

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



Lorimar Film Entertainment detached itself from Bally's roaring traffic's boom midway during ShoWest '88 last week to give its prize exhibitors a cabaret show and buffet at the Golden Nugget Cabaret. Extra titillation for the invited guest were stars in their midst, BARBRA STREISAND twosoming with DON JOHNSON, ROBERT LINDSAY, DONNA MILLS, BRONSON PINCHOT, CARL WEATHERS, ALI SHEELY along with director and production biggies read off of bits of paper by emcee CARL REINER. JOHN FRANKENHEIMER took a bow pointing to his star DON JOHNSON, face now unstubbed, he'll be directing in "Dead Bang" in L.A. and Calgary starting in April. REINER, while juggling names, gave his picture a hype, a comedy musical "Bert Rigby, You're a Fool," lauding his star, Tony-award winner Lindsay, bright Britain-to-Broadway "Me and My Girl" twinkler. Showtime, with REINER's off-the-cuff laughers, also had a couple of other yockstars, leading lexicographer NORM CROSBY and sharp con-tempo needler ELAYNE BOOSLER. Earlier, REINER introduced SUZANNE DEPASSE, producer of "Heatwave" and during the show DESIREE COLEMAN and LOUIS PRICE sang a

medley from the movie. In charge of the unusual event, very much appreciated by exhibitors, were Lorimar's Film Entertainment chair and ASHLEY BOONE, Lorimar distribution prez. I saw Lorimar co-owner IRWIN MOLASKY bustling around, but didn't spot big satchem MERV ADELSON.

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On the following night after the Lorimar Party, DON RICKLES blustered into the GN Cabaret beset by a noted heckler. After opening singer GLORIA CRIST made her Vegas debut, and amidst RICKLES's hokey matador jibes, someone down front began reading and rustling a newspaper. Riled, but not beyond words, RICKLES let the guy have a blast of burning rhetoric. The guy -- STEVE WYNN, boss of the GN...ANN JILLIAN couldnt see eye to eye with Caesars Palace regarding her codate with GEORGE BURNS opening Wednesday. SUSAN ANTON made the date with GEORGE for a week...TIPPER GORE tippie-toed into town last week to stump for hubby, prez candidate AL, still intent upon putting labels on records containing explicit lyrics on sex and violence...Frontier odds-maker LENNY DEL GENIO's early line on Oscars have "The Last Emporor" and "Moonstruck" even money for best pix and MICHAEL DOUGLAS (Wall Street") and ROBIN WILLIAMS ("Good Morning Vietnam") best actors also even money...DANNY THOMAS hosted an allstar revue to benefit St. Judes Children's Hospital in Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts Tuesday with PIA ZADORA and SHECKY GREENE...NBC will televise four live hours of a sports fest of U.S. and Sovie-bloc nations held around the

Vegas valley June 4-5. HERB McDONALD, exec director of Las Vegas Events, Inc., negotiated the deal with the network.

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JOE BEHAR's Community Drama Workshop tosses its 3rd anni celeb roast March 31 in the Frontier's Americana Room with Circus Circus' veep MEL LARSON on the griddle. He'll be assailed by ERNEST BORGNINE, GEORGE (GOOBER) LINDSEY, Tropicana pubrel director IRA DAVID STERNBERG, DEEDA HYMES, comedian formerly with "Bottom." L. V. MAYOR RON LURIE and SHERIFF JOHN MORAN...JAMES ST. JAMES broadcast his syndicated "Hollywood Live" last Friday from Imperial Palace's Mai Tai Bar, first of six he'll vent out of IP during the next year...Another former comedian of "Bottoms Up," NANCY AUSTIN, returns to funnybiz in "Sex Over Forty" minirevue with PEPPER DAVIS, DYANNE THORNE, CHARLIE VESPIA, HELEN MAGEE and HOWARD MAURER with 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. shows at Hotel Continental...VASSILI SULICH, Nevada Dance Theater artistic director is putting the tour jetes in rehearsals for the final program closing the 1987/88 season with his choreography in "Carmen" and "Slavonic Dances" for March 10 - 13 in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theater...The Tropicana boasts an aviary of exotic birds to enhance its lavish "Island" filled with waterfalls, pools and lush greenery. DON DAVIS, the hotel's manager of horticultural services, decided to name a "Bird of the Month" and tabbed the initialer named Jake, a yellow-napped Amazon parrot who does a chicken imitation and

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