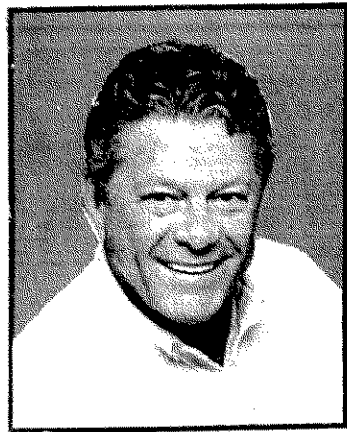


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Conch-Shell Echoes

DON'T KNOW WHY a good-looking middle-aged fella would want to get a face lift. But, that's what one of Honolulu's top ad-agency execs did... **Allegra Curtis** (Tony's volucious dotter) handling makeup, etc., for the **Yves Saint Laurent** local account. She got a nice bundle of cash for her recent *Playboy* spread... Small-world dept.: Visiting Down Under TV honcho, **Vicki Jones**, was introduced to local biz fella **Neil Speakman** (also an Aussie). Both looked at each other long and hard. Then the light bulb flashed. The two had met 10 years ago on a sail in Hong Kong Harbor... The current *Rocky* is better than the last few. More warmth... **Alan Houghton**, who recently exhibited a collection of photos of the world's loveliest wahines at Territorial Savings, sez **Sophia Loren** is without a doubt the most beautiful woman he's ever photographed. I'll second that notion. I interviewed her years ago, in Italy, when she was making *Man of La Mancha*. She faced me without any makeup. Her face was flawless... The long way home: **Cliff Coleman**, insurance exec/music critic, was returning from Nashville via United. Landed in Chicago. Then it was change-change in Oklahoma City, Denver and L.A. before catching the flight to Honolulu. "Now I really need a vacation," is how the still-exhausted **Cliff** feels... Health guru **Patricia Bragg** flitting about town... Local author **Laureen Kwock** sez film rights to her current mystery novel, *Honolulu Red*, have been sold. The book now is available in bookstores... **Jane Tatibouet**, a longtime admirer of the heroic deeds of the famed 442nd Infantry, would like to see a statue one day honoring those outstanding heroes... Zoo's who: Dec. *Honolulu* mag issue interviews the Big Five — columnists, that is... Sounds-in-the-nite: At the Secret: "A statesman is a politician who never got caught"... At the Outrigger Canoe Club, a matronly gal was asked how she keeps her youth: "I lock him in the guest closet," she coo'd... At the Black Orchid, they were discussing a middle-aged man-about-town type from the travel industry who seldom goes for the check. "He's writing a book," fang'd a pal. "It's called: *The Joy of Cheap*... When hotel mogul **Georg Rafael** (and his Rosie) sent out invites to select friends around the world, to be their guests in Phuket, Indonesia (Dec. 3-9) for their 25th wedding ann'y, nobody mailed back regrets. Because Georg throws great parties, thass why. Truly an inter'l couple, even tho they still have a residence at La Pietra □□□

The Poi Beat

CALLS THAT MAKE MY DAY: A UH prof on the horn with this back-pat: "Your item about major problems at the East-West Center scooped the rest of the media." It wasn't exactly a big secret. But nobody seemed to wanna write about it — until the explosion...



