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DIGITAL GRAPHICS HUB COULD COME TO WEST PALM BEACH!

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Digital Domain Rendering

Legendary visual effects house, **Digital Domain** (*Titanic*, *The Day After Tomorrow*) is in talks with West Palm Beach city officials about bringing a digital animation college to the area. Florida State University would have a film school at the site, and students would learn about, and work on digital graphics projects for large-scale Hollywood films. In addition, the new facility would house an animation studio and a Digital Domain Institute. Although financial terms are still being discussed, if approved, Digital Domain would become a signature business in the downtown area. For more information call 561.233.1000.

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!



G-Star Studios at The G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures and Broadcasting is proud to announce the completion of their new sound stage, a great addition to G-Star's motion picture production complex of over 100,000 sq. ft. The entire movie studio and new sound stage are offered to filmmakers for no charge! The first production to take place in the sound stage was a music video for **Kriyss Grant**, a G-Star school alum and first back-up dancer chosen by **Michael Jackson** for his *This Is It* Tour. Next up is a new reality show by **Creative Licensing Inc.** out of Coral Springs. The untitled show has booked the sound stage for four months and according to producers, they are currently in talks with three networks regarding distribution. "We have created our own film incentive to attract productions by offering our studio and facilities at no charge," said **G-Star Founder Greg Hauptner**. For more info call Mr. Hauptner at 561.386.6275.



New G-Star Sound Stage

DARK ROMANCE HITS THEATRES



Incubus Poster

Lantana's **Marcie Gorman**, a former Weight Watchers franchisee, is executive producer and co-director of the spooky new flick, *The Incubus*, about the undead. The film is set to open this month at over 15 theatres from Miami to West Palm Beach!

The Incubus shot entirely in South Florida and was written by **Shayne Leighton** during her senior year at the **Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach**. Leighton, who also stars in the movie, collaborated on the lyrics and performs vocals for the original pop-rock songs featured on the motion-picture soundtrack.

Comprised of young, local actors, *The Incubus*, is a film that will resonate with a younger film audience. "There is an honest, unpretentious feel to the film as if we are witnessing the small time dramas that play out in every high school as the hallways fill between classes," said Gorman. The film received a PG-13 rating from the MPAA. For more info contact Jan Mitchell at 954.649.0258 or visit incubustrailer.com.



Shayne Leighton

TWO INDIE PICTURES ARE FILMING IN PBC



Two Palm Beach County (PBC) filmmakers are making films in their own backyard! The first film **Lumiere Fantome** is a short, silent film that shot mostly at the **Lake Worth Playhouse** and the **Chesterfield Hotel**. The film is being shot so it can be included in Lake Worth's first annual **L-Dub Film Festival**, September 17-19. Produced and written by **Pierre Rivard**, the film takes place in the 1920s and revolves around two brothers who are haunted by their own ghosts. "PBC has a very rich history in regards to culture, architecture and folklore. We hope that with this movie, we will add to what we feel is a relevant, yet little known part of PBC history," said Rivard. For more info visit lumierefantome.com.

The second film, **Gina and G.I.T.** shot entirely on location in Jupiter and Jupiter Farms and is now in post-production. *Gina and the G.I.T.* is a comedy directed by Wellington resident, **Marc Zatorsky**. Please see page 3 for more info on *Gina and the G.I.T.* or visit facebook.com.



Cast of Gina and the G.I.T.



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INDIE FILM DISTRIBUTES THROUGH APP!



Florida filmmaker/writer/director **Alex Ferrari** has a new action/thriller short film, *Red Princess Blues*. The film stars **Richard Tyson** (*Black Hawk Down*) **Rachel Grant** (*Die Another Day*) and **Robert Forster** (*Jackie Brown*). The film was shot in two days for under \$10,000. "We've done something really cool with this film. I think we are one of, if not the first indie short film to self distribute through an iPhone App. I think this is the future for indie filmmakers trying to get their films out there. I hope to be able to garner enough attention with the short to get the feature film version made," said Ferrari.

The *Red Princess Blues* App includes the entire eleven minute live action short film, exclusive behind-the-scenes videos, the film's soundtrack, a photo gallery, character design gallery, concept art gallery, and a direct link to the film's twitter page. For more info visit redprincessblues.com.

G-STAR TO HOST NEXT-GEN-EXPO



Leading visionaries from around the world are uniting at a revolutionary new exposition and conference at the **G-Star Studios** from **October 15-17, 2010**. The **Next-Gen-Expo** is a cutting-edge three day experience that promotes empowering conversations about entertainment, media, technology, and other platforms, according to **Steve Zuckerman**, **Next-Gen-Expo Executive Producer**. Speakers were chosen based on their expertise in their chosen fields, and some of the brightest minds from around the world will be featured.



One of the featured guests is film distribution executive **Mark Lipsky**. Lipsky will present "The Future of Digital Cinema," where he will advise on digital media strategies and audience development. The entire conference is being recorded for media broadcast, motion picture distribution and alternative media promotions. To purchase tickets, view the entire conference schedule, or for more information visit thisisnextgen.com.

