

**Mel Larson Honored By
Community Drama Workshop
March 31st**



Mel Larson

Joe Behar's Community Drama Workshop in its 15th year of service to the community with a FREE drama workshop every Monday night, (now being attended by as many as 70 students on a regular basis) is sponsoring its 3rd annual Celebrity Roast on March 31, 1988. No host cocktails at 6:30 P.M., sit down dinner at 7:30, at 8:30 the roast begins.

The roast this year will honor Mel Larson, corporate vice-president of Circus Circus Enterprises. The funds from the roast will go to a building fund for Community Drama Workshop, with the hopes of renting our own building, so that our classes can have a permanent home.

Roasters who have accepted the invitation to roast Mel are, Ernest Borgnine, one of

**Jim Williams Appointed To
Position Of Keno
Manager At The
Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino**

Jim Williams has been appointed to the position of Keno Manager at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, Casino Manager Bruce Meyer announced.

Williams, a 15-year resident of Las Vegas, joins the Imperial Palace after serving as the Keno Manager of the Golden Nugget since 1983. Previously, Williams worked at the Fremont Hotel and the Paradise Hotel and Casino before joining the Golden Nugget in 1976.

"The Imperial Palace is among the top hotel/casinos in the world and I am looking forward to the challenge," Williams said. "We will continue to strive for excellent customer relations at the Imperial Palace."

Williams' outside interests include the theatre, in which he has performed in several plays, motion pictures and television shows. His most recent performances include a "Hat Full of Rain," "Picnic" and "Stalag 17." Last year, Williams twice appeared on the TV series "Crime Story."

He is married and has three children. Williams also enjoys playing golf.

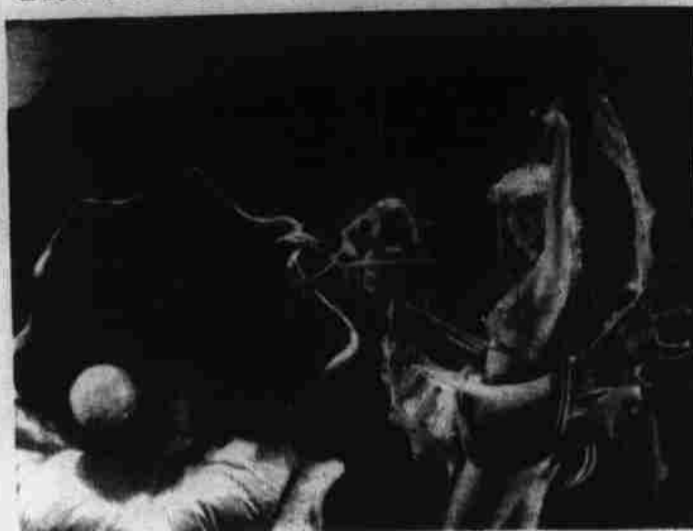
Hollywood's finest actors and an Oscar winner for the movie, "Marty." George (Goobar) Lindsey of television fame, our own mayor, the Honorable Ron Lurie, Sheriff John Moran, Tropicana Hotel's public relations executive and a comedian in his own right, Ira David Sternberg, and Deeda Hymes star for seven years of "Bottom's Up." Many other very funny people have been invited, and many will be with us. Also Thalia Dondero and Bobbie Berosini and M.C. Red McILLvaine.

Tickets are \$30. each, tax deductible, a table of 10 is \$300, this year. The roast will be held in the Americana Room of the Frontier Hotel and a gourmet dinner will be served.

Your support and attendance will be much appreciated by both our honoree Mel Larson, and by the students and friends of Community Drama Workshop.

P.S. Our door prize, donated by the Delta Queen Steamboat Corporation, will be a week for two on the Mississippi Queen or the Delta Queen valued at \$4,000. Quite a prize for a \$30. donation.

Rare Pearls Found At Riviera



Pearls, girls and exotic sea creatures can be seen in the Riviera Hotel & Casino's "Splash," produced by Jeff Kutash. The lavish aquacade, featuring world renowned specialty acts, plays twice nightly in the Riviera's Versailles Theatre at 8 and 11 p.m. Every early show of "Splash" is a family show. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by calling (702) 794-9301, or tickets can be purchased at any Ticketron outlet.

**U.S. To Maintain Level
Of Aid To Israel In 1989**

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department announced that the United States intends to give Israel \$3 billion in fiscal year 1989 after consideration of a decrease.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead explained that the department looked into reducing aid to both Egypt and Israel, the two countries that receive the most U.S. foreign aid, because of budgetary constraints.

As in 1987 and 1988, Israel is designated to receive \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid in 1989, all in the form of grants. The 1989

funding level was approved by Congress last year, when it currently set foreign aid levels for 1988 and 1989.

Egypt is to receive \$2.3 billion in both 1988 and 1989, in keeping with Congress' decision.

Whitehead said "some thought was given to" the reduction, "though there would be very little sympathy" in Congress.

The \$14.3 billion overall foreign aid budget proposed for 1989 is actually lower than that of 1988, because of inflation and the decline in the dollar's value abroad, Whitehead said. As a result, Ireland, Poland and Spain were eliminated from the foreign aid program in the 1989 budget.

Besides Egypt, other Arab countries designated to receive foreign aid in 1989 are Jordan (\$18 million), Oman (\$15 million), Morocco (\$15 million), Tunisia (12.5 million) and Lebanon (\$300,000).

Other allocations include \$7.5 million to private groups for development projects on the West Bank and Gaza Strip; \$5 million to Israel and Egypt to conduct scientific exchanges; and \$35 million for construction of a Voice of America transmitter in the Negev. Israel received \$34 million last year for that purpose.

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