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HIGH STAKES WESTLAKE ADAPTATION SHOOTS IN PBC!

September 2011



Jennifer Lopez

Jason Statham

Nick Nolte

Parker, the first Donald Westlake adaptation, will film this month in Palm Beach County! **Jennifer Lopez**, **Jason Statham**, and **Nick Nolte** star in the film, which is set to hit theatres on October 12, 2012. Production has begun on the **Taylor Hackford** (Ray) directed, high-stakes action-thriller, adapted by John J. McLaughlin (*Black Swan*) from Westlake's novel *Flashfire*. The film also stars Michael Chiklis (*Fantastic Four*), Wendell Pierce (*Ray*), Clifton Collins Jr. (*Star Trek*), Tony Award Winner Patti LuPone (*City By The Sea*), and Emma Booth (*The Boys Are Back*). Filming will take place at locations in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach.



Taylor Hackford

"Parker is a man of integrity. He has a code. He believes that there must be order in whatever profession, and if that order is broken or if he's crossed he will go to the ends of the earth to make it right and get even." says Hackford. "I can't think of a better actor for this role than Jason Statham. In the novel, Westlake created a fantastic character that Parker butts up against," explains Hackford, of Lopez's role. "She's a real estate agent who finds that a little larceny may in fact be in the cards for her." Nolte will play Hurley, Parker's mentor. Incentive Filmed Entertainment, Sierra Pictures and Sidney Kimmel Entertainment have partnered to bring this film to the big screen. For more information call 561.233.1000.

EXTREME MAKEOVER RETURNS TO PBC!



Wellington High School was production central this month for an upcoming episode of ABC's hit show **Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition**. Wellington High School graciously hosted around 800 extras who came to witness the big unveiling of a Wellington resident who was chosen to receive an extreme makeover! The participant underwent a transformation of not only her body, but of who she is as an individual. The program is scheduled to air in the first half of 2012. Check your local listings for air dates and times.



Wellington High School

This is not the first time *Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition* has lensed their production in PBC. The production team came in 2006 and filmed the unveiling of another PBC resident who lost a significant amount of weight at The Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* also filmed two episodes in PBC. The Boynton Beach Little League Park and a family home in Riviera Beach were both recipients of a makeover. For more info visit abc.go.com.

SCIENCE AND THE CITY



Science Screen Report has been a trusted source of objective science news reporting for nearly 40 years. Produced by Allegro Productions in Boca Raton, the award-winning DVD series and its elementary level edition, SSR for KIDS®, focuses on the most recent developments in science and technology and is produced with the cooperation of the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology and the National Museum of Science. The mission: To reach students!



Through SSR, Allegro Productions assists Corporate America in reaching out to their local schools to support science education; showing elementary, middle, and high school students the role science plays in today's society. "We have seen students go on to get jobs with companies that sponsor SSR programs, and we have seen students go on to become teachers who utilize SSR in their classrooms. It has been very rewarding knowing that this program continues to make a significant impact on a number of lives," said Scott Forman, Allegro President. For more info visit ssrvideo.com or call 1.800.275.4636 x201.



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OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY COMING TO PBC!



Tom Langdon



Charles Calello



Danny J. Florio

The new feature film *Londono's* will begin filming in Palm Beach County in November 2011. Starring New Jersey's "Bad Boy of Comedy" Mike Marino, Deana Martin, Frank Vincent and Jason Kirsch, *Londono's* concerns the adventures of four down-and-out Italian/American guys from New Jersey who devise an absurd plot to open an Italian restaurant in London.

Produced by Jack Gilardi, Jr. and Darby Parker of 224 Entertainment (*Machete*, *Mystery Alaska*, *Double Impact*), *Londono's* will be executive produced by Garry Marshall and directed by Scott Marshall. The film will also be produced by music arranger/producers Charles Calello, Danny Jordan Florio, and Tom Langdon, who also wrote the screenplay. For more info call 561.233.1000.

MADE FOR TV MOVIE WRAPS!



Filming of *The Atonement Tablets* in the Everglades

The Atonement Tablets, a locally produced, Made-for-TV Movie, wrapped its last scene, and is now headed for post-production. The hour-long movie features stage/screen star **Avery Sommers** (*Miami Rhapsody*), and former network newscaster **Chandra Bill**. Many Palm Beach County locations are featured in the film including G-Star Motion Picture Studios, and the Everglades. "Palm Beach County is a wonderful location for making a film—state of the art studios, tropical settings, terrific actors, crew, and outside experts were all made available to us," said Producer Andy Plotkin.

The film is scheduled for completion in November 2011, in time for submission to the local film festivals. "It's exciting to be involved in this compelling film. The audiences will be both challenged and entertained," said Director Renier Moor of Ann Moor Film Studio. For more information please call 561.775.1881.



Chandra Bill conferring with the DP Kurt Hammerstein, and Writer/Producer Andy Plotkin

L-DUB FILM FEST KICKS OFF!



