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THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FILM & ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4TH. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

KNIGHT FOUNDATION GRANTS TALLAHASSEE FILM FESTIVAL \$60,000

Tallahassee, Fla. – The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$60,000 to the Tallahassee Film Festival (TFF) for start-up funding during the first two years.

In January 2007, Tallahassee was selected as one of three regions in the nation to participate in the Knight Creative Communities Initiative (KCCI). The KCCI Catalyst Team established four key initiatives to help draw and retain young professionals and sustain the area's high quality of life.

The Tallahassee Film Festival, presented by Florida Commerce Credit Union, was a top initiative of KCCI Tallahassee and a project of The International Creativity Center, Inc. The three-day festival from May 15-17, 2008, attracted more than 1,000 attendees, primarily from Tallahassee and the surrounding areas, to enjoy more than 65 film screenings, competitions, lectures and a community Downtown Get Down. Festival goers had the rare opportunity to interact with approximately 15 filmmakers from across the country, including Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco, to learn more about the filmmaking industry. According to a festival survey, attendees rated their overall experience at the Tallahassee Film Festival as either excellent or good.

The Tallahassee Film Festival not only gives filmmakers who have something to say an outlet to express ideas, but promotes revitalization of the downtown area and economic development by attracting people to Tallahassee and highlighting its assets.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes journalism excellence worldwide and invests in the vitality of the communities where the Knight brothers owned newspapers. Tallahassee is one of 26 Knight Communities in the United States.

To learn more about the Tallahassee Film Festival, please visit www.tallahasseeffilmfestival.com.

GOVERNOR CRIST APPOINTS TWO TO THE FLORIDA FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today announced the following appointments:

Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council

i. Vivian R. Myrtetus, 37, of Tallahassee, public relations vice president of Core Message, succeeding Arlene Herson, appointed for a term beginning July 1, 2008, and ending August 20, 2012.

ii. Stephen A. Schlow, 68, of Orlando, chair of the Film Department for the University of Central Florida, succeeding Craig M. Hagen, appointed for a term beginning July 1, 2008, and ending August 20, 2010.

To learn more about the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council, please visit: <http://www.filminflorida.com/about/feac.asp>.

SENATE PRESIDENT KEN PRUITT APPOINTS ONE TO THE FLORIDA FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

TALLAHASSEE – Senate President Ken Pruitt announced the following appointment:

Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council

Agustin G. Corbella, Director of the Governmental Affairs at Greenberg Traurig's Tallahassee office, succeeding Patrick Keating, appointed for a term beginning August 1, 2008 and ending August 1, 2012.

To learn more about the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council, please visit: <http://www.filminflorida.com/about/feac.asp>.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: FLORIDA EXPERIMENTAL FILM/VIDEO FESTIVAL

FLEX, the Florida Experimental Film/Video Festival, is now accepting submissions for its third biennial competitive festival taking place February 17-22, 2009 in Gainesville, FL. The exclusive focus of the festival is on experimental short media, but we encourage artists to challenge us to rethink what "experimental" means. Work may draw on documentary, animation, avant garde, underground, or other traditions - or no traditions at all. Cash and in-kind prizes will be awarded in each of 4 categories (film/video, small/large).

Entry form and guidelines are available at www.flexfest.org. The regular entry deadline is October 1, but we encourage early submission. No entry fee for festival alumni or for international entries.

Entry Fee:
Regular--\$10 (postmark by October 1)
Late--\$20 (postmark by November 1)

Send entries to:
FLEX
Box 12762
Gainesville, FL 32604

Questions? Email: info@flexfest.org.

IRS INCREASES MILEAGE RATES THROUGH DEC. 31, 2008

WASHINGTON -- The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

The rate will increase to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008. This is an increase of eight (8) cents from the 50.5 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2008, as set forth in [Rev. Proc. 2007-70](#).

