

# Focus on Film

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## ROYAL TV SHOW LENSES THEIR PRODUCTION IN SUNNY, PBC

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Photo of Mark Feuerstein from Henry Winkler's Album

Now in its third season, the Hamptons-set television series, *Royal Pains* on the **USA Network** has earned a loyal following. The show stars Mark Feuerstein as fast-thinking Hank Lawson, a doctor with an impeccable bedside manner and a knack for solving even the most baffling cases. Filmed primarily on a stage in Brooklyn, the drama also has weekly on-location shoots. Recently, the crew flew from New York to Palm Beach County to film segments of episodes titled "The Shaw/Hank Redemption" and "A Man Called Grandpa" that aired on July 20 and 27. The crew filmed in areas such as **Mizner Park** in Boca Raton, **City-Place** in West Palm Beach, and the **Waterfront** in West Palm Beach. Part of this season's storyline takes the main characters to Palm Beach, FL. Hank and his brother Evan come for their father's (Henry Winkler) parole hearing, and learn they have a wealthy grandpa (Ed Asner) that lives in Palm Beach.

*Royal Pains* premiered in 2009, and went on to become one of the highest rated shows on cable. The USA Network is also home to *Burn Notice*, a show that films entirely in South Florida. Special thanks to the City of West Palm Beach and the City of Boca Raton for their assistance! *Royal Pains* airs on the **USA Network** on Wednesdays 9/8c. For more info visit [usanetwork.com](http://usanetwork.com).



CityPlace



Mizner Park



Waterfront in WPB

## FEATURE FILM TOUCHES CLOSE TO HOME



Hurricane Alvin filming at the South County Civic Center

**Adam Walters**, a student working towards his doctorate degree at Nova Southeastern University, shot the independent feature film, *Hurricane Alvin* at many locations in Palm Beach County (PBC). *Hurricane Alvin* is the story of a category five hurricane making its way toward Florida. A small city that lies in the path of the hurricane has been abandoned—except for two hospital patients who have been left behind. With the hurricane scheduled to make landfall in a few hours, the two set out to find a shelter. They encounter many obstacles, but together...might survive the storm.

Walters shot the film at locations such as the South County Civic Center, Lantana Beach, and on many streets/alleyways throughout PBC. The story is based on the book *Hurricane Alvin*, also written by Walters, just before Hurricane Katrina affected his hometown in Louisiana. The film is set to be completed next month. For more info email Adam Walters at [waltei14@aol.com](mailto:waltei14@aol.com).



Rob Van Winkle  
DIY Network

Get ready for Season 2 of *The Vanilla Ice Project*! 90's rapper **Vanilla Ice**, aka the "Ice Ice Baby" hit maker, traded in his microphone for a hammer, for the first season of *The Vanilla Ice Project* on the **DIY Network**. Vanilla Ice also known as Rob Van Winkle and a team of handymen renovated a

7,000 square foot home in the Versailles community in Wellington. With the great success of Season I, DIY Network has decided to film a whole new season, and they are once again filming in Palm Beach County! The crew set up shop at a home in Lake Worth, and crews have been shooting at locations such as Jupiter Beach Park, Carlin Park, Ocean Reef Park and in West Palm Beach.

"Rob's home-improvement knowledge has been an unexpected surprise for many of our viewers," said **Andy Singer**, General Manager of DIY Network. "He not only has skills important to DIY Network, he resonates with our audience." The show debuts on the DIY Network in early 2012. For more info visit [DIYNetwork.com](http://DIYNetwork.com).



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## FAMOUS PHOTOG FEATURED ON PBS



Filming at the Harid Conservatory in Boca

**Ko-Mar Productions** in **West Palm Beach** was hired to shoot segments of a national **PBS** documentary on photographer **Steven Caras**. Inspired by Steven Caras' extraordinary career in the world of dance, Emmy-Award winning film-makers Deborah Novak and John Witek singled him out as their next subject for this hour-long documentary. "It was rewarding to highlight the world class schools in Palm Beach County (PBC), and to make people aware of what we have in our own backyard," said **Paul Piasecki**, DP for Ko-Mar.