The **2011 L-Dub Film Festival** will take place **September 30-October 2**, at the Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Theatre! The festival kicks off with a filmmaker reception next to the Stonzek Theatre on Friday, September 30 at 8pm. The festival will continue with a selection of productions across a variety of genres, from music videos to feature films. A highlight of this year's festival will be when actor **Garrett M. Brown** is honored with the 2011 Community Spirit Award.

Filmmakers will also be honored with jury and audience choice awards in four categories. For info visit lakeworthplayhouse.org/LDUBFF2011.html.



ESPN TO TELEVISION HIGH SCHOOL GAME!



The 2011 high school football season kicks off with national television coverage on **ESPN!** The Dwyer at Glades Central game will be played at Glades Central's Effie Grear Field in **Belle Glade** on **Labor Day, September 5** at 4:00pm. The game will be broadcast live as part of the GEICO ESPN High School football showcase. It will be the first time a football game in Palm Beach County has been televised nationally!

This game will be the second time each school has been part of an ESPN game. Glades Central lost to Brynes (S.C.) in 2006, while Dwyer lost a heartbreaker to Cleveland-Glenville last season. Dwyer is ranked first and Glades Central second in **The Palm Beach Post's** Pre-season Top 25. **Sports Illustrated** ranked Dwyer 11th and Glades Central 22nd in its national rankings earlier this week. For more info call the PBC Sports Commission at 561.233.3180.



LOCAL CONSULTING BIZ PROMOTES PBC

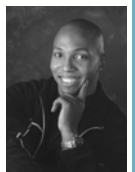


L-R: Dr. Perricone with Rick and Maggie Pamplin

The award-winning **Pamplin Film Company** (PFC) has found success in offering script doctoring and consulting services to clients in New York, L.A., and Palm Beach County (PBC), and has also assisted in bringing projects to the area. "Raising independent production funds in this economy takes longer. Consulting has given us an opportunity to expand our business, stay current with the industry and, of course, promote PBC to clients," said Rick Pamplin.



Recent clients include best-selling author Nicholas Perricone, M.D., the documentary film *What is the Electric Car?*, and a pilot for a new TV reality series which has just been picked up by a cable company, and is considering basing production in PBC. PFC arranged for portions of *What is the Electric Car?* to be shot in PBC, and arranged a premiere screening at the Norton Museum of Art. PFC's newest client is actor-producer Dwight Smith who recently re-located to PBC. He wrote an original screenplay for a feature film, which they hope to shoot in PBC in 2012. For info visit pamplinfilmcompany.com.



Dwight Smith

PBC HONORED IN 25th ANNIVERSARY OF P3



The 25th Anniversary Issue of **P3 Update** featured a two-page spread on the **G-Star Motion Picture Studios**, and an article about the up-to-date happenings in the production industry in Palm Beach County! The article discusses Digital Domain, and the latest **Alan Jackson** music video, *Long Way To Go*, which shot at the **Castaways Marina and Square Grouper Tiki Bar** in Jupiter.

P3 is a monthly magazine that updates industry professionals on the next generation of tools and techniques used in preproduction, production and post-production. For more information please visit p3update.com.




G-Star Photo in P3

NEW DIGITAL ARTS PROGRAM WILL MAKE STUDENTS "JOB-READY"



Florida State University (FSU) has begun the enrollment process for the new animation and visual effects program that will graduate students with skills to produce Hollywood blockbuster movies of the future. The program has a limited enrollment, and will accept up to 100 freshmen and 100 transfers to start in the fall of 2012. The early admission deadline is October 17. The final admission deadline for students and transfers is January 18. The first of its kind program unites the nationally renowned FSU College of Motion Picture Arts and the **Digital Domain Media Group**, parent company of the award-winning visual effects industry pioneer Digital Domain, which has created innovative visuals for more than 80 movies.

 "When we began to look at the landscape of expertise for this type of innovative collaboration between industry and higher education, it was clear that Florida State was our choice," said Chairman of the Digital Domain Media Group **John Textor**. Students enrolled in the program will spend their freshman year in Tallahassee and their sophomore through senior years in West Palm Beach. The City, Digital Domain and FSU's film school have formed a partnership to bring the prestigious studio's expertise to Florida. "We expect this to be a very popular program. We have already had a great response, and fielded lots of phone calls," said College of Motion Picture Arts Dean **Frank Patterson**. "The graduates of this program will have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and the very latest digital animation skills, making them well-educated and job-ready for the most competitive, high-skill careers in the film industry," said Patterson. Students will also receive professional certification training in the area of their choice. This means students will be "industry ready" upon graduation. For more information visit film.fsu.edu.

LOCAL STAR INKS MAJOR DEAL



Frank Licari is that rare commodity; a true triple threat-he can act, sing, and dance, with equal skill and passion. He can also host shows, and lots of them! Licari has hosted the Palm Beach International Film Festival's Student Showcase of Films for many years, and this year hosted the Florida Film Legend Awards. His performance at the Legend Awards earned him a new hosting gig that will reach over 500 million viewers on five continents this fall. *Recreating a Legend*, is a new prime-time original series that features contestants from different countries who compete for a spot to be the lead singer of a band of legendary artists. The show will premiere in the U.S. on the new Billboard Music Channel.



