

# NOVEMBER 2006



## ENORMOUS MONSTER HOG FINDS A HOME AT PALM BEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



A huge feral hog is in the center of a new feature film, *Hogzilla*, a Maxim Film Production, that explores the mystery of a giant animal that is reeking havoc in rural Florida. Based out of the G-Star School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, *Hogzilla* will film mostly at locations in West Palm Beach. *Hogzilla* Producer Diane Jacques said, "I had the very positive experience of filming in Palm Beach County in the past and when I had the opportunity to do another feature film and learned about the incentives at G-Star, there was no reason to look elsewhere." *Hogzilla* is scheduled to shoot this month as well as in December and distribution is already in place according to producers. For more info on *Hogzilla* please call the production office at 561.337.9386 or visit [www.gstarschool.org](http://www.gstarschool.org), and stay tuned to future newsletters for more details.



## TIME FLIES WHEN MAKING A FEATURE FILM

The difficulties of life, love and happiness are the premise of a new film, *9:04am* by MPS Digital Studios and 9:04am Productions, LLC, which shot mostly in Palm Beach County at locations including Okeethee Park in West Palm Beach and private residences in Wellington. Co-Writer/Producer/Director Heath McKnight said, "This is a movie that I've been developing for 9 years. My biggest goal was to shoot the movie locally, because I'm from here wanted to showcase the beautiful scenery in Palm Beach County." McKnight plans for the film to be completed in the spring of 2007 and will then take it on the film festival circuit. For more information please visit [www.904am.com](http://www.904am.com).



RELAXED FORUM ROUNDS UP HUGE TURNOUT FROM THE LOCAL PRODUCTION COMMUNITY...The Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission held the third Production Company Roundtable last month at the Tiki Waterfront Sea Grill in Riviera Beach. The casual atmosphere enabled guests to network amongst themselves and enjoy live music and refreshments. The topic du jour ranged from insurance questions to discussions about RFP's as well as many other important issues affecting the production community. The Advertising Federation of the Palm Beaches (ADFED) was also in attendance to encourage cross utilization of resources, information and job sharing between both industries thereby strengthening Florida's economy by keeping production business at home. The next meeting will be held at the South Florida Science Museum in West Palm Beach on Wednesday, February 21, 2007. For more information, or if you would like to submit agenda ideas and/or offer space for future meetings please call 561.233.1000.



## LOCAL FILMMAKER WRANGLES IN SOME FUNDING



Victor Milt  
Photo Credit:  
Michael Kravitz

Victor Milt, a local filmmaker for over 40 years just got funding for his film *Cowboys of Florida* to be made into a feature-length documentary! The film, which is scheduled for completion in June 2007, premiered at the 2006 Palm Beach International Film Festival and went on to win prestigious awards at various film festivals around the country including the Florida's Choice Award at the Independents Film Festival in Tampa, Florida. Milt said, "We are looking forward to getting a sale on network television, international distribution and DVD retail sales." For more info, please visit [www.cowboyoofflorida.com](http://www.cowboyoofflorida.com) or [www.victormilt.com](http://www.victormilt.com).



## UNIQUE PBC ARCHITECTURE STYLIZES NEW VIDEO



Audi enthusiasts all over the world can now revel in the fact that the automotive company has unveiled a new model of the Audi Q7. West Palm Beach based Take 2 Productions was hired to complete a launch video, *The Audi Minute* which showcases the new Q7 as well as other Audi models. Producer George Barnes said, "I was going for an elegant and sophisticated visual texture that complements Audi's brand image." Many of Palm Beach County's most beautiful locations were utilized during the shoot including Mizner Park and South Inlet Park in Boca Raton, Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach, Ocean Inlet Park in Ocean Ridge, Bryant Park in Lake Worth and CityPlace and Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach. The crew was accommodated at the OC Beach Resort on Palm Beach. For more information please call 561.833.0603.



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# Location Spotlight

## Art of Palms Landscaping and Nursery



Handmade Pond



Swimming Pool



Dirt Walkway



The Island

Beautiful landscaping can mean turning an ordinary yard into an extraordinary landscape, and the professionals at the **Art of Palms Landscaping and Nursery** know how to do just that. Located in the town of **Loxahatchee Groves**, this nursery is reminiscent of a tropical rainforest just minutes away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Not only does the five-acre property have rare and unique plants, it also has a handmade pond, an island, swimming pool, dirt roads and walkways, heavy machinery, and access to other nurseries all in one spot! In the business for six years, they are ready and willing to build sets using their abundant supply of trees and plants to create any nature scene desired. For more information please call 561.233.1000.



