

ENTERTAINMENT CONNECTION

by Nick Katsoris

Guiding Light star Frank Dicopoulos was in Pittsburgh this week to film an on-location video shoot interviewing 13 breast cancer survivors, talking about their journey with the disease.

The series included a discussion with a local oncologist, meetings with a radiologist and a technician that walked viewers through a mammogram from beginning to end. The purpose of the video was not only to support the survivors, but to increase awareness of the great benefits of early detection and to help relieve some of the stress that women may have about getting a mamogram or about self breast exams.

A national spokesperson for the American Cancer Society, Frank has starred on the national daytime drama *Guiding Light* since 1987. He will be honored by the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund at its upcoming Gala on May 10th. For more visit www.htsf.org.

PAPAL IDOL

American Idol Kelly Clarkson recently sang Ave Maria for the Pope at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY during his recent visit. Clarkson is half Greek and half Irish.

"I was so excited to be asked to sing for the Pope," the Grammy winner said. "I grew up singing church music and it's always been a dream of mine to perform Ave Maria. To have that dream come true on such a special occasion is truly a blessing."

HARMON'S PICS

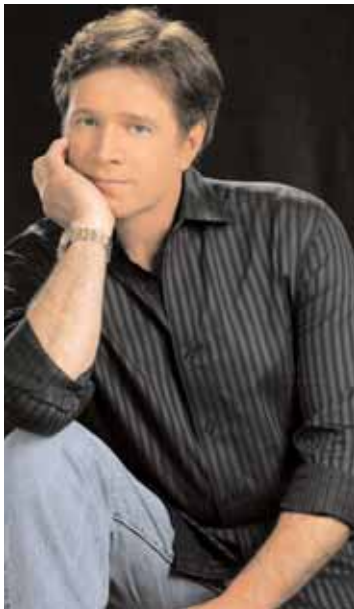
Angie Harmon from the hit TV show *Womens Murder Club*, has decided to bare all for *Allure Magazine*. Harmon admitted that she is a very modest person and the closest she'd ever come to public nudity was skinny-dipping with her husband on a private beach in Bora Bora. She is one of five celebs featured in the nude pictorials.

DANCING TO THE TOP

Dancing with the Stars pro Mark Ballas and his partner Olympic Gold figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi continue to fend off the competition in this season of the popular competition. To date, the dynamic duo have accumulated the top scores each week proving they are the ones to beat. They were also the first couple this season to amass a perfect score of 30!

TRIBECA MAMA

30 Rock star Tina Fey opened the Tribeca Film festival this month with the pre-



Frank Dicopoulos



Newlyweds Sarah and Michael Constantine



Ernie Anastos



Senator Paul Sarbanes and John Rangos.

miere of her new film *Baby Mama*. The film is about how Fey becomes a mother with the help of surrogate and *SNL* co-alum Amy Poehler. Fey, who won the Emmy and the Golden Globe for *30 Rock* has achieved silver screen success in the past as well with the film *Mean Girls*.

LYRAS WINS

Congratulations to Alex Lyras, whose film *MONA* recently won Best Feature at the Malibu Film Festival. Lyras stars in the film about two best friends, whose friendship is turned upside down when a beautiful young woman comes into their lives. For more on the film visit: www.monathemovie.com

LIBRARY NEWZ

Fox-5 news anchor Ernie Anastos recently served as Guest Host for the Westchester Library Association's annual luncheon. A copy of Ernie's children's book, *Ernie & The Big Newz*, was also donated to every library in Westchester County.

WEDDING BELLS!

Congratulations to Sarah Munro and Michael Constantine who were married recently at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. The Reverends Elias Vilas, Nicholas Anctil, and Vasilios Bassakyros performed the ceremony. An evening reception was at the Central Park Boathouse.

Mrs. Constantine, 27, is Manager at the Committee

Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy in New York. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and will be attending Fordham Law School this Fall. The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann Munro and the late Robert Munro of Alameda, California.

Mr. Constantine, 38, is Principal Special Counsel at New York Stock Exchange Regulation, Inc. He graduated from New York University and received a law degree from Fordham University. He is founder of KinderKickers Soccer. The bridegroom is the son of Theodora Constantine and the late Gus Constantine of Mamaroneck, New York. For their honeymoon they traveled to South America and toured Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

UNIVERSITY MERGER

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has established a formal educational agreement with the University of Patras, the third largest university in Greece, to collaborate on research and on student and faculty exchanges.

The two schools officially began their new collaboration on April 11, 2008, when representatives from the 43-year-old Greek public institution visit Johns Hopkins to sign the agreement, championed by leading Greek-American businessman and philanthropist John G. Rangos, Sr., a member of the



Tina Fey

Mark Ballas

Johns Hopkins Medicine Board of Visitors and a long-time benefactor of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Hopkins to share new ideas with an outstanding institution abroad," says Myron L. Weisfeldt, M.D., director of the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins, who facilitated and developed the areas of collaboration. "We're expecting a fruitful relationship for Hopkins as well as the University of Patras."

The agreement specifies

six objectives comprised of an exchange of faculty, students and staff; brief visits of teaching, scientific and research staff related to specific studies and lectures; development of undergraduate and postgraduate student training; administrative staff exchanges geared to evaluation and improvement of curriculum; initiation of joint research programs in areas of mutual interest; and cooperation in cultural and athletic events. For more information, please visit: www.upatras.gr.

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