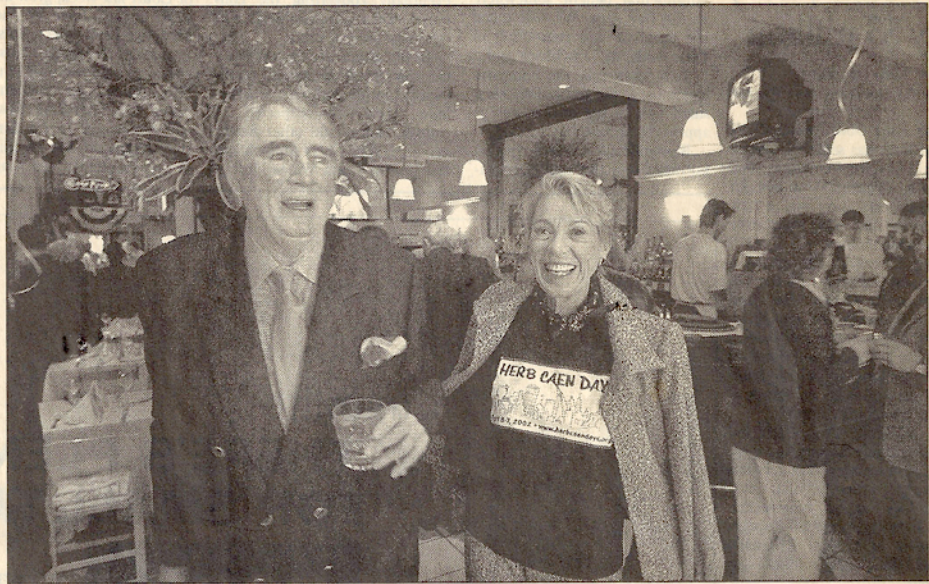


# Praising Caen



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**T**he band played and Ed Moose raised a glass of Vitamin V with San Francisco's director of protocol, Charlotte Maillard Shultz, at a gala luncheon featuring many of Herb Caen's friends and admirers at Moose's North Beach restaurant yesterday to kick off Herb Caen Days in honor of the late Chronicle columnist. The celebration continues today with a block party on Fisherman's Wharf. Many of the city's bars and restaurants are offering special deals, including special prices on vodka Martinis — Caen's "Vitamin V."