

who's news

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■ Dana Delany never really made it as an A-list actress after her Emmy-winning stint on *China Beach*. Will she ever get a star-making role?

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Perhaps. Delany, 39, tells us, "I could name five movies I was the first choice on and someone else got the part because of the studios' agendas." She auditioned for the Jeanne Tripplehorn role in *Basic Instinct*, the movie that put Sharon Stone on Hollywood's star-making map. "It changed her life," Delany says of Stone. "One little flash, and she's a star." Delany's flash could be *Exit to Eden*, in which she plays a dominatrix (left). *Eden*, an erotic story with comic undertones, is due in October. This month, she's in *The Enemy Within*, HBO's remake of

1964's *Seven Days in May*. To prepare to play the White House chief of staff, she talked to Mack McLarty, President Clinton's ex-chief of staff. "It was interesting. He showed me his schedule. He described his job as catching javelins." Not artfully enough, it would seem.