

# LAS VEGAS

# STARDUST AWARDS

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**LAS VEGAS**



**STRIP CHATTER....FRANKIE VALLI** (and the Four Seasons) back at the Riviera - his first Strip date in more than a year, and three hit records later - is the "hot" ticket of the week. **DON RICKLES**, headlining the show, pays gracious and typically "nice guy" Rickles honor to Valli by calling him a "headliner in his own right" and a brilliant talent. Valli now joins the Riviera's very elite roster of male stars "discovered" and "rediscovered" this past year who will be the major superstars of the 1970's. Frankie should be headlining on his own in '76 along with stars like **NEIL SEDAKA**, **BOBBY VINTON** & **JOHN DAVIDSON**. Bobby will make his headliner bow at the Riviera on January 9 with comedy star **GABRIEL KAPLAN** ("Welcome Back, Kotter"), and John has one more costarring appearance, opening Dec 5 with Don Rickles. Davidson headlines in '76....**FLORENCE HENDERSON** re-appears on the Vegas scene after several months absence costarring with **SHECKY GREENE**, opening Christmas Day at the MGM Grand...Also Grand-bound, for a special limited engagement, is sexy & beautiful **MISS CONNIE STEVENS** who'll open on Dec 11 for one week only....This week, it's everybody's favorite "Pet" - **PETULA CLARK** returning, on special loan from the Riviera, to headline for one week (Nov 27-Dec 3) at Caesars Palace, with comedy star **DON ADAMS**. Petula's recent outings at the Riviera with her all new "Why Not, Petula?" musical revue were among the mid-summer highlights of the Strip. Petula, who recently broke every attendance record at the elegant Waldorf Astoria in New York, is scheduled to return to her homebase hotel, the Riviera, in March....**ANTHONY NEWLEY**, a nominee as Male Star of the Year in the 5th annual Las Vegas Entertainment Awards, costars next with **THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS** at the Riviera, December 26....The six ( and in some cases, seven) top nominees in the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards will hear the final voting results at a special presentation set for December 10 at the Stardust Hotel...**MARGRET**, a finalist for Female Star of the Year, may have to miss the Awards because of a previous commitment to fly directly to Paris when she closes her current Hilton engagement for her starring role in "THE TWIST". A-M will also be dashing back to re-open her special Christmas-New Year's engagement at the Hilton on December 23 - with some new segments including a special medley being written for her by Academy Award winner **MARVIN HAMLISCH**....**JUANITA CUIRIEL**, a former member of Wayne Newton's "Jive Sisters", is turning her talents toward song writing in earnest. Juanita has now completed more than 30 songs that she's putting on tapes for presentation to singers and groups. She's being encouraged by her former boss **WAYNE NEWTON** who's heard much of her material and other recording artists like **The 5th Dimension**, **Bobbie Gentry**, **Diana Trask**, etc etc. Could be the local beauty will be Las Vegas' own **Carly Simon**, **Carole King**, **Joan Baez**, etc.....

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**NOTES FROM ALL OVER....RIP TAYLOR**, just "home" for a week, opens this week at Harrah's Reno, then goes directly to Harrah's Tahoe for two more weeks. On Dec 23, Rip re-open **STUDIO ONE**...**MICKEY MANNERS**, now a resident again on the West Coast, has tv game producer **RALPH ANDREWS** measuring him for a new series property. Manners did several guesting in recent weeks on a couple of game shows, talk shows, etc and the public response has been more than impressive enough to warrant Andrews' wanting Mickey to host his own show....**ZSA ZSA GABOR**, **ALEXIS SMITH**, **YVONNE DeCARLO**, **ANN MILLER**, & **GINGER ROGERS** among filmom's beauties

who are reportedly eyeing Las Vegas for a return to niteries. Also, isn't **BETTY HUTTON** readying a new Vegas act???.**MITZI GAYNOR** will headline for old boss **Morris Lansburgh**, in a special New Year's date at the Eden Roc in Miami, Dec 31 thru Jan 4....**RICH LITTLE** with the only star musical variety series upcoming on NBC's "second season" postponed his Riviera bow 'til at least May of '76....**BARBRA STREISAND** reportedly "considering" fulfilling her long standing contract with the Las Vegas Hilton in a mid-year appearance. Hear that the elusive **Miss S.** also wants to do an "Elvis schedule" of one show per night. **ELVIS** opens Dec 2-15 with 10 PM perfs only....

**ROUND TOWN....Comedy star RONNIE SCHELL**, who's done such a great job in his two Las Vegas appearances this year (with **PEGGY LEE**, and the just closed date with

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