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FILM COMMUNITY RALLIES FOR ONE OF ITS OWN

July 2009



The Finale at the Aaron Cancer Cure Benefit Performance

In an effort to help raise money for local filmmaker **Aaron Wells**, many people gathered at the **Maltz Jupiter Theatre** for "Aaron's Cancer Cure Benefit Performance." The event raised \$20,000 for Wells, who has Stage 3 throat cancer at age 46, and doesn't have the health insurance to cover the treatment that is needed to fight the disease.

Film industry legend **Burt Reynolds** edited and provided voice-over for a video tribute for Wells and made a special appearance at the benefit to thank the audience for attending. Wells, a producer, director, and writer for **Silver Beach Productions**, has worked closely alongside Reynolds for the past year as editor and filmmaker with **Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and Theatre (BRIFT)**, located at the **Burt Reynolds and Friends Museum** in **Jupiter**. Entertainers who donated their time included Broadway veteran/blues singer **Avery Sommers**, and singer/songwriter **Cooper Getschal**. **Suzanne Niedland**, a close friend of Wells and chairman of BRIFT, was the emcee.



Burt Reynolds and Avery Sommers

"Aaron has been so generous with his time and talent at BRIFT that when he told me he was diagnosed with cancer and had no insurance, I immediately told him we would organize a benefit for him," said Niedland. For more info call 561.233.1000.



Wells and Niedland

SUPERNANNY PICKS PBC FOR A 3RD TIME



The London Taxi synonymous with the hit **ABC Show, SuperNanny** came back to Palm Beach County once again for another episode! The real life Mary Poppins, **Jo Frost** arrived in Royal Palm Beach in the taxi to restore order to a local household by offering no-nonsense techniques and advice. Ricochet Television out of Los Angeles, the company that produces the show, recently shot an episode in Delray Beach in March, and shot in Jupiter and Tequesta for two separate episodes in 2005.

This time around the crew set up in **Royal Palm Beach** for two weeks and was accommodated at the **Hilton Garden Inn** in **West Palm Beach**. Other filming locations included **Mounts Botanical Gardens, Okeetee Park** and **Lakeside Park**. Special thanks to the Village of Royal Palm Beach for their assistance. Check your local listings for air dates/times. Interested families can apply to be on the show by visiting abc.go.com.



Jo Frost

KO-MAR SCORES WITH SPORTS CONTENT



Jack Nicklaus with the crew from KO-MAR

KO-MAR Productions in **West Palm Beach** has been busy producing hospitality and golf content for The PGA of America, Golf Digest Magazine, The Nicklaus Companies and Regent Seven Seas Cruise Lines. KO-MAR produced a one-hour nationally televised program for **CBS Sports** that aired in May. The program, produced for the **PGA of America**, was shot entirely in hi-def and featured a group of beginner golfers and their quest to learn the game from PGA Top 100 golf instructors.

KO-MAR also sent an HD crew to Mexico to follow **Jack Nicklaus** for a new "design" video for The Nicklaus Companies. On the seas, KO-MAR spent ten days aboard the Regent Seven Seas Navigator producing promotional spots for onboard locations. **Golf Digest Digital** has retained KO-MAR for 2009 to supply content for their web site. KO-MAR also shot the U.S. Open and will shoot the British Open. Visit ko-mar.com.



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FASHION FORWARD PUBLICATION SHOWCASES LOCAL HOTEL



A glamorous model in designer clothes posed for the cameras at **Hotel Biba** in **West Palm Beach**, as a crew from **Palm Beach Illustrated** shot a fashion editorial. The editorial will be featured in the September 2009 issue and will showcase the Fall 2009 fashion collections and must-have accessories. **Fashion and Style Director Katherine Lande** said,

"Hotel Biba made for the perfect location for this fashion editorial. I chose the location based on the interior design of the boutique hotel."

The glossy pages of stylish mag have featured many locations as backdrops including **Centennial Square** and **Sloan's Ice Cream**. For more info visit palmbeachillustrated.com.



Palm Beach Illustrated Production Photo at Hotel Biba

SCHOOL TO BUILD MASSIVE SOUNDSTAGE



The **G-Star School of the Arts** announced that the **Village of Palm Springs, Florida**, approved the construction of the largest film sound stage in the state to be built on the school's property. The sound stage will anchor the 93,000 sq. ft. **G-Star Studios** where over 30 feature films have already been produced including **The Prince and the Pauper** with **Dylan and Cole Sprouse**.