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2008. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

The new six-month rate for computing deductible medical or moving expenses will also increase by eight (8) cents to 27 cents a mile, up from 19 cents for the first six months of 2008. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

The new rates are contained in [Announcement 2008-63](#) on the optional standard mileage rates.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

Purpose	Mileage Rate Changes	
	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/08	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/08
Business	50.5	58.5
Medical/Moving	19	27
Charitable	14	14

Please visit the IRS website for more info: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=184163,00.html>

FLORIDA ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

LEESBURG MANSION GETS HOLLYWOOD TOUCH FOR FILM

Orlando Sentinel Â© June 28, 2008

LEESBURG - An Oscar-winning director and a pair of big-name stars -- John Krasinski of TV's The Office and Maya Rudolph of Saturday Night Live -- came to town this week with cameras and bright lights to shoot scenes for a major movie.

FILM AUTHORITY WANTS TO GET CAMERAS ROLLING AGAIN IN WEST VOLUSIA

The DeLand-Deltona Beacon Â© June 28, 2008

Things have been pretty quiet in West Volusia, film-wise. The West Volusia Film Authority, out of cash and lying low for the past few years, wants to change that.

STUART IS MOVIE SET FOR WORLD WAR II PRODUCTION

Palm Beach Post â€" FL Â© June 28, 2008

It's actually the last Saturday of June 2008. Culpepper, played by veteran actor Steve Roth, is really in Stuart, in one of the city's oldest landmarks - the historic Krueger house on East Ocean Boulevard.

GREENBERG TRAUIG TALLAHASSEE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AGUSTIN G. CORBELLA APPOINTED TO FLORIDA FILM & ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Business Wire Â© July 1, 2008

Agustin G. Corbella, Director of the Governmental Affairs Practice of Greenberg Traurig's Tallahassee office, was appointed to the Florida Film & Entertainment Advisory Council by Senate President Ken Pruitt. He will serve on the Advisory Council through 2012.

GAINESVILLE A FINALIST FOR 'TITLETOWN USA'

Tiger Sports Digest Â© July 1, 2008

Gainesville is one of 20 cities to be profiled as part of SportsCenter's nationwide search for America's top championship city. ESPN will visit Gainesville on Thursday, July 10, to film the town's segment for "TitleTown USA" at the University of Florida. People who support the Orange and Blue should come out to show the nation why Gainesville should be recognized as â€œTitleTown USA.â€•

YOUR NEWS: FILMMAKERS SEEKING DONATIONS TO HELP FUND SHORT FILM PROJECT

Marco Eagle Â© July 1, 2008

Local filmmakers Cord McConnell and Carlos Calante are raising money for their newest project: â€œFortunate Son,â€• a short film shot on 16mm film.

FILM AND PRODUCTION GROUP BEST READ BLIND SETS UP IN BAY COUNTY

The News Herald Â© July 1, 2008

Best Read Blind is ready for Bay County. The question, however, is Bay County ready for Best Read Blind? Led by founder Antonio "Red" Hernandez, Best Read Blind is a full-service video and film production company, hailing from New Mexico.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

MOVIE CREW FILMING AT HOUMA PLANTATION HOUSE

Houma Courier Â© June 27, 2008

Roughly \$2 million is being injected directly into the Houma economy, including hotels, restaurants, fuel, ice and drinks, said Jason Hewitt, owner of Films in Motion. When that money trickles down to other businesses, it translates to a \$7-million impact for the local economy in three weeks, he said.

LONDON IS SHANGHAIED INTO STAR ROLE AS HARVEY WEINSTEIN'S SAVIOUR

Times Online Â© June 28, 2008

Tax incentives that came into effect last year also played a part in persuading the Hollywood producers to come to London. â€œIt's much of the reason that foreign films come here to shoot,â€• Mr Myers said. â€œIt is a fairly aggressive incentive, probably well above other countries doing similar things, and is extremely helpful in counterbalancing the exchange rate.

LIGHTS! CAMERAS! DELAWARE!

