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ALOHA.....Just returned from a terrific Hawaiian vacation and it's everything you've always heard it is. Beautiful! Went to the TOMMY LEONETTI show in the Monarch Room at the Royal Hawaiian. Tommy, after a series of medical problems, is back in shape again and singing better than ever. His arrangement of "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Feelings" is great and he's written a song about Sidney, Australia that ranks with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," as an ode to a city. His whole show was nicely put together. By the way, the service reminded of the way Las Vegas used to be. You really felt like they were glad you were there.....also met silent screen star DOROTHY MACKAIL ("Dancer of Paris," "Children of the Ritz," etc.) and she is a helluva lady. She lives at the Royal Hawaiian and everybody knows her and loves her. JACK LORD talked her into making an appearance in "Hawaii Five O" called "The Cop Killer" and although she enjoyed working, she prefers retirement.... Hawaiian hospitality is really something else. I called friends of friends of friends and was amazed at how friendly everyone was. In addition to Dorothy, special thanks to DAVID SHEPARD, MARILYN SUNDERMAN (one of the finest artists in the world), RON CROWE, JOHN BROGATO and PATTI, a waitress at Hula's Disco, all of whom made Hawaii the Paradise I wanted it to be. Mahalo!

TRIPPING AROUND BACK IN HOLLYWOOD.....ALICE COOPER will do a musical number with MAE WEST in her new movie "Sextette." That should be worth the price of admission right there. Mae will be doing six musical numbers in the long awaited and much touted version of her 1961 play....the cast of "Equus" challenged the cast of "A Chorus Line" to a

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RABBI PHILIP SHNAERSON, LEFT, EXPLAINS THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE RAM'S HORN (SHOFAR) TO BRYN ARMSTRONG AT APPRECIATION TO PRESS BREAKFAST LAST FRIDAY AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM.

game of softball. "A Chorus Line" beat them 31 to 10 but everybody had a grand time. BRIAN BEDFORD who's starring in "Equus" stayed in the stands due to a back problem but DAI BRADLEY who is a little guy went out and played for both of them. RON KUHLMAN of "Chorus" was the star of the day hitting a home run with the bases loaded and NANCY LANE gamely tried her luck at batting. DON CORREIA arrived for the last couple of innings, he was rehearsing a dance number with SANDY DUNCAN for an upcoming television special and came over on his break. SAMMI WILLIAMS, ROY SMITH & RON DENNIS led a cheering section and afterwards, "Equus" being such a good sport invited all of us over to the Huntington Hartford for beer and sandwiches. Good time was had by all.

CAROL CHANNING AND GEORGE BURNS opened at the Greek Theater in spite of terrible rain threats and were dynamite. I think that if it had rained, everyone would have stayed to see this dynamic duo do their respective

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things. Channing takes you back to everything that you loved about her. She still is one of our most talented performers. Her DIETRICH takeoff is a classic and lays to rest once and for all the rumor that she is just a musical actress. It's perfect and her nightclub singer stranded in Paris in the 30's is heaven as is the proverbial Lorelei and Dolly. It's a complete show and then Burns comes out and proves again just why he is one of the most beloved comedians in the business. He builds routines, lets you forget them for a minute and pop, up comes a punchline. He is a master and deserves all praise, not because of his senior status but because he is tops. Carol and George then did a couple of Burns/Allen routines that were very funny and then they bowed off. Backstage, Carol told me that after the tour with Burns, she heads for rehearsals for her new play, "The Bed Before Yesterday," a new play by BEN TRAVERS who is considered to be England's NEIL SIMON. Carol plays a woman who discovers sex for the first time (and "at my age" she said). LADY OLIVIER, JOAN PLOWRIGHT is doing the play in London now. ELLIOTT REID has been signed to costar and they will open in New York in mid January after a 3 month out of town tour. Mazeltov, Carol and please think about making that album of Burns/Channing that I suggested.....

BOOK TRIPPING....Highly recommended is KIM HUNTER's Autobiographical Cookbook, "Loose in the Kitchen" and yes, it's just as I said it's a bio and a cookbook. Since she is such a good cook, her life story is told around a series of good recipes that she decided to share with her fans. Marvelous stories about working with MARLON BRANDO in "A Streetcar Named Desire" both on stage and in the movie (she won the Best Supporting Oscar for the film in 1951). On the road with JULIE HARRIS, the many hours spent getting into makeup for "Planet of the Apes" and the sequels all told with typical Hunter candor and charm. It's a well put together book, completely different from the deluge of bios that are out. Domino Books is the publisher and even with lots of good pictures, it's still only \$8.00. It's a good buy, try it!
 Have a good, good week.

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