G-Star's newest feature film, **It's a Dog Gone Tale: Destiny's Stand** starring **Barry Bostwick (Spin City)** and **Ron Palillo (Welcome Back Kotter)** is wrapping up production this month. "G-Star is the only academic facility I know of that is creating an entire industry to employ its students when they graduate college," said **Greg Hauptner, G-Star Founder**. For more info call Mr. Hauptner at 561.386.6275.



Destiny's Stand on-location in Boca Raton

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILM CO. WINS AWARD



The award-winning independent **Pamplin Film Company (PFC)** was awarded the "Family-Approved" seal by the international non-profit **Dove Foundation** for their film, **A Dog's Life: The Oscar Lose Story**. The

Dove Foundation encourages and promotes the creation, production, distribution and consumption of wholesome family entertainment. In their published review, Edwin L. Carpenter said, "This is a fascinating documentary about Dr. Phyllis Lose, one of the first women veterinarians in the country and the many lives she touched over the years. This DVD is a good one for the entire family with something to offer just about everyone. We gladly award this DVD our Dove 'Family-Approved' Seal."

The film is being distributed worldwide by Nemours Marketing and is available in outlets including Netflix. The movie is also being sold in Japan as an import. For more info visit pamplinfilmcompany.com.



On the set of *A Dog's Life: The Oscar Lose Story*

NEW THOROUGHbred REALITY SHOW



The recently formed **International Equine Network (IEN)** out of **Lake Worth** announced the launch of a new reality TV show, **How They Get There!**

The thirty-minute show follows the development of potential Kentucky Derby contenders as they grow and train. It will be first thoroughbred industry reality TV show featuring behind-the-scenes interaction between man and horse, according to **IEN Founder and President, Michael "Scott" Miller**. Miller is uniquely positioned to gain unfettered access to virtually every corner of the equine sports world. "We want to bring the real un-told stories to the forefront," explains 54-year old Miller. **How They Get There!** is the first in a series of equine sports reality TV shows produced by Miller and IEN.

Monthly distribution is planned for local, regional and national broadcast networks. An international launch, including Central and South American markets, is projected for 2010. For more info call 561.713.9520.



Kentucky Derby

BUDDING REPORTER WINS TOP HONOR



Weaver interviewing Joe Biden

Damon Weaver, the **Pahokee** resident who just graduated fifth grade, won top honors at the **International Shortie Awards: Film & News Festival** in suburban Washington, DC. Weaver won for his interview with then Vice-Presidential nominee **Joe Biden** on the campaign trail. The video, shot at the **Palm Beach**

County Convention Center, became a YouTube hit and propelled the 10 year old into the national spotlight. Biden could not attend the festival, but sent Weaver a letter of congratulations and predicted Weaver will make "a fine anchorman" as he gets older. Weaver's dream still remains landing an interview with President Obama.

LOCAL ACTORS TO STAR IN FAMILY FILM



Noah Centineo and Haley Sicard Photo Courtesy of Carol Saunders

Saving the Planet, one "turkle" at a time is the new motto of the family-friendly film, **Turkles**. Film-maker **Frank Eberling** is the producer/director of the film shooting locally this month. The stars are two teenagers, **Haley Sicard** of Stuart and **Noah Centineo** of Boynton Beach.

The film will also utilize actors from the **Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and Theatre (BRIFT)**, and is being produced with the generous support of BRIFT, and in conjunction with the Motion Picture and TV Department of **Palm Beach Community College (PBCC)**. For more info call 561.346.8106 or visit frankeberling.com.

\$19 MILLION DIGITAL MOVIE THEATER COMPLEX IS COMING TO FAU



Florida Atlantic University and community leaders gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking for a new classroom and office building on the Boca Raton campus that also will house a movie complex to be operated by cutting-edge Living Room



Living Room Theaters Building

Theaters, Inc. (LRT). The 73,000-square-foot building was designed to meet U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2010. The \$19 million dollar facility will house 14 classrooms, conference rooms and office space. It will be anchored by a three-story atrium that is designed as a "main street" for the building and one wing of the first floor will house a state-of-the-art all-digital movie complex with four separate theaters and a café. These all-digital theaters offer huge environmental advantages by eliminating the use of celluloid prints. This is the first and only all-digital theater on a university campus.

The movie complex will be used during the day by FAU's film production program, allowing students to study film in a true cinema setting. On evenings and weekends, the theaters will be used by LRT for community screenings of foreign, classic and independent films. The complex will feature films that are rarely shown in mainstream theaters. "In this region filled with malls and multiplexes, independent cinema, especially from other countries, is rare. This unique partnership between the university and LRT will showcase such cinema and help build film culture in this region," said **Manjunath Pendakur, Dean of FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**. For more info call 561.297.3850.



