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ANTHONY **DE LONGIS**

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thinks Batman's gadgets are cool. But despite the awesome new Batdiscs, Batskiboat, and Batmissile introduced in Batman Returns, Catwoman steals the spotlight with her mastery of an age-old weapon-the bullwhip. Thanks to Michelle CRACK! Pfeiffer's trainer, Anthony De Longis, the whip

work you see in the movie is all hers. "She

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of," De Longis says proudly. "She can crack it out and then wrap it around her own body [Boff!], or use it to pull someone's legs out from under them [Wham!]. Her first day on the set, she wrapped it around Christopher Walken's neck [Ouch!]." Marvels director Tim Burton, "she was able to make it quite beautiful and kind of sexy. I like that."

"In fact," says Pfeiffer, "the whip wasn't meant to be in the movie as much as it is now. It's because Antho-

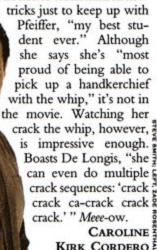
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While De Longis is actually an actor himself, he admits that what often pays the bills are his "useless skills"-fencing, sword and shield, black-belt karate, boxing, diving, and, of course, the whip. In between acting gigs, he teaches stage combat and character movement at UCLA and coaches actors onstage (Placido Domingo in Carmen) and in film (a bareknuckle fight in Far and Away). For Batman Returns, De Longis says he had to teach himself new



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