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NBC's Bob Wright and Warren Littlefield took aim at their network competitors and Bob Dole in separate meetings with the press Monday.

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Foreign pix are the big news at the 27th Intl. Film Festival of India, while a month of typhoons failed to dampen spirits at the Metro Manila Fest.

By REX WEINER
and MARTIN PEERS

A Justice Dept. probe into the personal finances of Carolco Pictures co-founders Andrew Vajna and Mario Kassab is focusing on Vajna's 1989 sale of his Carolco stock to Kassab, according to sources.

lion on the sale, and it is not clear whether he paid U.S. taxes on the deal.

Vajna then set up Cinergi Pictures Entertainment, which made a public statement late Friday confirming the federal investigation. Cinergi said it was "in the

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The NFL championship games Sunday drew large numbers, with the NFC title game on Fox topping the 27.7/56 posted by the AFC's Pittsburgh-Indianapolis battle on NBC. Story, page 5.

By JIM BENSON

Samuel Goldwyn Television president Dick Askin has been named president-CEO of Tribune Entertainment Co.

The veteran program distribution exec, who during his nine years at Goldwyn launched "American Gladiators," "Gladiators 2000" and "Flipper," replaces Rick Jacobson, who left TEC last month to become president of Twentieth TV.

Askin joins Trib at a time when rumors are swirling around the Chicago-based station group's inhouse development, production, barter sales and distribution

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Spelling enrolls Singer's 'Pupil'

By ANITA M. BUSCH

Director Bryan Singer, whose film "The Usual Suspects" has won acclaim from the nation's critics, has set up his next directing project, "Apt Pupil," at Spelling Entertainment. The project will be distributed domestically through Paramount Pictures.

The psychological drama,
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