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Gelatys Opens New \$8 Million Production Facility, Expanding U.S. Manufacturing Capacity and Fueling National Grocery Growth

Gelatys, the #1 gelato frozen novelties brand in the United States and the only manufacturer of frozen gelato novelties in America, announced the opening of a new, state-of-the-art production facility in Fort Myers, FL. With an \$8 million investment, the new 30,000+ square-foot facility is operational, signifying a key step in the company's growth into a national CPG brand.

Built on a 1.5-acre site, the Fort Myers facility investment represents more than a manufacturing expansion; it's the operational foundation Gelatys is building to support national grocery growth, fuel differentiated frozen-novelty innovation, and solidify its position as the defining brand in a category it pioneered. The site features next-generation machinery capable of producing in one hour what previously required an entire day. It will scale production to support the national expansion of Mini Gems, Gelatys' premium, portion-controlled gelato mini pops, and the next generation of premium Italian-style frozen novelty innovation.

"When my family and I moved to Miami, Gelatys began as a dream to bring true artisanal gelato to the U.S. market. We quickly saw a larger opportunity; premium gelato novelties were not being manufactured at scale because of how technically complex they are. That challenge became our innovation story, pushing us to create our own processes, adapt machinery, and build products that did not yet exist in the market," said Adolfo Joel Heller Cohen, Founder & CEO, Gelatys. "Our new Fort Myers facility isn't just an expansion, it's the infrastructure we always knew this brand would need when growing from a local concept into a national brand. We're the only manufacturer of its kind in the United States, and we built that from scratch. The ambition that started Gelatys hasn't changed, and looking ahead, we're just getting started."

The new facility reflects the full scope of Gelatys' growth trajectory. Since launching as a two-kiosk mall concept in Miami in 2016, the brand has expanded to 5,000+ locations across 26 states, with a retail footprint that includes Whole Foods Market, Sprouts, Wegmans, H-E-B, Kroger banners including Mariano's, QFC, Fred Meyer and King Soopers, The Fresh Market, and more.

Besides its manufacturing significance, the Fort Myers facility is creating approximately 75 new jobs in the region, adding to the roughly 50 employees that supported Gelatys' original Miami facility. This new operation is the production backbone of what Gelatys is building, an American-made frozen gelato novelties brand designed to scale.

