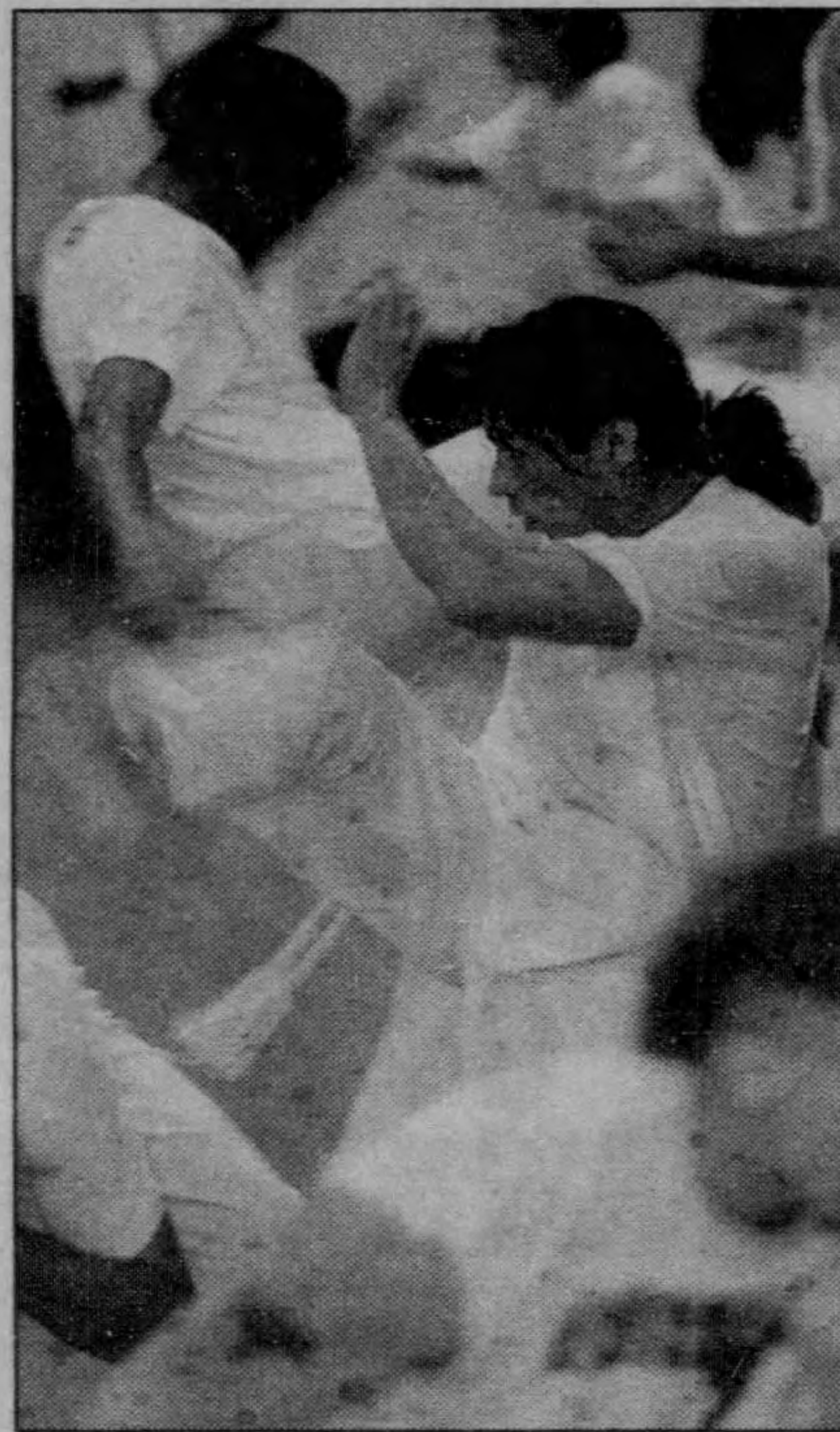


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CORRECTIONS

The Oscars preview in yesterday's Part 2 misspelled the name of actress Jennifer Tilly, who has been nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Bullets Over Broadway."

In New York City, about 3.5 million passengers ride the subway daily; in Tokyo, about 5.5 million. The numbers were misstated in yesterday's New York Newsday.

WEATHER

Today: Early sun, then mostly cloudy, afternoon showers possible, high 55 to 60.
Tomorrow: Morning sun, some high clouds, high near 60.
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Sunday: Mostly sunny, high in 50s.
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CAUGHT!

JOSEPH MCCANN, a shadowy powerhouse at the mob-infested, scandal-scarred Javits Center, cowered in his "plush" office yesterday. Or maybe it is a "cramped" office. One or the other, check this morning's papers for the very latest.

Anyway, he was cowering, that's almost certain, unless he was picking up his pen from the floor. But I think he was cowering, because I was there, staring coldly at him, and McCann cringes when the cold-staring media is around.