FAU Groundbreaking

FIRM TO LAUNCH NEW NETWORK



The public relations firm and production company, **TransMedia Group** in Boca Raton is launching

a new television news service. The **Israel News Network** is a joint venture between TransMedia Group and the public interest group Freedom Watch. The show is set to be broadcast out of **WXEL-TV 42** in **Boynton Beach**.

"Our plan is to establish a credible and influential international news service. The objective is to check and balance reporting in the U.S. by Al Jazeera English. INN eventually will cover the Middle East 24/7, but will start with a weekly half hour news program that will gradually develop and expand, while providing a reliable news service, RSS feeds, news and feature programming and insert programs to partnering radio, TV and Internet outlets," said

Thomas J. Madden, CEO of TransMedia Group. TransMedia Group also has another show in the pipeline that centers around seniors and giving them fun ways to look at getting older. For more info visit transmediagroup.com.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SUCCESS



In 1961, President John F. Kennedy famously beckoned the American people to journey into space and reach the moon

by decade's end. The country heeded his call, and it was a monumental accomplishment that galvanized the nation's fascination with science and technology, and inspired the creation of an educational video series known as the **Science Screen Report**. Developed to enhance curriculums throughout our nation's schools by stimulating students curiosity in science, Science Screen Report and its companion **Science Screen Report For Kids** continue to be successful as they approach their 40th anniversary.

"We cannot do enough to engage students in science. The sciences have never been more important to society than they are now," says **Scott Forman, Allegro President**. Allegro also changed the home page of their website to include a montage of U.S. Presidents talking about the importance of science and



education. For more information please visit allegrovideo.com.



STUDIO WITH AN 'EDGE' OPENS IN PBC



First Edge Film Studios

A new film and video production studio has opened in the equestrian Village of Wellington! Located on 2.5 acres, **First Edge Film Studios** is a brand new state-of-the-art studio that is available for a variety of projects. The next production shooting at First Edge is a TV comedy sketch show titled

Short Takes on Life featuring the "Day Job No Pay Players". Production will start at the end of this month.

"Our goal is to reach out to independent filmmakers and create a valuable resource for the motivated crews here in Palm Beach County," said **Owner Steve Daron**. For info call 561.792.7797.

RADIO EVENT TO BE HELD AT JFK BUNKER



The Annual International Amateur Radio DXpedition event will be held on **Peanut Island** next year on May 29 & 30, 2010, in order to honor John Fitzgerald Kennedy's birthday. The event will draw communications to the island from amateur radio commonly known as "hams," from all over the world, during the 24 hr event.

The public is encouraged to participate in the event by traveling to the island via transportation provided by the US Coast Guard. Tours of the retired Coast Guard Station and the Boat House will be held. Boaters are invited to dock and enjoy the refurbished nature trails and swimming beach. For info call 561.233.1000.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: RIVIERA BEACH MUNICIPAL MARINA



Riviera Beach Municipal Marina

Located along the Intercoastal Waterway, just north of the Port of Palm Beach, the **Riviera Beach Municipal Marina** is a film friendly location with many amenities available to filmmakers. There are 150 wet slips for long term, monthly or transient use, as well as dingy slips and 340 dry-stack spaces. A ship store, fuel dock, a pump-out station and mechanics are all on-site. Docked at the Marina are several charter and dive boats, as well as a ferry to



Tiki Waterfront Sea Grill

Peanut Island, which is just east of the Marina in the middle of the Intercoastal. Showers, laundry room and restrooms are also available for use. Adjacent to the Marina is Newcomb Hall, a banquet hall which is accessible for private functions.

The Marina also features the **Tiki Waterfront Sea Grill**. With a large open air tiki hut, the restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch on the weekends. Live music is played on Thursday through Sunday nights. The Tiki Grill draws a diverse crowd of people from locals, to tourist to people just getting off work; everyone can enjoy the laid back Florida atmosphere created by the restaurant.

There are several locations that can be reached from the Marina by a quick boat trip. These include the **Port of Palm Beach, Peanut Island, Phil Foster Park**, the **Lake Worth Inlet** and the **Atlantic Ocean**. Peanut Island has a snorkeling lagoon as well as a campground and the Kennedy Bunker. Phil Foster Park has a boat ramp, grills, a children's playground, a beach and a snorkeling area.



Boat Storage

Productions that have utilized the Marina and surrounding areas include the feature film **A Modern Twain Story: Prince and the Pauper**, **Surviving Disaster: Lost at Sea** for **Spike TV** and **The Investigators** for **A&E**. The Riviera Beach Municipal Marina can serve as a dramatic backdrop for a variety of filming projects. For more information on the locations in this article please call 561.233.1000.



Aerial view of the Riviera Beach Municipal Marina and Peanut Island

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