**#1 Gelato Frozen
Novelties Brand in the
U.S. Scales Production
to Accelerate National
Expansion**



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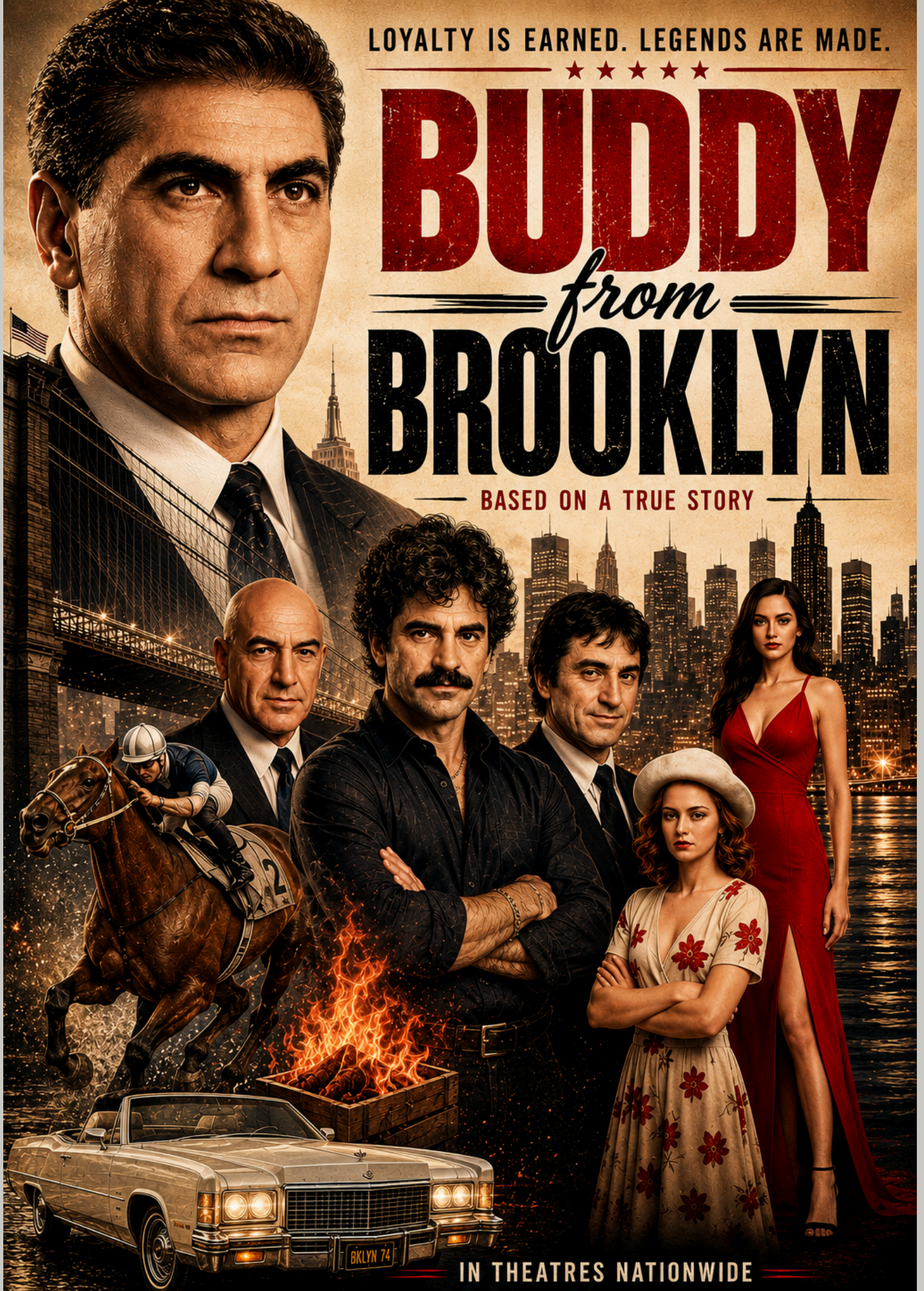


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NexGen Hyperbaric Expands National Presence to Florida, Adds New Professional Sports Customer, and Announces Flagship Facility Launch

NEXGEN, one of the nation's top leaders in medical grade Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), is proud to announce the opening of its new flagship hyperbaric facility at 1441 Ridge Street, Naples, FL 34103. This milestone marks not only the expansion of NexGen's nationwide presence but also a homecoming—bringing the company back to where it all began more than 20 years ago.



Accreditation & Clinical Leadership

The new Naples facility is preparing to undergo Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) accreditation, a rigorous evaluation and ongoing operating standard, underscoring NexGen's commitment to the highest standards of safety and clinical excellence. UHMS Accreditation is the gold standard in hyperbaric facility accreditation. The center is supported by a distinguished medical team, each specialized in hyperbaric oxygen therapy, that includes:

- **Bindesh Patel, M.D., MPH, UHM**
- **Mark Rubino, M.D., Neurologist**
- **Desmond Hussey, M.D., Neurologist and Interventional Pain Specialist**

- Dr. Bindesh Patel is a board-certified hyperbaric medicine physician and member of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society with 20+ years of experience. He has dedicated his career to disease prevention, health promotion, and improving outcomes in both clinical and community settings.

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Unveils 2026 Issue Sneak Peek from Fort Myers and Captiva Island

Dynamic Cast of Fan Favorites and Rising Talent Captured at Florida's South Seas Resort



**Sports
Illustrated
SWIMSUIT**



Sports Illustrated Swimsuit continues the highly anticipated rollout of its 2026 issue with its third sneak peek destination: Fort Myers and the surrounding area in Florida. Captured along the Gulf Coast's iconic white-sand beaches, the latest reveal showcases a dynamic mix of returning favorites and standout new talent, with scenes shot at the iconic South Seas Resort on Captiva Island.

The shoot features models Christen Goff, Katie Austin, Jena Sims, Jasmine Sanders, Ellie Thumann, Gabi Moura, and Olandria, alongside athletes Sophie Cunningham, Napheesa Collier, and Melissa Jefferson-Wooden – marking an exciting introduction for the next generation of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit stars.

Set against the natural beauty of Southwest Florida's Gulf-front shoreline, South Seas once again served as a striking backdrop, with its expansive beaches, coastal landscapes, and relaxed island setting bringing the visual story to life.

