

Tom Jones Appears At Bally's - Las Vegas



APPEARING NOW...The entertainer who always thanks the gentlemen for bringing the ladies to his show: TOM JONES. Tom, who is by far the sexiest grandfather you will ever see, will be performing at Bally's-Las Vegas Celebrity Room through April 29.

Local Programs Enhance Holiday

NEW YORK (JTA) — Local communities have devised a variety of programs to enhance the observance of Passover for thousands of people and in some cases to make it possible.

The Joint Passover Association, a program of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services of New York, interviews families and individuals to determine eligibility for financial aid during Passover.

Of 16,555 Jews interviewed last year, 1,417 were referred to one or more agency of the UJA-Federation network and 617 already were receiving help. The program reported it distributed \$357,871 raised by the association. Ruth Kobrin, president of the association, foresees no decline in need this year.

Also in New York City, the Department of Consumer Affairs will monitor the prices of 18 kosher-for-Passover food items in 70 stores in all five boroughs, according to Councilwoman June Eisland.

She noted that prices on some products used to rise 50 percent on Passover, rather than the small increase that was warranted in some cases due to special processing required.

And a program has been created to invite Israelis living in the Boston area to seders in American homes this holiday. The program is sponsored by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts and the Israeli Consulate there.

Bill White Brings Louis 'Satchmo' Armstrong To Life In 'Legends In Concert' At The Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino



Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong is brought to life in "Legends in Concert" at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino by Bill White.

One of the biggest thrills of White's musical career was performing with Armstrong. "I only had the chance once," Bill says, "but oh! What a night!"

White was 16 at the time he performed with "Satchmo." He had been performing professionally for years playing baritone horn, viola, cello, tuba and string bass. Bill idolized the great Armstrong, and was thrilled when he had the rare opportunity to play bass with Armstrong's jazz band for a concert in Palo Alto, CA.

"My dad arranged it," recalls Bill. "Dad was in vaudeville and worked with Blackbird Follies among others. He worked with some great talents including Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. When Louis came to Palo Alto, where we lived, dad fixed it so I could play. "Satchmo" was a tremendous entertainer. He really had charisma. I've never seen an audience warm up so fast; the response was instantaneous."

White attended Standord University and Foothill College where he majored in music and physical education. He was the first person to be elected president of the Foothill College Band. In addition, Bill played in the Stanford Band and Symphony Orchestra, the Peninsula Symphony and the San Francisco Philharmonic.

Bill also played football in college and later for the Los Angeles Rams. His son, Gerald, is following in Bill's footsteps. He is currently playing football for the University of Michigan.

While in the U.S. Marine Corps, White served in Vietnam. He later was a member of the prestigious President's Own United States Marine Band and served as director of the Marine's dance band.

After earning an M.A. degree in music, White became well-known in Southern California and in Las Vegas as a jazz tuba player. He played with Johnny Sincere, Eddy Peabody, JoAnn Castle, Big Tiny Little, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dinah Shore, Lou Rawls, Peggy Lee, Frankie Carr, Liberace, Don Cornell, Debbie Reynolds, Fay McKay, Rip Taylor and the Fifth Dimension.

Before joining the cast of "Legends in Concert" at the Imperial Palace, Bill played for several years in the popular "Mickey Finn Show" in Las Vegas.

Bringing the legendary talent of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong to life for a new generation of fans is a challenge that Bill White is eager to meet. He meets that challenge with tremendous success each evening (except Sunday) in "Legends in Concert" at 8 p.m. & 11 p.m. Cocktail shows are \$11.95 plus tax with a \$2.00 surcharge for Saturday performances.

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HONG KONG (JTA) — The People's Republic of China has hinted that it would like its academics to study Hebrew and Zionism in Western universities, and a group of leading Australian Jews proposes to launch a foundation to facilitate this.

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