

ROASTING THE RACIST



TURKEY: Richards also got roasted on 'Seinfeld'

Michael Richards to be **grilled** by black comics

SHOVE an apple in his mouth and tie him to a spit: Michael Richards is getting roasted again!

This time, the 57-year-old former "Seinfeld" star – who was publicly skewered for berating hecklers with the "n" word during his comedy club routine last year – will be put on the hot seat in a celebrity roast hosted by Bernie Mac.

A huge fan of the classic Dean Martin TV roasts, Bernie has lined up Michael to be the first "guest" grilled by fellow comedians for a new series of Friars Club Roasts, which will air on cable and be released on DVD.

"Bernie and a panel of four other black comedians are preparing to verbally torch Michael for his past work and the public furor he caused with his racist tirade," said an insider.

Michael's actually looking forward to the embarrassing evening, said the insider.

He's hoping the public humiliation will help improve his tarnished reputation.

In November, Michael lost his cool during a Los Angeles stand-up performance and hurled racial slurs at blacks in the audience who heckled him.

And although he apologized on the "Late Show with David Letterman" and to civil rights leaders, the outburst was considered career-wrecking.

Although you can be sure the remarks by Bernie and the other comics will be

cruel and merciless, Bernie is actually a friend of Michael.

"Bernie thinks making Michael a piñata for a night will go a long way toward healing hurt feelings," said the insider.

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ROASTER: Bernie Mac is a friend