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# HERB CAEN...




Chronicle / Gary Fong

Herb Caen was called many things (most of them good) during the nearly six decades his column was required reading in San Francisco. He called himself "The Sackamenna Kid," after his Central Valley home town, and also "Mr. First-Nighter," for he felt an almost workaholic need to experience every aspect of the city life he chronicled. To his many devoted readers he was, and remains, "Mr. San Francisco."

## "Let us keep meeting like this."

A sequential series of Caen classics

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Term coined by Herb in his [column](#) in 1958.

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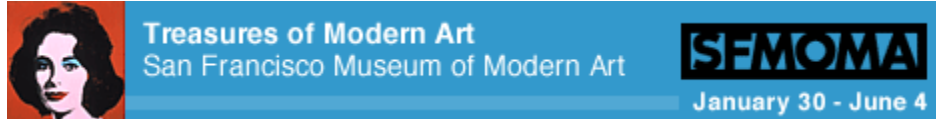
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