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mopolitan of Las Vegas.

Simon at Palms Place has a new "power lunch" trio (\$18-\$21) that's designed to have you out in 30 minutes.

Buzios, Martorano's, and VooDoo Steak at the Rio have new three-course menus for \$29, \$39, and \$49, respectively. Each menu offers an appetizer, entrée, and dessert with optional supplements and wine pairings.

Club Fortune Casino (725 S. Race-

track Rd., Henderson) has laid down the latest food challenge. Eat the 12-patty "Colossus Burger" in 20 minutes or less and get it free, along with a T-shirt and your photo on the wall. The burger is served from 11 am to 10 pm daily for \$19.99 in Emily's Café. ■

ENTERTAINMENT

Review

The David Perrico Group

Here's a recommendation on the come. We say that because The David Perrico Group doesn't currently have a regular gig, but it figures to soon and it's another one of those Vegas entertainment gems that you might never know about without being tipped off. The full name of the band is the David Perrico Group featuring Marley Taylor. Taylor is the female half of the lounge favorite Zowie Bowie. Perrico is the lead trumpet and featured soloist in *Viva Elvis!* Both wanted to write and perform their own music, so they put the band together and are doing just that.

We checked them out in August when they played a single night at the Bootlegger Bistro (LVA 8/03). If you've seen Zowie Bowie, you know about Taylor and her awesome stage presence, but wait till you get a load of Perrico. You don't get the lead in *Elvis!* without having some chops and this guy is one insane trumpet player. As if that weren't enough, Taylor and Perrico are backed by a 10-piece band made up of other talented musicians from shows around town. Put 'em all together in a lounge or restaurant setting and you've got something special. Of course, you have to like the music, which the band describes as "eclectic-organic-pop-jazz," and it's all original composition, so you won't hear songs you recognize. But if you appreciate great musicians at work, you'll get that here in spades.

As mentioned above, the band isn't booked into a regular spot yet, so we

can't tell you where to see them, with the exception of a scheduled return to the Bootlegger on September 12. There's no admission fee or other charge beyond what you eat and drink (and the Bootlegger is one of Vegas' classic Italian joints, so you can add in dinner for a big night out). Perrico tells us that engagements will be listed at davidperrico.com as they materialize.

Bars and Happy Hours

(Note: These types of deals can change quickly. Call to verify.)

Silverton has \$1 Drink Thursdays, good for well drinks and drafts at all bars and restaurants.

Club Fortune has \$1 drinks from 6 pm to midnight on Tuesdays.

Str8upLounge (4970 S. Ft. Apache) has happy hours from 5 to 7 pm and midnight to 2 am every day, with half-price appetizers and \$2 off drinks.

A new to-go cocktail bar called Numb has opened at Caesars, as has chef Bryan Ogden's (son of Bradley) new Munch restaurant, an "homage to the greasy-spoon restaurants of the 1950s with a bit of a gourmet twist."

Rumjungle has closed at MBay.

At Addiction Bar in Rumor, a Smoky Mary is \$12, a shot of Jameson is \$9, and a Bud Lite is \$4. In Zuri at MGM, a Heineken is \$7.50. At Pink Taco in the Hard Rock, a Pacifico is \$6. In Lobby Bar at Hooters, a Heineken is \$5.50. At the Bootlegger, a draft Peroni or Stella Artois is \$5.25. At 32 in M Resort, a Heineken is \$5. At Little Macau, a Stella Artois or Macau beer is \$5. At Rocks Lounge in Red Rock a Bud is \$4. At Spectators Bar (S. Durango) a Bud draft is \$2.75. ■

Notes

- The last performance of the long-running *Lance Burton* show at Monte Carlo is Sept. 4th. So far, there's been no word on whether Lance will relocate to a different venue.
- After raising the price of its VIP seats to a record \$305.97, *Donny & Marie* at the Flamingo cut that ticket back to \$295.13 (still \$5.50 more than before last month's increase). The price of other tiers was also reduced slightly and the range is now \$113.63/\$129.03/\$146.63/\$295.13.
- A new boxing series called Friday Night Fights debuts this month in the Crown Theater at the Rio; tickets begin at \$25.
- Rumors are swirling that Madonna is next up for a Celine-, Bette-, Cher-like residency. No casino has been named, however, and reports of a five-year \$1 billion deal are preposterous enough to cast doubt over the entire story.
- A supper club with dinner and dancing is set to open this month at Sam's Town. Wes Winters' 88 Key Club will operate on Friday and Saturday nights.
- *Jubilee!* at Bally's celebrated its 29th anniversary last month.
- The former Velvet Lion gentlemen's club is now a gay club called Secret.

See the ADVANCE PLANNER for dates, prices, and additional show updates.