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Just for Variety

GOOD MORNING: It's Sharon Stone for the remake of "Diabolique" at WB with Jeremiah Chechik ("Benny and Joon") directing. Henri Georges Clouzot reined the 1955 chiller starring Simone Signoret. Marvin Worth produces ... Leslie Caron returns for her first film in the U.S. since 1964 with Cary Grant in "Father Goose." Caron heads to N.Y. in "It Only Happens With You," for David Kirkpatrick at Savoy. Yes, she will dance -- at the Rainbow Room with her love interest, who is yet to be set. And Jennifer Beals, as the young femme lead, will also show off her terping talents ("Flashdance," you recall) in the story by Eleanor Bergstein ("Dirty Dancing"), who also debut-directs ... Director Mikael Salomon takes a week off preparations of Amblin/TriStar's "Zorro" and wings to London to direct two teaser-trailers for "Judge Dredd," the Sylvester Stallone starrer for Cinergi/Ed Pressman/Buena Vista ... A fan phone call from Jerry Falwell to Bob Evans congratulated him on his book, "The Kid Stays in the Picture." Falwell told Evans, "I'm proud of you, this is 'The Raging Bull' in paper." Falwell's no stranger to Evans -- back in '87 he wrote a letter to the thousands of Christian bookstore owners, urging them to stock Evans' 42 minute film, "The Planet Is Alive," chronicling the life of Pope John Paul II. I kid you not. In that letter, Falwell called Evans "The Cecil B. DeMille of this generation." And Dec. 23, 1991, Variety front-paged the pic with "Good Evans! Russia Gets Religion," reporting Evans' (and Brad O'Leary's) film about the Pope would air (gratis, natch) in Russia Christmas Day. Evans, who is Jewish, funded (\$ 1.5 million) it himself. It was seen by 180 million Russians. Boris Yeltsin medals Evans this year. Today, Evans sets up a book-signing table in his office at Paramount for studio employees. He's also celebrating the renewal of his contract as he readies his many projects.