

OF THE STARS



TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

Don Tell

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about two years ago from his show business brother, Bobby Hatfield. Bobby continued the name Righteous Brothers but never quite made it on any large scale. Bill Medley brought that team soul and he never lost it.

Medley as a single performer has matured into one of the best lounge acts in town. His style is still deep soul and he does this with class. His songs range from James Taylor's Fire and Rain to Ray Charles' Georgia. He blends his oldie hits with chart toppers of today and never loses the meaning of each song. He does a Little Richard tribute which is exciting and a Ray Charles medley which can not be done by any other white artist today. His medley of the five Grammy Award hits of this year, from Bridge Over Troubled Waters to Let It Be, leaves you clapping and tapping long after he has finished. His windup of Hey Jude is perhaps the best version of that song since the Beatles first recorded it. We think he is the most underrated and most promising singer in show business today. Don't miss Bill Medley at the Sands Hotel.

Around Town....A Las Vegas daily reports that Dave Victorson was named entertainment director of the Las Vegas Hilton (International) Hotel. Dave was in that same capacity at Caesars Palace for a long while but was forced to resign because of health reasons. If the report bears out, we certainly wish Dave best of success at this post....Someone is really pumping up business at the Aladdin Hotel. Whatever is being done is bringing home the greenbacks as the place is jammed lately. We hear that Recrion management intends to go heavy on junkets, particularly from Hawaii and Mexico City. But the clincher should be an eight-hour gambling flight from Southern California. This would have no overnight accommodations much like the "bussing" which made Harrahs Club in Tahoe so popular....

A sure cure for poker addicts. The other night I was engaged in my favorite pastime at the Stardust Hotel. I hadn't taken an ante in over an hour when a 70-year-old player to my immediate right lets out a soft moan. I catch him before he slumps down, but he doesn't look good at all. A rescue team arrived very quickly to administer oxygen and then try heart massaging. The man never recovered and probably died in my arms. No more poker for me, for at least a week....

The whole town is buzzing about Elvis Presley's return to the Las Vegas Hilton in

August. His latest hit single is I'm Leavin... Congratulations to Ralph Pearl, local columnist, who's stand on lowering commercial air charges from Los Angeles to Las Vegas paved the way for a recent announcement that these fares would be dropped by up to 25 per cent. ... Moore's Supersonic Car Wash on East Charleston has a new promotion that's sure to pretty up the dustiest vehicles in Vegas. If you fill up at Supersonic you can stay in your car and go through the automatic car wash for free. Their slogan is "Grime Doesn't Pay.".....Some-one ought to tell Foxies how to spell famous. On their world famous restaurant billboard the word "famous" claiming the world's most famous hot dogs is spelled famus. That should give Abie the message. Famus, famous, its still the tastiest deli in town.

PHIL & MIMI

Phil Ford & Mimi Hines, America's best loved husband and wife musical comedy team since Burns & Allen, make their annual summer visit to the Flamingo Hotel for a four week engagement with story telling wizard Myron Cohen.

Versatility is the principal forte of Ford & Hines, who can create beautiful music or insane, knockabout comedy with equal ease. Mimi Hines is blessed with one of the most delicate, sensitive voices in show business and can melt an audience with her tasty renditions of show tunes and pop ballads. She also possesses a super-mobile face that can send the same audience into gales of laughter. The winsome star has a masterful sense of comic timing and can take a pratfall with the best of the burlesque top bananas.

Phil Ford is a steady influence on the wild, unpredictable Miss Hines. A gifted musician, Phil concentrates on being a humorous host who sings, dances and cuts up with his lovable spouse.

Ford & Hines originally joined forces 17 years ago after meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. They crashed through to stardom in 1958 when they appeared on the old Jack Parr television show. Their click on the Parr show led to a flood of nightclub, theatre and television offers that has never subsided. They have starred in several major musicals including "Funny Girl," "Anything Goes," "Hit The Deck" and "Pajama Game."

Myron Cohen is a Flamingo fixture, having starred at the hotel for more than a decade.

FIDDLER TO UNION PLAZA AUG. 10

The magic of "Fiddler On The Roof" -- the longest running musical in Broadway history-- comes to the multi-million dollar Union Plaza Hotel in uptown Las

Vegas August 10 when the hotel's "invitation only" formal grand opening celebration commences.

The gala event, slated to mark the completion of the resort's 504 hotel rooms and suites as well as the elegant main show room, will be attended by hundreds of Nevada's social, governmental and industrial leaders during the nearly week-long party.

"Fiddler"--the most acclaimed musical of all time--was the personal choice of Plaza president Sam Boyd after viewing performances in New York, London, Paris and Israel, a few of the 23 world centers where the

show has played.

Bob Carroll, who plays the pivotal role of "Tevye" in the Harold Prince production which has won 10 "Tony" awards and was chosen as the best musical by New York's drama critics, comes to the Plaza with the highest of credentials.

He is a noted star of Broadway, TV, supper clubs throughout the nation and the concert stage. In addition, he and "Tevye" are not strangers--Carroll has had the lead in "Fiddler" road companies for the past couple of years.

The musical was directed by Jerome Robbins, based on the classic short stories of Sholom Aleichem.

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