Throughout the shoot, each location highlighted a distinct element of the South Seas experience and the surrounding destination. Olandria, Ellie Thumann, Sophie Cunningham, Napheesa Collier and Melissa Jefferson-Wooden were photographed along Sunset Beach, where calm waters and wide stretches of sand set the scene just steps from The Beach House—South Seas' beachfront dining destination known for laid-back lunches and sunset dinners overlooking the Gulf. Nearby, Gabi Moura's shoot unfolded within a romantic beachside setup along the same shoreline, reinforcing the area's natural beauty and versatility. The athletes also photographed at a private South Seas beachfront home on Captiva, capturing both the elegant interior and beautiful exterior features.

Jena Sims and Jasmine Sanders were captured at the historic Pine Island fishing shacks, a collection of remote, overwater cabins accessible only by boat. Once used as ice houses for fishermen prior to modern refrigeration, these structures remain a rare and storied part of Southwest Florida's coastal heritage.

Beyond the resort, Christen Goff was photographed at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel Island, a short drive from South Seas and widely regarded for its pristine shoreline and world-class shelling. Katie Austin's shoot took place at Cayo Costa State Park, an untouched barrier island accessible only by boat, known for its nine miles of undeveloped beaches, driftwood-lined shores, and rich natural habitat—further showcasing the diverse coastal landscapes surrounding the resort.

This latest reveal builds momentum toward the 2026 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, set to hit newsstands this May, with additional talent announcements and destinations still to come.

About South Seas

Presenting classic island charm, the 330-acre South Seas is nestled among mangroves with more than half of the resort being a dedicated wildlife preserve and estuary. Outstanding golf, famed fishing, boating, family activities, flavorful dining and memorable island adventures are among the unforgettable experiences of a South Seas guest. The resort has been a cherished destination for more than 75 years. Rooted in the legacy of generations past and thoughtfully reimaged for the future, South Seas is dedicated to delivering a resilient, world-class resort experience. For more information, visit SouthSeas.com.

About Sports Illustrated Swimsuit

The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue is one of the most recognizable and influential symbols of pop culture. Featuring talent from around the world, the issue has become a revered launching pad for successful careers in media, fashion, business, TV and film. The iconic and innovative institution continues to set the cultural tone and evoke discussion about what defines beauty on a global scale. Sports Illustrated Swimsuit has become a lifestyle platform that champions body confidence and self-expression and connects with diverse audiences through digital content and signature experiences that nurture the body, soul and spirit. Sports Illustrated Swimsuit remains steadfast in its goal of providing an inspirational media platform for individuals where they can connect, explore and engage with 24/7 content that speaks to wellness, travel, style and beauty. For more information, visit swimsuit.si.com. Follow Sports Illustrated Swimsuit on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [Facebook](#).

The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Models and Athletes were shot in Captiva Island, Florida at South Seas.

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Jay Shapiro Secures Major Talent Attachments for My Buddy from Brooklyn Following Chill Out NJ Expo

Whippany, NJ — April 2026 — Film producer Jay Shapiro announced that a distinguished group of actors from *The Sopranos*, *The Godfather*, *Life Is Beautiful*, and other notable productions have signed Letters of Intent (LOIs) to appear in the upcoming crime-drama *My Buddy from Brooklyn*. The signings follow a successful appearance at the Chill Out NJ Expo, held April 2–4, 2026 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, New Jersey.

This post-event milestone strengthens early talent attachments and enhances the project's development and market positioning.

Sopranos Talent Signs On

Robert Funaro (Gene Pontecorvo; *The Irishman*, *American Gangster*, *Law & Order*); Artie Pasquale (Burt Gervasi; *MobKing*); Katalin Pota (Lilliana Wosilius; *A Brooklyn State of Mind*); Dan Grimaldi (Patsy Parisi; *Blue Bloods*, *Law & Order*); Dominic Chianese (*Uncle Junior*; *The Godfather Part II*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Boardwalk Empire*).

Godfather Legacy Talent Joins

John Martino (Paulie Gatto; *Capone*, *Dillinger*, *This Thing of Ours*); Virginia Befumo (Sonny Corleone's daughter); Theresa Befumo (Vito Corleone's granddaughter). Martino, a Brooklyn native, is also the nephew of Lucky Luciano, adding authenticity to the film's New York underworld backdrop.

