

From the Desk of
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Date _____

To _____

Hi HAROLD,

Well its ALL OVER. THE
SHOOTING WAS ALL VERY
SECRETIVE. NO ONE ALLOWED
ON THE SET AND EVERYONE
SWORN TO SECRECY.

JON IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL,
BUT GETTING BETTER.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
HAROLD.

"MOO"

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Dear Moo,

Thanks for your note and the clippings. I'm glad Jim is getting better. He looked horribly ill in the picture with the story saying he was hospitalized.

The story about Stone's parties when they finished shooting in New Orleans, including the stripper of whom the woman columnist says, "Yup, she took it all off," reminded me of poor Judge Hagerty and the party that did him in. That in turn reminded me of a story I probably never told you.

When I told Louis Ivon that I'd be staying with Matt Herron he was concerned because, as he told me, the blew pot. I'd never even smelled it but I didn't think there was much likelihood of a federal raid and obviously the local police knew about it and did nothing.

One night, after Matt moved to the 1000 block of Pine Street, having the second floor of a very, very large house and the basement for his photo lab, I'd just gotten there and was about to start making notes when he returned with a really large group of people. They had been at the opening of a popular art gallery in the quarter. They did blow pot, they made a lot of noise, the landlady complained, and one of the guests, an English prof at Tulane, suggested we all go to his place. We did. They blew more pot, I tried it, it did nothing for me, and then came an announcement. I should have told you that in the group was a beautiful young woman who seemed like the shyest one there. She stood against the wall, like a wallflower. The announcement was by her. She said she was sorry but she had to leave. When people called oh! no! and things like that she smiled and said she really did have to leave but leaving always took her a long time. With that she started with the first man, sitting on his lap and kissing him for quite a few minutes. She did not miss one, the women all thought it was funny and laughed, and finally she did leave.

Of course I thought it was rather unusual, too, because in all my years, then more than 60, I remembered nothing like it. And she'd been so quiet, seemed so shy.

Time passed and then there was that famous bachelor party for the man about to get married. You should remember it and be beginning to anticipate me. But if you've forgotten, in accord with a long tradition down there, the man about to get married was given a stag party and in those days before X-rated movies, with what then were called "smoker" movies, and two whores. Hagerty was one of those who arranged it and it forced him off the bench.

Well, the younger of those two whores was this seemingly shy and very pretty Jeanelle.

Only time I remember hearing that name, too.

The story refers to Costner's departure for Washington. He actually went to Baltimore, to the Orioles, took batting practise and did rather well. But when one of the men broadcasting the game on radio spoke to him and asked him to be interviewed he declined, saying he had to leave to play golf with President Bush. According to the newspapers he did not then leave. Guess he just did not want to be interviewed on live radio. Thanks and best,

Hal