

Littlefield signs Carson

"He's the son my mother stways wanted to have." So says Phil Donahue, that icon of sensitive guyness, of his new talk-show partner, Vladimir Porner. Donahue and Pozner will team up beginning in September for a new-issues forum on CNBC. The consumer and business-news network has become the Jekyll and Hyde of each releving nervening stork. has become the Jekyll and Hyde of cable television, presenting stock-market tickers by day and talk, talk, talk by night. A wholly owned sub-sidiary of NBC, CNBC is currently available in 47 million homes. *Pazner & Donshue*, a weckly one-hourtelecast, will feature a mix of guest interviews, call-in time and tete-a-tete summits between its hosts. A native of the United States and a speaker of six languages. Porner has lived most of his

ine united States and a speaker of six languages, Pozner has lived most of his life behind the Iron Curtain and first worked with Donahue on a pre-glasnost Critizens Summit via satellite in 1985.

TNT has announced an ambitious series of movie projects for 1993. In the

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Hildonalue literary-remake category, the network has announced a version of Jack London's suspense tale *The Sea Wolf* to star Charles Bronson and Chris-topher Reeve, and will even produce a *Frankenstein* starring Patrick Bergen as the obsessed scientist, with Randy Quaid as the monster.

August 3-August 9, 1992 Garth Brooks and Dame Edna are but Garth Brooks and Dame Edna arc but two of the entertainers returning to NBC in the fall. In a July press conference, network entertainment chief Warren Littlefield announced upcoming specials by the country-music sensation and the faux celebrily-interview host, plus a brand-new deal with Johnny Carson for original programming — either in the form of specials or a series. Littlefield has also collected contractual autographs from Dana Carvey. John Candy, Henry Winkler and Michael Bolton for upcoming series and specials. uncoming series and specials.



'White Bear's Secret' one of peace and love

By Chris Carpenter By Chris Carpenter All is not well in the forest. In The Disney Channel's animated Brown Bear's Wedding, which debuted in May, bachelothood bit the dust in favor, one would assume, of marital bits. However, in the sequel premie-ring on the network Tuesday, Aug. 4, and airing throughout the month, children will have ample opportunity to learn how White Bear's Secret will affect the patnerschip of the romanaffect the partnership of the roman-tically inclined, chromatically differ-ent couple. The union of "white" and "brown"

bears is suspect to all sorts of cultural bears is suspect to all sorts of cultural and racial overtones, but the only disturbance of the peace and harmony in this program is between the sexes. Our two bears are so dumbfounded by love, so new to the prospect of sharing their tife with someone else, the color of the other's fur never enters the picture. Brown Bear does find himself at odds with White Bear, his new wife from the other side of the forest, but having to hang a few clothes out to dry and being burned out of bed a few having to hang a few clothes out to dry and being bumped out of bed a few times hardly warrants a call to arms. White Bear's Secret is the natural follow-up to Brown Bear's Wedding and is visually and emotionally worth-while. Though sher may cut into his time at the swimming hole. White Bear's love makes Brown Bear forget their petty differences, and her secret promises bing a lifetime of iow. promises him a lifetime of joy.