The News Journal Â© June 28, 2008

Under a plan they have been pressing on local bankers and government officials, Delaware banks would offer a line of credit of up to 25 percent of the budget for film productions that agree to shoot a certain amount of the film in the state.

NACOGDOCHES NAMED FILM FRIENDLY TOWN

Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel Â© June 27, 2008

Pirie said, while more filmmakers have opted to use Texas to film in light of the newly developed Texas Incentive Plan, which offers filmmakers 5 percent back for every dollar they spend in Texas, filmmakers are often lured away to neighboring states such as Louisiana and Oklahoma, that offer higher percentages, 25 and 15 percent, respectively.

PROJECT VALKYRIE DOCUMENTARY

CBS42 - Birmingham,AL Â© June 28, 2008

He says Alabama could soon attract more film makers and turn the state into one of the biggest southeast cinema producers: "Alabama's working on a film incentive right now for production companies to save anywhere from 20 to 40 percent back on their productions

NEW SHOW MIGHT BOOST FILM INDUSTRY IN ATHENS

Online Athens Â© June 28, 2008

Crowe, a set director/construction coordinator, is one of about 60 crew members helping with the production of a BET television pilot series called "Somebodies" being filmed in Athens. The 10-episode project, which began production earlier this month and will continue through the middle of August, is not only providing a paying gig for Crowe and other local film professionals to work at home, but also giving Athens an economic boost.

THERE WILL BE BLOODY RIVALRY

East African Â© June 28, 2008

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, Kenya has lost a film project to Tanzania. The BBC comedy series, The Calais Rules, which was to film at Nakuru has been relocated to Arusha with shooting scheduled to start next month. According to Jenny Pont, a veteran film agent and a commissioner in the Kenya Film Commission, this particular loss could be due to the fact that Nakuru was a flashpoint in this year's post-election violence.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, INACTION

Baltimore Sun Â© July 2, 2008

Why? It's a matter of dollars and cents. Ms. Zellweger's *My One and Only* is receiving about \$3 million from a state fund that provides filmmakers a partial rebate of local production costs. No such lure could be offered for the Carson biography - the state program's modest budget had run dry.

GENERAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

A MOVIE ON YOUR TV AT HOME, BEFORE YOU CAN RENT IT

New York Times, United States Â© June 30, 2008

In an industry first, Sony Pictures' hoped-for blockbuster "Hancock," starring Mr. Smith as a bungling superhero, hits theaters on Wednesday and will be available "after its theater run but before release on DVD" over the Internet, directly to viewers' television sets. That is, if they own a Sony Bravia TV with a Web connection.

HOLLYWOOD COOLS AFTER SAG DEADLINE

Variety, CA Â© July 1, 2008

One day after the expiration of the Screen Actors Guild's film and primetime TV contract, the biz is not gripped by the same level of angst experienced at the comparable moment during the Writers Guild of America's negotiations with the majors, just prior to the Nov. 5 start of the scribes' 100-day strike.

Statewide Events:

MIAMI/FT. LAUDERDALE FILM SCHOOL SUMMER DAY OR EVENING SESSIONS

Greetings from the Miami Film School! Each student learns the craft of filmmaking by making their own short, character-driven comedy, drama or horror film and each completed film is screened at a South Florida movie theater. Our course is designed for students of all ages and backgrounds who have a passion for filmmaking. We shoot on HD cameras and edit on Final Cut Pro.

The summer day class begins on July 7, 2008 (Monday-Thursday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM for 8 weeks). The summer evening class begins on July 7, 2008 (Monday & Wednesday from 6:00PM to 10:00PM for 16 weeks). We limit our enrollment to 8-10 students per class so every student can make their own film.

We do have tuition financing available through Sallie Mae whereby your payments can usually range from \$70-\$90 per month if you qualify. We also have several partial tuition scholarships available based on ability and need. Internships and job placement assistance are available to graduates.

