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INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC INTEREST REMAINED STRONG FOR FILMING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Feature films, television and still photography production in Palm Beach County (PBC) ran the gamut in 2005 while utilizing a variety of locations and a multitude of hotels. ABC's reality TV show *Medical Miracle Workers* visited PBC twice this year to shoot in several



locations including Palm Beach Central High School, Village Park in Wellington, Kelsey Park in Lake Park and Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach. The miracle workers were welcomed at the hotel biba in West Palm Beach and the Holiday

Inn in Wellington. NBC's modern day Mary Poppins tamed local children in north PBC for the second season of *Super Nanny* with a whopping 540 room nights at the **Palm Beach**



Gardens Marriott. Access Hollywood chose the distinguished Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach to broadcast from and reside in for their 10th anniversary road tour. CityPlace in

West Palm Beach and Mizner Park in Boca Raton captured the likes of Chadwick's of Boston who spent three weeks at both venues shooting their fall and winter fashion

catalogues this year. The Boca Raton Marriott hosted their stay collecting over 425 room nights. The Loxahatchee River doubled as Jurassic Park for British production company Impossible



Pictures who shot their TV shows Walking with Monsters and Prehistoric Park, which will air on the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet. Swedish film company Way Feature

Films utilized a variety of locations including the Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach for their new romantic drama, Waiting. Atlanta based Ambrosi & Associates utilized two of PBC's private location companies, All Star Locations and Locations



Extrordinaire for two product photography catalogues, *Home Depot* and

Brookstone. The crew inhabited The OC Beach Resort in Palm Beach for an estimated 500 room nights. The palm trees on Singer Island Beach in Riviera Beach

gave the ideal island type atmosphere for Lilly Pulitzer's 2006 summer catalogue. Overall the amount of production in 2005 combined with the warm hospitality of the hotels proved once again that PBC is a premiere destination for feature film, television and still photography productions.



Discovery Chadwick's PRODUCTION ON FEATURE FILM WRAPS!

Hiding Victoria, a feature film written, directed and produced by Boynton Beach resident, Dan Chinander concluded its final week of



shooting at the end of January. "We filmed the majority of Hiding Victoria in Palm Beach County from Riviera Beach to Boca Raton and have had a great experience throughout," said

Paul Thaker, Associate Producer of Hiding Victoria. The movie was made in association with G-Star **School of the Arts** where many of the crew members were high school students hoping to pursue careers in the film industry. Hiding Victoria follows the transformation of a hard as nails 22 year old convicted felon Victoria Walker, (Margo Harshman, Disney's Even Stevens) who is given a tough choice by a judge: stay clean, get a job or go to jail. With the help of Althea Jaffery (Anita Gillette, Shall We Dance, *Moonstruck*) they discover together that the key to life is the power of forgiveness. A special thanks to

West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Palm Beach Shores, the Palm Beach County Facilities Department and the Florida

Department of Transportation for their participation in making Palm Beach County such a film friendly place to shoot a feature film. Hiding Victoria Productions is excited about the prospect of circulating the film on the film festival circuit. For more info visit www.hidingvictoria.com.



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JOIN STYLE AND E! FOR AN INTERACTIVE FASHION EVENT!

The Style Network in collaboration with E! will be shooting an ultimate fashion show in the center courtyard of CityPlace, West Palm Beach at 7:00pm on Saturday,

February 4th. Come check it out and have the chance to get involved through interactive voting, see live on the spot results and win exciting merchandise! For more info contact the FTC at 561.233.1000.



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Waterfront Parks

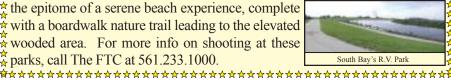


with the **Atlantic Ocean**, The Intracoastal Waterway, and many freshwater lakes, Palm Beach County is home to thousands of waterfront acreage. Bert Winters



Park in Juno Beach, the ideal park for any boating shoot, is located in the northern part of the County with 805 feet of Intracoastal Waterway frontage making it very accessible to get your waterskiing shot. Furthermore there are boat launching ramps and plenty of space for parking to accommodate any size production vehicle. In the west, **South Bay's R.V. Park** sits on 10,000 feet of fresh water lake frontage and pastoral campground sites. This park is a prime example of the County's diversity with an "Anywhere America" look, nonspecific to a tropical region. Nestled on 500 feet of ocean frontage in the southern part of the County, the very film-friendly **Atlantic Dunes Park** in **Delray Beach** is the epitome of a serene beach experience, complete

with a boardwalk nature trail leading to the elevated wooded area. For more info on shooting at these parks, call The FTC at 561.233.1000.



