

## Country music notes

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KENNY ROGERS has had more ups and downs than a window shade — three careers, two comebacks, and four marriages. He ought to write a book, and he is. He says his music biz book will revolutionize the industry in three years. Rogers recently signed a four-year, multi-million dollar contract with his record company.

Tumble His Dice: Famous record producer PHIL SPECTOR is also legendary for outrageous behavior. Just ask LINDA RONSTADT. Spector came calling before a recent show in North Hollywood; Linda was pleased to chat with the former producer of the BEATLES. But when she begged off — explaining she had thousands of people waiting out front — Spector became agitated and demand she return. She did — only to tell him: "Go back to the zoo!"

WAYLON JENNINGS, he's a busy'un. First he and singing partner WILLIE NELSON jetted down to New Orleans to sing for the victorious DALLAS COWBOYS. The song? "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys." Then Jennings and wife JESSI COLTER flew to London for a supposed holiday, but entered Olympic Studios there on a secret recording project with rock heavies PETER TOWNSEND and ERIC CLAPTON on a "concept" album. Others who recorded the sessions in-

clude: Jessi, songwriter TOWNES VAN ZANDT, ex-Eagle BERNIE LEADON and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. GLYN JOHNS produces. Jennings has re-signed with RCA, ending a long series of rumors that he wanted out. The Jennings had their visit cut short after five days when they had to rush back to the States when Jessi's father passed away. Waylon is performing a new song these days, "Don't You Think This Outlaw Thing Has Done Got Out of Hand?" "I don't really like the term 'outlaw,'" he says. "I always thought it was corny."

### 'The Music That Made the Movies'

The "Star Wars Suite" will be conducted by its composer, John Williams, in the season premiere of a new series of "Previn and the Pittsburgh" telecasts on the public television network.

The premiere is set for 8 p.m. March 26.

The subject of the opening show is "The Music That Made the Movies."

Previn and the Pittsburgh is produced for public television by WQED, Pittsburgh, with a grant from the Alcoa Foundation. The series last year established new levels of viewership for PBS' Sunday music bloc with a heavy blend of virtuoso performances, good conversation, light moments and the might of the 106-piece Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

No syrup on hand for those brunch pancakes? Melt apple jelly or apricot preserves. If necessary, you can thin the preserves with a little of the syrup from canned fruit.