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'LA Law' star Corbin Bernsen begins shooting his Soap Box Derby movie in Akron, Ohio



Actor-director Corbin Bernsen, left, explains filming a scene of "25 Hill" a story about the All-American Soap Box Derby, to Akron, Ohio, mayor Don Plusquellic and actor Ralph Waite at Derby Downs, the home of the real All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Bernsen is producing, directing and starring in the production. Waite plays a long-time derby pro. (AP Photo/Phil Long) (PHIL LONG, AP / April 7, 2010)

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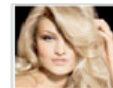
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AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The financially ailing All-American Soap Box Derby in blue-collar Akron, Ohio, is getting some Hollywood help.

Former "L.A. Law" star Corbin Bernsen started shooting a derby-themed movie Wednesday. Bernsen wrote the script, is directing and will star in the film.

The initial frames were shot at the derby's hillside starting