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Fellow Floridians,

As today is the first day of Hurricane Season, we would like to encourage you to help safeguard you and your loved ones during the unpredictable months to come. Please check out the press release below for safety tips and information about the hurricane sales tax holiday running June 1st through 12th.

Stay Safe!

Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment

GOVERNOR CRIST ENCOURAGES FLORIDIANS TO PREPARE FOR HURRICAN SEASON

~ Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday Begins June 1st ~

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today encouraged all Floridians to make the final preparations necessary to keep their families, homes, businesses and communities safe during the 2007 Hurricane Season.

On April 30, 2007, Governor Crist signed into law House Bill 211 establishing a sales tax holiday from June 1 through June 12, 2007, for hurricane preparedness items. Below are a few examples of items that will be exempt during the sales tax holiday which begins on Friday.

- * Flashlights and other portable, self-powered light sources – \$20 or less
- * Portable radios, two-way radios and weather-band radios – \$75 or less
- * Tarps – \$50 or less
- * Gas or diesel fuel containers – \$25 or less
- * Batteries – \$30 or less (AAA, AA, C and D cell, and 6 and 9 volt batteries)
- * Non-electrical food storage coolers – \$30 or less
- * Portable generators – \$1,000 or less
- * Carbon monoxide detectors – \$75 or less
- * Storm shutter devices – \$200 or less

Governor Crist also noted the importance of maintaining a supply of necessary prescription drugs along with special food for infants or elders. He encouraged Floridians to document all valuables and to consolidate important personal documents including, bank account numbers, Social Security cards and immunization records in a waterproof container.

For more information on the 2007 Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday or to find information on building a customized family or business disaster plan, please visit www.FloridaDisaster.org <file:///\\www.FloridaDisaster.org\> or www.MyFlorida.com.

FSU GRAD MOVES INTO TOP 15 ON ON THE LOT

Florida State University film school graduate, Will Bigham, is making the cut as one of the remaining 15 contestants on FOX's new hit reality show, *On The Lot*. Each week on the show a group of aspiring filmmakers is faced with the task of creating a new short film from a chosen genre. Through a weekly vote, the Steven Spielberg and Mark Burnett produced show will give FOX viewers the opportunity to decide which contestant will continue on to be the winner of a \$1 Million development deal at DreamWorks.

As former FSU student Will Bigham continues to make the cut week after week he gains the increasing support of dedicated viewers in the Florida film community. Like most filmmakers Will Bigham describes movies as being such a big part of his life. After earning his Master's degree in film from Florida State University in 2004, Will Bigham made the bold move out to LA where he and his wife, Catherine, are raising their two daughters. After struggling for years in LA as a director, actor and editor, Will told *On The Lot* he is ready to make a change so that he can achieve his dreams and hopefully give his children the opportunity to achieve theirs as well.

While Will admits that having to make a new film each week will be very physically exhausting, he seems more than eager to take the challenge. After dubbing 2007 as his "make it or break it year," Will describes himself as a "hard-working family man who loves to tell a good story." Although he joked in an *On The Lot* interview that he will do his best to achieve global domination and force the world to listen to him sing karaoke for hours, his real goal is to create something that "everyone in a theater can relate to and hopefully remember for a long time." As the weeks progress on *On The Lot* with only 15 contestants left, viewers hope to see great things from this aspiring filmmaker and we can be sure that if Will finds success on the show he will have quite a story to tell, indeed.

On The Lot airs every Monday and Tuesday on Fox at 8/7c with a one-hour "Film Premier" episode, follow the next night by the half-hour "Box Office" results show. Fox viewers can vote on contestants at <http://www.thelot.com>.

(All information about the show and direct quotes from Bigham were taken from the *On The Lot* official website, <http://www.thelot.com>)

GREAT FLORIDA QUOTE :

Vinny Hogan, head of Cineworks post house in Miami, shared with us the following positive feedback he got from one of the top out-of-state ASC directors of photography in the country.

"I'm currently having an extraordinarily good experience with Cineworks here in Miami. They are a world-class facility that finds a way of including the cinematographer without ruffling the feathers of the post 'heavy breathers.'" - Roy H. Wagner ASC

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

'THE HAWK' RETURNS TO TOWN'

It's summer blockbuster time again and moviegoers are lining up by the thousands to see pirates, superheroes, zombies, ogres and even Kevin Costner. (Well, maybe not Costner.)

But there's one little movie showing this weekend that has a bit more significance here in Gainesville.

