"The Execution of Justice:" So Good It Could Become A Classic

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If the first play of Center on real events and real people Stage's Playwrights 85 Series," makes it both frightening and character development and has ever seen. thought provoking theme.

"The Execution of Justice" by Emi- fascinating. Ms. Mann used court ly Mann, were fiction it would transcripts and interviews to rank as a creation of genius for write one of the finest historical its compelling plot, brilliant plays or docudramas this writer

The fact that the play is based San Francisco City Supervisor

to entering city politics he had been a star athlete, policeman, decorated fireman and good Catholic from a conservative working class neighborhood.

White had been opposed to the liberal politics of Mayor Moscone and the open advocacy of gay rights by Supervisor Harvey Milk who was a declared homosexual.

The murderer decided in 1978 to resign his seat on the board of supervisors due to financial pressures. He tendered his resignation and then tried to pressure the mayor to give him his seat back.

the Zone 1 Band,

The mayor refused. White climbed through a window in City Hall to avoid metal detectors and proceeded to visit the mayor The play centers on the trial of and shoot him five times; the last two shots were to the back of the

> Next White went to see Harvey Milk who had opposed his reappointment and shot him four times, twice in the body and twice in the head. He then called his wife met her at a church and then proceeded to a police station to turn himself

her chosen axe. "I started play-White's defense at his trial was ing flute when I was sixteen" that he suffered from diminished capacity due to excessive ingestion of junk food such as potato chips and Twinkies and the financial pressures that caused his happen to me, you know, mak-

White was convicted of volunworld and meeting all kinds of degree murder. Gays in San Francisco rioted over what they saw was the injustice of White getting off with a light sentence of seven years eight months. He only served about five years and was paroled early in 1984.

Emily Mann's play is a courtroom drama, but it is also an exposition of the attitudes that created the volatile environment that led to the assassinations.

With the election of Moscone as mayor and Harvey Milk as supervisor, the conservative element that had once run the city were defeated. They, along with many average citizens felt that

As the characters in the play testified, the police were

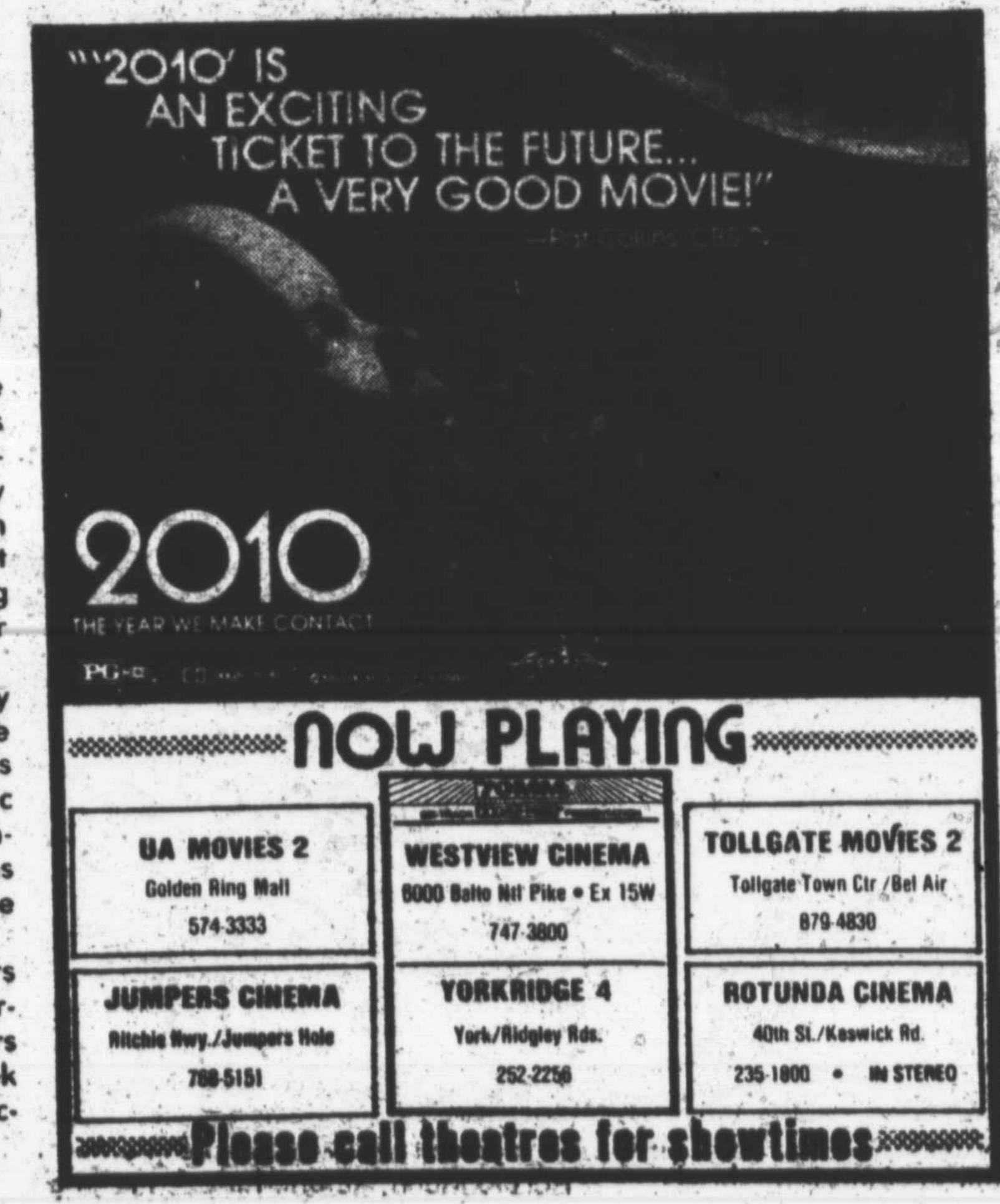
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who represent a kind of Greek

