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Banderas to star in Almodovar's 'Skin'

Antonio Banderas will star in Pedro Almodovar's next film, marking one of the most anticipated film reunions in Spanish cinema more than 20 years after the actor starred in "Tie me Up, Tie me Down." "La Piel que Habito" (literally translated: "The Skin I live In") will shoot this summer over 10 weeks in a studio in Spain and other unannounced locations. "The film will be a terror film, without screams or scares," Almodovar told the Spanish daily El Pais. "It's difficult to define and although it comes close to the terror genre -- something that appeals to me that I've never done -- I won't respect any of its rules. It's the harshest film I've ever written and Banderas' character is brutal." Almodovar had not planned to announce the project yet, but Banderas jumped the gun in an interview published in the Russian daily "Kommersant," while attending the 1st St. Petersburg Film Festival. "Antonio is impatient," Almodovar told El Pais in an exclusive interview. "And I understand it. He had to push back his return to Broadway to do the film and he also had to reject other important projects. And despite the law of silence we had imposed on him, he couldn't keep quiet any longer."

Fonda, Keener join 'Peace' pic

Jane Fonda and Catherine Keener are teaming up for a little "Peace, Love, and Misunderstanding," a multigenerational indie film to be directed by Bruce Beresford. BCDF Pictures is producing and financing the picture, which is eyeing a July start in New York's Hudson River Valley. Christina Mengert and Joseph Muszynski wrote the script, which centers on a conservative lawyer (Keener) who, after her husband leaves her, takes her son and daughter to the house of their estranged, hippie grandmother (Fonda) in Woodstock, where they each find love in unexpected places. Brice Dal Farra, Claude Dal Farra, Lauren Munsch and Jonathan Burkhart are producing the drama.

Producer: Lohan to star in porn star movie

Lindsay Lohan has landed the lead role in an independent movie about 1970s porn star Linda Lovelace, one of the film's producers said. The 24-year-old actress will play Lovelace, who shot to fame with the landmark 1972 porno movie "Deep Throat," while Bill Pullman will portray Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner in the period drama, producer Wali Razaqi told The Los Angeles Times. The film, called "Inferno," will be based on the events of Lovelace's life and will delve into the "difficult stuff she went through and overcame," Razaqi said. Razaqi said he and director Matthew Wilder are confident the "Mean Girls" star will deliver. "I would say it's probably one of the most challenging roles any actor could play -- and not because of the sexual content, necessarily -- but more because she was so battered and beat up emotionally, that I think it's gonna take everything Lindsay has to really be able to pull it off," he told the Times.

'Shield' actress joins AMC's 'Walking Dead'

MC has added to the cast of Frank Darabont's apocalyptic zombie drama "The Walking Dead." The

production has tapped Laurie Holden for the role of Andrea, a key member of the survivor group who has a proficiency with a sniper rifle and falls for a man twice her age. Holden was in writer-producer-director Darabont's "The Mist" and had a recurring role in the final season of FX's "The Shield." She is repped by APA and Framework. Also, Adam Fierro has joined the production as a consulting producer. The ICM-repped Fierro has worked on such serialized dramas as "Dexter," "Shield" and "24."

A&E renews 'Paranormal State'

A&E has renewed its ghost-hunting series "Paranormal State" for a fifth season. The reality show will return during the fourth quarter after the network ordered more 20 episodes. The series follows Ryan Buell and his Paranormal Research Society as they set out on investigating cases nationwide. A&E plans to announce the pickup Wednesday in New York as part of its upfront presentation to advertisers. "Paranormal" is produced by Go Go Luckey and Four Seasons Prods./Picture Shack Entertainment.

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