Mark Lipsky

For more information visit thisisnextgen.com.



PR GURU HOSTS INT'L INTERNET SHOW



Boca Raton based PR counselor **Barry R. Epstein**, **APR** recently took a high-tech leap into the 21st century to allow global access to his guests and sponsors via his own weekly internet TV show, "**Barry Epstein Live**" on wrpbiv.com.

Barry Epstein

Boasting over 29,000 viewers, the hour long show is archived every week on the website for those who are not able to see it live when it airs at 10 a.m. on Fridays. His usual cadre of guests include; Palm Beach Post gossip columnist Jose Lambiet, New Times investigative reporter Bob Norman, Sun-Sentinel columnist Kingsley Guy, and Lynn University political professor Dr. Robert Watson. For more info visit publicrelations.nu or wrpbiv.com.

CALLING ASPIRING TALENT!



Meet, network and learn from top industry professionals at **TalentFest365**, a program that provides aspiring talent from Florida a chance to get connected. The event will be held **November 20-21, 2010** at the **Embassy Suites** in **Boca Raton**. 20 modeling and talent agencies as well as casting directors from Miami, Orlando, Naples and Tampa will be present. Some of the agencies include Boca Talent, Next Management and Ford Models. The two-day program consists of one day of seminars and one day where every attendee gets to interview with each of the 20 modeling and talent agencies.

Register to download the program brochure which includes the details, benefits and costs. Parents of registered talent under 18 years of age, attend for free. This event is open to talent of all ages, but only 250 spots are available. For more information please visit talentfest365.com or call 888.332.6700.



EMBASSY SUITES HOTELS

COURTHOUSE SERVES AS PRIME LOCATION



1916 Courthouse

The newly renovated **1916 Courthouse** in **West Palm Beach** is a great location for a variety of productions. Recently, the courtroom served as the backdrop for a marketing video for **Legal Graphic Works**, a company based in Palm Beach. Coral Springs based **Aller Media Group** along with **The Buzz Agency** in Boca Raton were hired to make this video shoot happen in one day. The crew filmed a mock trial to showcase the company's graphic tools, and utilized the stairwells and the exterior of the building as well. The video will be seen at trade shows and online.



"The 1916 Courthouse provided an exceptional background for the video. Being able to showcase high-tech equipment within the setting of early 20th century courthouse architecture was a powerful contrast and conveys the message that while their equipment is state-of-the-art, their company is well established and time honored," said **Shalee Lindey**, Owner of **Aller Media Group**. For more info call 561.233.1000.



the buzz agency



FRENCH FILM FEST RETURNING TO BOCA



With over 6000 admissions in 2009, **France Cinema Florida** was a great success! The festival will be celebrating its 6th annual event in Miami, and its 3rd annual event in Boca Raton. The festival in Boca Raton will be held **November 12-14** at the **Sunrise Cinemas** in **Mizner Park**.

During the event, local film enthusiasts will have an opportunity to view quality French films and will be able to meet French directors, producers and writers. France Cinema Florida also has advertising and sponsorship opportunities available. For more info or to purchase tickets visit francecinemaflorida.com.



Mizner Park

2010 BURT REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, PAUL HALLUCH...IS ON THE MOVE



On the set of
Gina and the G.I.T.

GINA and the G.I.T. A fun, family comedy shot entirely on location in Jupiter and Jupiter Farms is one of many projects Paul Halluch has been working on this summer. Halluch first hit the radar while attending **G-Star School of the Arts** in Palm Springs, FL. He wooed the judges during the final Burt Reynolds Scholarship interviews through his conviction and love of film. He was already well known by many of the local filmmakers and students at the **Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre**. Halluch was steadily making a name for himself as he had already volunteered endless hours, learning the trade alongside some of the greats.

Award-winning filmmaker **Marc Zatorsky**, fresh from the success of the sold-out premiere of **The Misadventures of Wallace Weaver** is in post-production on *Gina and the G.I.T.* (the almost-plausible, possibly-true story about a genie from Brooklyn and Tina, her Genie-In-Training). This is Zatorsky's second film with Halluch and he is optimistic about working with local talent. "Palm Beach County (PBC) has an excellent track record of producing quality, well-educated, ready to work crew members. Paul is a perfect example of the incredible talent that has come through that educational system," said Zatorsky. Halluch has many Director of Photography credits including **Turkles** and **It's a Dog Gone Tale: Destiny Stand**, both currently in post-production. He also directed the short student film **Code Red**, crewed an Autism documentary, and a DVD series titled, **The Commons**. "Right now, I am producing my first project, **You Are Not an Island**, a documentary on Poverty Reduction. I am very blessed to have found an art that lets me express myself so freely," said Halluch. Halluch plans on staying in PBC and taking advantage of every opportunity that comes along. For more info on *You Are Not an Island* visit youarenotanisland.com.



