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IN CELEBRITY ROOM TO APRIL 9TH

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....MILTON BERLE, who's been getting standing ovations nightly at the Frontier Hotel where Uncle Miltie is starring with Frank Sinatra Jr. and Jerry Collins, has been leading the Strip for star-hopping and showroom visiting. Milton led the comedy parade at Jackie Gayle's closing night at the MGM Lion's Den, popped over to the Hilton Vestal Virgin to guest on the new "Vegas Show" radio broadcasts, guested with Joe Delaney for telecast this weekend on KSHO-TV, and this Sunday will be the Superstar guest on Sig Sakowicz's new Channel 8 (KLAS-TV) live afternoon show. Between shows, Milton is at his ad libbing best and 'round town to chat with pals like Ann-Margret, Don Rickles, Buddy Hackett, Shecky Greene, etc., etc.....**JAMES DARREN**, who just closed at the Sahara Congo Room, has been set for return stints, with his favorite booster Buddy Hackett, in May, June, July, November and December. This week Buddy and Jimmy headline at Corbett Monica's new Nanuet Theater Go-Round in New York, and will be together at Valley Forge Music Fair and the Shadygrove Theater (in Washington, D.C.).....**JOAN RIVERS**, returning to the MGM Grand, with Helen Reddy, in May, was s.o.s.ed to join Paul Anka at Lake Tahoe to fill in for the just cancelled Sonny & Cher. Joan will be back at her Beverly Hills headquarters the Ye Little Club in April.....**THE JACKSON FIVE** debut, at the MGM Grand, on April 10..... Getting ready for the crush of the season, the Riviera welcomes **ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK** back for his first 1974 engagement, opening April 3. Engelbert's good pal, **TOM JONES** will be back at Caesars Palace in May.....

made his way thru the celebrants, who naturally, applauded his efforts. It was a funny sight; and the first time, a **STREAKER** has been known to stop and chat along the way!!.....**FRANKIE RANDALL**, just back from his most recent nitery tour, will be releasing his own tune, "HELLO, VEGAS" nationally this month. Frankie's song was the one chosen by the Las Vegas Public Relations Association to represent all of Las Vegas' national promos.....**THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS**, now featured in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris", are all waiting expectantly to become uncles and father respectively! Leader **WASHINGTON DE LOS SANTOS** and wife **CAROL** are infanticipating their heir (or heiress) **ANY MINUTE!!** The exciting and brilliant crowd-pleasers are now into their second year at the Dunes where they stop the show nightly with their hairraising exhibition of bolo and sword dancing!!.....

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....Zanyman RIP TAYLOR, now headlining at the Stardust Lounge, is not only getting a chance to show off his sparkling (and sequins for WEEKS!) new wardrobe but he is also singing in his new act. Audience reaction to the serious side of Ripper has been so successful, Taylor's now mulling an offer to do an album of music and comedy.....New singing sensation, 22-year-old **LOIS ARLEN**, now in her Vegas debut at the Royal Casino showroom. Lois who just closed at the elegant Cafe Gigi in Miami, goes to L.A. this week to sing for Johnny Carson's eagle-eyed talent scouts.....Singer **RICHARD CURTIS**, now tousing in the midwest and heading for a string of dates in Detroit, Dallas, Chicago and Denver, has been signed to record his first single for the Alchemy label. The Curtis Show recently showcased at the Landmark Supper Club.....Fellow V.V. columnist **SUZANNE VEGAS** off again - she's an exotic dancer by night and an entertainment scribe by day - to San Francisco, Seattle and LA's Cornet Theater.....

STRIP BITS.....Producer-director **JERRY SCHAFER**, here with his Affinity Production of "HORACE & FRED" signed Bowery Boy favorite **HUNTZ HALL** to take on a costarring role in the rolling comedy-adventure flick. Also joining the cast is "MOD SQUAD" chief, **TIGE ANDREWS**. Filming continues thru the month at various Las Vegas locations.....**JON MICHAEL VINCENT** has been signed to join **GENE HACKMAN, CANDICE BERGEN & JAMES**

Australian John Newcombe & Brian Gottfried of Florida, the first two champions, have confirmed their invitations to compete in the Third Annual \$150,000 Alan King-Caesars Palace Tennis Classic, May 13-19, it was announced by tournament director Poncho Gonzales.

Winners of the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and French and the three groups of World Championship of Tennis tournaments qualify for this the world's richest 32-man event.

Other professionals who have thus far qualified include: Rod Laver winning the U.S. Pro Indoor at Phila., Tom Okker, Rothmans Int'l at Torontot; Arthur Ashe, Astor Cup in Italy; Stan Smith, WCT For Child in N.Y.; Bjorn Borg, Rothmans in London and Cliff Drysdale, Saga Bay in Miami.

Gottfried qualifies by being the defending champion while Newcombe has already won WCT tournaments at Saint Petersburg, Fla., and LaCosta, Calif.

Gottfried battled thru the field last year to upset Ashe in the finals winning the \$30,000 top prize and Newcombe won the inaugural Classic by defeating Drysdale.

The Semi-finals and finals will again be carried live over nat'l television

The Alan King--Caesars Palace Tennis Classic is one of two sanctioned events of the Association of Tennis Professionals and also carries sanctions by the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association and International Lawn tennis Federation

The week-long tournament also features Pro Celebrity and Hall of Fame round robin doubles events.

COBURN in Richard Brooks' "Bite the Bullet" western adventure film which starts shooting at the Valley of Fire on April 1.....**MERV GRIFFIN** will be bringing his teleseries back to the Strip for another week of "Direct From Las Vegas" salutes next month. Merv is now scheduled to return April 28 to Caesars Palace.....**THE OSMOND BROTHERS** will reportedly make their first Tropicana Superstar Theater appearance in July.....**LESLIE UGGAMS**, who opens next at the Flamingo Hotel, is bringing in a brand new show - and it's going to be Leslie's biggest production yet! The title of the show is just about firm to be "**LESLIE UGGAMS AT THE COTTON CLUB**" and the show will recreate the internationally famous Harlem nightclub with a chorus line of dancers, singers, comedians, and the stunning Miss Uggams headlining.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....UNCLE MILTIE at the Frontier.....**BOBBIE GENTRY** in her lavish new "That's What I Like About the South" company at the Desert Inn.....**JIM NABORS** and his most unusual and delightful costar, **CHARO (GOLLLLLLEEEEEEEEE and OLE to you, too!!)** are at the Sahara Congo Room.....**BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE"** at the Aladdin with exotic Denise Montego, tassel twirler **SATAN'S ANGEL**, dancers **MARINA MAUBERT & JIMMY ROGERS**, and Top Banana **IRV BENSON.....BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S** marathon laugh getter "**BOTTOMS UP**" going stronger than ever at the Circus Circus Hippodrome.....

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