### PARENTING PUBLICATION GOES FROM THE CONCRETE TO THE CATWALK

**Junior Magazine**, a periodical focused on parenting techniques, hired local company **Monica Skeisvoll Photography** to shoot a six page fashion spread for their upcoming **March 2007** issue at various areas of **Jupiter Community Park** in **Jupiter**. Photographer **Eric Skeisvoll** said, "We chose this park because it is well manicured and beautiful, plus it had various athletic fields that enabled us to capture all different kinds of backdrops." For more information please visit [www.monicaskeisvollphotography.com](http://www.monicaskeisvollphotography.com).



**THE ART OF MOVIE MAKING IS FEATURED IN A NEW DOCUMENTARY...** A new film, **Cinematographer Style**, offers a rare glimpse into the art of visual storytelling and the universal language of cinematography. Over 100 cinematographers from over 15 countries, who have worked in sectors of the industry, including feature films, television, documentaries, commercials and music videos shared their insight about the art and craft of filmmaking. The film will premiere at the Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival on Sunday, November 12, 2006 and the makers of the film are already looking at future premieres in Palm Beach County. For more information please visit [www.cinematographerstyle.com](http://www.cinematographerstyle.com).



### LOCAL SCHOOL MARKS A MAJOR MILESTONE

**The G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures and Broadcasting in West Palm Beach** is now a fully accredited high school! The staff and students were among the happiest and most loyal the committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) had ever seen after a thorough and comprehensive examination according to **G-Star Founder Greg Hauptner**. For more information please call Greg Hauptner at 561.386.6275 or visit [www.gstarschool.org](http://www.gstarschool.org).



### SUBSTANTIAL GRANT TO IMPROVE AREA ACADEMY

**The Florida Department of Education** recently awarded a grant worth over \$68,000 to the TV/Film Academy at the **South Tech Academy** in **Boynton Beach**, a conversion charter school sponsored by the **Palm Beach County School District**. The funds are being used to construct a new studio and purchase film equipment for the students to utilize to sharpen their skills. The school also has a new film/TV instructor, **Michael Hertzner** who provides students with hands-on training for employment in the production world. For more information please visit [www.southtechacademy.com](http://www.southtechacademy.com).



# short takes



## GET YOUR VOICE HEARD DURING LOCAL FILM COMPETITION

Attention South Florida Filmmakers! The **Palm Beach Film Society** is now accepting submissions for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Voices of Local Film** at the **Palm Beach International Film Festival**. **Voices** provides a forum for area films to be screened in a competitive atmosphere among peers. For submission rules or more information visit [www.pbfilmsociety.org](http://www.pbfilmsociety.org).



## FILM FESTIVAL HOPES TO ATTRACT FILMMAKERS WITH AN AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS...

The **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Delray Beach Film Festival (DBFF)** is returning next year and promises more parties, networking events and over 250 screenings that will include a diverse repertoire of films. The event will be held **March 13-18, 2007**, and will incorporate a variety of workshops and seminars and an array of celebrity sporting events. The submission deadline is **December 13, 2006**. For more info visit [www.dbff.us](http://www.dbff.us).



## POPULAR VENUE WILL ONCE AGAIN SHOWCASE ASPIRING TALENT...

The search is on for this year's **Starz and Battle of the Bands** contestants for the annual talent competition at the **South Florida Fair!** Auditions will be held at the **South Florida Fair and Expo Center** from **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** through **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. For more information visit [www.southfloridafair.com](http://www.southfloridafair.com) or call 561.753.0845.

## LOTS OF YACHTS - LOTS OF SPOTS

From **Victoria's Secret** photo shoots to reality TV shows to wrap parties, **Palm Beach County based Lots of Yachts/Lots of Spots** has hosted an array of projects. The company represents a variety of private locations including yachts, mansions and townhomes that are open to production work. For more information please visit [www.lotsofyachts.com](http://www.lotsofyachts.com).



Christine Tieche

## NEW ADDITION TO FTC STAFF

Please join the Film Commission in welcoming our new **Administrative Assistant Christine Tieche**. She comes to us from the **University of Central Florida**. Good luck!



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