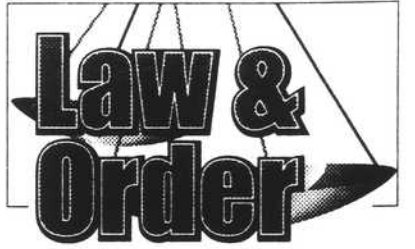


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Two arrested for prostitution

Lincoln Police arrested two people for prostitution Tuesday night in a sting operation targeting local escort services.

Twelve officers with listening equipment were stationed at two different hotels and placed calls to the eight Lincoln-area escort services, five of which responded, said Lincoln Police Sgt. Al Burnt, who was in charge of the investigation.

Although police had received complaints about some of the escort services, none of the companies were targeted in the investigation, Burnt said.

A 17-year-old male dancer sent out by Confidentially Yours agreed to perform oral sex for an additional charge. He was arrested for prostitution.

At another location Christine Swinney, 19, agreed to have sex with the officer for \$150. Swinney, who worked for Strips Ta Please Exotic Dancers, was also arrested for prostitution.

The operation, a repeat of a July 1996 sting, was done in an effort to "keep these businesses honest," Burnt said.

"You never know who your client is."

Marijuana mail found at jail

Mail inspectors at the City/County jail found a unique Valentine's card while they were sorting through incoming mail: It was a pot-o-gram.

Inside the extra-thick card inspectors found matches, a strike plate and four rows of marijuana, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Police investigated the return address on the card, but it was invalid.

Woman arrested for meth

A Lincoln woman was arrested for possession of methamphetamine at 3 a.m. Wednesday.

During a traffic stop, the driver of the car was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Police then found he had marijuana and a switchblade, Heermann said.

After the man was taken into custody his female passenger asked the officer for a ride home.

As he was driving, the officer noticed the woman fidgeting in the back seat.

When the woman got out of the car the officer noticed a plastic bag containing methamphetamine on the floor of the police car.

The woman was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, a felony, and taken to the police station where another bag of methamphetamine was found in the cruiser for a total of an ounce.

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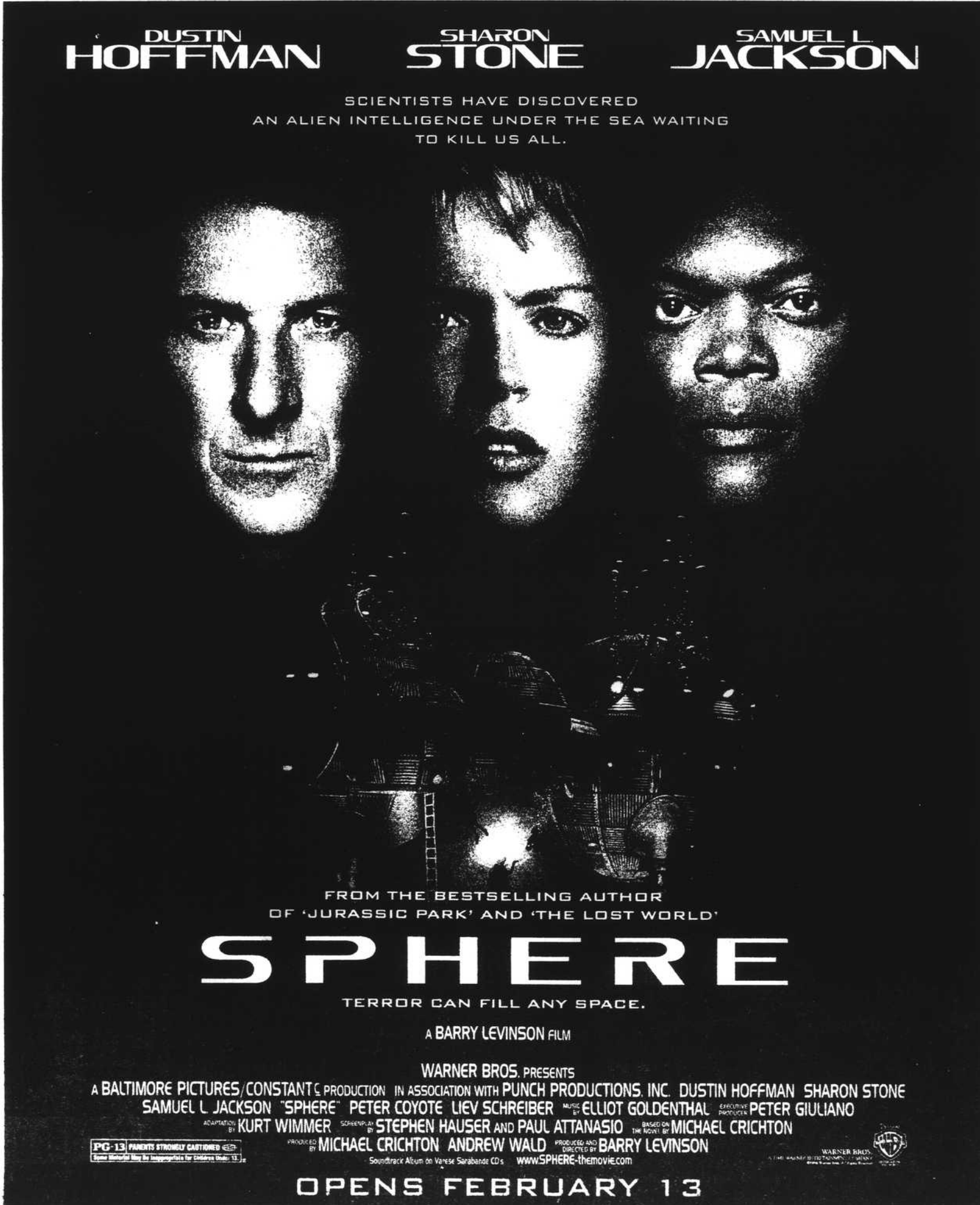
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