Millions of golf enthusiasts from around the globe had their eyes set on The Palm Beaches as the world’s best golfers, including Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and defending champion Rickie Fowler, competed in the 46th annual Honda Classic. The tournament, which was played at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, received 18 hours of live television coverage on CBS and the Golf Channel, and delivered the highest viewership numbers in years for both networks. This year’s winner was Justin Thomas, a Palm Beach County resident who became just the third player in 30 years to have eight or more PGA wins before the age of 25. Meanwhile, Tiger Woods’ comeback picked up some steam with a 12th place finish; the Jupiter Island resident is now well-positioned to make strides towards a Masters return. Kenneth R. Kennerly, Executive Director of the Honda Classic cheered, “it’s great to see Tiger back healthy, swinging a golf club, and competing again.” Kennerly believes golf fans are excited to see Woods and credits Tiger for being “a big part of the growth that we have experienced at The Honda Classic.” This year’s event attracted 224,642 attendees over seven days, a 10% increase over last year.

Meanwhile, Mark Calcavecchia was able to hold off Bernhard Langer to win this year’s Boca Raton Championship, marking his first tournament win in nearly three years. The event, formerly known as the Allianz Championship, was played at the Old Course at Broken Sound and is regarded as one of the premier events on the PGA Champions Tour. For more information about sporting events in Palm Beach County, visit palmbeachsports.com.

Looking for answers in Lake Ida

Iconic television series In Search Of will return to our screens once again this year. Based on the 1970s franchise hosted by Star Trek’s original Spock, Leonard Nimoy, a new 10-episode docuseries hosted and produced by Zachary Quinto will air on the History Channel. Quinto will team up with scholars and eyewitnesses to explore everything from the mythical to the scientific, following ideas like alien encounters and UFO sightings, time travel, and artificial intelligence. Spring Hill Productions visited Delray Beach to film scenes for the show on Lake Ida, which will be featured in an episode exploring mysterious creatures of the sea.

“I am so excited to be reimagining In Search Of and exploring new questions and phenomena with all of the advancements in science and technology from which we have benefitted in the past forty years since the original series first aired,” Zachary Quinto, Executive Producer, said in a statement. Join the search for answers by visiting history.com.

Hotels Showcase Tourism Channel

The Palm Beaches TV, brought to you by the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council (TDC) and local media partner, Olympusat Inc, provides 24/7 high quality family content showcasing the best of everything in The Palm Beaches. The channel takes an in-depth look at area beaches, dining, recreation, sports, attractions, events, culture and more!

Guests of the Marriott Singer Island Resort & Spa can watch in-room on Channel 56 and at the PGA National Resort & Spa on Channel 72, as well as in-lobby viewing at the Brazilian Court and Best Western Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. “This marketing initiative is a unique way for our visitors to dig deeper and explore different experiences in our County. We also would like to thank our hotel launch partners who support this effort and provide The Palm Beaches TV on their properties,” said Glenn Jergensen, Executive Director of the TDC. Watch on Roku or tune in at ThePalmBeaches.tv!
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### SWEDE FEST 6 - THE SIXIEST

The sixth **Swede Fest™** Palm Beach, hosted by the Palm Beach Film Society, will take place at the Kelsey Theater in Lake Park on March 24 at 7pm. The wildly popular event, which honors comically bad remakes of Hollywood hits, will be emceed by the sidesplitting improv group Cheese & Crackers. **Swede Fest** is a celebration of no-budget, three-minute shorts; imagine the 1996 action/disaster flick *Twister* filmed using balled-up paper towels, or a reenactment of *The Fast and the Furious* using children’s Big Wheels. After the screenings, attendees will vote for their favorite worst film, which means bragging rights for the amateur filmmakers. Community art gallery and craft beer oasis The Brewhouse Gallery will host an entertainment-packed after-party. Purchase tickets in advance at kelseytheater.com.

