

# OF THE STARS

## JOEY BISHOP, ABBE LANE AT DEL WEBB'S SAHARA

Take one of the funniest men in show business today. Add a beautiful woman with a superb voice and sex appeal. Put them together on one stage and you are certain to come up with a sure hit.

Hotel Sahara has come up with such an entertainment recipe combining the outstanding talents of longtime favorite comic Joey Bishop and dazzling Abbe Lane. Since opening night in the resort's Congo

Room guest have been giving the dynamic duo standing ovations, making such comments as "The show is just sensational."

There is not one dull moment from the time Miss Lane opens the 90-minute show with "Lonely Night" until Bishop belts out his final laugh line.

Bishop, making his third appearance at the Del Webb resort, has never been better, agree critics. He keeps the audience in stitches, hammering out comedy chatter at a record-breaking pace. The veteran performer talks about just everyone -- from his celebrity neigh-



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hors in Southern California to his own family. His special lyrics to the musical number from "Fiddler on the Roof" is just one of the show stoppers. Toss in his comedy while playing the mandolin and you realize why he has been so successful in show

business the last 25 or so years.

Miss Lane dazzles audiences, offering 10 musical numbers and several gown changes. The beautiful vocalist-dancer, who speaks a half dozen languages, not only offers several popular numbers but draws special cheers

with her Latin, Italian and Brazilian medleys.

The New York-born entertainer generates excitement from the minute she goes onto center stage.

"Teach the Children Love" is another number highlighting her part of the crowd-pleasing show. The song was specially written for the talented performer.

The Bishop-Lane show will continue to be featured in the Congo Room through June 16 with the dinner show at 8 p.m. and the cocktail performance at midnight.

Rounding out the Sahara's weekend entertainment in the Casbar Lounge are two superstars in famed vocalist Nelson Sardelli and veteran singer Jimmie Rodgers who closes after Sunday's performance. Sardelli, booked for one week, closes Sunday night.

(and isn't that also one of the early summer "SURPRISES" coming to the Aladdin, too??) with a cast also featuring MAGGIE MONTGOMERY, CARMEN DEL RIO, JERRY KURLAND, PETER CASTLE, LOUIS VITACO, and more. John Mikl, back from some business meetings in Vancouver and Toronto (he'll be signing a new record contract and releasing his first single before July), is taking to Vegas like the proverbial duck to water. He loves going to shows and is as excited and enthusiastic about seeing American stars as any firsttime tourist. BOBBIE GENTRY, LIBERACE, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., ABBE LANE, JOEY BISHOP, NEIL SEDAKA, GABRIEL KAPLAN, and a return visit to "Hallelujah Hollywood" have been among John's favorites -- whenever he has time between rehearsing his own show, working with the "Red, Hot and Blue" company, having new costumes made, and supervising the special effects that are part of his "Thor - God of Thunder and Lightning" body rock revue-within-a-revue.....

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 NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... DIANA ROSS opens a special two week engagement in New York this month with her full Las Vegas show. Also reportedly Broadway bound with their so-called "Vegas Shows" -- JULIET PROWSE, ANN-MARGRET, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, LIBERACE, THE OSMONDS, and HELEN REDDY .....RIP TAYLOR gets to pop by his permanent Vegas residence, enroute from his just closed Harrah's Reno stint to another week of guest tapings on "Break the Bank". Rip will also be guesting on the "Tonight Show", and is wanted to join the all star celebrity talent scouts on a new show called "GONG". Meantime there's that incessant and getting louder than ever clamor for Rip to make his return to the Las Vegas Strip; looks like he'll do just that come August..... ADD columnists FORREST DUKE, BILL WILLARD and JOE DELANEY, plus performers like RICH LITTLE, NEIL SEDAKA, THE OSMONDS, LIBERACE, HANK HENRY, ABBE LANE, MILTON BERLE, ROWAN & MARTIN, TYBEE, BOBBIE GENTRY, "CHINK" HINES, and longtime Vegas observers including producers ALAN LEE, MATT GREGORY, JOE PETERSON, maitre'd's RAY PISTILLI (Dunes), BOB KELLY, EDDIE KING (Tropicana), FRANK SHANE (Flamingo), and dozens and dozens more to the growing list of interviewees for the "I REMEMBER VEGAS....." book being prepped by JOAN RIVERS and yours truly for a Christmas publication. The cooperation and cordiality has been exceeded only by the endless fascination, anecdotes, hilarious memories, and revealing recollections of all the people adding their own memory lane favorites to the expanding tome.....

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 WEEKEND WANDERERS..... SAMMY DAVIS, JR. at Caesars Palace..... JOEY BISHOP and ABBE LANE at the Sahara..... "FOLIES BERGERE" at the Tropicana..... "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes..... NEIL SEDAKA and GABRIEL KAPLAN at the Riviera..... BOBBIE GENTRY at the Frontier.....

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