



Inside Britney's bedroom; Johnson's special delivery

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NOW YOU CAN STAY IN BRITNEY'S ROOM, SORT OF Lynne Spears, mom of the famous pop singer, was at the Onyx Hotel yesterday near the FleetCenter opening a suite she designed to look like Britney Spears's bedroom, complete with a few items that actually belong to her daughter. Now, some six weeks after the work began, what does mom think of the room? "All in all I'm very happy with it," Lynne said. She worked with designers to pick the room's items, colors, fabrics, and style. "That wasn't really a lot of work. I'm one of those shopper people," she said. A portion of the room charge will be donated to the Britney Spears Foundation, which funds programs to help sick children and a performing-arts camp in Louisiana. Lynne Spears, who had been in town since Sunday, said she's becoming a fan of Boston. "I really love this city. It's so pretty. I bought about eight Harvard sweatshirts yesterday," she said. Spears noted that she spent Monday in Cambridge discovering Harvard Square: "It was a lot of fun. I loved the feel of the area." Her favorite Boston treat is lobster. But off-limits to the media were questions about Britney's personal life -- her short-lived marriage, her recent engagement, for example. We did ask about the tour and Britney's wounded knee. "It's very much up in the air," was all Mom would say.

COMRADE IN LAUGHTER When a contingent of State Police officers who regularly make sure things are safe around Governor Mitt Romney finished touring the FleetCenter area, they detoured to the Comedy Connection in **the Faneuil Hall Marketplace where Dwayne Gill**, a sergeant who works for Michigan's governor, Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, did a 10-minute set Monday night. How'd he do? Well, good enough for Comedy Connection headliner Kevin Knox to invite Gill to perform at the variety show the club plans to put on July 28.

A BIG UNIT OF CHOWDER Legal Sea Foods skipper and devout Red Sox fan Roger Berkowitz is pitching in to help the Sox land All-Star pitcher Randy Johnson. The Arizona Diamondbacks hurler caused a stir Monday when he told reporters covering Major League Baseball's All-Star festivities in Houston that he was willing to waive his no-trade clause to be dealt to a contending team. The Sox and the Yankees are expected to be top bidders for Johnson's services. Johnson joked to reporters: "I was really torn about Manhattan clam chowder and Boston clam chowder." So Berkowitz is taking one for the team and sending Johnson 5.1 gallons of Legal Sea Foods' award-winning New England clam chowder. (Johnson wears uniform No. 51 with Arizona.) "We feel it is our civic responsibility as a Boston-based company to do our part in luring Mr. Johnson to Boston," said Berkowitz.

SHE MEASURES UP Alas, Miss Tall Boston, Kelly McMorrow, was not crowned Miss Tall International in last weekend's pageant at Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada. McMorrow, who stands 5-foot-11 in bare feet, was the fourth runner-up. Accompanied to the competition by Mr. Tall Boston, John Bewick, the Bridgewater pet sitter did befriend a number of the other beanstalks, including Miss Tall Dallas and Miss Tall Orange County. **3 GEARS UP** The guys from 3 Doors Down, including drummer/vocalist Brad Arnold, guitarist Matt Roberts, and bassist Todd Harrell, took on 50 of their local fans at the F1 Boston racetrack in Braintree the other afternoon. The band members, who are huge auto-racing fans, raced their fans in groups of 10 through a promotion with FM radio station Mix 98.5.

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