

FOCUS on FILM

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PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE TAKES CENTER STAGE



The eyes of the world will be on **Lynn University** as it hosts the third and final Presidential Debate on October 22 at 9:00pm. The debate between **President Barack Obama** and the Republican challenger **Mitt Romney** will take place at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. The topic will be foreign policy, and it will be formatted into six 15-minute segments focusing on topics within foreign policy decided by the moderator in advance. The moderator will be **Bob Schieffer**, Chief Washington Correspondent for CBS News and Moderator of *Face the Nation*. 2500-3000 media outlets from around the world will come to Palm Beach County (PBC) to cover the debate, and at least 3,000 hotel rooms in the area are expected to be filled, according to the PBC Tourist Development Council.



Bob Schieffer



LYNN
UNIVERSITY

"Lynn University is thrilled that the third and final debate is here! We have been working diligently to prepare for the arrival of the candidates on our campus, and we cannot wait for our students to experience firsthand this pivotal moment in history," said **Kevin Ross**, President of Lynn University. The PBC Convention and Visitors Bureau is also pleased to announce a partnership with Rock The Vote to host the organization's only official live concert and debate screening at the Mizner Park Amphitheater on the evening of the final Presidential Debate. The event, created in conjunction with the City of Boca Raton, will feature popular American alternative band Neon Trees and DJ Skee. The event is free and open to the public. For more info visit lynn.edu.

FORECLOSURE 2 FABULOUS!



Twelfth Child Entertainment, LLC just wrapped shooting their fourth episode of the television show, **Foreclosure 2 Fabulous**, in Palm Beach County! Executive produced by **Patrick Colville**, the show depicts how affordable it is to own a starter, vacation or retirement home on a budget. "Foreclosures continue to flood our real estate markets, making them very obtainable. Our show already test marketed in NY with 700,000 households and it is a huge success," said Colville.



Cast and Crew of *Foreclosure 2 Fabulous* filming Episode Four

Season Two will start shooting this month, and will continue shooting throughout the winter months. Twelfth Child Entertainment, LLC is still in the market for advertisers, show sponsors and welcomes participants. For more information or to view the first three episodes visit twelfthchild.com.

BURT REYNOLDS AROUND THE WORLD



Echo Beach Studios

Jupiter resident **Burt Reynolds** has made appearances in Austria and England, and is happy to be back in Jupiter! In the past month he shot a tribute to his friend **Betty White**, for the **Hallmark Channel** at **Echo Beach Studios** in Jupiter. He reminisced about his fondness for Betty, and recorded the voiceover for the award presentation itself.

Reynolds was also a guest presenter at The Glock Horse Performance Center in Austria's "Horses and Hollywood." This dressage event featured Olympic Medalists and gave his European fans a chance to meet him in person. Then it was off to London to be interviewed on "Piers Morgan's Life Stories" where, as Morgan said, "Burt gave the best interview on the series ever-he told stories about everyone from Frank Sinatra to Marilyn Monroe." On October 27, Reynolds will perform at the Lyric Theatre. For info visit brift.org.



Austrian Periodical



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FESTIVAL TO FEATURE FRESH FILMS



The 18th annual Palm Beach International Film Festival is now accepting submissions! The early deadline is November 15, and the late deadline is December 15, 2012. The festival will take place April 4-11, 2013 at venues throughout Palm Beach County. The event will include parties, seminars and presentations.

For the past 17 years, the Palm Beach International Film Festival has showcase thousands of award-winning films, and hosted filmmakers, actors and industry professionals from around the globe. For more information on the 2013 festival, or to view the submission guidelines, visit pbifilmfest.org or call 561.362.0003.

NEW DOC FOCUSES ON AMERICAN HEROES



Local shark expert, **Jim Abernethy** is the founder of the new documentary project, *Operation: Blue Pride*. It is the story of three American heroes - their service to their country, fighting for American freedom, their injuries as well as rehabilitation, and then taking on a new challenge of ocean conservation.

The heroes recently traveled to Palm Beach County. While they were here, they went scuba diving off Palm Beach County with the Goliath Grouper and released baby Leatherback turtles. They also received a VIP tour at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center. According to Abernethy, the heroes have effectively fought for all the world's free countries as well as those still yearning to be free.



Abernethy was recently featured in the film, *This Is Your Ocean: Sharks*. His connection and love for sharks plays a key role in the film with never before seen footage of a shark clearly showing affection for a human. For more information contact Jim Abernethy at 561.718.6355.

