

JULY 2006

BOYNTON DATING FLICK PICKED UP BY MAJOR DISTRIBUTORS



Independent film distributors **Roadside Attractions** and **Samuel Goldwyn Films** announced the joint acquisition of North American rights to **Director Susan Seidelman's** film **Boynton Beach Club**, which shot in various areas of Palm Beach County in 2004. **Co-President of Roadside Attractions Howard Cohen** said, "We're thrilled to be joining forces with Susan Seidelman in bringing her one-of-a-kind film to the rest of the country." The film opened throughout South Florida this past March, and is now scheduled for an August 2006 release in 10 major markets with a wider rollout nationwide to follow. Visit www.boyntonbeachclubthemovie.com for info, or call 561.233.1000.



FILM FESTIVAL LURES FILMMAKERS BACK TO DELRAY BEACH...The 2nd Annual Delray Beach Film Festival

is proud to announce the official call for short scripts! This year's competition adds a new twist as six filmmakers, three 2006 alumni and three new filmmakers, will be selected to participate in a filmmaking contest. Five of these six will be chosen to turn the winning short script into a film, and the sixth will shoot a documentary on the making of the short film. The winning film will be shown on the final night of the festival and will also air on a syndicated HDTV cable show. All six filmmakers will receive airfare and accommodations for the weeklong festival scheduled from **March 13-18, 2007**. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **October 1, 2006**. Please visit www.dbff.us for guidelines and more information.

MILLIONS TO BE GIVEN AWAY SOON TO FILMMAKERS BY STATE FILM COMMISSION...Due to the successful efforts of **Governor Bush** and the **Florida Legislature** the **Entertainment Industry Financial Incentive Program** has been doubled from 10 million to **\$20 million** for fiscal year **2006/07!** Beginning July 1, 2006, this



increase in funding will put Florida in a better position to compete with other states' incentives being offered to filmmakers. Qualified productions may receive a cash rebate of up to 15% of their Florida qualified expenditures, up to \$2 million, provided they spend a minimum of \$850,000 in the state on Florida cast, crew, businesses and vendors. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first serve basis. For info call 877.352.3456.



NEW PRODUCTION COMPANY INSPIRED BY AWARD WINNING FILM...Miss Lil's Camp, a documentary that has received numerous awards and accolades, including being an official selection at the **2005 Palm Beach International Film Festival** was just honored by the **City of Atlanta** as they

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for City Council Members and Suzanne Niedland, with the proclamation from the City of Atlanta

declared **June 12-16, 2006** as **Miss Lil's Camp Week!** In addition, **Co-Director/Producer Suzanne Niedland** started a new Palm Beach County based production company, **BusEye Films**, a name inspired by her film. Niedland said, "This has been an amazing month, we were so surprised and honored with the proclamation from the City of Atlanta, and I am thrilled to be starting a new production company." For more info visit www.misslilscamp.com or call 561.745.0376.



NATIONAL NETWORK TEAMS UP WITH AREA PRODUCTION COMPANY...Ion Media Networks, formerly PAX Communications is

generating a focus on health and has engaged **Boca Raton based Information Television Network (iTV)** for production! **ION** will debut **I-Health**, a 24-hour digital broadcast network dedicated exclusively to consumer healthcare and healthy living on its group of digital TV stations.



iTV President Ed Lerner said, "We are pleased to partner with **ION Media Networks** to bring timely health information to viewers when and where they want it, through one trusted brand." The service is scheduled to launch in late 2006 with the expectation of a full rollout in 2007. For info, visit www.ionmedia.tv.



ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR SLATED TO FILM IN PBC...

Palm Beach County looks to welcome thirteen time academy award winner, **John Daly** (*Platoon, The Last Emperor*) who has agreed in principle to direct the new film from **The Imperiali Organization** and **il films** out of **West Palm Beach**. Producers of *The Red Worm* look to conduct casting locally and internationally and hope to shoot some of the film in Palm Beach County in 2007. The Imperiali Organization, led by Daniel Imperato, is already in talks with major studio and production executives about distribution. For more information, visit www.imperiali.org or www.theredworm.net.



