

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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STRIP TRIPPIN.....What she doesn't sing, she says with her gorgeous form, is an apropos description of the stunning **ABBE LANE**, now costarring with Joey Bishop at the Sahara Hotel. The international beauty who's been conquering audiences since she was a sixteen year old singer/dancer with 'that' Latin band, has a new show at the Congo Room, and with each appearance here Abbe gets more surprising, more versatile, and if possible, more beautiful. This is going to be a busy busy year for the popular Abbe.... she's doing a lot more television, movies, theaters, and finally, with all those fans waiting, Abbe will be recording again. As if her on stage activity weren't enough, Abbe also now has several publishers coaxing her into writing her autobiography - how a little girl from Brooklyn became the international symbol of the Latin beat, a movie star, performed for kings, queens and an occasional Shah, and has continued to be one of the world's top nitery attractions. Abbe's recent appearances in London, Barcelona, Cannes, Tel Aviv, and New York were blockbusters.... Big chuckle round town is that so called "news flash" - obviously dreamed up by an out of town newshawk hoping to cash in on someone else's fame. A very big national newspaper magazine was "fed" a story about a certain super superstar singer who was playing Blackjack and got so angry when he was told the house rules were "no splitting of pairs" that he turned the table over and stomped out. How and why do these stories even get started? A - the star is just not that easily angered about anything so trivial as a card game; B - no casino in town

TYLER MURRAY, THE VIVACIOUS SONG-STRESS PERFORMING NIGHTLY WITH THE CHARLIE SHAFER TRIO IN THE LAND-MARK'S NIFTY NOOK, SPREADS HER OWN BRAND OF SUNSHINE FROM 10 P.M. UNTIL 4 A.M. EXCEPT MONDAYS.

has such a rule against splitting pairs; C - it would take a bionic man or King Kong at least, to be able to even move a blackjack table bolted to the floor of many casinos, let alone overturn it....**GABRIEL** "Welcome Back, Kotter" **KAPLAN**, now at the Riviera with **NEIL SEDAKA**, returns once again this summer guesting with **ANDY WILLIAMS** at Caesars Palace in July. The slimmer, trimmer Gabe who's been finding it harder and harder to be anonymous, has also become the top ranking "most eligible bachelor" in show business, but rarely has time to date with his hectic

television nightclub and recording careers all going at full throttle. This week however, Gabe did get to spend a few days with one of his favorite ladies, **LEE WALSH**, the current "Miss Florida" and finalist in the Miss U.S.A. and Miss Universe pageants. Lee flew in from Miami to catch Gabe's Riv opening.... **MERV GRIFFIN**, producer **BETTY BITERMAN**, Griffin Productions prexy **MURRAY SCHWARTZ**, and talent coordinator **DON KANE** in town for Merv's Caesars Palace week of tapings, and talent scouting the Strip for new acts for their upcoming summer sessions. Next month the Griffin show goes to Monte Carlo - they'll return to the Palace sometime in July.... And speaking of **MERV GRIFFIN** isn't it about time (and long overdue) that Merv and his show be given some special and official recognition from the Resort Hotel Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Las Vegas - or a combination of all three - for the incalculable millions and millions of dollars of publicity and promotion the Merv Griffin Show gives to Las Vegas every time he tapes a week here. Merv and his show have become 90-minute Strip marquee and Las Vegas billboards with the accent on the positive. And the Griffin show doesn't even attempt to get hotel advertising or sponsorship, yet nearly every hotel, star and act in town gets millions of dollars in publicity. There must be something Las Vegas can do to publicly express its collective appreciation to our goodwill ambassador and his staff.....

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT..... the fabulous new **ALADDIN HOTEL**, it's \$60 million **TOWER OF MAJESTY**, the beautiful new showrooms and lounge, and the entire hotel-casino complex that is so extravagantly decorated, tastefully coordinated, and so comfortably arranged to meet every visitor's needs in the way of conveniences, services, restaurants, cocktail bars, gaming areas, dining facilities, etc., etc. More to come including the **SOLD OUT** opening of the Theater of Performing Arts concert by **NEIL DIAMOND**, the July 8-12 concert of **CHICAGO**, and still more expansions, additions, renovations, and luxuries that'll make the Aladdin Hotel "THE" hotel of the Strip..... Canada's rock star powerhouse, **JOHN MIKL** - "THOR" - who'll be starring in Joe Peterson's-David March's upcoming "RED, HOT AND BLUE" musical comedy revue opening this month

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