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"SOMETHING SPECIAL" IS THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA'S FIRST star engagement at the Judy Bayley Theater with MISS KITTY KOVER and special guest star quick-change artist MICHAEL MCGIVENEY now set for four performances February 6 & 7. The new series of special productions is to benefit the fund-raising efforts for the UNLV's Summer Theater Repertory. Tickets go on sale this week at the University box office, at all backstage, and 'round town. Showtimes are Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. and a special late late show at 2:15 a.m. and Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$2.50. The special performer's perf at 2:15 will have tickets at \$5.00 for all seats. Kitty Kover, who has starred here in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" and the Union Plaza's "Hello, Dolly" will have a cast of twenty singers-dancers in her new show, and the UNLV Theater Arts Orchestra.....The annual Las Vegas "HAVE A HEART - SAVE A HEART" luncheon and fashion show, under the direction of chairwoman ELEANOR ROTH GASSO and co-chairwoman JAN CATALANO will be held this year at the Frontier Hotel on February 7, at noon. Proceeds go to the research program of the Nevada Heart Association. Joining Eleanor and Jan in their efforts will be many prominent Las Vegas, Strip stars, and wives of stars including Mrs. JERRY VALE (Rita is Entertainment Director for the event), Mrs. SERGIO FRANCHI, Mrs. PAT COOPER, Mrs. DICK ROMAN and Mrs. GEORGIE JOHNSTON (who is known to her tv and stage fans as Miss TOTIE FIELDS). Tax deductible tickets are \$15.00 per person, obtainable at the Nevada Heart Association office or by calling 382-9682.....The delightful GUY MARKS who makes such rare Strip appearances will be gueststar with SAMMY DAVIS JR. opening Jan. 22 at Caesars Palace. Marks' the rankest of all the comedy impressionists has made a classic of his "auditioning" Indian Chief and his banding of the 1930's singing the unforgettable "Loving You Has Made Me Bananas".....

FRANK SINATRA RECEIVES HIS "MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM THE FRIAR'S CLUB, in New York, on February 24 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Sinatra makes his first Vegas appearance at Caesars opening Jan. 15-21 with comedian Pat Henry and The Little Steps.....SHECKY GREENE, MILT KAMEN, FLORENCE HENDERSON, GABRIEL KAPLAN, DAVE BARRY, ROY CLARK, JERRY LEWIS and BILL COSBY among the stars joining host PAUL ANKA in a special two hour telecast for the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.....ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK returns to the Riviera in April.....Long time Strip veteran MITCH DeWOOD exited his post as Entertainment Director at the Tropicana..... A second MGM hotel, comparable in size to the MGM Grand here.

SKIP DE VOL AND BANJO BACK IN LANDMARK SHOW STARRING BARBARA FAIRCHILD

Emanating from the Jubilee Room of the Landmark Hotel are the pure, warm sounds of country presented by a gathering of country talent that makes up the eleventh edition of the hotel's renowned "Country Music U.S.A."

Headlining the C&W revue is writer/recording artist/performer Barbara Fairchild -- a diminutive, blonde who "Just Loves Being A Woman," (her latest release) as well as she loves to entertain -- a fact that is picked up by the audience the moment the lady steps on stage. Whether it be her big hit "Teddy Bear Song" for which she engages the aid of one of the audience's enthusiastic male admirers,



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a soft country ballad, "Secret Love" or a rousing Hank Williams medley, "Hey Good Lookin' Jambolaya" she lays it down with a sincere desire to please.

Featured with Barbara, and back at the Landmark for his sixth edition of CMUSA is Skip De Vol, banjo picker who literally introduces the banjo to many for the first

time -- the reason being that what this young man does with a banjo is relatively unheard of and rarely attempted by most musicians. Skip's flying fingers amaze audiences with renditions of "Lady Of Spain" and "California Here I Come" but the entire room is mesmerized when he puts forth a ballad, a sound unique to a banjo.

Also featured are singer Jerry Naylor (whose release "Is That All There Is To A Honky Tonk" hit high on the national country charts and has been followed by "What's A Nice Girl Like You Doing In A Honky Tonk," which promises to follow suit) and popular comic about town, Jerry Collins,

will be constructed just outside of Reno, Nevada.....Several major hotel corporation chains reportedly vying for construction sites in Las Vegas including the present site of the Thunderbird Hotel (owned by Caesars World), the old El Rancho Vegas property, the key corner adjacent to the Castaways (part of the Hughes holdings), and the half completed hotel structures on the old Las Vegas highway BOBBIE GENTRY, always such a smash favorite here, returns January 15 to the Frontier Hotel.....Academy Award winner JOEL GREY finally gets back to a Vegas stage opening April 8 at the Riviera Hotel. Also Riv bound this year: J.J. WALKER, THE POINTER SISTERS, JOHN DAVIDSON, and TONY ORLANDO and DAWN.....Popular "Wheel of Fortune" lady KAY STARR kicks off her new country-flavored image with an appearance at the Sahara Hotel with country giant MERLE HAGGARD, opening Jan. 19.....JOAN RIVERS joins SERGIO FRANCHI at the MGM Grand opening February 19.....

THE THUNDERBIRD HOTEL SHOWROOM RE-OPENS JANUARY 28 WITH THE FIRST of Jerry Vale's "Star Time" presentations with comedian RODNEY DANGERFIELD and singer DICK ROMAN co-starring. PRODUCERS BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN, WITH PROJECTS UNDERWAY ALL OVER the world, including Hong Kong, Tokyo, Miami and Las Vegas, debut

their "Las Vegas' Wonderful World of Girls" spectacular next month in Japan. Meanwhile, Ashton's "Vive Les Folies", at the Miami Americana featuring THE JOLLY JOVERS is doing record breaking business. In Vegas, Ashton's "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Flamingo has been held over indefinitely. "Vive" was recently voted Revue of the Year in the 5th annual Las Vegas Entertainment Awards (as was "Bare Touch of Vegas" now back at the Marina Hotel)....

HELEN REDDY WILL HAVE COMPOSER-SINGER BARRY MANILOW, IN HIS VEGAS bow, as her special guest star opening January 15 at the MGM Grand. Between her catalog of Golden Records and her hosting on tv's "Midnight Special" series, Helen has become one of the top drawing attractions in Las Vegas.....BRECK WALL, producer-star of "Bottoms Up" will hold auditions for singers, dancers and comedy performers when he returns from the show's current SRO engagement in Sydney, Australia on February 5. "Bottoms Up", the main company, opens Feb. 8 in Dallas, Texas; second and third road companies are also being formed for long run engagements in Boston, Chicago, Miami and Reno/Tahoe.....The 'new' 5th DIMENSION (with two new members) makes its first appearance at the Las Vegas Hilton, opening January 27 with favorite storyteller MYRON COHEN guesting.....

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