KOMAR TAPPED FOR STATEWIDE DEBATE



In between filming over 150 commercials for attorneys from around the country, **KO-MAR Productions** based in **West Palm Beach**, was hired by **Leadership Florida** to film the only confirmed statewide televised Senate debate on October 17 with Bill Nelson and Connie Mack. The debate will take place at Nova in Davie, FL.

KO-MAR will stage, produce and film the debate. The broadcast will be moderated by WPTV anchor Michael Williams, along with a panel of journalists. Millions of Floridians will be able to tune into the debate via a "Before You Vote" network of 11 partner television stations throughout the state. For info visit ko-mar.com.



KO-MAR's Paul Piasecki checking out lighting at Nova

NAUTICAL EVENT FUELS UP COVERAGE



Powerboat Race

Palm Beach County (PBC) welcomes high-profile sporting events that attract the attention of the media year-round. Already this year, the County has welcomed The Honda Classic, The Sailfish Open and the International Tennis Championships. This month, the County welcomes the **Palm Beach World Offshore Championship!** The event will feature four full days of racing and activities.



According to organizers, **Fox Sports Net** will cover the event when it takes place October 18-21. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission was involved with coordinating the race. "It's going to be like NASCAR on the water," said George Linley, Executive Director of the PBC Sports Commission. For more info visit powerboatpalmbeach.com.



LEADING LADY GETS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ICON



Photos of Pilar: Moores Marine

Hollywood has had a long love affair with the charm of period films. For Andy Garcia's new feature film project, *Hemingway & Fuentes*, producers cast *Pilar*, Hemingway's fishing boat and truest love. The boat that was turned into *Pilar* was *Elhanor*, a similar vintage 1933 Wheeler Playmate. The nautical wheeler was shipped to Moores Marine in Palm Beach County for sea trials and for the hand-painted lettering of her name. The new *Pilar* was launched from Rybovich Marine Center in Riviera Beach. The film will begin shooting in January 2013 in the Dominican Republic, and stars Sir Anthony Hopkins, Annette Benning, and Garcia, who will also direct and co-produce the film. For more info visit mooresmarine.com.



G-STAR SCARES UP EXPOSURE



The G-Star School of the Arts is hosting the seventh annual X-Scream Halloween haunted event! X-Scream has been featured on the Travel Channel's "13 Scariest Haunted Attractions in America." X-Scream has attracted over 10,000 people since it began. Hundreds of students designed and built the attraction, under the supervision of Haunt Master George Colavecchio. This year's event will be held in G-Star's Motion Picture Sound Stage, and will feature three all-new haunted attractions. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 11 and under. For more information including dates and ticket information, visit xscreammhalloween.com.



X-Scream Halloween
G-Star Students



One of G-Star's graduates, Courtney Lillard (Class of 2012) landed a spot in the famous ice show, Disney On Ice's *Treasure Trove* show. She tours through May 2013, and will be performing four days a week and traveling to cities such as New York and Montreal. For more info visit gstarschool.org.

CELEBRATING DIGITAL ACHIEVEMENT



L-R: Trudy Suits,
Karolis Mikalauskas,
Chuck Elder and
Charles Gilbert

Trudy Suits, Student Services Advisor with Digital Media Arts College (DMAC) in Boca Raton recently visited the FTC with recent graduate Karolis Mikalauskas and Charles Gilbert at DMAC to present Chuck Elder, PBC Film Commissioner with a digitally rendered image from an actual photograph. Mikalauskas rendered the bowl of blueberries on a wood surface for his Digital Media Texture and Lighting class, where he received excellent marks for his efforts which included over 500 points of light and over 50 individual images of single blueberries. For more info visit dmac.edu.

INDUSTRY I-PHONE APP PROSPERS



Doddle, based in Palm Beach County, is an iPhone app that provides an interactive mobile production guide for the video industry. Recently, Doddle's Jim Robertson and Richard Kwiat were interviewed by Larry Jordan of Digital Production Buzz. They discussed Doddle, and all of the available services for filmmakers. Services such as their mobile international directory, which makes it easy to find crew, equipment, studios, and more, plus their production tools allow the easy creation of interactive call sheets.

In addition, Doddle began a new affiliate program. It now allows individuals, companies and organizations the ability to earn commissions every month by assisting in building the Doddle brand. Doddle also recently hired Heath McKnight, the head of Voices of Local Film at the annual Palm Beach International Film Festival. Heath is the Web Content Manager and a Writer at Doddle. He is a local producer, director and editor, and has been in the business for over 15 years. For more info visit doddleme.com.