Read more at: <http://www.gainesville.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070531/SCENE/705310336/-1/entertainment>

TULSA SHOWS HIS MOVIE "CHOPS" AT THE TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

A little documentary with Tulsa ties made its big screen debut in New York City last week. "Chops" was shot in Florida...

Read more at: <http://www.kotv.com/news/local/story/?id=127158>

HARRY POTTER THEME PARK COMING TO ORLANDO'S UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

The tourism industry buzzed feverishly Thursday with the announcement that Universal Orlando secured the rights to build an attraction centered on the hugely popular Harry Potter character.

Read more at: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/custom/tourism/orl-universal3107may31_0.1282343.story?coll=orl-home-headlines

OTHER ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

'MR BROOKS' SCREENING EXCITES CREW, LOCAL AUDIENCE

Actress Megan Brown and Ross Francis played two of Brooks' victims. Scenes and flashbacks of their characters' killings elicited gasps from the audience. "That's really fun to hear," said Brown, **who has moved here from Florida to continue her acting career.** "Doing this film changed my life." Francis, who **also moved to Shreveport from Florida,** said filming their gruesome death scene was a challenge.

Read more at: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070531/NEWS01/705310327/1005/ENT>

STATE APPROPRIATES \$22 MILLION FOR FILM INCENTIVES

As reported, the Texas Film Incentive Program passed in both branches of the state legislature earlier this month..

Read more at: <http://www.pegasusnews.com/news/2007/may/30/state-appropriates-22-million-film-incentives/>

BILL ENHANCES FILM REBATE PROGRAM IN STATE

The state Legislature passed a bill that modifies the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program, or "Compete with Canada Act," by lowering the minimum budget required to participate from \$2 million to \$500,000 to be eligible for a 15 percent rebate on Oklahoma expenditures

Read more at: <http://newsok.com/article/3060850>

FBI INVESTIGATING LOUISIANA'S FILM INDUSTRY INCENTIVES

Casting a pall over one of the few sectors of growth in Louisiana's struggling economy, federal investigators have opened a wide-ranging probe into possible abuse of generous tax credits offered by the state to lure film productions.

Read more at: http://blog.nola.com/times-picayune/2007/05/fbi_investigating_louisianas_f.html

LAWMAKERS ASKED TO HELP RECRUIT MOVIES TO OHIO

State development officials and moviemaking groups want more action when it comes to persuading filmmakers to shoot in Ohio

Read more at: <http://www.coshoctontribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070529/NEWS01/705290320/1002>

NEW INCENTIVES GET GOVERNMENT BLESSING

After decades of attitudes ranging from indifference to outright hostility, the Japanese government has finally decided to assist its film industry.

Read more at: <http://www.varietyasiaonline.com/content/view/1361/53/>

Statewide Events:

MEETING REMINDERS!

The annual Film Florida meetings and events, and the second quarter FFEAC meeting will be held in Tampa next week. Keep reading for more details!

FLORIDA FILM & ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (FFEAC) 2nd QUARTER MEETING

The Office of Film Entertainment and the Florida Film Entertainment Advisory Council will convene in a public meeting. This is a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE & TIME: Friday, June 8, 2007
9 :00 AM - 1 :00 PM

LOCATION: Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina
700 South Florida Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602
813-221-4900

AGENDA: To discuss general administrative matters of the Advisory Council.

Should any person wish to appeal any decision made with respect to the above referenced meeting, he/she may need to ensure verbatim recording of the proceedings in order to provide a record for judicial review. Pursuant to Chapter 286.26, Florida Statutes, any handicapped person wishing to attend this meeting should contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to request any special assistance.

THE TAMPA FILM FORUM

Presented by: CreativeTampaBay, Tampa Bay Film Commission, Film Florida and Digital Media Alliance of Florida

A community forum is being held to connect filmmakers with information and resources that will lead to a stronger film industry in the region. The forum begins with two concurrent sessions followed by the opening reception of Film Florida's Annual Meeting. In the first session, learn about the funding process and how to make a pitch. In the second, check out the latest technologies and make your pitch to a panel of judges. Afterward network with state and local VIP's in the industry.

Save the date, Wednesday, June 6, 4-8 PM at the Italian Club in Ybor City. Admission is free

and includes limited parking, refreshments and cash bar. Seating is limited. Contact Donna Manion at Donna@CreativeTampaBay.com or dmanion02@aol.com for more information or visit www.CreativeTampaBay.com to reserve your seat. Reservations required.