McCann got nailed on Page One of the Post the other day. They caught him right in the act of, let's see, what did they catch him doing? Oh yeah, closing a door. Good. Serves him right. High time this city put a stop to people like him.

"WHAT'S HE GOT TO HIDE?" wondered the Post in big letters on Page One.

We don't know yet, but he was caught red-handed in the act of closing the door.

And I was determined to find out more.

I don't know about you, but many of these stories about the Mafia at the Javits Center have confused me completely. Every day, another three or four guys named Paulie Pots and Pans are up to no good, doing something sneaky for their brothers-in-law.

First, Pataki is against the mob-unions, then his buddy D'Amato is taking suitcases of campaign money from them.

Can you see how hard it is to figure out who the good guys are?

To tell the truth, it was a relief to see Joseph McCann on the front page, because the name was vaguely familiar. And this was a story I could understand. While "ghosts" on the payroll is a tricky mob-crime, we can all understand the low, thuggish act of closing a door in front of a newspaper photographer.

Many of us probably have been the victims of shadowy, powerful people who have closed a door, or perhaps opened one — but only as a prelude to later closing it.

Therefore, in the interests of bringing the very latest to you from the scandal-scarred, mob-infested Javits Convention Center, your correspondent personally went one on one with the shadowy powerhouse, Joseph McCann — the so-called acting CEO at the Javits Center.

"Come at 1 o'clock," he said.

I suspected a trap, but there are very few risks I won't take to bring out the news.

Boldly, I walked through the door of the Javits Center and demanded to speak to McCann. The help raced to dial him. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see three guys named Paulie Pots and Pans abruptly stop rolling dice along the plush carpet. Or maybe the carpet was cramped. I'll have to look that one up for you.

McCann tried to look me in the eye, but I wasn't having any of that. "Let's go," I said.

We walked down a maze of corridors into his office. The first thing I spotted

was a framed front page of Newsday hung on the wall. It was a giant story about arrests in the Mafia carting industry on Long Island.

"Huh," I said. "I knew I recognized your name from somewhere. Not only did you get caught in the door-closing scandal, you also got snagged in the Long Island mob-carting case."

"Actually," said McCann, "I was the lead prosecutor for the United States Attorney's office in the Eastern District. It was a very large and successful civil-racketeering case."

"I get it," I said. "You were a mob mole, planted inside the fed's offices. You're going to be back on Page One, big-time, with this baby."

McCann shook his head nervously. That was when he cowered. He had pretended to drop a pen, but he was obviously unnerved by all this. Now I spotted another news story about him.

"You were hooked up with Michael Franzese, the yuppie mobster!" I shrieked. "Exclusive in Newsday!"

"Well, I was hooked up with him," said McCann. "But that was because I prosecuted him for violating

parole and sent him back to prison."

"Very neat, very tidy," I said. "But how are you going to explain that?" I pointed to a picture of him and Janet Reno on the wall. "The attorney general of the United States, caught in the mob-infested, scandal-scarred Javits Center! Hah!"

"She was presenting me with an award for superior performance as an assistant U.S. attorney," said McCann.

"The distant past," I sneered. "You forgot all that when you came over to Javits. Now you're working for the Mob!"

"They pay better, but I'm not working for them," said McCann. "I've been at the Javits Center as the general counsel for just about a year, handling all the civil lawsuits, employee grievances. That whole time, I was working part-time as a special federal prosecutor on some very complicated civil suits against racketeers. I was overseeing them."

I have to admit I was stunned there for a moment, but I quickly recovered.

"This office looks kind of plush to me," I said. "That is, you move some of those mounds of paper, those lawbooks piled everywhere, I bet the carpet is a good half-inch thick."

"I guess we'll find out in a few weeks," he said. "I'm gone as of March 31. I was supposed to leave here in January, but the board asked me to stay on as acting CEO."

"You made quite a name for yourself," I said.

"That's true," he said. "I called my mother the other day and told her: 'I am the most famous Irishman in New York. I actually knocked the cardinal off Page One on St. Patrick's Day.'"



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BUSINESS**SHORT CUTS****Judge Halts Trump Eviction Of Helmsley**

DONALD TRUMP'S EFFORT to break the lease on the Empire State Building faltered yesterday when a judge said he will give Leona Helmsley's management company time to fix alleged problems.

Trump Empire State Partners alleged in a \$100 million eviction lawsuit last month that Helmsley-Spear Co. allowed "the most famous building in the world" to become "a second-rate, rodent infested" office tower. The company asked the court to allow it to evict the lease holders.

Empire State holds the lease on the building and Helmsley-Spear runs the building. Helmsley-Spear denied they had violated the lease, but said if problems exist they should have time to fix them.

Trump Partners said Helmsley-Spear's lease violations included failure to install a proper sprinkler system, to provide adequate insurance, to prevent rodent infestation, to install quality windows, to get landlord approval before making structural repairs and to provide adequate security.

OH, THE PAIN. PaineWebber Group Inc. announced late yesterday it was laying off 5 percent of its work force in a broad restructuring aimed at coping with the continuing slump in the securities industry.