Heath McKnight

POPULAR LOCATION RECEIVES HONOR



Jupiter Lighthouse

One of Palm Beach County's most popular backdrops is the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is located where the blue-green Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian and Loxahatchee Rivers. Recently, the Lighthouse was selected to appear on The Weather Channel website as part a special tribute to America's Favorite Lighthouses. The Lighthouse attracts 80,000 visitors per year, and is the oldest structure in the County. The Lighthouse stands at 156 feet tall, and at the pinnacle of the Lighthouse is a balcony where visitors can view countless breathtaking sites. For more visit jupiterlighthouse.org.

SOUTH FLORIDA TV PERSONALITY GRABS A STORAGE AUCTION GAVEL



Bob Nichols working for his past employer Mahaffey Auctioneers

After more than 30 years as a popular fixture on local television, weatherman, news anchorman, and TV fund-raiser Bob Nichols has taken what many describe as his golden voice into the business of Storage Auctions! Nichols has signed on to do storage auctions for the Florida based storage auction company Hammer Down Auctions, Inc., which maintains its corporate offices in West Palm Beach and conducts storage auctions all over Florida. Storage Auctions are getting a huge surge in buyer attendance these days, due to the popularity of the TV reality show, "Storage Wars" on the A&E network. There is also possibility of TV exposure for Nichols and his new company. For info call Jack Ballentine at 561.601.2200.



Bob Nichols



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT:
THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH

The **City of Lake Worth** has grown from a quiet coastal town into a thriving, culturally diverse city. Not only is Lake Worth a popular city, it's also a destination for all types of creative people with initiatives and incentives for businesses, and always welcoming toward filmmakers with projects ranging from independents to feature films. Lake Worth has been a friend to filmmakers going way back to the classic film *Body Heat*, when an empty store on the corner of Dixie and Lucerne was converted into Stella's Diner for the steamy picture and a very convincing looking car lot was art directed onto an empty lot nearby. The film launched the careers of William Hurt and Kathleen Turner.



Body Heat Poster



Gulfstream Hotel

While the Historic Gulfstream Hotel sits as a preserved time capsule of a by-gone era, city officials are hopeful that it will once again rise beyond its former opulence. The property has been featured in several films and countless magazine photo shoots, most notably, *The Last Home Run* with baseball Hall of Famer and hometown hero Gary Carter landing a key role.



The L-Dub Film Festival recently wrapped up its 3rd consecutive festival with famed key note speaker Alexander Hyde-White who got his first acting break in *Battlestar Galactica*. Festival director, **Charlie Birnbaum** shares his professional experience with weekend sessions at the Lake Worth Stonzek Theater. Recently the **Cultural Council of Palm Beach County** moved their offices into the former Lake Theatre on Lake Avenue preserving the Streamline Moderne Art Deco building's exterior and providing another spectacular venue space for gatherings and events. Lake Worth has a history of preservation and with the renovations to improve and preserve the historic Lake Worth Municipal Casino building which are nearly complete. On-going improvements to the seawall and Snook Island; Lake Worth continues to position itself as a leader by pressing on with green initiatives. For more info please call 561.233.1000. or visit pbfilm.com.

FLORIDA'S LARGEST STUDENT FILM
COMPETITION GEARS UP!



Celebrating 18 years, the highly acclaimed Palm Beach International Film Festival in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Film & Television Commission is pleased to announce the official Call for Entries for the **2013 Student Showcase of Films (SSOF)**. Film students enrolled in Florida high schools and colleges are encouraged to submit their entries online no later than January 10, 2013. The awards show will take place at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center at Lynn University on Friday, March 15, 2013!



Students at the 2012 SSOF

The juried competition recognizes outstanding high school and college students by presenting over \$10,000 in scholarships and awards in categories including...Feature Shorts, Documentary, Animation, Commercial/PSA, Music Video, Audience Award, and Poster competition. Honoring the legacy of Burt Reynolds, the festival also awards an annual scholarship bearing his name, plus a Sara Fuller Student Scholarship through Film Florida. Each year, the entries are judged by top industry professionals, and competition finalists are honored at a live awards show. Winning student films will also be screened at the students' own premiere during the film festival. For more info visit pbfilm.com or email ssof@pbfilm.com.

In other education news, one of the FTC's past interns recently attended the 2012 Olympic Games in London as part of his internship with NBC's, *The Today Show*. Juan Cocuy graduated the FTC internship program in 2010, and went on to become an intern at NBC, while attending film school at NYU. Juan is currently interning at the NBC News Executive Office. For more info about the FTC's internship program, visit pbfilm.com.



Juan Cocuy at the 2012 Olympics

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