture has been caught by this fire and saturated with the ignition of ONE. It's sort of the "Let me open the door, let alone walking through it... No, I'll open the door for you..." concept. Perhaps the S.I.R. Editorial Board should rename this column, "Polly's Perch" or, perhaps in a more less-informative title, "The Crow's Nest." Either title is more descriptive and appropriately fitting manner, entitle it, "The Crow's Nest." Either title could be interpreted by an anesthetized volcanologist.

With this letter I am returning my copy of Vector with Mr. George's column appropriately marked. An attempt was made to stabilize the article, in good faith; but, no guarantee is given if this attempt to re-read this article at one sitting.

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**Hollywood March**

On a rainy Sunday evening (Jan. 11), around 250 liberated Gays marched down Hollywood Blvd., in California, to protest society's oppression of them.

The march was organized by the Committee For Homosexual Law Reform, headed by the Rev. Terry Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church, whose membership is made up of mostly homosexuals. The participating groups represented numerous shades of opinion: from conservative (Society of Anabois) to radical (Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front). All marched in harmony for a common cause — to change the oppressive laws of California.

The procession was orderly and for the most part well-controlled, although watched by six police cars with stern-faced officers peering through the windows. The marchers sang songs and chanted slogans ("Gay is good," "I'm Gay and I'm proud," and "We shall overcome."). Whether law reform was helped by the march or not, it achieved something even more important: it succeeded in liberating those who participated in it. Moviemaker Pat Rocco filmed the march and it is hoped that even more homosexuals will experience the joy of being liberated from their closets. Maybe some may even organize similar marches in their own communities.

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**S.F. Mardi Gras To Open**

Mardi Gras Season officially opens in San Francisco on February 7th with the Gala Mardi Gras Ball at Russian Hall from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. This will be the third annual Mardi Gras Ball given by the Coit's of San Francisco and according to plans will be the most spectacular one to date.

There will be six costume prize categories: Best Male, Best Female, Best Couple, Best Comic, Best Group and the overall Grand Mardi Gras Award for the Most Fabulous Costume (or Costumes, in case of Draw). mud scholarship is a $25,000 award. Judging will begin at 11 p.m. Sliver Awards will be presented to the winners.

Music for dancing will be provided by the Pete Escovedo Combo, one of the most popular and versatile dance bands in the Bay Area.

Tickets may be purchased from Coit members, the S.I.R. Box Office, The Mint or The Casual Man. Information may be obtained by calling 781-1570.

The following day, Sunday, at The Waterfront for the 128 Embaredees from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Chuck and Lee are hosting a Free Mardi Gras Champagne Brunch. There will also be drawings for door prizes throughout the afternoon. Lee, the blond bombshell bartender, promises many other Surprises which make for one wild New Orleans style Mardi Gras. And if you've ever been to the bars in New Orleans on Mardi Gras you know what he means.

Climaxing the Mardi Gras Season in San Francisco, several of the bars will have various parties and festivities on Tuesday evening, February 10th. Then, according to tradition, at the stroke of midnight on Tuesday, all revelry and merriment must come to an end. The Lenten Season has thus begun on Ash Wednesday. This is the time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter.

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**Encounter Held**

"Get-ready" encounter between eight males was a reality when Rev. Bob Cromley conducted five Encounter sessions at S.I.R. in December.

Beginning February 3 for four Monday nights at 7:30 p.m., a second Encounter group will be conducted by an Esalen Institute graduate. The group's size is limited, so interested people are urged to leave names and phone numbers for Dick Gayer at S.I.R. if they wish to attend the first meeting. The first session is $5.00 and if one decides to attend the next three sessions for $15.00 balance is due at the second session. Part of this amount will be contributed to S.I.R.

"Encountering" involves a direct attempt, using varied techniques, to get individuals to open and honestly feel their emotions and to assist others in the same process. It is an attempt to overcome the superficiality that is normally common in day-to-day contact.

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A STUDY IN FIGURE AND LIGHT
by Walter Rinder
AUDITION SET  "ANYTHING GOES" IN MAY

At the January 8th meeting of the Production Committee, "Anything Goes," a madcap musical romp set in the 1930's was selected as the annual book show for Spring. The dates for performances have been set for May 9th (Gala Opening Night), May 15, 16, 17 and May 22nd. In addition, there will be a special Preview showing for S.I.R. members at a special reduced admission on May 8th.

"Anything Goes" features the music of Cole Porter and, besides the hit title tune, includes such notable songs as "You're The Top," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "If I Get A Kick Out Of You," and "It's Delovely." The show takes place on an ocean liner headed for England with a passenger list that includes a former evangelist-turned-nightclub-singer and her group of chorines, a Spanish Englishman and his fiancée, Public Enemy No. 13 and evangelist-tumed-nightclub-singer and her passenger list that includes a former con artist.