If you are interested in learning how to write, shoot, direct and edit your own films, feel free to call the Director, Jim York at 954-989-2737 or email filmschool@aol.com to schedule an appointment.

ORLANDO HISPANIC FILM FESTIVAL JULY EVENTS

As part of its commitment to education and the filmmaking community the Orlando Hispanic Film Festival (OHFF) is offering a number of events in the month of July. A schedule of events is below:

- Orange County Library System (OCLS) FREE workshops

July 9th & July 23rd (Wednesdays) 2008 at 7PM.
Orlando Public Library
101 N. Central Blvd
Orlando, FL 32801

These workshops are dedicated to highlighting local film schools. On July 9th, Valencia Community College's film program director, Ralph Clemente will showcase examples of student film projects on the library's big screen and speak about the film school. On July 23rd, OHFF and OCLS will host Full Sail University as they screen student shorts and offer information about their film and music programs.

- OCLS's "Stay Tuned" Teen Film Festival, which runs through July 31, 2008. Teens can create a commercial for a library program, video game, book or movie and submit to win prizes and a chance to be seen on the big screen at the Orlando Hispanic Film Festival Oct 10-12. Submissions are FREE. Entertainment and education industry professionals will judge all festival submissions. Teen film submissions will be viewed at the Orlando Public Library Thursday, August 7, 2008 7PM. The winner will be announced following the screenings.
- Finally, as a part of the "3rd Wednesdays Indie Film Summer Series", OHFF will be screening another 2007 audience favorite, "Revolucion en el Infierno". The film is based on facts of the massacre at Ponce, Puerto Rico March 21st, 1937. Screening will take place Wednesday July 16, 2008 7PM at the Premiere Cinemas 14 in the Orlando Fashion Square, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando FL 32803. Tickets are \$8.00 and \$6.00 for students and seniors.

For more information about the OHFF, please visit: <http://www.ohfilmfestival.com/>

CASTING CALL:

OPEN CASTING CALL - REPTILESTV SEEKS ENTHUSIASTIC HERPERS FOR TV SPOKESPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReptilesTV.com, the first television channel devoted exclusively to herpetoculture (reptile and amphibian interest), announces an open casting call for herp enthusiasts to be chosen as one of ReptilesTV's select "herper" spokespersons to appear on camera, delivering exciting testimonials to the joy and fulfillment that comes from responsible reptile and amphibian pet ownership. The public service announcement is being produced for the Central Florida Herpetological Society.

The media campaign, co-sponsored by Central Florida Herpetological Society, Mazuri Exotic Animal Diets, Timberline Live Foods, Zilla, and Kemps Reptile Incubators stars popular TV personality Nigel Marven, and is focused on promoting both conservation and responsible pet ownership. The launch of the ongoing program will take place at the expo in Orlando and be spread worldwide via the Internet, print and national television spots.

The casting process will take place Saturday, July 19, at 1pm at the Florida International Reptile Expo (F.I.R.E.) at the Orange county Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. All interested persons should RSVP their interest by July 15, 2008 in an email to billh@reptilestv.com. The email correspondence should include a full name, age, email address, and telephone number (this information is kept private by ReptilesTV).

Participants in the selection process will be asked to perform a brief monologue from a script before a camera. The selected speakers will have their videotaped performances broadcast on ReptilesTV.com, and across the worldwide web as part of ReptilesTV's Internet Syndication Program.

Participants will be required to sign a talent release, and any under the age of 18 require a parent or guardian signature on the release. Participants should know that there will be no compensation for their performances.

For more information about the campaign and ReptilesTV's programming, please visit <http://www.reptilestv.com>.

Please be informed that, as the process is taking place at the reptile expo, admission is required to enter the event. Admission prices for the expo are: \$10 for guests aged 10 and older for one day and \$15 for both days combined, and \$5 for those aged 5-9, and \$8 for both days combined; guests aged under 5 may enter free of charge. For more information on the expo, please visit http://www.worldherpexpo.com/fire_home.htm.

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.

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