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GOOD MORNING: "Marilyn and Bobby: Her Final Affair" goes before the cameras next week for USA Network to air Aug. 4, the 30th anni of Monroe's death. Melody Anderson plays Marilyn and James Kelly is RFK. JFK will not be portrayed in the two-hour movie — but he will be heard, says Brad May, who directs and also doubles as cinematographer. He assures us the movie will not be "trash." But there will be semi-nudity and the affair between the two will be graphically filmed. Meanwhile, the new Marilyn Monroe bio (HarperCollins) by Donald Spoto says there was no affair between the two of 'em. And Pat Newcomb, who was Marilyn's friend, confidante and press agent dating back before the "Misfits" days, tells me she doesn't think MM and RFK ever had an affair. So, howcum this movie is being made, we asked May. "From everything I know Bobby had an affair with MM. Our attorneys OK'd it." He says their screenplay by Gerald McDonald is "inspired by" many sources, including "The Immortals," "Legend" and "Norma Jean," but reminds, "We don't have the rights to those books." But they have other sources, including phone conversations to J. Edgar Hoover and Hoffa, BBC docus, etc. "We will show things never before seen and we will absolutely show them making love — and in bed," he told me. Director May, also an Emmy-winning cinematographer ("Lady Against the Odds"), said he decided to wear both hats in this project in order to "achieve a look — with little money." The movie's budgeted at three million\$. "It will have a feeling of 'JFK' — Oliver Stone is my idol" ... May says four other MM projects are in the works — including one by Dino De Laurentiis for which Sharon Stone was reportedly offered six million\$... Barry Weitz and Jeff Auerbach exec produce "Marilyn and Bobby."