

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

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STRIP CHATTER.....is ELVIS PRESLEY going to "retire" from live appearances again?? So say the so-called insiders from Hollywood to New York.....Movie star-singer JAMES DARREN who postponed his return to the Strip til later this summer, awaiting the final scripting and music for his upcoming film bio of Rudolph Valentino.....Comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN in for a quick week with Paul Anka at Caesars Palace, stars in his own ABC-TV weekly series this fall. Titled "Welcome Back", the series is about a young high school teacher returning to teach at his alma mater. Gabe starts filming in July which may cut into his next Vegas date - with MAC DAVIS at the Grand in August.....DIANA ROSS who's been film-making for several months, returns to Caesars Palace on June 19.....Delicious ABBE LANE, picking up so many international dates in jet-set favorites like Monaco, Barcelona, Cannes, etc. may take a break from her world travels to return to Vegas early this summer. Hear tell that Abbe's wanted to costar with tv's TELLY SAVALAS when he makes his nitery bow at the Sahara.....Sexy SUZETTE SUMMERS, back after a year's tour with the Minsky shows in the east, is the star exotic of JERRY NORMAN's "Wild World of Burlesque" at the Holiday Casino. Somebody at the Holiday insisted on hanging onto that title even though Norman's show is all new - starring The Snyder Brothers. "Wild World" has been on the Holiday marquee for months and not many visitors know that the current show is completely different.....Speaking of marquees, have you noticed the one at the Royal Las Vegas Casino on Convention Center Drive?? Jess Mack's "Burlesque '75" stars "Live Adult Nudes". Huh?? What else could it be?? Minor-age nudes on film??.....The prize for the month's most cluttered marquee goes to the Thunderbird Hotel. It's loaded with details, times, names, and etc., but all it really says is "All You Can Eat" at the Thunder-breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets!.....JERRY VAN DYKE is the opening star attraction at the new Marina Hotel's Mirage Showroom set for a May 16 premiere. Dancer-choreographer NICK



SINGER JOYCE VONN IN VIVA BURLESQUE

NAVARRO's "Love Affair" opens in June. Also upcoming at the Marina: LOUIS PRIMA, CORK PROCTOR, JOANIE SOMMERS, RAY ANTHONY.....Only in Las Vegas: a new company of ICE SKATING CHIMPS joins the George Arnold-Bill Moore "Spice on Ice" revue now at the Hacienda Hotel.....ROBERT GOULET, returning to the Frontier Hotel in late June for a six-week stand will have at least two - and maybe three - different guest-stars during the run. NORM CROSBY & FOSTER BROOKS to mention two.....

NOTES IN NEON.....Zany RIP TAYLOR (now starring in the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana) met MOHAMMAD ALI (in training at the Trop for his May 16 bout here) and says he did some sparring with Ali but quit when the Champ knocked his toupee off. Rip's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan arrived in town this week and the first thing their son showed them was a new house he just purchased for them on Desert Inn Road!! Taylor departs the "Folies" on June 3.....RUTH BUZZI guests next with HELEN REDDY at the MGM Grand opening June 18.....It's been nearly five months since the World Premiere of producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN's "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Aladdin Hotel. The show - a tongue in cheek

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splash of French music hall sexy and kinky cavorting - has broken all existing attendance records for the hotel showroom: and is still going stronger than ever. "Vive" features an all star cast of French and American performers including singer ROBERT SISSA, magician THE GREAT TOMSONI, comedy acrobats ILES ROSETTI, specialty act SADHJI, and a couple of dozen of Ashton-picked beauties LES FEMMES DE PARIS. A big favorite as the "between shows" show (with a 10 p.m. perf nightly), "Vive Paris Vive" is the show show-folk see. In recent weeks, CHARO, RUTH BUZZI, FABIAN, BOBBIE GENTRY, JIM NABORS, LIBERACE, RIP TAYLOR, LESLIE UGGAMS, MARTY ALLEN, KAYE BALLARD, and dozens of others have been dropping by to catch Ashton's high spirited romp....DOUG KELLY, a former Las Vegas advertising man

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