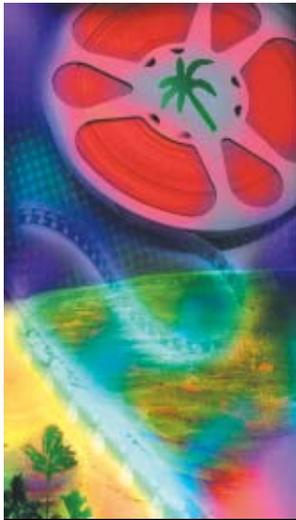


# AUGUST 2005



## NEW FILM SCRATCHES AT PBC'S INCENTIVES

**Kat Scratch Films**, a Philadelphia production company, will produce a made-for-TV-movie titled *Franklin Charter* based on the students that attend the **G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures & Broadcasting**. The fictional story revolves around a charter school for the dramatic arts that turns around the lives of teens who have one foot in the penal system. The film has signed on superior talent including **David Forsyth** from *Another World* and **Laurence Lau** of *One Life to Live* fame. The entire film will be shot in **Palm Beach County** and local audiences are sure to recognize such popular locations as **AG Holley Hospital** in **Lantana** and the **South County Courthouse** in **Delray Beach**. Taking the helm is director **Kat Phillips**, founder of Kat Scratch Films. Quote. The project has an aggressive two week shoot which will wrap in the middle of August, and Ms. Phillips is excited about the prospect of the film expanding into a series pilot for a TV network. The movie may also be shopped around to various film festivals including the **2006 Palm Beach International Film Festival**. For more info please visit [www.katscratchfilms.com](http://www.katscratchfilms.com).



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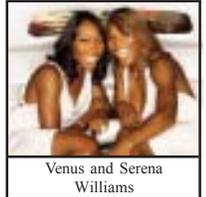
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## ABC FAMILY SERVES UP POSITIVE 'REALITY'

Venus and Serena Williams are getting a taste of reality television with their new show, *Venus & Serena: For Real*, a six-part series which chronicles the daily lives of the sisters off the court. The show began taping this past spring for **ABC Family Channel**, a network carefully chosen by the sisters who consider themselves role models, to reflect their close family and positive morals. Segments for the show were taped at their 8,000 square foot mansion in **Palm Beach Gardens**. The show premiered on July 20. For more information on the show, please visit [www.abcfamily.go.com/venusandserena](http://www.abcfamily.go.com/venusandserena).



Venus and Serena Williams



## PBC NATIVE RACES FOR DISCOVERY

PBC native **Jeffrey Choquette** was chosen as one of 25 "up and coming" race car drivers in the US to be profiled on a 13-part reality series for the **Discovery Channel** that will air this fall. **Brainbox Productions** taped the Choquette segment in July which will reveal the personal side of this racing enthusiast. This show, currently untitled, will feature racers competing to win a ride in one of **Roush Racing's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series** teams, ultimately to compete for the 2005 Series Championship. Check your local listings for air dates and times.



Film Poster

## LIL' FILM WINS BIG AWARD

*Miss Lil's Camp*, a film that was an official selection at the **Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)** in 2005, won a **CINE Golden Eagle Award**, a competition that recognizes excellence in documentary production! The piece chronicles the exclusive **Laurel Falls Girls Camp** in Georgia, and its director **Lillian Smith**, who fought against segregation in the Jim Crow South. Through rare audio-visual archival footage, the memories of the camp are brought back to life. The film is the product of a master's thesis project done by **Co-Directors/Writers Suzanne Neidland and Anberin Pasha**. "Winning a CINE Golden Eagle is quite an honor and something I'll proudly display," said Neidland. For more information please visit [www.misslilscamp.com](http://www.misslilscamp.com).



Suzanne Neidland & Anberin Pasha

## PALM BEACH POST GOSSIP COLUMNIST APOLOGIZES

After an attempt to intimidate Film Commissioner Chuck Elder, Palm Beach Post gossip columnist Jose Lambiet was never able to begin discussion of a story he was requesting information on because he became impatient with the Film Commissioner's request to have ample time to study the file. When the Film Commissioner would not respond immediately with a timeline as to when he would speak to Mr. Lambiet about the production, the columnist became upset, yelling demands and making threats of legal intervention. At that time, Mr. Elder terminated the call and reported the incident to Palm Beach Post management. The end result was an apology left on the Film Commissioner's cell phone voice mail from Mr. Lambiet, stating, "I do want to apologize for having yelled at you on Tuesday. It is unprofessional and I don't usually do that. I'm sorry you feel threatened, that was not my intention."