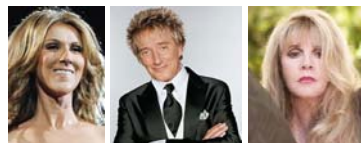
**Steven Caras: See Them Dance** shot at locations including the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, and The Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach. For more info call 561.671.3745.



## GO BEHIND THE 'SCREAMS' AT G-STAR



The **X-Scream Halloween** haunted event at the G-Star School of the Arts in Palm Springs is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, and has grown into an eagerly anticipated annual event. X-Scream has even been featured on the Travel Channel's "13 Scariest Haunted Attractions in America!" This year, 200 students attending G-Star's summer camp are designing and building the X-Scream attraction, under the supervision of Haunt Master George Colavecchio. They will continue working on X-Scream during the school year until it takes place, in October 2011.



Celine Dion Rod Stewart Stevie Nicks

G-Star also recently hosted many famous musicians including Celine Dion, Mana, Stevie Nicks and Rod Stewart as they rehearsed for upcoming tours. For

info visit [xscreamhalloween.com](http://xscreamhalloween.com) or [gstarschool.org](http://gstarschool.org).



## JAWSOME FOOTAGE ON DISCOVERY



Filming of When Fish Attack II

**Shark Week** is back! Starting this month, the **Discovery Channel** will deliver the most action-packed **Shark Week** ever, and Palm Beach County (PBC) will be included in the action! Earlier this year, the production team from **Creative Differences Productions** out of California came to PBC to interview **Paul Dabill**, a West Palm Beach resident who had a close encounter with a six foot shark.



Dabill was on a solo fishing excursion off Palm Beach when the shark appeared. He turned on the camera he had attached to his speargun and began filming. The 13-minute video was posted to YouTube. People from all over the world viewed the footage including the producers of the Discovery Channel's **When Fish Attack II**. The footage was licensed by the Discovery Channel, and airs August 4 at 10:00pm during **Shark Week**. The interviews with Dabill were filmed at **Ocean Reef Park**. "Filming in PBC was an absolute pleasure," said **Nate Calloway**, Senior Producer, *When Fish Attack II*. For more info visit [dsc.discovery.com](http://dsc.discovery.com).

## IS YOUR BAR ON THE ROCKS?



Jon Taffer -- Spike TV

When it comes to the bar business, Royal Palm Beach's **Jon Taffer** is an internationally recognized, award-winning restaurant operator, owner and concept developer. A 30-year veteran of the industry, Taffer has been tapped to share his expertise on the new **Spike TV Show, Bar Rescue**.

Each episode brings Taffer to a new American bar where he will employ his expertise to turn struggling bars into successful businesses. Everything from the science of the perfect pour to the height of the bar stools, no detail is too small to overlook when Taffer is transforming a bar into the hottest place in town.

The show is in the same vein as *Kitchen Nightmares* on FOX and *Tabatha's Salon Takeover* on Bravo. In each, an experienced, no-nonsense professional answers the call of a struggling business. "It's all about the science of human behavior. The business is all about creating a reaction," said Taffer. *Bar Rescue* airs Sundays at 10/9c on Spike TV. For more information please visit [spike.com](http://spike.com).



## WRITER'S FEATURE TO SCREEN AT DGA



Production Still from Oakville

With post-production completed on *Oakville*, the feature film co-written and acted in by Lake Worth resident **Benedict Ives**, it has been slated for a screening at the Director's Guild of America headquarters in L.A. in October! *Oakville* is a film by Watarhouse Productions, and is the third collaboration between Ives and Nigerian director, Lisbon Okafor.

"It is a story that illuminates the yearning of basic human aspirations between urban adults, as well as the affects of the economic meltdown on family structure and friendships," said Ives. They are currently in pre-production for *Imagining the Sea*, a feature to be shot in PBC and Grenada. For more info visit [oakvillefilm.com](http://oakvillefilm.com).