SECOND ANNUAL FILM FLORIDA LEGENDS AWARD

Film Florida, Tampa Bay Film Commission, and The Governor's Office of Film and Entertainment cordially invite you to the Second Annual Film Florida Legends Award at:

STUMPS SUPPER CLUB AT CHANNELSIDE , THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

Join us waterside for an evening of singin' and dancin', southern-fried food and hospitality, and a special music performance by Jimmy James and the Velvet Explosion Band live on stage!

Join as we honor

JORDAN KLEIN, SR.

Legendary cinematographer Jordan Klein, Sr. has been directing and filming topside and specializing in underwater and aerial cinematography for more than 40 years. An International Cinematographers Guild cameraman for more than 25 years, Jordan's first major project was filming the underwater portion of the Flipper TV series in 1964. In 2002, Jordan Klein was honored with an Academy Award for Technical Achievement for his pioneering efforts in the development and application of underwater camera housings for motion pictures. Today we honor him as a Film Florida Legend.

EGON STEPHAN, SR.

Egon Stephan, Sr. came to South Florida from New York in 1957 to develop his career as a cinematographer. He became known as a specialist in aerial and underwater filming as well as a Second Unit DP on many feature films. Egon founded CineVideoTech in 1968 with one camera and a dream. As his cinematography career started to take off, so did the rental inventory of CineVideoTech, eventually becoming the largest equipment rental house in the Southeast. Egon Stephan, Sr. passed away in October of 2002. He left behind a legacy of professionalism and dedication that lives on today in the company he founded, now run by his son, Egon Stephan, Jr.

R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, June 5, 2007 to 813-342-4088 or LNorris@VisitTampaBay.com
Tickets are \$25, Cash or check at the door (No Credit Cards)

SPECIALIZED INDIE FILM COURSES IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Please join the Miami Dade College Kendall Campus for the following digital media courses. For more information and to register, call: 305-237-2161.

Final Cut Pro Level 1 - \$450

Reference #: 429724

Capture, Basic Editing, Audio, Titles, and Output

Fri-Sun June 15-17, Fri June 22

MDC Kendall Campus, Room 5218

11011 SW 104 ST

Miami, FL 33176-3393

Final Cut Pro Level 2 - \$450

Reference #: 429943

Advanced Techniques in Editing, Audio, Titles and Compositing, and Output

Fri-Sun June 29-July 1, Fri July 6

MDC Kendall Campus, Room 5218

11011 SW 104 ST

Miami, FL 33176-3393

Adobe Premiere Pro Level 1 - \$215

(taught by an Adobe Certified Instructor)

Reference #: 429008

Capture, Basic Editing, Audio, Titles, and Output

Mondays June 25 – July 23

MDC Kendall Campus, Room 5205

11011 SW 104 ST

Miami, FL 33176-3393

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2008 SARASOTA FILM FESTIVAL

10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Sarasota Film Festival has its official dates for 2008. SFF will celebrate a decade of cinema April 4th -13th, 2008.

True to form, the 10th edition will be stacked from top-to-bottom with hundreds of film screenings as well as jaw-dropping special events, intimate conversations with some of the brightest minds in film and more intensive educational programs.

SFF would like to thank all those who made 2007 such a resounding success -- from the filmmakers and sponsors to the press and audiences; and we invite you back for another round in 2008.

The wake of 2007 had Mark Rabinowitz of Filmmaker Magazine saying "the event's 10th anniversary should be one of the "can't miss" stops on the festival trail next year." So, don't forget to mark your calendar as SFF turns 10 with 10 days of celluloid on the Suncoast!

Press Contact: SPRINGER ASSOCIATES PR – 212-354-4660

jobs/casting calls

CASTING CALL FOR EVIL CREW PRODUCTIONS SHORT FILM, *KILLING VALUES*

Principal Photography: June 23 - July 1, 2007

Director: Sean Keller

Producer: Rebecca Lando

Travis Vengroff

Cinematographer: Kit Pennebaker

KILLING VALUES is an ambitious 30-minute short film packed with Hollywood action-movie quality stunts and special effects. They are currently looking to fill the following positions:

Costumer/Wardrobe

Art Director

Script Supervisor

Key Grip

Gaffer

Grips/Electrics (2-4)

1st AC

2nd AC

Location Sound Mixer

Boom Operator

Costumer/Wardrobe Assistant

Art Department Assistants

General PAs

Meals, copy, and credit provided. Interested parties should contact the producer at KillingValues@gmail.com

Please Note: If you have a press release or an educational event, you can post it on our website www.filminflorida.com. The Governor's Office of Film & Entertainment reserves the right to edit or exclude any content not deemed appropriate.

If you wish to be removed from this newsletter please reply with "**Remove**" in the subject line

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