February 19th through Sunday, February 22nd at the S.I.R. Center. Times for the talent tryouts will be 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All potential stars and starlets are requested to bring their own music and be prepared for a movement audition by the choreographer.

Producer and director for the show have not been set as of this issue deadline, but they will be announced in the next issue of VECTOR.

A Production Committee meeting for pre-production planning will be held at the S.I.R. Center at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 5th. Production Committee chairman Chuck Zinn will maintain committee meetings throughout the rehearsal period for the show to discuss the program as showtime draws near.

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— Andrew J. Betancourt

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Your President is proud that S.I.R. is an organization big enough to include many diverse viewpoints and many different types of people. The issue of militant vs. the Establishment which was before us many times and in different ways this past year has proved the stability and basic good sense of S.I.R. and its membership.

There are many areas where S.I.R. simply must do a better job next year. We have failed to attract and involve women in the organization. We have not raised the funds necessary to finance many worthwhile projects, including our ambitious publications program. We are still living on bare-bones budgets and should be growing in membership at a faster rate. We need more active participation on the various committees and we need to prepare more people for leadership positions.

S.I.R. has an important role to play in developing a decent society where homosexual men and women can live without shame and without discrimination. The Viewpoint article looks to San Francisco and to S.I.R. for a model of what can be accomplished and for leadership. S.I.R. has done a commendable job in the past year. Will you join with me in pledging that we will do an even better job next year?

— Andrew J. Betancourt

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Your President is proud that S.I.R. is an organization big enough to include many diverse viewpoints and many different types of persons. The issue of militant vs. the Establishment which was before us many times and in different ways this past year has proved the stability and basic good sense of S.I.R. and its membership.

There are many areas where S.I.R. simply must do a better job next year. We have failed to attract and involve women in the organization. We have not raised the funds necessary to finance many worthwhile projects, including our ambitious publications program. We are still living on bare-bones budgets and should be growing in membership at a faster rate. We need more active participation on the various committees and we need to prepare more people for leadership positions.

S.I.R. has an important role to play in developing a decent society where homosexual men and women can live without shame and without discrimination. The Viewpoint article looks to San Francisco and to S.I.R. for a model of what can be accomplished and for leadership. S.I.R. has done a commendable job in the past year. Will you join with me in pledging that we will do an even better job next year?

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The Police Beat

Alioto Remains Silent? by Del Martin

Stephen Matthews, political secretary of the Committee for Homosexual Freedom, received the following letter from Michael McConne, appointment secretary to Mayor Alioto, in response to the demands made by CHF after the Hallow'en police encounter:

"... the mayor's office does not have jurisdiction over the police force, or the newspapers of this town, in matters where we are to exert influence on them to cease and desist a certain operation when it is clearly based on a violation of the law or a subject for newspaper reporting.

"Homosexuality is not a bar to employment in the city, and this can be checked out with the Civil Service Commission."

"These were the main points of your list of demands.

"The CHF people are hardly satisfied with this response. Nor should we be. If you recall the demands made to the mayor, they included: immediate release and withdrawal of charges against the demonstrators, pressure from the mayor's office to obtain an Examiner retraction of the slanderous statements about the homophile community and an explanation of the ink thrown, explanation by the police chief for the brutality perpetrated on the demonstrators, an end to harassment of homosexuals and employment discrimination in San Francisco, and a statement by the mayor in favor of legalizing sexual acts between consenting adults in private.

"Multiple and serious charges against the demonstrators were dropped if they would plead guilty to a lesser traffic code violation - displaying a traffic officer. Most of the cases were so disposed of. Mr. Matthews objects to inferences that this was a "cop out."

"You must remember the poverty of the people involved. They couldn't afford attorneys. That's the reason people sell out. There is no justice for the poor." he pointed out. And it must be noted that the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, a poverty program agency, is limited to handling civil suits and may not defend a poor person in a criminal case. This is left to the overworked, understaffed public Defender's office, which handles 70% of the criminal cases brought before our courts.

But regardless, it must be remembered that six of the demonstrators (at least two of whom sustained serious injuries) had been charged with battery on an officer, a felony. This standard procedure when a citizen's head just happens to collide with a policeman's butt and serves as an obvious cover against charges of police brutality. If there were any validity to the battery charge, it certainly the demonstration would have been prosecuted on that basis. Since such a case couldn't stand up in court (as in the Al Alvarez jury trial), the alternative was to drop more serious charges, getting the citizen to plead guilty to a lesser charge, and therefore, effectively eliminating his chances for a favorable decision in a subsequent police brutality or false arrest suit. This is our system of justice.

"And the mayor can dodge the issue by saying he cannot interfere with police operations that are "clearly based on a violation of the law.""