## ALLEGRO DVD SERIES GETS HIGH MARKS



**Allegro Productions** of Boca Raton has a lot to celebrate! Results from a 2010 survey show that their award-winning DVD series, *Science Screen Report* and *Science Screen Report for Kids* are scoring high marks in schools.

More than 80% of educators rated programs Good to Excellent, almost half use the programs weekly to monthly, 93% indicate that SSR programs fit into the curriculum and grab the student's attention, and more than 90% of the teachers reported that the videos and accompanying teacher guide enhance their lesson. "The sciences have never been more important to society than they are now," said **Scott Forman**, Allegro President. For more info visit [ssrvideo.com](http://ssrvideo.com).





## PROFESSIONAL FILMMAKERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME AT L-DUB FILM FEST



Attention all filmmakers and student filmmakers! **The Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Theatre** is now accepting submissions for its second annual **L-Dub Film Festival (L-DUB)** with a deadline of **September 1, 2011**. Films 30 minutes or less cost \$10 to enter, films 30 minutes or longer cost \$20 to enter, and students entries are free. The festival will take place from **September 30-October 2, 2011**. Festival organizers are looking for an innovative selection across a variety of

genres, from music videos to feature films. A filmmaker reception will be held next door to the Stonzek Theatre on Friday, September 16 at 8:00pm. This space will provide filmmakers and students with a meeting space throughout the festival. "We want to provide an opportunity for artists to socialize, network and interact, in a relaxed environment that caters to fostering new relationships, establishing business connections, engaging in creative discussions and learning from professionals in the industry," said **Kenneth Marc Greenbaum**, L-Dub Film Festival Director. Greenbaum took over the festival this year, and went on to say, "I encourage all levels of filmmakers from amateurs to experienced, to enter! Students...local production houses...up-and-coming directors; we want a true gathering of independent film industry professionals and enthusiasts." Greenbaum is also actively contacting local schools to get the word out to students. Jury awards and audience choice awards will be given in the following categories: Best Feature, Best Documentary, Best Short, and Best Music Video. For more info, email [ldubfilmfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ldubfilmfestival@gmail.com) or visit [withoutabox.com](http://withoutabox.com) or [lakeworthplayhouse.org/LDUBFF2011.html](http://lakeworthplayhouse.org/LDUBFF2011.html).



### PALM BEACH ROX GOES BRITISH!



Roxanna Cella

A recent episode of **Palm Beach Rox** went behind the scenes of the royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. **Roxanna Cella**, the host of **Palm Beach Rox** travelled across the pond to cover the royal nuptials. Cella captured the street party in the town where Middleton's grandparents and Mom came from, and during the wedding Cella

was escorted by BBC News to capture all of the action. Cella got in a British frame of mind by donning a hat made especially for her by Arturo Rios Couture, a hat designer for Lady Gaga.



Blue Anchor Pub

Back in the States, the show kept the British theme going, by featuring a segment about the **Blue Anchor Pub**, a popular British pub in Delray Beach. This 19<sup>th</sup> century pub was voted Florida's Most Haunted Pub by **The Travel**

**Channel** in 2004. **Palm Beach Rox** also took a moment to honor musician and actor **Clarence Clemmons**. Cella did the last interview with Clemmons before he passed away. For more info visit [palmbeachrox.com](http://palmbeachrox.com) or call 561.776. 0277.

### BOCA PARK FEATURED ON KIDS SHOW



The crew filming at Sugar Sands Park

**Best by Kids**, the Xfinity on Demand series, produced by **Full Moon Creative**, out of Sunrise, FL recently shot an entire episode at **Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton!** Producers shot segments about the Children's Science Explorium, Willow Theater, Science Playground, Carousel, Nature Trails, Sunday Afternoon Family Movies and Athletics. A staff member even conducted a science experiment that kids can do at home.