International Film Talent

Giorgio Cantarini (*Life Is Beautiful*, *Gladiator*, *Lamborghini*), whose involvement brings international prestige and global appeal.

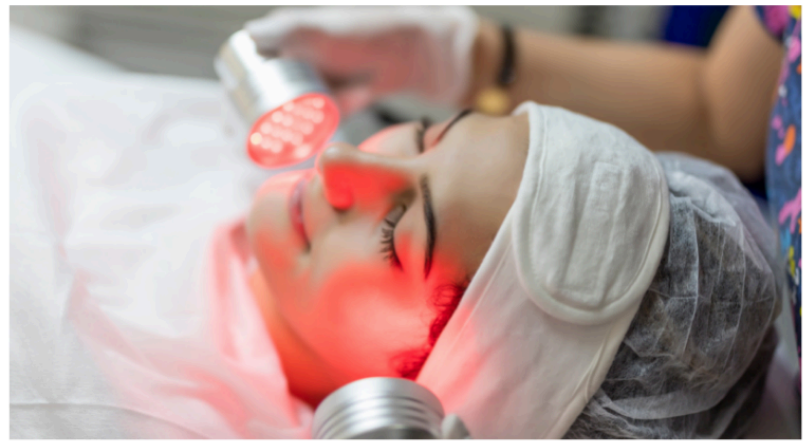
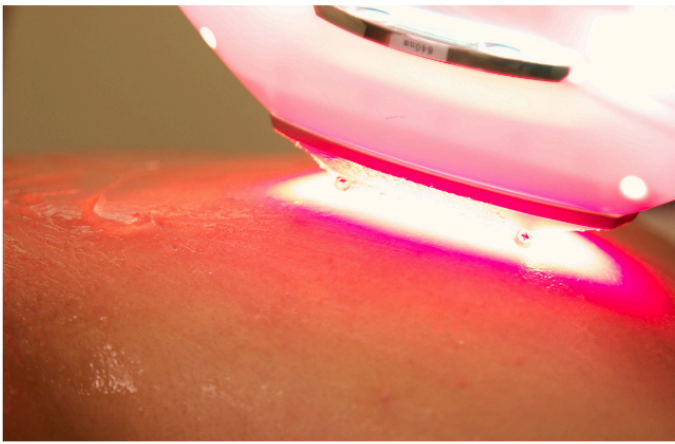
Growing Up Italian Star

Joseph Pepe (Big Joe Gambino) of *Growing Up Italian*, known for collaborations with Chazz Palminteri, Armand Assante, and William DeMeo, adds a strong and growing social media following to the project.

Building Momentum

"The response at the Chill Out NJ Expo was extraordinary," said Shapiro. "These actors understand authentic New York storytelling, and their interest in *My Buddy from Brooklyn* confirms the strength of the script and the story."

BUDDY *from* **BROOKLYN**



RED LIGHT THERAPY

What Is Red Light Therapy All About? The term “red light therapy” gets thrown around a lot within the weight loss and wellness community. And to most people, that may be a bit intimidating. It really shouldn't be, though. Red light therapy is gaining popularity because of its excellent weight loss results. Fat loss and weight loss are just some of the effects of red light therapy. However, these sessions have also been documented to improve both aesthetics and health conditions in many patients.

Integrating red light therapy also known as phototherapy into your wellness plan not only gets you to your goal quicker, but it can also provide benefits that weren't on your top priority list.

What is red light therapy?

Red light therapy is the application of specific wavelengths of light to the body to increase blood flow and improve cellular performance and achieve therapeutic benefits that helps your body heal directly at the cellular level with no downtime and no pain. Light from the sun powers life on earth, and humans are no exception. We have billions of cells, and each one of them needs energy to do their job and keep our bodies in balance. We convert this energy from food every second and do so most efficiently in a vital process called cellular respiration. Red light therapy targets the cells directly and increases the blood flow to the cell. Inside every cell is something called the mitochondria, also known as the powerhouse of the cell. When the mitochondria is activated it will allow your body to purge any unnecessary toxins and unwanted fat and the mitochondria will stimulate the ATP production which is your energy. ATP function fuels everything your body does. The more ATP energy you make, the better you look, feel, heal and perform. When ATP is fully activated, your cells may start to repair damaged tissue and nerves that have been damaged by inflammation Red light is used to reduce inflammation, improve blood flow, heal wounds, and rebuild cells and melt any unwanted fat.

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