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SENTINEL SLICKERS

IT'S got all the trappings of a City Slickers sequel.

Brisbane bizoids Warren Ebert and Michael Sherlock (both illustrated) have pulled on the cowboy boots to enjoy a few days of R&R at a dude ranch near Yellowstone National Park.

The Sentinel Property Group chieftains are over in the USA for a mix of work and play this week, with Ebert in particular likely to pick up a few handy tips on the land.

After all, when not snapping up investment real estate for clients, he runs his own cattle property at Dayboro and even fancies himself something of a horse wrangler.

Anyway, the duo have also spent a bit of time on a study tour of New York and Denver with the delightfully-named Large Format Retail Association.

That should give them a few ideas to grow Sentinel's portfolio of retail assets, which now exceed 20.

Expect to see them back on Queen Street next week with a bit of swagger as they focus on their biggest deal to date, the lassoing of the \$70 million 'The Rocket' building at Robina.

GORES UP STUMPS

SPEAKING of the USA, disgraced Gold Coast bizzoid Craig Gore and his wife, Marina, are understood to have upped stumps and

relocated across the Pacific.

City Beat spies inform us that the couple and their children are now based in sunny Phoenix, Arizona, following an extended recent vacation in Europe.

The word is that they have disposed of their leased cars and home and other assets in Queensland to get a fresh start overseas. That's got to be a tad frustrating for ASIC, which still has Gore under the microscope.

The twice-bankrupt Gore was banned for life from the financial service sector this year after a judge denounced him as "dishonest" for his masterminding of a scheme to misappropriate up to \$4.75 million of investor funds for his own use.

Interestingly, nearly \$500,000 of the money raised was tipped in to distressed

properties in Phoenix. In a strange twist, Gore had previously used the alias Jackson Morgan-Phoenix. Perhaps it's all symbolic of a phoenix rising from the ashes?

Your diarist couldn't reach the pair for comment yesterday.

GEITZ ON THE BALL

QUEENSLAND sportswoman of the moment, Laura Geitz, was out and about again yesterday, talking leadership and winning formulas to a bunch of bizzoids over breakfast in the HLB Mann Judd boardroom in Brisbane.

Geitz has been inundated with speaking offers since steering the Diamonds to victory in the World Netball Championships in Sydney three weeks ago.

Spotted lapping up the words of wisdom were HLB's Chris King, newly-appointed Mills Oakley law partner Tim Cox, the Water and Carbon Group's CFO Wendy Peard, Netball Queensland chief Catherine Clark, and NAB's Tony Steffens.

CLARIFICATION**YESTERDAY**

City Beat included an item about Mark Lacy's legal dramas. Readers should not have inferred that Mark's brother Des was involved in any of the matters. Des has recently retired from the Queensland Police Service after a 40-year career and will head up security for games venues at the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

