

OF THE STARS



TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

Don Tell
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down when announcing that the good people of Las Vegas pledged a record \$89 thousand for MD. While selling his heart out for nearly 20 hours, his darling wife Elizabeth was trying to overcome an ailment at a Las Vegas hospital.

This only goes to show us that the American people come through in times of need. Our own economy has certainly seen better times. We have more people on unemployment than any period since 1929-30. Tens of thousands live in a constant state of poverty or are on welfare or social security. But when the need arises, the American people come through like champs.

We personally thank all the people connected with this telethon for bringing us back to life's realities. We thank them for showing us that forces such as idealism, dedication and charity are still very much alive. We thank them for rejuvenating the patriotism of Americans for a noble cause. We thank them for showing us the beauty of sharing a nationwide effort for a common cause. We thank them for restoring our faith in the American way of life.

Around town ... We thought that the performances by Paul Anka, The Checkmates and John Rowles for the Jerry Lewis telethon were simply sensational.... Reports come down from Lake Tahoe and Reno that business is booming up there....

Don Williams, president of Big Wheel, was responsible for squashing a potential labor dispute there. Don, a man gifted with a nature of understanding the problems of the working man, will probably have the most cheerful staff on the strip. Best of luck to both Don and Jay Sarno in their Big Wheel arcade....

School's in so please drive carefully....



HENNY

When Rowan and Martin bring their zany show back to KORK-TV, Channel 3, on Monday, Sept. 13, our favorite comic, Henny Youngman will be quipping his one liners. From all reports Henny will be at his best. Don't miss him.

PETULA CLARK AT CAESARS

"Double Dynamite" is the name of the entertainment game at Caesars Palace with British songbird Petula Clark and the fiery new sound of Sergio Mendes and Brasil '77 in a three-week engagement in the Las Vegas Strip hotel's Circus Maximus theatre-restaurant.

Also featured on the twice-nightly bill (8 p.m. & midnight) is the distinctive satire of off-beat comedian Guy Marks, who deals in "zingers and the truth."

A petite blond with eyes of blue, Petula Clark has "a way about her" -- and the voice to go with it-- that appeals to all age groups. The "mod generation" loves her when she belts out their kind of songs and the more mature listen in sheer delight as she brings back fond memories with the more touching ballads of yester-year.

Widely regarded as the most popular English-born entertainer since the Beatles, "Pet" has sold more records on the worldwide marts than any other female vocalist in history. Her triumphs in motion pictures and television need no recounting.

Coming next to Caesars Palace -- Andy Williams and the Lennon Sisters, September 30 - October 20.

"FIDDLER" CAST FINDS VEGAS AUDIENCES WONDERFUL

Don't every try to tell "Fiddler on the Roof" cast members that Las Vegas audiences are less than wonderful, or you just might find Bob Carroll, Fritzi Burr and the rest of the 35-member cast of the Union Plaza's smash hit leaping all over you. "In all candor," Carroll says, "I was scared to death of bringing the show in. Oh, I've played night clubs for years-- but never with a show of this type. I knew, as a stand-up single, I was never bothered by people drinking, or eating, while I was on, but I felt this might be different.

"Let me tell you-- the audiences at the Plaza have been just about the most attentive, aware and appreciative I have ever played to." Carroll, who stars as "Tevye" in the world's most acclaimed musical, was echoed almost verbatim by Miss Burr, who is the marvelous "Golde" in the Hal Prince production. "Not only are they attentive," she said of the thousands who have packed the plaza showroom since Aug. 10, "they are warm and loving toward the whole cast. I am convinced the new staging, which

has so many of us entering almost directly through the audience, gives them a feeling of actually participating in all the events that take place."

Showtimes at the Plaza are 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., with doors opening for seating for the dinner show at 6 p.m. and the cocktail show at 10:30 p.m.

In from New York to join the cast of "Fiddler on the Roof" for the celebration that followed Sam Boyd's announcement that the Union Plaza had picked up the hit show's option are Tommy Abbott, assistant to choreographer Jerome Robbins; Hal Hastings, for many years musical director on so many Hal Prince hits; and Ruth Mitchell, associate producer with Prince. The trio combined a little work with pleasure, making sure that everything was running smoothly in the Plaza's presentation. It must be--it has been SRO every dinner show since it opened Aug. 10!

Max Shapiro has been appointed purchasing agent at the Union Plaza and Don Scott has been named food service manager. Both are widely known in Las

Vegas and are two more examples of the Plaza's policy to hire local talent for top jobs.

Bob Carroll, who sings and acts the role of Tevye so movingly in the Union Plaza's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," is singing the blues these days of--stage. His beautiful wife, Andrea, and the couple's four children, left for Long Island Sunday. School chimes were the reason.




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