"While the mayor does not have direct jurisdiction over the police force (he appoints the police commissioners who do), he has not hesitated to exert the influence of his office in cases of police malpractice perpetrated on the black community - most notably the Fuller case.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chief of Police is also appointed and serves as the pleasure of the Mayor.)

"Nor has Mayor Alioto had difficulty in speaking out to distinguish between various elements of the black community. He saves his vitriol for the Panthers who frighten and threaten him, but he has high praise for the Young Lords for Action at Hunter's Point and other groups in the Western Addition.

"The mayor is clearly aware of the contributions of the homophile community to the city of San Francisco: the cooperation between the organizations and the police, the $1,000 contribution made by the Tavern Guild to his Hunter's Point project, the cooperation between the homophile community and the Public Health Department, the Tavern Guild donation of furniture, etc. at a waiting room at the V.D. Clinic, the annual collection of toys for poor children by the homophile community, the fund-raising show put on by Jose for the Tenderloin Committee in their efforts to establish a district drug clinic, etc.

"Mayor Alioto could have set the record straight. He could have made the public aware that there are many elements to the homophile community and that the stereotype depicted in the Examiner article no longer applies - if it ever did.

"Speaking of stereotypes, the one amusing part of the Hallow'en incident was that so many onlookers didn't believe that the demonstrators were really homosexuals, but were hippies who had been hired to picket!"

The mayor's silence is so out of character. No matter the issue, he has always had a lot to say. But in this instance he has not questioned the responsibility of the Examiner for the ink throwing which disrupted a peaceful, orderly, and legal picket line; nor the cost to city taxpayers for a week of provoking, irresponsible action on the part of the Examiner's employees; nor the deployments of the Police Department to the scene and the consequent brutality.

"The only public official who has shown any concern is Supervisor Robert G. Gonzales, a member of the Fire, Safety and Police Committee, who has demanded a report from the police on charges of police brutality."

"While McConne boasts that homosexuality is no bar to city employment, he fails to note that there are certain exceptions (helping professions involving youth, the sick or the aged).

"Mr. McConne has also indicated in a private conversation with me that Mr. Matthews does not wish to make a statement at this time about legalizing sexual activity between consenting adults in private - pending his Crime Commission's report on "crimes without victims."

"It has been estimated that there are 90,000 homosexual residents, taxpayers and voters in San Francisco. Their mayor has failed them."

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Much to the interest of the tourists and the concern of the local constabulary, a dozen or more persons distinguished by their roller skates, not to mention other attire, frolicked about for what seemed to be an unending period of time. Under the threat of many bad things, all were herded into vehicles and transported to Cott Tower, where, for their efforts, they were administered a beer.

There, amidst confusion that is unsurpassed only by an atomic attack, the race for Jackson's Restaurant began. After a near-perfect start, and with Jackson's Bay Bummers in the lead, the pack headed south on Stockton Street, rounding the corner onto Union Street and up to Grant and turning north again to Filbert where the course from there was to Powell, then north to Jackson's and the finish line. 48

Along this route were several "pit stops" whereupon arriving at each, the exerted contestants had to down a bottle of brew and get stuck with a piece of colored tape before proceeding to the next "pit stop." At these various points, spectators gathered and gawked in dis-belief — this is, of course, in addition to several traffic jams.

The first to finish were members of the Jackson's Bay Bummers Near Professional, and as such were automatically disqualified. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the two leading Bummers had decided to cross the finish line hand-in-hand, whereupon one tripped the other and screamed into Jackson's proclaiming the right to first place. Not being eligible for a prize, it did, however, display that contestant's sense of fair play.

Movie was the true winner, and as such received a suitable prize. Also to receive a prize was the last to finish. Upon interview after this remarkable feat to capture the booby prize, Hellen Keller gave away some of her secrets.

Question: What does it take to finish last?

Answer: A lot of practice, and a lot of time, and money.

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From the 'Streets' - by George Mendenhall

GAY MARRIAGES

Should it be possible for two people of the same sex to be legally married?

PAUL MILLER, at S.I.R. Center: "Most definitely. If it was legal there would be a binding contract just like a heterosexual marriage and a lot of gay fellows would stay together longer. They would make up after their differences and if they would be fewer "trick" romances that last only a short time. With a legal marriage, partners would stay together more.

Now, if they have a fight they just break up because they have no binding contract that says, "until death do us part." They would stay together and work out their problems.

They might break up just because one queen is dying her hair a different color or because a lover caught her-partner-feedback with someone else. If they were married, they might talk it out and find out why one wants sex with someone other than his partner."

PETER LORENZO ABINANATI, at the Psychedelic Shop: "I think the difficulty of getting a divorce in one of the things that makes marriage really unattractive. I think that a lot of people stay together needlessly longer than they should. This makes both of them unhappy even though they might not realize it at the time."

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