

Herb Caen Quotes

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The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around.

~Herb Caen

A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.

~Herb Caen

Cockroaches and socialites are the only things that can stay up all night and eat anything.

~Herb Caen

I sometimes worry about my short attention span, but not for long.

~Herb Caen

I hope I go to Heaven, and when I do, I'm going to do what every San Franciscan does when he gets there. He looks around and says, 'It ain't bad, but it ain't San Francisco.'

~Herb Caen

Isn't it nice that people who prefer Los Angeles to San Francisco live there?

~Herb Caen

A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the height of its dreams.

~Herb Caen

San Franciscans have a bond of self-satisfaction bordering on smugness.

~Herb Caen

Martinis are like breasts, one isn't enough, and three is too many.

~Herb Caen

There are a thousand viewpoints in the viewtiful city.

~Herb Caen

It is better to have loved and lost, but only if you have a good attorney.

~Herb Caen

All American cars are basically Chevrolets.

~Herb Caen

San Francisco isn't what it used to be, and it never was.

~Herb Caen

One day if I do go to heaven...I'll look around and say, 'It ain't bad, but it ain't San Francisco.

~Herb Caen

Logic is no answer to passion.

~Herb Caen

The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever.

~Herb Caen

The clock doesn't matter in baseball. Time stands still or moves backwards. Theoretically, one game could go on forever. Some seem to.

~Herb Caen

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I tend to live in the past because most of my life is there.

~Herb Caen

The precise location of heaven on earth has never been established but

it may very well be right here

~Herb Caen

Satire of satire tends to be self-canceling, and deliberate shock tactics soon lose their ability to shock, especially when they're too deliberate.

~Herb Caen

Best trumpet: Mike Vax, an alumnus of the Kenton Band, who plays every style with a bright cutting edge, throwing in bop riffs here and there.

~Herb Caen

A city is a crazy concrete jungle whose people at the end of each day somehow make a small step ahead against terrible odds.

~Herb Caen

Baffling late-life discovery: Golfers wear those awful clothes on purpose.

~Herb Caen

When a place advertises itself as 'World Famous,' you may be sure it isn't.

~Herb Caen

New Yorkers are stuck in a gloomy mucilage of mutual commiseration.

~Herb Caen

Old San Francisco - the one so many nostalgics yearn for - had buildings that related well to each other.

~Herb Caen

Americans are pragmatic, relatively uncomplicated, hearty and given to broad humor.

~Herb Caen

We (San Francisco) have football weather during baseball season, and baseball weather during football season.

~Herb Caen

God! I loove this city!

~Herb Caen

The waterfront without the Ferry Tower would be like a birthday cake without a candle.

~Herb Caen

Philosophically, I don't like doing commercials.

~Herb Caen

I have a memory like an elephant. I remember every elephant I've ever met.

~Herb Caen

We are reorganizing in order to eliminate duplication and redundancy.

~Herb Caen

A city is a state - of mind, of taste, of opportunity. A city is a marketplace - where ideas are traded, opinions clash and eternal conflict may produce eternal truths.

~Herb Caen

You cover Q-tips with sandpaper and ram them up your nostrils as far as they will go. Then you sniff talcum powder while shredding hundred dollar bills.

~Herb Caen

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