The announcement confirms reports last week of the first broad cutbacks since PaineWebber bought Kidder Peabody Group Inc. last fall. The cuts of nearly 500 salaried workers, from traders to investment bankers, will be completed by the end of the month and should save the firm \$20 million annually. PaineWebber's army of 6,400 brokers, the industry's third-largest, was spared.

KMART CHIEF QUILTS. Joseph E. Antonini gave in to pressure from disgruntled K mart Corp. shareholders, resigning as president and chief executive of the nation's third-largest retailer. Antonini's departure was expected after two years of disappointing earnings. No successor was named.

COSTLY TIMES. The New York Times said it is raising the newsstand price of the Sunday paper to \$2.50 from \$2, effective April 2. The cost of seven-day home delivery directly from the Times will rise to \$6.70 from \$6.10 the same week. The price hikes are due to the steadily rising cost of newsprint, which has climbed more than 30 percent in the last several months. Earlier this month, the Times hiked the price of its daily paper in the Northeast corridor, outside the metropolitan area, as well as the Sunday national edition.

AIR BAGS PERFORM. Front-end crashes in cars with air bags result in a 23 percent lower driver death rate than cars without them, and nearly all injuries caused by the bags are minor, according to a new study of air bag performance. The non-profit Insurance Institute for Highway Safety looked at crash data from 1985-93, comparing driver death rates in cars equipped with air bags to rates in similar cars without them.

DERIVATIVES GUIDELINES. A revised set of rules aimed at curbing abuses in the sale of government securities and certain types of derivatives will be released for public comment this week, an industry official said.

SHERATONS FOR SALE. ITT Corp. plans to sell as much as 19.9 percent of its Sheraton franchise operations, including about 200 franchised hotels in the United States and Canada, the company said in its annual report. ITT chairman Rand Araskog, overseeing a substantial reshuffling of ITT's diverse businesses, gave no other details of the sale in the report.

Compiled from staff, Associated Press, Bloomberg Business News, Dow Jones and Reuter reports.

'Smoking List' in Javits Hearing
Names may link Carpenters rep to Genovese crime family

By Kenneth C. Crowe

STAFF WRITER

A New York City Police detective on a heart-thumping assignment to plant an electronic bug in a Greenwich Village Genovese crime family hangout in the summer of 1991 came up with an extra tidbit: a list of carpenters now figuring in the Javits Center scandal.

Det. Joseph Pastorino, a member of a joint FBI and New York City Police Department task force, noticed a document containing 14 names during his assignment to install an electronic listening device in the Triangle Social Club on Sullivan Street. Yesterday, he surfaced at a hearing on alleged union corruption at the Javits Center.

Pastorino paused long enough to write down the names, according to an affidavit by FBI agent Brian E. Taylor introduced into evidence at the hearing on charges against Anthony Fiorino, the New York District Council of Carpenters representative at the Javits Center.

Taylor said that seven of the names on the Triangle Social Club list match those on a "pool list" of 94 men given preference by Fiorino in hiring for the lucrative carpentry jobs at the huge exhibition hall on Manhattan's West Side. An eighth man, Jerry Menard, who earned an estimated \$121,597 in 1994, currently works as a "company man" — meaning he is chosen by contractors rather than the union. Under the Carpenters contract, the decorating companies are permitted to pick half the carpenters needed, and the union provides the remainder.

Fiorino's lawyer, Richard Medina, told the three-judge hearing panel: "Eight of the so-called names [from the social club] are found on the pool list. What

this has to do with Mr. Fiorino, I have no idea."

Court-appointed investigations officer Kenneth Conboy contends that Fiorino was the Genovese crime family's representative at the Javits Center, making sure that the friends and relatives of mobsters got first crack at jobs. Fiorino faces a maximum penalty of loss of his job, which paid an estimated \$114,500 last year, and dismissal from the union if convicted. Conboy's authority stems from a consent decree settling a 1994 civil racketeering suit contending the Carpenters district council was dominated by the Genovese crime family. The district council covers 21,000 members in locals throughout the city and part of Long Island.

At yesterday's hearing in Manhattan, Medina attempted to discredit the testimony of Gerald Kelty, 41, a member of Manhattan Carpenters Local 257, who contended that Fiorino threatened him after he complained about serious violations of the union's contract in 1985 on a construction site in Lower Manhattan. Medina drew admissions from Kelty that he was convicted of possession of marijuana 22 years ago and burglary 18 years ago, and had undergone treatment for alcohol abuse.

Kelty, who escaped uninjured after being set afire by someone with a welding torch and having a bundle of 10-foot-long metal studs dropped on him in two separate incidents in the summer after he made his complaints, said his transgressions had nothing to do with the union. Last year, Local 257 agreed to pay a substantial sum of money to Kelty and four other union members to settle a lawsuit charging they were kept out of work in retaliation for daring to run for union office in 1992. One source said Local 257 paid more than \$300,000 to resolve the case.