Scott Oughterson

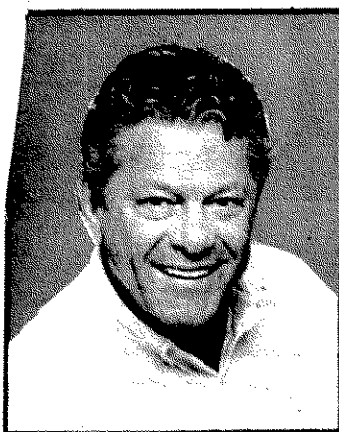
Keeping busy selling diamonds ain't enuff for **Jacques Adler**. Makes time for plenty of golf and tennis... World speedboat champ **Tom Gentry** getting interested in hosses. Building fancy state-of-the-art stables on the Mainland... Thinking out loud: If **Chris Hemmeter** is selling his special one-of-a-kind home up Diamond Head way for \$60 million, wonder what **Doris Duke's** 12-acre estate, right on the water close by, is worth???... Belated congrats to **Tauasu Paul Harrington** and **Marmion Kay Terry** who tied the knot last week. The marriage was performed at Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints, Laie. Tauasu's famous dad is **Al Harrington**... True story: An able-bodied-looking street person stopped me on Kalaikaua and asked for a dollar "to make a long-distance phone call." I pointed to the "Help Wanted" sign in the window of a nearby fast-food establishment. The street person quickly vanished... Former deejay **Ron Jacobs** makes his debut in the December issue of *Playboy*. No, not as a sex symbol, silly. Has his first bit in the mag — about a scene he observed on the Friendly Isle. "Now a new twist — Japanese tourists have been spotted lately in sleepy Kaunakakai, the island's main village, wearing T-shirts with the familiar brown-and-yellow Hard Rock Cafe logo. The inscription reads, 'Phallic Rock Cafe/Molokai/Hawaii/Between A Rock And A Hard Place'..." Att'n diabetics: Want some delecticious yogurt — sugar-free and non-fat? It's available at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt parlors □□□

Tapa Tabloid

IT'S A MYSTERY why H'wood hasn't filmed **Vinnie Marino's** life story. The Habitat he founded celebrates its 20th ann'y in Jan., and a big blast is planned. **Walter Deptula** working on a novel — a contemporary story of Waikiki. Should be loaded with material. **Walter** toils in the tourist biz. Very successful briefer... Asked where he'd be staying in Honolulu, **Engelbert Humperdinck's** travel agent, **Elaine Harris**, said "The Pink Palace." The hump couldn't believe the coincidence. His Beverly Hills house is called the pink palace. The mansion was once owned by **Jayne Mansfield** — and was all pink then. The singer painted it beige after he bought it. Didn't like it and painted it pink again. Anyway, Engelbert'll be crooning his love toons at Blaisdell Dec. 15 with a large contingent of his fans expected to wing in from the Coast... *Miracle on 34th Street* (the Fort Shafter musical) showcased **Scott Oughterson**, a "new" (6-foot-1-inch, 185-pound) leading man for Honolulu's theatrical community. With his vocal and dramatic-acting ability, plus good looks and male magnetism, Scott should be in big demand locally. Socking over solid *Miracle* performances were **Shari Lynn** (always a pro's pro), **Nissa Wright** (destined for stardom when she grows up) and **Kris Kringle** himself, **Charles Peck**, offering a surprising, long-kept secret baritone. *Miracle* closed at Ft. Shafter Dec. 1st □□□

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Communiques

ATT'N NEWSPAPERS IN ST. PETERSBURG, Fla: Retired doctor **Gunars Medines** is a fairly new resident in your area (Medeira Beach section). He was a surgeon in Hawaii for 20 years. Polish newspapers reportedly identified **Gunars** as a Nazi member of the SS in the Latvian Sophienwald concentration camp. He allegedly gave experimental injections to camp members, killing many inmates. If you want his address, let me know. P.S. St. Petersburg has a huge Jewish retirement population... It's not exactly a secret to the Bishop Street "in" gang who the cast of characters anxious to dump **Victor Li** in that East-West Center power-play scenario on the Manoa campus are. The clever strategists obviously want Li's job and the attack is on. If the story behind the story ever sees daylight, wot a drama. Let's make it a good clean fite, guys, and no hittin' below the belt... Hawaiiiana Resorts added the management of the Iikai's big block of condos to their inventory, giving prez **Harlow White's** company well over 10,000 condos to handle... What are they doing now: **Roger Mosley**, former *Magnum* co-star, has a new show debuting in Jan. on ABC. Called *You Take The Kids*, it also stars **Nell Carter** (*Gimme A Break*). This sitcom is said to be patterned after *The Cosby Show* — but the family is a lot poorer... *Ghost* soon to become the first \$200-million grossing film this year. Smash deluxe... Promoter's merry-go-round: **Tom Moffatt** averages some 50 shows a year or more. The last 12 months his promotions have been in wrestling, boxing, rock, country and pop concerts, baseball and ice shows... Like father, like son: Apparently, 3-year-old **Christopher Anthony Murphy** is interested in following his dad into the food-service biz. While **Bill** (Black Orchid bartender) was watching football one recent Sun. ayem, young **Chris** was in the kitchen breaking a dozen eggs on the floor. (Wanted to cook b'fast.) By the time dad discovered the omelet, **Chris** was trying to put the eggs back in the shells... Any children's charities out there interested in a new Ford van, contact Variety Club (**John Dew**). All you have to do is qualify... Time flies: It's 20 years since **Dr. Richard Kelley** left medicine to devote his time to the Outrigger Hotels. What an odyssey it's been for Doc — and the company □□□

