



TIFF dailies

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Gentlemen – and spa patrons – prefer blonds

Yorkville salon to the stars, Vikaspa, is hosting an exhibit of photos and memorabilia related to that most famous blond, Marilyn Monroe. The never-before-exhibited private collection of businessman Philip Downe is on public display now through Sept. 19 at 88 Avenue Rd., with a special invitation-only cocktail event for VIPs.



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A scene from 'Soap.'

Downe's collection includes photos by renowned photographers such as Toronto's own Jock Carroll. The exhibit also features various items of Marilyn memorabilia and the spa is screening Monroe's films in its second-floor lounge.

This movie producer does all his own PR

This year, Harry Cherniak is doing double duty. A public relations worker with Star PR, Cherniak's job during the festival is helping media types get to screenings. But this year some of the screenings are for his own TIFF debut, a short film he produced called *Soap*.

Directed by Dusty Mancinelli, the 15-minute GTA-shot film tells a story of a married woman who tries to cover up the sudden death of her boy toy when he slips on a bar of soap in the shower.

Soap screens Sunday at 9 p.m., Monday at 3 p.m. and Friday at 7 p.m., at the AGO's Jackman Hall.

Between all the screenings Cherniak will have to make time for classes; he is a third-year law student at the University of Toronto.

Cracking the Whip

Don't believe what you may have read on the Yonge-Dundas Square website: Sunday's roller derby demo to promote *Whip It* isn't at 4 p.m. Instead, we're told that the stars and members of the Toronto Roller Derby League will be lacing up their skates for 6:30 p.m.

Star staff, wire services

A collection of bits and bites about the Toronto International Film Fest