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Location Spotlight

Rapids Water Park



Located in West Palm Beach, **Rapids Water Park** is comprised of 22 acres of action packed attractions. This wet equivalent of a theme park mixes family-style fun with adrenaline pumping thrills and



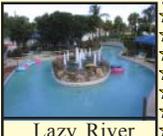
Big Thunder

has been drawing in locals and tourists of all ages for 29 years. Park patrons can experience everything from floating down the lazy river to spiraling down Big Thunder, the largest water ride in Florida. With 19 water slides, a 25,000 square foot wave pool, a family river raft ride, a wading pool, smaller slides and attractions for toddlers and over a million and a half gallons of water, this park provides for a rip-roaring good time. The best time for filming at the Rapids is from the middle of March until the middle of October. Audiences across America got to see a glimpse of this water park during a scene in the film, *Donnie Brasco*,



Wave Pool

which shot in 1996. For more information on the Rapids, visit www.rapidswaterpark.com and for more information on filming at this location please call 561.233.1000.



Lazy River

TELLYS SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON PALM BEACH COUNTY...Two Palm Beach County-based productions were recognized at the 27th Annual Telly Awards, an awards program honoring outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs. **Silver Beach Productions'** won top international honors for their commercial *Find the Artist Within* for *ArtiGras*, an arts festival in Jupiter. This achievement marks the 12th Telly for **Director Aaron Wells** who said, "It's exciting when your efforts are acknowledged with such a distinctive honor." In addition, *Special Edition: Film Commission Production Review*, an annual television show produced in collaboration with the County's **Education and Government Television, Channel 20**, received a bronze Telly! "We are honored that the show was recognized in this forum, especially since judging for over 12,000 entries is based on high standards of excellence instead of against other entries," said **Jennifer Kabis**, the show's producer. For more information please call 561.233.1000.

PBC TREASURE HUNTER FEATURED IN NATIONAL PUBLICATION...President of the **Burt Reynolds & Friends Museum**, renowned treasure hunter and naval historian, **Mike Daniel** was recently recognized in *National Geographic*, a magazine that aims to inspire people to care about their planet. Daniel was mentioned as the explorer who discovered Blackbeard's shipwreck in a current article titled, *Blackbeard Lives*, all about the infamous pirate. To read the story or for more info, visit www.nationalgeographic.com.



Mike Daniel with Blackbeard's Bell, the day the shipwreck was discovered in 1996

ANNUAL SCHOOL EVENT TO FEATURE HOLLYWOOD CELEBS Entertainment industry professionals and celebrities alike will grace the **Paramount Church in Palm Beach** from **July 5-8** for the **3rd Annual Spirit-led Teen Artists Reaching for Success (S.T.A.R.S)** event presented by **Summit Christian School**. S.T.A.R.S is a series of workshops, seminars and networking events to introduce positive role models to young people interested in the entertainment and media industries. Highlights include workshops taught by celebrity instructors such as **Victoria Jackson** (*Saturday Night Live/Celebrity Fit Club*) and feature film producer **Mark Koch** (*Lost in Space/Black Dog*). For more info, call 561.686.8081 ext.316 or visit www.summitchristian.com.



Victoria Jackson Mark Koch

short takes



Mrs. Baker

PALM BEACH COUNTY LEADER WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD PBC's Deputy County Administrator, **Verdenia C. Baker** recently received the **Marks of Excellence Award**, the highest honor from the **National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA)**. Baker said, "I wouldn't have won this award without my wonderful staff, it was a group effort." The FTC congratulates Mrs. Baker and her staff on this wonderful achievement!



LOCAL CHANNEL AIMS TO BETTER INFORM VIEWERS

WPB-TV, the City of West Palm Beach's government access television channel has upgraded their services! The station introduced a news crawl that will run along the bottom of the screen during programming. **WPB-TV Station Manager Jim Clark** said, "The **City Vision News Ticker** is a great way for people to see announcements while other programs are in progress." For more info, call Peter Robbins at 561.822.1433.



Mr. Spielberg

FILMMAKERS: WORK YOUR DREAMS!...TV's newest reality series

On The Lot will take 16 aspiring filmmakers and give them the chance to earn a \$1 million development deal at **DreamWorks**. Executive produced by **Mark Burnett** (*Survivor, The Apprentice*) and **Steven Spielberg**, the show which will air next spring on **FOX**, is currently accepting five minute video submissions and application forms. The deadline is September 1, 2006. For more information, please visit www.thelot.com.



Mr. Bronstien

MARINE INDUSTRY LEADER GETS HOOKED BY NEW GIG

Jim Bronstien, a Film and Television Commission Board Member and former owner of **Rybovich Spencer** in **West Palm Beach**, a facility used in numerous film and TV shows, announced that he has agreed to be the new **Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer** of **Broward Marine**, a large-scale builder of aluminum mega yachts. Bronstien said, "Although Palm Beach County will remain my home, I will be expanding my roots in Broward County as well." For more information, call 954.925.8118 ext.140.



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