Isle Newsreel

HAWAII'S GIFT TO SHOW BIZ, Bette Midler, is on a roll. Her new Atlantic LP, *Some People's Lives*, is in the current Top 10 and a single from the LP, *From A Distance*, also's zooming up the charts. Her next film out is a co-starrer with **Woody Allen**. Cut and print... Nice touch at Ala Moana for the holiday. Valet parking (only \$2). Located near the Makai Mkt. ... Hey, **Joe Moore**: Lookin' good with those glasses, kid... Gas stations were taken by surprise before the price hike.



Bette Midler

"Cars arrived at the pumps like it was an ant convention," said one Aina Haina station owner... True grit: When **Shaunagh Robbins** was attending Wellesley College near Boston, she was the Massachusetts state squash champ. Then arthritis hit her — badly. For six years she was on crutches, battling thru 10 operations. You'd never know it today as healthy, beautiful **Shaunagh** handles the administrative duties of her husband **Ken's** downtown law firm. What made the miracle recovery possible? Sez she: "Eating the right foods. Anything with chemicals in it, I pass. I believe strongly that we are what we eat"... Nice surprise: Old friend and ace journalist **Cobey Black** was on the horn: "Just a little dinner with friends at the Outrigger Canoe Club." OK. I sat next to a gent by the name of **Garry McDonald**. A most entertaining chap from Australia. After dinner, we all drove out to the Hawaii Kai's Koko Marina Twins theater to see one of the Film Festival movies, *Struck By Lightning*. It's an Australian entry — co-starring my dinner "companion" **Garry**, one of Down Under's top comic actors. A splendid little movie. After the screening, **Garry** took questions from the audience. Jokingly, he quipped, "Most of my films go right to television or are shown on Thanksgiving — for those who can't afford a turkey"... Congrats to **Jeffrey Allen**, Coldwell Banker McCormack real estater. He sold more than \$1 million worth this year. So have many others. But **Jeff** is only 21... The Elvis Club (local branch) jumping on the **Tony Roi** bandwagon. Tony subs at the Hula Hut for Flash-back star **Jonathan Von Brana** Dec. 29... Nice to have **Frank DeLima** back in action nitely at Queen Kapiolani Hotel... Beautiful sounds: Makaha Sons of Ni'ihau's lead singer just released his first solo album — *Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, Ka 'Ano'I*. Sings a repertoire from reggae to country tunes. Even an *Over The Rainbow* treatment. And, of course, old Haw'n standards □□□

Tropic Topics

THE NAT'L TICKER: A scoop in this column months ago developed into a recent *60 Minutes* feature. Concerned an alleged Nazi, **Dr. Vilis Kruz**, who once practiced on Maui. He was accused of malpractice involving a boy. (Kruz died years ago.) An amazing story... Notes to you: Surprising the number of real-estate deals (Japanese clients) that don't close. One gal in the biz is lamenting on losing three recent deals because clients couldn't come up with the cash... On the wall at the Sheraton Waikiki bus depot is this sign: "Title 11 Chapter 60, Dept. of Health. All buses and vans will not be allowed to keep any engine in operation while vehicle is stationary." Apparently, nobody reads this sign. Bus engines are always revved up there. Pass da gas mask, pleeze. Such fumes! □□□