People who like fun and good the beginning of my career...! le. life already know that they Texas, went to New York, and belong down at Odell's on New the next thing I knew, I was play-Year's Eve where many pro- ing a gig with Duke Ellington...A gressive party people plan to lot of other musicians helped me welcome 1985 while sipping like Herbie Mann who let me sit champagne, munching on hors d' in with his band. Later I went on oeuvres, plus listening to the tour with him...lt's all been so flute stylings of Ms. Bobbi Hum- beautiful." phrey. Carlos Johnson, one of Discussing the people that Baltimore's favorite sax- have influenced her playing the

ophonists, will also be on hand to most, Ms. humphrey states entertain with the members of really dig Hubert Laws as a musician. I first heard him when I was in high school. . . a few years Looking at the chosen instruments of contemporary musi- later, I had the opportunity to cians, it becomes abundantly meet him and he taught me a lot clear that the flute is one instru- about the flute and how to make ment that has yet to reach its it in the music business... I think maximum potential, in both Jazz, that the two major geniuses of and Top40 music. While there modern music are Stevie Wonder have been several excellent and Duke Ellington. Stevie's still flautists to whisper through the alive and making beautiful delicate instrument over the music, but the Duke is gone. One years, most have relegated it to of my favorite albums that I've second string while concentrating recorded is "Satin Doll" which on the sax as their major axe. was done in honor of Duke Ell-Not so with Bobbi Humphrey, ington. What I was trying to do however. The flute is her sole in- on that album was to strument and she is very much in- demonstrate the genius of Black to mastering every subtle nuance musicians like Stevie and Duke. and tonal variation possible on They are classical composers as

far as I'm concerned." Born under the sign of Taurus, states Bobbi. "I played in the high Ms. Humphrey states. "I believe school band and later went to that there is some truth in Southern Methodist University astrology, but you can't live your where I majored in music...I. life by it. Some of general never thought that all this would Taurean traits seem to apply to my life, but I believe much more ing records, traveling all over the in myself and my flute, that 's



Friday Plus, December 28, 1984.

folks now a days. Just the other night, Friday

The public's response was fantastic. Canned goods and con- to the Charles Street bistro after tributions flowed into the club. It the performance.

