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NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....BRECK WALL'S all new edition of "BOTTOMS UP", currently breaking attendance records at Harrah's Reno (where the show will play until at least September). A second company, now at the Arlington Hilton (in Chicago) kicked off the area's racing season with a 10-week engagement. Several hotels are vying for the Las Vegas run of the musical comedy laughathon which is celebrating its 24th year! "Bottoms Up" opens in Dallas, Texas (where it originated) in the fall, and will travel to Australia in December for its second tour of the Down Under continent....**JOAN RIVERS** last here with Sergio Franchi at the Grand, and returning in August with Bobby Vinton, got the start date for her first full length film from Columbia for mid-October. Tentatively titled "The Great Roxy Haul", the film scripted by Joan, will star **GEORGE SEGAL & McLEAN STEVENSON.....ABBE LANE** leaves this week for a special 10-day engagement opening a new theater in Madrid, Spain. The theater is owned by Spain's number one superstar **RAPHAEL**. From Spain, Abbe flies to London to join **JERRY LEWIS** at the new Cunard II Hotel opening in July....Producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLK KOCHMANN** ("Vive Paris Vive" at the Aladdin) open their new Las Vegas Ice Spectacular this month Tokyo, Japan. When they return from the Orient, Ashton starts prepping his new French extravaganza opening in November at the Americana Hotel in Miami (where his current revue "Femmes de Paris" is the 10th anniversary show of the Ashton-Americana association)....**RICH LITTLE & MEL TORME**, a smash at the Sands in their first duo appearance, have decided to keep the SRO-ball rolling and will appear together next month in Wallingford, Connecticut. Mel's also signed to re-open the season in New York with a return date at "BUDDY'S", the new "in" bistro owned by Buddy Rich. Mel opens September 8....Comedy star **GABRIEL KAPLAN**, who'll have his own series this fall on ABC-TV, guests next with **TELLY SAVALAS** making his Strip debut at the Sahara on June 26.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....RIP TAYLOR, the zany star who recently closed at the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" has postponed his vacation to take a working holiday as the new star of producer **ALAN LEE's** Oriental production opening July 1 at the Americana Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rip has several unbreakable commitments for this summer, and Alan has agreed to a "special limited engagement" to have Rip open the new show....**THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS** join **PETULA CLARK** when the vivacious Britisher returns to the Riviera on August 7....**TOTIE FIELDS**, looking very much the proverbial Million \$5 in a dazzling new wardrobe created by Bob Mackie and Ray Agyahan. Totie now at the Sahara with

BARBARA FAIRCHILD, HENSON CARGILL STAR IN LANDMARK'S "COUNTRY MUSIC"

The fourth edition of "Country Music U.S.A." in the Landmark's Jubilee Room is one mighty strong country / western musical revue with two dynamic recording stars at the helm -- Barbara Fairchild and Henson Cargill.

Barbara, who records for Columbia Records has amassed a string of hits that mark the beginning of superstardom for the petite blonde, including "Love Is A Gentle Thing," "Loving You Is Sunshine," "Find Out What's Happening" and "Color My World."

A cut from her album A Sweeter Love, "Teddy Bear Song" not only became number 1 in the national country charts, but also accomplished the rarity of transcending the pop field. Also an accomplished songwriter, she has co-written a majority of



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her own hits in addition to songs for other great artists such as Loretta Lynn, Liz Anderson and J. David Sloan.

A guy rough and tough enough to raise buffalo (he owns a buffalo ranch outside

of Oklahoma City) and talented enough to cut a million seller -- "Skip A Rope" -- the first time he walked into a recording studio, Henson Cargill, co-star of "Country Music" is one of the most exciting country singers to

step onto a Las Vegas stage.

Cargill's strongest trademark as a recording artist is his desire to cut a great song and interpret it in his own individualistic manner. In 1972, his recording of "Red Skies Over Georgia" was voted Song of the Year by the Nashville Songwriters Association. Recording on the Elektra label, his songs capture the emotional substance and depth of American music and society.

Also featured in the revue are comedy/recording stars, The Compton Brothers whose latest recording "Love My Music" is hit-bound on the charts with special guest star Skip Devol, banjo/humorist who has been held over for his fourth consecutive appearance.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. the most exciting country singers to a week.

special guest **BERT CONVY** (of Tattle Tales' tv-er) has a rollicking new song and dance finale with petite **PATTY MALONEY** joining in the fun of the "Real Totie Coming Thru!"....**THE JACKSON FIVE** open July 9 at the MGM Grand....**LOVELACE WATKINS**, winding this week at the Flamingo (**CONNIE STEVENS** and **KELLY MONTEITH** open June 26) has been set for a return date in September....**SIEGFRIED & ROY** (and the Tigers) the showstopping special added attraction of Donn Arden's "Hallelujah Hollywood" (at the MGM) return this week after a month long holiday in Spain, France, Switzerland and their native Germany....**PETER MARSHALL** and **FOSTER BROOKS** share co-headliner billing when they "break" the "Ladies Only" stronghold (**BOBBIE GENTRY**, **JULIET PROWSE** and **DEBBIE REYNOLDS**) at the Desert Inn Crystal Room.

STRIP HOPPING.....FRANK SINATRA in for two weeks thru July 2, now at Caesars Palace.... **DON RICKLES**, opening next month at the Riviera, will star for a special One Nighter on August 21 at Harrah's Reno. On Aug. 22, Don will open his thru Labor Day frolics at Harrah's Lake Tahoe....**NICK NAVARRO'S** new "LOVE AFFAIR" revue at the Marina Hotel stars **CORK PROCTOR**, **MICHAEL DARRIN**, **CATHY PAPPAS**, and the Navarro

Dancers. **CORK** is also appearing, in his own show, at the Hacienda Hotel lounge.... "Laugh In" favorite, **RUTH BUZZI**, the lady of a thousand disguises, is now making her MGM Grand debut, with **HELEN REDDY**. Miss Buzzi, who finally relented and put together her own nitery act earlier this year, has been keeping a breakneck schedule of nightclub and concert dates, tv appearances, and has upcoming her own tv special "Almost Anything Goes" and a co-starring role with her buddy **JIM NABORS** (who she costarred with in her Vegas bow at the Sahara) in a new kiddie's series for ABC-TV, "The Lost Saucer"Here a few days prior to her Grand opening, **RUTH** and her husband-manager **BILL KEKO** popped round town to see shows and pals including **TONY ORLANDO & DAWN** at the Riviera, **BOBBIE GENTRY** at the Desert Inn, **HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD** and **SHECKY GREENE** at the Grand, and **RICH LITTLE** and **MEL TORME** at the Sands.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....SINATRA, of course, if you can get thru the SRO-plus throngs at Caesars Palace....**LIBERACE** at the Hilton....**WAYNE NEWTON** at the Frontier....**"BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS"** at the Stardust Lounge....**MEL TORME** at the Sands....**PHIL FORD**, **JANE KEAN**, **GARY CARPENTER** and **LEZLIE DALTON** in "Mind with the Dirty Man", now past its 35th week, at the Union Plaza.....

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