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DAILY NEWS: More LAFF Premieres; and A South Texas Production

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>> "EvenHand" in Production in the Lone-Star State

(indieWIRE/03.16.01) -- Production began recently in San Antonio, TX on "EvenHand," directed by **Joseph Pierson** and written by **Mike Jones**. The film, a South Texas cop story, is being shot by **Spirit Award** nominee **Tim Orr** (DP for **David Gordon Green's "George Washington"**) and stars **Bill Sage** ("**American Psycho**," "**Boiler Room**") & **Bill Dawes** ("**Sex in the City**," "**Law and Order**").

New York-based production company, **Cypress Films** and **Joseph Pierson** are producing the film. Like "**Cherry**," starring **Shalom Harlow**, an earlier project of Pierson's, "EvenHand" is having its production documented with updated commentary and images on its web site at www.cypressfilms.com/evenhand, a unique marketing technique championed by Cypress to much fanfare on previous projects.

Writer **Mike Jones**, a South Texas native and a former managing editor at **FILMMAKER Magazine** and indieWIRE, recently finished rewriting "**Beneath the Banyon Trees**" which will be directed by **Matt Dillon** and he is currently penning the robot-themed "**Automata**" for **Columbia** and **Stan Winston Productions**. Jones will also direct "**Miller**," a South Texas "**Death of a Salesman**" story starring **Chris Cooper** ("**American Beauty**" and "**Lone Star**") slated to begin this autumn. Production on "EvenHand" is expected to run through April 3, 2001. [Brian Brooks]

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