"I am very fortunate to have sustained a 20-year career in the entertainment business. The fact that I'm getting to host a new global TV show, and still have a successful performing arts school, theater and comedy troupe is a dream come true," said Licari. Licari is the owner/founder of Atlantic Arts Academy, The Atlantic Theater, and The Jove Comedy Experience in Jupiter. For more info visit atlanticartsacademy.com, TheAtlanticTheater.com, TheJove.net, and FrankLicari.com

YOUNG 'STARS' SCREEN THEIR FILM IN L.A.



Teens from **S.T.A.R.S. Mission International**, a Palm Beach based non-profit, walked the Red Carpet at the Alex Theatre in L.A., during the 168 Film Festival, where they screened their film *Sea of Chance's*. The comedy was shot entirely in PBC through support raised by a talent show and local businesses. Making the *Sea of Chance's* gave teens an opportunity to work with pros such as Victoria Jackson (*SNL*), Maddy Curley (*Cold Case*), Cinematographer Ron Turowski, and Student Showcase of Films winner Paul Halluch.

Industry pros such as Ralph Winter (*X-Men*, *Fantastic Four*) and David Alan Johnson (*Doc*, *Sue Thomas: FBI*), congratulated each one of the young filmmakers/actors on their work. While in L.A., they met with John D'Aquino (*Cory in the House*), and joined an on-camera training session at the Sidewalk Studio in Burbank. S.T.A.R.S. has been mentoring and educating the next generation of young talent for the past seven years. A celebrity instructed event is scheduled for Oct. 1 in Palm Beach Gardens. For more info visit stars4him.net.



S.T.A.R.S. at the Sidewalk Studio

FTC CONGRATULATES SUMMER INTERN



Please join the Palm Beach County Film & Television Film Commission in congratulating **Krystal Dawkins** as she graduates the internship program. Dawkins is a recent graduate of **The University of the West Indies** with a B.A. in Media and Communication. She hopes to have a career in the film industry.

Krystal Dawkins "The internship was an excellent experience for me. I learned so much about the world of film and television. I encourage students who are seeking a valuable experience to apply," said Dawkins. For more information about the FTC internship program, please visit pbfilm.com or call 561.233.1000.



BOYNTON MUSEUM ON 'BEST' KIDS SHOW



Best by Kids, the Xfinity on Demand series, produced by **Full Moon Creative**, out of Sunrise, FL recently shot an entire episode at the **Schoolhouse Children's Museum and Learning Center** in **Boynton Beach**. Producers shot segments about the hands-on interactive exhibits, summer camps, story time, workshops and other educational programs.



To view, go to Xfinity on Demand, click on 'Get Local' and then 'Best by Kids.' The episode will run for three-six months. Full Moon Creative recently shot at Sugar Sands Park in Boca Raton, and is in pre-production on more PBC locations. For more info visit fullmooncreative.com.

LOCATION SPOTLIGHT: PORT OF PALM BEACH



The Port of Palm Beach

The **Port of Palm Beach** is located Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County. Located 80 miles north of Miami and 135 miles south of Port Canaveral, the Port of Palm Beach is the fourth busiest container port of Florida's fourteenth deep-water ports and is the twentieth busiest in the



Containers at the Port of Palm Beach

continental U.S. In addition to intermodal capacity, the Port is a major nodal point for the shipment of bulk sugar (domestic usages), molasses, liquid asphalt, utility fuels, water, and breakbulk items.

The Port of Palm Beach has a 300-foot wide ship channel and 1,100 by 1,400-foot turning basin connecting to the Atlantic Ocean through the Lake Worth Inlet. The Port of Palm Beach is the only port facility in South Florida operating a rail system with pier-side box, hopper and intermodal cars operating 24 hours a day. Located on Port property are six miles of trackage for intermodal transfers and handling. The Port has three slips, four marginal wharves and two roll-on/roll-off ramps, and a cruise terminal. All of this happens in a port that has only 156 acres of land.

The Bahamas Celebration Cruise Ship is based at the port, and offers 2-night cruises to Grand Bahama Island. When you arrive at the cruise terminal, you will be met by a valet parking attendant and your cruising experience has begun. Cruise employees can be filmed assisting cruisers with unloading their luggage and directing them onto baggage check-in.



Terminal at the Port

At baggage check-in, production crews can film baggage service personnel, who will check the guest in on the manifest, take their luggage and put it through security screening. The cruise terminal can easily double as an airport terminal, with its numerous check-in desks and luggage holding area. Camera crews can even shoot their crew going through a mock security screening; just like at an airport.

For more info visit pbfilm.com or call 561.233.1000.



Bahamas Celebration Cruise Ship

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