

LAS VEGAS SHOWEASE

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LAS VEGAS



WINTER WONDERLAND.....Not even the usual December doldrums can effect the magnetizing appeal of Elvis Presley, now at the Las Vegas Hilton for a limited appearance (Dec. 2-15) on a special show schedule of one performance per night....**WAYNE NEWTON** now at the Frontier (and opening at the Sands Dec. 10) is another star unaffected by season or tourist counts. Wayne's biggest and most loyal fans are local Las Vegas who follow him from showroom to showroom, season after season, year after year. Wayne will be at the Sands Dec. 10-16, and re-opens Dec. 26 for the holiday show....**DON RICKLES** is the December star at the Riviera, celebrating its 20th year anniversary. Don's guest star (Dec. 5-11) is **JOHN DAVIDSON**. On Dec. 12, **JOSE FELICIANO** joins Rickles....**SAMMY DAVIS JR.** returns to Caesars Palace (Dec. 4-17) with his special guest star **BILLY ECKSTINE**.....

SPECIAL AUDITION FOR SHOWGIRLS, DANCERS, NUDES.....Twenty count 'em - twenty beautiful blondes and redheads will be producer **BARRY ASHTON'S** special gift to Tokyo, Japan when he premieres his new "Las Vegas Spectacular" in February. Ashton and his partner, **WOLF KOCHMANN** will be in Las Vegas on December 12 (at the Flamingo) to audition showgirls and dancers for the new revue. The engagement in Tokyo will be for six months with a most unusual clause in the contract calling for a three week vacation mid-way thru the engagement. Rehearsals will start in January.....



DINO PAVENTI, LEFT, NEW JUNKET COORDINATOR FOR THE DESERT INN, IS WELCOMED BY CASINO MANAGER, **MIKE BONFIGLIO**.

STRIP COMINGS AND GOINGS.....The all new **FREDERIC APCAR** production of "CASINO DE PARIS" opens December 26 at the Dunes Hotel & Country Club. Signed for the new spectacle in one of the featured act slots are **THE VETERANS**, from Sweden, **THE FLYING FERCOS** family, of Czechoslovakia, featured in the just closed "Casino", head next for a year long engagement in South America. **THE REYCARDS** open later this month in Los Angeles and in January in Hawaii....**ANN-MARGRET**, now in Paris to film her starring role with Bruce Dern in

"The Twist", returns to the Las Vegas Hilton on December 23. One of the new segments in A-M's show will be a special medley written just for her by three-time Academy Award winner **Marvin Hamlisch**. When **Ann-Margret** closes at the Hilton on January 5, she returns immediately to France to complete the movie role..... **PETULA CLARK**, just at Caesars Palace and returning next March to the Riviera, flies to Toronto to guest star on **BOBBY VINTON'S** syndicated television show, then home to Switzerland for the Christmas holidays....**MITZI GAYNOR** opens New Year's Eve at the Eden Roc in Miami....**MEL TORME**, last here at the Sands, has been signed to headline the holiday show opening at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on December 26....**RIP TAYLOR**, the resident zany (he now has three homes in Las Vegas) opens Dec. 23 at the **STUDIO ONE** in Hollywood....**BOBBIE GENTRY**, enjoying a short rest at her Las Vegas ranch, opens December 26 at the Desert Inn for two weeks, and opens again on January 15 at the Frontier....**SHECKY GREENE**, just at the MGM Grand with **Barbara Eden**, will have **FLORENCE HENDERSON** as his special guest star when he returns to the Celebrity Room on December 26.....

THE 5TH ANNUAL LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS will be presented on December 10 at the Stardust Hotel. The annual all star show starts at 2 p.m. with **SAMMY DAVIS JR.** hosting. Gueststar presenters of the Awards (voted by more than 1,500 members of the Las Vegas Academy of Variety and Cabaret Artists) include **BOBBIE GENTRY**, **RIP TAYLOR**, **GABRIEL KAPLAN**, **DON RICKLES**, **FOSTER BROOKS**, **DIANE FINDLAY**, **ROGER MINAMI**, **JOAN RIVERS**, **PHYLLIS DILLER**, **JOHN DAVIDSON**, **WAYNE NEWTON**, and many others still to be announced. The Las Vegas Entertainment Awards are open to the public on a limited seating basis only. Members of the Academy will be advised this week on where and how to make reservations and obtain tickets.....

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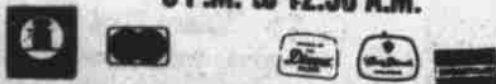
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