"Working with the staff at Sugar Sand Park was a dream. Everyone was helpful and went above and beyond our expectations. We can't wait for the next shoot in Palm Beach County," said **Howard Attias** of Full Moon Creative. The Sugar Sand Park episode will begin airing this month, and will run for about six months. To view, go to Xfinity on Demand, click on 'Get Local' and then 'Best By Kids'. Special thanks to the City of Boca Raton Recreation Department for making this shoot a success! Full Moon Creative is already in pre-production on new episodes that will focus on more Palm Beach County locations. For more info visit [fullmooncreative.com](http://fullmooncreative.com).

### INTERN GRADUATES FTC PROGRAM



Heather Gustafson

Please join the Film Commission in congratulating **Heather Gustafson** as she graduates the internship program. Gustafson is a senior at **Lynn University** and she is graduating in December 2011 with a BA in Communications. She hopes to have a career in the news broadcasting industry.

"The time I spent in the internship program was a great learning experience. It was beneficial for me because I had the opportunity to better my communication skills, and learn about the business side of the film and television industry," said Gustafson. For more information about the FTC internship program, please visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com).



### FILM FLORIDA NAMES NEW V.P.



Michelle Hillery

**Michelle Hillery**, Director of Operations and Programs for the Palm Beach County Film & TV Commission has been elected **First Vice-President** of Film Florida! Film Florida is a non-profit organization that promotes entertainment industry interests in the state.

"I am excited to offer my full support to Film Florida's education, incentives and marketing initiatives," said Hillery. Hillery was also instrumental in organizing the 2011 Legend Awards. This was the first time the show was hosted in PBC. The record breaking event, welcomed more than 400 guests who gathered to pay tribute as Burt Reynolds, Ray Fielding, Dee Miller, Victor Milt, and Wes Skiles (posthumous) were named as Florida Film Legends.

## LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: THE NEED FOR SPEED



Palm Beach Kennel Club

If you have the need for speed, Palm Beach County (PBC) has the right track for your next shoot! Located throughout PBC, the four tracks listed below are sure to get your crew excited, and get their hearts racing. **The Palm Beach Kennel Club** in West Palm Beach, is a great place to shoot your actors enjoying delectable foods and playing poker while watching their favored Greyhound race to victory. Palm Beach Kennel Club is one of the oldest and most competitive tracks in the country, and has



Palm Beach Int'l Raceway

been the home of some of the best greyhounds ever in the history of the sport. The Kennel Club features Greyhound racing, simul-cast wagering, a poker room, and two restaurants.

**Boomers**, located in Boca Raton offers plenty of fun for all ages. Climb aboard one of the high performance Go Karts and experience the thrill of banked curves, hairpin turns, and exhilarating straight-aways. Boomers also has the go-fast Go Karts to fuel your inner speed. Other attractions include an arcade with game room, bowling, bumper boats, laser tag, rock wall, and mini golf.

No license... no problem. If you're at least 46" or taller and at least 6 years old, you have just qualified for the next race at **Fun Depot** speedway located in Lake Worth. This 1/2 mile track of curves, twists, and turns is sure to challenge speed racers of all ages. Fun Depot's mission is to deliver a fun, unique, and memorable experience through high quality service and constant innovation. Fun Depot also has a gaming center, laser tag, batting cages, rock climbing and arcade.

**The Palm Beach International Raceway** located in Jupiter will get your crew's heart racing and fulfill anyone's need for speed when they experience the exhilaration of road course racing. This facility has a course with a seamless table-top smooth finish, full



Fun Depot

lighting, soft barriers and run-off areas. Boasting an 11-turn, 2.034-mile design and FIA Grade II certified, PBIR's state-of-the-art road course features some of the fastest and most challenging corners and straight-aways offered by any track in North America and is currently approved as an Indy Car testing facility. Palm Beach International Raceway is also host to various driving schools and is home to the Palm Beach Driving Club. For more information visit [pbfilm.com](http://pbfilm.com) or call 561.233.1000.



Boomers

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