

Celebrities

Where Is Joni Mitchell's Baby?

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Talented Joni Mitchell graced the cover of a recent issue of Time magazine. Time has an excellent research department, and usually when they do a cover story they delve deeply into the subject's life. But if my information is correct, there is an important fact about Joni that was not printed in Time. Someone who knew her and her then husband, Chuck Mitchell, back in their Wayne State University and Toronto coffee house days, said the Mitchells had a baby. Nowhere in the Time story is the baby mentioned. In fact, I have never read anywhere that Joni Mitchell ever had a child. My informant vows that her information is correct. May we hear from Miss Mitchell, please.

SHIRLEBRITIES: Gay Talese, who wrote several best-selling books, including "Honor Thy Father," is deep in the throes of writing a book on the sex habits and mores of Americans and how they have developed and changed in the past 10 years.

Talese has been researching the subject for two years. He's even operated a massage parlor in New York and delved into the porno movies and became friends with cast members. Gay and his wife, Nan, recently gave a posh party in their New York home. Among the notable guests were the Jack (Senator) Javits, Robert Ander-



JONI MITCHELL
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sons, Curt Vonnigut Jr. and Harry Reems.

Harry Reems? He was the male lead in "Deep Throat." Mrs. Talese is an editor with Simon and Schuster. Can't you just hear some of Talese's male pals saying, "And he calls that kind of research WORK!"

The big money in the entertainment business has been made in recent years by the record companies and recording stars. Now the record tycoons are beginning to look a little worried. The profits in the business are down 10 percent from last year at this time. Some performers, however, are doing even better than last year. Elton John, The Rolling Stones, Neil Di-

amond, Carole King, and John Lennon are rolling along successfully.

My seatmate on a recent flight from New York was the beautiful Cristina (Ferrare) Delorean. Her picture on the current Harpers Bazaar and inside the magazine do not do her justice. The layout in Bazaar makes her look much older than she is.

What does a top cover girl, actress and wife of an international executive talk about while riding on a plane? Would you believe cooking? Cris and John and their son Zachary Tavio will spend Christmas in Los Angeles with Cristina's parents. Cristina gave me a blow by blow description of every Italian dish she plans to cook for the holidays. Betcha with her gorgeous figure she doesn't eat much of what she prepares.

DIDYA KNOW DEPT.: That Forest Tucker currently starring in "Plaza Suite" in Windsor, Ontario, is a talented painter and sculptor? ... That producer George Barrie sent scripts of his next film project, "Vicky," the story about the first lady to run for president of the United States, to Jane Fonda, Anne Bancroft and Glenda Jackson.

That Lena Horne and Tony Bennett will repeat in Los Angeles their fabulously successful New York concert appearance at the Shubert Theatre