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Alicia Keys usually attends the Grammys, but this year she'll be there as a host. The Recording Academy announced Tuesday that the R&B star will host the Feb. 10 show for the first time. The Grammys will air live on CBS from Staples Center in Los Angeles. Keys has won 15 Grammys. She says in a statement, "I'm so excited to be the master of ceremonies on the biggest night in music and celebrate the creativity, power and magic."
— *The Associated Press*

Backstage Pass

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**Bill Medley
Happy to Keep
Singing to His
Adoring Fans**

By **KRISTEN FIORE**
Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

"Unchained Melody" is much more than a song for many people. It evokes memories and emotions — and that's part of what makes the song beautiful.

More than 50 years after the hit came out, Righteous Brothers singer Bill Medley is still in awe of its popularity.

Medley and his musical partner, Bobby Hatfield, became fan favorites in the

early 1960s with songs like "Rock and Roll Heaven," "Ebb Tide" and "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'."

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The Righteous Brothers, including original band member Bill Medley and his new partner, Bucky Heard, will perform a sold-out concert Sunday at The Sharon.

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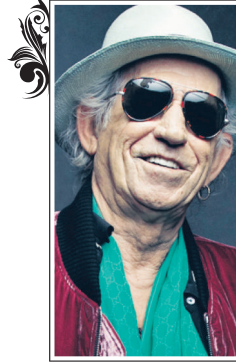
CHRIS HANSEN

TV journalist Chris Hansen, known for confronting would-be child predators in "To Catch a Predator," has been snared in a police investigation alleging he wrote bad checks for \$13,000 worth of marketing materials.



STEVE CARELL

Steve Carell will star in a comedy that could be out of this world. Netflix said Carell is re-teaming with "The Office" producers on the "Space Force." It's about people creating a sixth branch of the armed services focused on space.



KEITH RICHARDS

Keith Richards is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his solo debut album by re-issuing it. Richards will reissue the album "Talk is Cheap" on March 29. It will include six bonus tracks and will be released digitally, on CD, on vinyl and as a box set.

NEW YORK

CBS' Mo Rocca To Begin Podcast Series on 'Mobotuaries'

CBS News "Sunday Morning" correspondent and humorist Mo Rocca has his own spin on obituaries. In a new podcast and book called "Mobotuaries" — he takes an intriguing look at the lives and deaths of not just people, but ideas, careers and social movements. The first of eight weekly episodes premieres Thursday. A book about Rocca's stories will be published next November to coincide with a second season of podcasts.

— The Associated Press

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Hatfield's death in 2003 seemed like the end of the Righteous Brothers, but Medley revived the group in 2016 after finding his current partner, Bucky Heard.

Medley and Heard will perform a sold-out and much-anticipated show at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Medley recently spoke with the Daily Sun about the Righteous Brothers and the upcoming show.

What can people expect from your show?

We do all the hits, and all of the stuff that people want to hear. We come with a great band. My daughter comes with us. It's a lot of fun and really entertaining. I think people will get exactly what they want and maybe a little more.

How does it feel to know that your songs are still so popular today?

It feels wonderful. It's kind of an out-of-body experience to

know there are people all over the U.S. and the world that are in love with "Unchained Melody." It makes sense that they are, but it's just amazing. I know that the music that I was raised listening to was very important to me and that's what's happening here.

How did you find your new partner, Bucky Heard?

In 2006 I went to Branson, Missouri, to do some work, and he was doing a show there. We became good friends way back then. Then he left that show and started doing his own and I went to see him. He was doing a couple of Journey songs and he just blew me away. In the meantime, I'd had a million fan letters and my agent and managers were saying I should re-form the Righteous Brothers. I wasn't really hot on the idea until I heard Bucky. Because he was such a good friend and I liked him a lot, I knew he would be the guy if I were to do it. I asked if he wanted to be a Righteous Brother, and he said, "That's better than being Bucky Heard!"

What's different now?

You can't replace Bobby. He was one of a kind. Bucky was actually really influenced by Bobby. Musically, they're remarkably the same. The chemistry with Bucky and I onstage is not exactly what Bobby and I had, but it's very similar. They both have a great sense of humor. It feels comfortable. I feel like it is the Righteous Brothers.

You've had a long career. What keeps you going?

Who would quit this? Somebody said, "When are you going to retire?" I said I'd have to get a job first. This is a 15-year-old boy's dream. I'm a one-trick pony and this is what I do. I'm just blessed to still be doing it. I guess I do it because I can, and I love it so much. I love the music and I love our band and I love Bucky and my daughter is out there singing with me.

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Bundchen Fires Back in Feud With Brazil Agriculture Chief

The supermodel opposes deforestation in her home country during a debate over the Amazon's future.

By ANNA JEAN KAISER
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian supermodel turned environmental activist Gisele Bundchen is pushing

back against the agricultural minister in her homeland, along the way wading into a growing debate about the future of the Amazon.

The brouhaha began Monday when Minister Tereza Cristina Dias accused Bundchen of tainting the country's image abroad. During a radio interview, Dias called the supermodel a "bad Brazilian" for denouncing deforestation and said the model should be promoting Brazil's agriculture

and industries.

Late Wednesday, Bundchen wrote a measured response, saying she would "be happy to announce positive actions" taken toward sustainable development.

In her letter, Bundchen said she was surprised by the derogatory mention. She said her criticisms, which included a series of Tweets last year, were based on science and came from a "worried Brazilian citizen."

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