# Location Spotlight

## Guanabana's Restaurant



Tropical Oasis

Located on A1A in Jupiter is the brand-new Guanabana's Restaurant. Their prime location on the Intracoastal waterway has added another filming dimension to the already popular town of Jupiter. Nestled in



Wooden Marina



Casual Bar Setting

a lush, tropical oasis filled with palm trees, exotic plants and flowers, this outdoor restaurant creates a unique filming location complete with a casual bar setting and a quaint wooden marina. "We are very excited to work with the film industry," says **John Zimmerman, Guanabana's Operations Manager.**

Guanabana's can easily double for a location in the Caribbean given the tranquil atmosphere and colorful decor. For more information

about filming at this local touch of paradise please call 561.747.8513.



Stacks

**MUSIC VIDEO "STACKS" UP TO EXPECTATIONS...**Up and coming hip-hop artist **Stacks** shot his debut music video at a breathtaking **Boca Raton** home. **Lisa Collomb** of **All-Star Locations** was hired to find a hot location for his video.



Shoot in Boca Raton

"This was the first location the director looked at, and after looking at 20 homes all over South Florida, he came back to this one," said Collomb. The director was drawn to the home's modern architecture and spacious interior. Enhancing the backdrop were a group of beautiful models dancing around Stacks in various areas of the home, including the spectacular infinity pool overlooking the Intracoastal. For more info on private homes please call 561.483.0477.



**DOCUMENTARY FIGHTS BACK AND CONQUERS...**A second place finish in the "Best of Florida-Made in Florida" competition guarantees "Respect" for the film of the same name. **Together**



**Against Gangs (TAG)**, a local non-profit, made this video geared toward parents to help keep kids out of gangs. "We are so pleased to be recognized for this important documentary," said **Executive Producer Barry Epstein**. The film is being shown on Palm Beach cable systems, and viewings can be scheduled by calling 561.852.0000.



**FILM FESTIVAL HELPS YOUNG ARTISTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...**In a quest to improve film and television programs, **The Palm Beach International Film Festival (PBIFF)** will donate an estimated **\$100,000** to local schools.

\$25,000 was awarded in the form of scholarships and prizes through the Student Showcase of Films, a student video competition. An additional \$75,000 will be distributed to nine high schools and Palm Beach Community College that submitted completed applications and demo reels to receive funding. The money is used to purchase new TV and video equipment. "Cumulative donations from the PBIFF over the past 10 years has almost reached one million dollars. These funds are desperately needed as money and resources for the arts continues to dry up," said **Michelle Hillery, Film Commission Director of Operations. The School Funding Evaluation Committee**, a media subcommittee of the **Career, Education, Business, Leadership Committee (CEBLC)**, will make final recommendations based on the needs of each school once applications are evaluated. New equipment is scheduled start arriving this fall. For more info contact **Education Consulatant, Diane Romagnano** at 561.233.1000.



# short takes



**LOCAL SHOW "ROX" THE AIRWAVES...**The stylish TV program, *Palm Beach Rox* has been jet-setting around the country to bring informative new shows to PBC! **Roxanna "Rox" Cella** is the host who delivers special segments including **Palm Beach Fashion Week** and **HBO's** exclusive pre-screening of the hit "Bad Boys of Comedy" during their recent road trip to the Big Apple. Visit [www.palmbeachrox.com](http://www.palmbeachrox.com) for more info.



**HBO SWINGS INTO PBC TO SALUTE A GOLF LEGEND**

On the eve of his final appearance in a major tournament, **Jack Nicklaus** sat down at his home in **Palm Beach Gardens** with **Bob Costas** for **HBO's** show *Costas Now*. The "Golden Bear" spoke with Costas about his amazing career and life after golf, which will involve spending plenty of time with his family. For more information please visit [www.hbo.com](http://www.hbo.com).



Jack Nicklaus



**NETWORK "I'S" SUCCESS**

**American Broadcast Station Group, PAX TV** has rebranded its TV network to "i." The change in names reflects a strategy to operate as an independent television network, offering a mix of programming that appeals to a broad-based audience. **PAX's** owner, **Paxson Communication Corp.**, based in **West Palm Beach**, owns 60 broadcast stations nationwide. For more information please visit [www.pax.tv](http://www.pax.tv).



**BUILDING DREAMS THROUGH HOME DESIGN**

**The Flagler Museum**, and a palatial L-shaped mansion were featured on **HGTV's** show, *Dream Builders*. The program features innovative builders providing information about the latest trends and techniques in home design. Please visit [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com) for more information.



Palatial Mansion



Jennifer Gresh

**NEW ADDITION TO FTC STAFF**  
Please join the Film Commission in welcoming our new **Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gresh**. She previously worked at the University of Florida and has a strong administrative background.



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