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**WHO MORE APPROPRIATE** to host "The Gambler" series than Kenny Rogers. "No matter where I travel," Kenny modestly told me, "they start playing that song." And now he'll host a planned series with gambling teams competing in Indian casinos, traveling by bus around the country. There are 411 Indian casinos, but only seven casinos are (so far) set as venues. And Kenny will play a "dead man's hand" at each, sez Kelly Jungerman, Rogers' partner-pal-producer for 20 years. He's teamed with Ron Brody and Candance Gosch in Rogers' production. I asked Kenny if he's a gambler? "I learned early on," he laughed, "I can't win enough to excite me, but I can lose enough to depress me." Does Rogers have Indian heritage? "My mother told me my grandmother was one-half Cherokee," he said, "so I'm Irish-Indian." Rogers (66), proud papa of 10-month-old twin boys, has cut down his concert touring (by bus) to 130 days a year. He is completing a 12-song album of "significant songs of social value and relevance." ... Kathryn Crosby (72) stars in "The Melody Lingers On" bowing June 23 at the El Portal. Whiz-kid producer/actor Tripp Hornick (24) produces. Crosby appeared on B'way in 1997 in "State Fair." Hornick, who catalog'd Bing Crosby's material for Kathryn C., calls her "my surrogate grandmother" ... Scott Glenn stars in a series based on the Burke novels --16 books so far-- by Andrew Vachss. He's teamed with Johnnie Blanco and Lloyd Segal, who has been "chasing this project more than 10 years." The stories are about Burke, a guy who devotes his life to solving and preventing crimes of child abuse ... Al Franken brings his Air America show (KTLK, 1150 A.M. in L.A.).

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stand-up comedian. The bride's parents are famed hair stylist Dusty Fleming and his former wife, Bonnie ... Wednesday night, Jay Leno m.c'd the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance National Tribute Dinner honoring Bob Wright with its Humanitarian Award. And Jamie Foxx entertained ... Today, Holocaust Remembrance Day, composer Richard Nanes' Symphony No. 3., The Holocaust, played by the London Philharmonic, airs on EWTN and the Gospel Channel Europe and CUNY TV. Nanes lost family members in the Holocaust ... Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna cohost a panel of laugh-makers at the L.A. Free Clinic Auxiliary's annual Laughing Matter luncheon Wednesday at the BevHills Hotel ... "Monk's" Tony Shalhoub will be honored at the Southern Calif. Counseling Center's City of Lights gala today at the BevHills Hotel.

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