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**BEAR WITH HER:** Cindy Crawford hugs Bobo Bear on the set of ABC's *Muppets Tonight*, one of the many projects from the newly revived Henson Productions

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**6/A Tights Squeeze** Why Val Kilmer is out of *Batman and Robin* and George Clooney is in... TV land at Disney World... HOT SHEET... FLASHES... MONITOR... and more.

**14/Trends** Figure skating brings TV into a new ice age.

**17/Sneak Peek** Liv Tyler drinks in Tuscany in Bernardo Bertolucci's upcoming film, *Stealing Beauty*.

**18/Biz** Joan Collins' case was one of many Random House fights.

## FEATURES

**20/COVER Not Necessarily the News**

BY BENJAMIN SVETKEY How come Jessica Savitch was left out of her own biopic? Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer explain why *Up Close & Personal* is better off without her.

**28/Kong Kings** BY CHRIS NASHAWATY The success of *Rumble in the Bronx*, starring Jackie Chan, and *Broken Arrow*, directed by John Woo, spearheads an Asian invasion at the box office.

**30/The Muppet Master** BY REBECCA ASCHER-WALSH Six years after the death of Jim Henson, his son Brian has turned the once-troubled company into a thriving empire without being Piggy about it.

**36/Heaven Can Rate** BY A.J. JACOBS Dismissed as dead on arrival, CBS' wholesome *Touched by an Angel* (with Della Reese and Roma Downey) is now ascending in the Niensens.

## REVIEWS

**42/MOVIES** OWEN GLEIBERMAN on *Mary Reilly*; also *Rumble in the Bronx* and *Before and After*. **PLUS:** Star cameos.

**50/TELEVISION** BRUCE FRETTS on Aaron Spelling's *Melrose Place* and *Savannah*; also *Buddies* and *A Face to Die For*. **PLUS:** Jamie Luner, *Savannah's* bad girl.

**56/BOOKS** TOM DE HAVEN on A.M. Homes' controversial *The End of Alice*; also *You'll Never Make Love in This Town Again*.

**62/MUSIC** DAVID BROWNE on Cassandra Wilson's fusion of jazz and pop; also Steve Earle, Tupac Shakur. **PLUS:** Herbie Hancock.

**69/MULTIMEDIA** TY BURR on CD-ROM and Web music guides. **PLUS:** David and Tom Gardner's witty *Motley Fool* site.

**72/VIDEO** TY BURR on *O.J. Simpson: The Interview*, his account of what happened. **PLUS:** Lauren Hutton reviews *Unzipped*.

## DEPARTMENTS

**4/Mail** Love letters to Gillian Anderson; Joseph Vasquez's legacy.

**78/Encore** March 12, 1978: John Cazale dies of bone cancer.

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