IntelliVision, Inc.

SHOOTIN' HOOPS AT PATCH REEF PARK

Former New York Knicks star and basketball legend, Alan Houston, took to the courts at Boca Raton's Patch Reef Park to shoot an infomercial with Intellivision of Delray Beach. Houston's famous long range shot was captured for the shoot. Elisabeth D'Orazio, President of Intellivision, said "Patch Reef Park's courts are well



maintained and beautifully surrounded, exactly what we were looking for to make this shoot a success." For more information visit www.infomercialhitmakers.com.

education.

FASHION COMPANY MAKES ITS "MARK" IN LAKE WORTH

Palm Beach County has played an integral role in Mark Fore & Strike's marketing initiatives due to there being so many convenient and unique locations in one spot. Creative Director Suzanne Woodie said, "We chose to shoot the Spring Image Book at Lake Worth's Bryant Park because of its versatile locations such as archways, landscaping and waterfront backdrop." Mark Fore & Strike sells clothing, accessories, and specialty gifts. For info visit markforeandstrike.com.



G-STAR STUDENTS SHUT OUT THE COMPETITION

G-Star School of the Arts students swept The Entertainment Industry Incubator's "Collaboration...a short film contest"

by finishing first, second, and third in the student category. The contest consists of teams creating a five-minute film based on an assigned theme, with a chance to win the prize of having their films critiqued by senior industry executives from companies such as Lions Gate Films and HBO. The winning films, themed "Power" and shot solely in Palm Beach County, were **ID**, written by **Ariel Beermann-Young** and directed by **David Lozano**, **Shot** written and directed by Angie Giammarco, and *Left or Right* written by Lalo Rodriguez and directed by Raphael Canuto. G-Star's Founder Greg Hauptner states, "I have never witnessed teenagers work so hard, so long and with such focus." For more info visit www.gstarschool.org or www.eincubator.org.



CITYPLACE

Glamour Magazine takes

to the streets at West Palm Beach's CityPlace monthly for their feature News, Dos, and Views, in

which several individuals are asked the question of the month and their pictures are snapped for the magazine. To view the monthly poll, pick up an issue of Glamour Magazine at your local store.



CLICK YOUR WAY TO AN ACTOR!



A new talent directory of actors in PBC belonging to the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) is now available on DVD courtesy of the Palm Beach Screen Actors Guild

Conservatory. The Conservatory will be meeting regularly at G-Star School of the Arts in West Palm Beach. For a copy of the CD-ROM, please call 561.233.1000 and for information on Conservatory meetings, please call IIsa Earl at 561.745.1670.



PBIFF BEYOND MAINSTREAM Out of over 500 film festivals worldwide. The Palm Beach International Film **Festival** (PBIFF) was once again given

the honor of being named one of the top 25 independent film festivals in the world according to **BeyondMainstream.com's** recently released list. This media source chose the PBIFF based on competitions in feature and short films, documentaries, large-format films, as well as Student Showcase of Films. For info on the PBIFF visit www.pbifilmfest.org

PALM BEACH ROX NOW LIVE!

Palm Beach

Palm Beach Rox, a locally produced television show featuring the best of Florida culture and events, can now be heard on the radio every Saturday on

WBZT, 1230 AM from 12:00pm - 1:00pm. *Palm* Beach Rox host, Roxanna Cella, said, "There isn't any other place in the world as generous and beautiful as Palm Beach, that's why *Palm Beach Rox* provides this service of promoting Palm Beach County at its finest." Palm Beach Rox show airs on national networks such as NBC, FOX, and "i" Independent **Television.** For more information, please visit www.palmbeachrox.com.

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