But when Saturday night came, conversation at which I informed seemed like a replay of that old him I was going to the show. We

By C. T. Goodman

f there is a restaurant

Baltimore with "atmosphere,"

than Midtown Yacht Club, at 15

E. Centre Street, is it. This small

downtown pub perfectly ac-

complishes the necessary task of

relaxing its diners simply with its

well constructed surroundings.

limited yet on-target menu, and

a large open barrel of fresh

make Midtown Yacht Club one of

the upcoming favorites watering

peanuts free for the taking. But before you fill up on either,

eatery, and, you don't want to do shells on the floor. Everybody. It's by.

that. Although their menu is not something you really must do or

The best jukebox in the city,

Gatsby's owner, Tony Triplin Plus, V-103 and the new Gatsby's was enjoying a moment of suchooked up for an attair to raise cess at the party. We figured money and gather food for the might be great to invite the Temptations (who were appear ing at Painters Mill on Saturday)

This was the end result of a

Dining Out

One, of the best selections is

dozen large black shells with a

sort of sexy looking surprise in-

side (well, they do call them

aphrodisiacs, don't they?) are

\$2.50 is also quite tasty, and

aln:ost too much to eaf for one

very diverse, what they do offer you won't feel a part of the place. Inexpensive: * * * * Accepts

delivered. And, they are

delicious. The seafood gumbo

beer and butter. For \$4.50, two grow on you.)

graciously accepted since compared to my mode of transportu tion, this was heaven.

What a pleasure it was, too. The long, beige limo, with its color T.V., well stocked bar, stereo. and plush pavy blue seats was

Mind you now, this arrange

theatrical artsy set which always

makes for a freer-type at-

fortable and even easier to

joyable time.

on while you wait. Even if you're Redding, Prince, Lou Reed,

Street, don't blink as you pass has a great floor street, don't blink as you pass that throwing the empty peanuts crunch peanuts or slurp mussels by.

return again and again for an en-

Oh, and make sure you check

big bucket of milk and then kick- citing for the crowd at the club to the Temps. Having been on the house came down. Both of the ed it over.

The time and driven men rapped for about 10 minutes and driven men rapped for about 10 minutes. Owner Triplin suggested I go in all night to get here, they were to a cheering crowd. It was a style and offered his limo, it was not easily persuaded to join me great moment. in the 10-mile trip from Painter's. The tone for the evening was Mill to downtown Baltimore.

> gentleman named Akim in- limo to return the guests to their troduced himself to me and as it hotel. turns out he was very, very close

After much discussion and persuasion we were able to capture the two newest Temps. Ron graciously arranged their own Nelson and Ali Ollie, to accompany us in the timo to Gatsby's. A resounding "no-no" to night

of neatness your Mama taught you and go for it . . . (the crunthe steamed mussels prepared in ching as people walk by will

When I introduced these better.

set. Then, to my surprise, I was I was a lucky lady when a informed that there would be no

I wish to give a hurrah to the Temptations and Akim who transportation back to the hotel. When we arrived there, the club owners who are thoughtless red carpet was awaiting us and about the welfare and the workthe response from the crowd was ing artists who travel the roads entertaining us. They deserved So far, Midtown Yacht Club has ************

already become a favorite of the restaurants. It's easy to feel commake sure you grab a few out the jukebox before your peanuts from the barrel to munch order comes. Vintage hits by Otis While traveling east on Center not hungry. Midtown Yacht Club Smokey and many more set a st. don't blink as you pass has a great non-verbal rule of

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and the progress of the trial,

what pays the bills for me and my

Street, don't blink as you pass has a great non-verbal rule of very mellow mood, perfect to

seems that Bobbi definitely has one Taurean trait that has helped her persevere in the tough, Although it is apparent that rough music industry—she is as Ms. Mann thought that the stubborn as a bull and has mainwas a degredation of justice, her first class artist despite the fact

novelty act as a female Jazz

Bobbi Humphrey (continued from pg. 12) Duke Ellington. All they were

best job possible. Other musicians have been wonderful to me and have really helped me get my program together.

"One of the greatest exbias does not reduce the real that when she first hit the scene Wonder's Songs in the Key of people partrayed and their feel- during the early 1970's there Life's album. Stevie is absolutely were a lot of people who scotted the most beautiful person I have at her and said the only thing she ever met. The man bends over backwards to help you and has nothing but praise for every little thing that you do."

during her career, Bobbi states Dancer," "Satin Doll," "Tailor

Execution

generally outstanding, and although I am not familiar with the persons they portrayed, their