Paul Halluch

CAST MEMBER OF TV SHOW IS FROM PBC



Some of northern Palm Beach County's most beautiful beaches will be seen during the reunion episode of **MTV's The Real World XXIV: New Orleans**. MTV producers were in town to film cast member McKenzie in her hometown to show audiences what she has been up to since the show wrapped. *The Real World* is no stranger to Palm Beach County. In 2006, the entire cast had to evacuate their Key West mansion due to Hurricane Rita. They stayed at the **West Palm Beach Marriott** and partied at **CityPlace** until they were cleared to go home. Many other MTV shows have also filmed in Palm Beach County such as **Is She Really Going Out With Him?**, **My Super Sweet 16**, and **High School Stories: Scandals, Pranks and Controversies**.

The Real World New Orleans is the 24th installment of the show that revolves around eight strangers who are picked to live in a house and have their lives taped. Catch *The Real World* Wednesdays at 10/9c. For more information please visit mtv.com.



Jupiter Beach Park

NEW FILM WALKS ON THE WILD SIDE



Palm Beach Image Factory Inc. in North Palm Beach is currently wrapping up post-production on the feature length independent film **Rolling Thunder, the real world of the 1% MC** produced by **Walter Busch**. This experimental and ultimately dangerous endeavor was filmed in Palm Beach and Martin Counties over an eight month period utilizing only local resources. The film gives an inside view of one of Americas last secret societies, the outlaw motorcycle club or 1% MC.



The brainchild of Walter Busch, owner of Palm Beach Image Factory, *Rolling Thunder* was inspired by his experiences in and around the 1% MC community and from working with the **Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre (BRIFT)**, both as an instructor and student. Busch credits fellow filmmaker and BRIFT instructor **Frank Eberling (Turkles)** for opening his eyes to the great potential of South Florida for indie filmmakers. Mr. Busch is preparing to start promoting *Rolling Thunder* with the hope of getting a distribution agreement. For more info visit sobfla.com or call 561.840.7243.

WELLINGTON GOES GLOBAL



TCIN.TV — a new Wellington-based Internet television station—formally launched in August. The channel, which will be broadcasting two evenings a week (Sunday and Thursday) features a mixture of local programming, programming of interest to the South Florida area, and several shows of specific interest to niche interest groups worldwide.

Shows in production include **Night Shul**, a Jewish cultural show; **Health Unplugged**, a show focused on alternative health; **Elsie Bell's Secrets**, an antiques/collectibles show; and a financial talk show. Shows will be available live and on demand after initial broadcast. For more info visit TCIN.TV or email director@tcin.tv.

INTERNS GRADUATE FTC PROGRAM



Juan Cocuy



Charlotte Gorant

Please join the FTC in congratulating **Charlotte Gorant, Juan Cocuy and Grant Cumbest** as they graduate from the internship program. Gorant graduated from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts and will be attending Bard College in the fall. Cocuy hopes to apply the knowledge he gained at the FTC this summer to his classes at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts where he will return as a sophomore this fall. Cumbest said, "The FTC provided me with an opportunity to better my communication skills, and learn about protocol and teamwork." For info about the program visit pbfilm.com.



Grant Cumbest

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: TORRY ISLAND AND KREAMER ISLAND



Torry Island Bridge

Just minutes from the **City of Belle Glade**, **Torry Island** is located on the southeastern rim of **Lake Okeechobee** featuring a wonderland of wildlife, sawgrass and lily pads. People from all over the world come to experience its serene beauty. The island provides 350 campsites and eight public boat ramps all of which provide access to Lake Okeechobee and the scenic walking trail on the island. Common activities include fishing, gator and wildlife watching, kayaking, airboat rides, and canoeing. The island has a rugged, natural feel to it, and though you are only minutes away from motels, stores, and restaurants, you are surrounded by native wildlife that provides a pristine setting for your production. Torry Island is also home to the **Point Chosen Bridge**, the oldest swing draw-bridge in Florida. It's the only bridge in Florida that has to be hand-cranked to be opened. For 75 years, the bridge has connected the mainland levee to Torry Island in Lake Okeechobee. It's one of the last of its kind and has a special place in Florida history.



Airboat in Torry Island

Located just north of Torry Island, accessible only by airboat during the wet season and by recreational vehicles during dry season, you will discover the overgrown tree-lined **Kreamer Island**. The island was settled as a fishing and agricultural settlement in the 1800's. It suffered numerous casualties over the years from fires and hurricanes, including one in the 1920s, during which over 1,000 people around the lake perished. Little is left standing and the island is now considered a ghost town to most, but not air boaters. This island is home to one of the largest public tree houses in the state. Built by the Belle Glade Buggy and Airboat Association as a gathering hole for wildlife, air boaters and tourists, it offers a great location for your next scary movie or ghostly scene. Built in and around incredible Banyan trees with decks that offer breathtaking views on all sides, the tree house is very unique. Catch



Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

some zzz's on the hammock, sit on the swinging bench or play on the rope swings found across the front yard. If your crew is feeling adventurous bring your sleeping bags and stay the night. While you are in the area schedule one of the many gator sightseeing tours that are available both during the day and at night. Witness the excitement of trapping Florida's wild beasts in their natural habitat. For info call 561.233.1000.



Kreamer Island Tree House

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