

# THE CPC NEWSLETTER

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## NBC Sports consolidates headquarters to Stamford

NBC Sports has found a new home in Stamford, CT. Governor Malloy announced at a November press conference that NBC Sports will consolidate their operations at the former Clairol facility, which was acquired by Connecticut Film Center last year. As part of the Governor's "First Five" program, NBC will be spending \$100 million dollars on improvements to the property and bringing an initial 450 jobs to the city. NBC's coverage of the Olympics will be broadcast from their new headquarters and the NHL



Rendering of the new facility in Stamford.

Network will operate under the NBC umbrella at the facility, as well. NBC plans to be up and running in Stamford as soon as the next NHL season kicks off. "NBC is a valued employer, a good neighbor and an involved commu-

nity sponsor. We hope they become a long-standing member of our community, much the

way Clairol was before them. Our goal has always been to create new jobs and add business diversity to Stamford. Having NBC reside in our city accomplishes both" (State Senate Carlo Leone, The Advocate)

## Quality training provides quality entertainment

This past summer 65 trainees took part in the Fourth Annual Film Industry Training Program (FITP) at Quinnipiac University. "Classes were offered in Assistant Directing, Camera, Sound, Grip/Lighting, Location Management, Script Supervision, Wardrobe, Production Office Coordination and Props/Set Dressing. Trainees also participated in courses taught by professional costume designers, production designers, editors, production managers, producers and directors," says Marty Lang who helped design the program and supervises it. At the end of two weeks in the classroom the trainees put their new found knowledge to work by creating a short film. This year the

trainees created a mockmentary called *A-1 Quality Entertainment* about the ups and



Writer Marty Lang in *A-1 Quality Entertainment*

downs in the life of a professional clown. "Each year, the future of the FITP is determined by the

Connecticut legislature, in coordination with the Governor's Office, the Office for

Workforce Competitiveness, and the Connecticut Film Office, a division of the Department of Economic and Community Development. We hope to hear good news in 2012 that the FITP will conduct its fifth consecutive summer program," says Marty Lang.

*A-1 Quality Entertainment* was recently shown at Quinnipiac University where Marty Lang works as a professor. For more information on the FITP program visit [www.ctfilmworkforce.com](http://www.ctfilmworkforce.com)

### **The Big C cast takes the lead during annual holiday parade**

Laura Linney, Gabourey Sidibe, and John Benjamin Hickey, were the Grand Marshalls of the UBS Parade Spectacular on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Stamford Thanksgiving Parade is one of the largest parades in the U.S. The cast members of *The Big C*, which shoots at Connecticut Film Center's West Side

Soundstages, led the way for the parade's main attraction, the giant balloons. Everyone on the route was excited to see the stars who have filmed the first two seasons of the Showtime series in Connecticut and will soon begin shooting the third.

Linney won a Golden Globe for Leading actress in a television

series for her work on the first season of the show. She was recently nominated again for her work on the second season.



### **Great Hope Springs filmed around state this fall**

The motion picture *Great Hope Springs* starring Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, and Steve Carell was filmed in Connecticut this past fall. Per *Variety*, the comedy features Jones and Streep playing a long-time married couple struggling with intimacy issues who find themselves in a week of counseling with relationship expert Carell. The film's director is David Frankel who also directed Streep in the 2006 hit *The Devil Wears Prada*. The production shot at locations all around Connecticut including the towns of Windsor Locks,

Darien, Milford, Stamford, Mystic, Stonington and Guilford. The decision to film in Connecticut was made due to the various locations the state offers and also because of the Connecticut film tax credit. *Great Hope Springs* is set to be released December 2012.



Says David Frankel about *Great Hope Springs*: "It's a drama with surprising comedy, that's the best way to describe it. It's really, really funny, but we're not playing anything for laughs, and I think that's the best kind of comedy, I think, where the humor comes out of very real emotion."

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### **Producer/Director team come home to shoot star studded comedy**

This summer brought the filming of the movie *The Wedding* to Connecticut. *The Wedding* was written and directed by Justin Zackham and produced by Clay Pecorin, who both grew up in the town of Greenwich. "We're two Greenwich kids that worked a long time to be able to make a movie in Greenwich. We love this town," Pecorin told Neil Vigor of the *Greenwich Time*. He went on to say, "Obviously, the community is very important to us. We'd like to think

that we're bringing a significant amount of revenue and excitement to the commu-

nity."

The stellar cast of *The Wedding* includes Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams, Tophér Grace, Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried and Ben Barnes. The story features a long divorced couple (De Niro and Keaton) who pretend they are still married as their family unites for their son's wedding. *The Wedding* is set to be released in 2012.