### FILM RAISES AWARENESS FOR BULLYING

Filmmaker and West Palm Beach native Alcee H. Walker’s latest project, *Child Support*, is a compelling short drama that tackles the growing epidemic of bullying in schools. The film was shot in Palm Beach County in 2016 and tells the true story of Amy Joyner, a young girl in middle school who is relentlessly bullied leading to her suicide. Walker was recently granted approval to show the film in the Palm Beach International Film Festival, Riviera Beach. After the screenings, attendees will vote for their favorite worst film, which means bragging rights for the amateur filmmakers. Community art gallery and craft beer oasis The Brewhouse Gallery will host an entertainment-packed after-party. Purchase tickets in advance at kelseytheater.com.

### ARTS WAREHOUSE OPENS IN DELRAY

The **Arts Warehouse** in Delray Beach recently celebrated their grand opening. In 2010, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency purchased a warehouse in the Pineapple Grove Arts District for conversion to an arts center and business incubator. Located at the end of Artists Alley on NE Third Street, the colorful industrial building will promote the arts and provide space for cultural activities, galleries, exhibits, workshops and studios for local and visiting artists. The Arts Warehouse will help draw tourism to the area as well as provide unique opportunities for Delray Beach residents. The Arts Warehouse was designed by Currie Sowards Aguila, the architectural firm responsible for the Arts Garage, Old School Square and Pineapple Grove. Learn more about the brand new facility at delraycra.org/artswarehouse.

### BREAKOUT ROLE FOR DREYFOOS GRAD

Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts (DSOA) 2008 graduate Torrey Linder has landed a principal role on the musical *Dirty Dancing*. Based on the 1987 cult classic film, the show will tour nationally over the next five months. Torrey has been persistently auditioning in New York City for major musicals over the past three years, and his persistence has paid off for this breakout role. “Every opportunity is another chance to further myself and my career. I feel so happy to be in Dirty Dancing, with some amazingly talented people! Anytime I think of working with great people I’m immediately reminded of my old schools, G-Star and DSOA. I was able to enjoy myself and that’s how it feels now,” Torrey shared. “Torrey Linder is one of those actors you really pull for. He’s not only incredibly talented but such an incredible human being!” said Torrey’s manager Claudia Crown. See more at us.dirtydancingontour.com/cast/torrey-linder.

### A DOSE OF MAKEOVER MEDICINE WITH JBR

Boca Raton-based reality celebrity, fashionista and philanthropist Jackie Beard Robinson (JBR) recently announced a new YouTube series called *Makeover Medicine*, a show that aims to transform the spirits of two deserving people through a makeover with the help of a hand-selected team of professionals. “It’s time to use reality TV as a platform to promote feel-good shows rather than controversy and drama,” said JBR. One of the participants in the first episode had recently experienced difficult personal trauma after a cancer diagnosis, so JBR offered a dose of *Makeover Medicine* for a lift in spirits. The other participant had never worn makeup in her life. “Watching the transformation both mentally and physically, along with the shock during the reveal is the final moment that brings tears to the team’s eyes!” said President of TransMedia Group Productions, Adrienne Mazzone. Check out the first episode online on YouTube, and to get involved in the #JBRmakeovermedicine movement reach out to connect@jackiebeardrobinson.org.
Denver-based production company *High Noon Entertainment* was quick on the draw once they set their sights on The Palm Beaches to film the pilot episode of HGTV’s *Paradise Bargain Hunt*. The show aims to uncover real estate bargains and hidden gems near some of the most beautiful resort towns in America. The Florida episode targeted a local couple who fell in love with their dream home in *Lake Worth*, showcasing the quaint cottages, easy beach access and myriad street festivals found in the downtown area.

Production Manager Nai Pak shared that they chose The Palm Beaches “because it is known as one of the most desirable and luxurious vacation destinations in the country.” High Noon Entertainment specializes in creating unscripted, character-driven programming in entertaining formats that tell their stories with authenticity, heart and a healthy dose of humor. For more, visit highnoontv.com.

The 2018 edition of *LUNAFEST* will be hosted at the *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute* on Florida Atlantic University’s Jupiter campus on Thursday, March 15. *LUNAFEST* is a touring film festival that honors the talents and stories of women everywhere through a series of short films. The 90-minute program is shown in more than 175 venues throughout North America. All proceeds are donated to charity, and 85 percent of the evening’s profits will help fund *FAU* scholarships for female students on the Jupiter campus. The remaining 15 percent will go to LUNA’s primary beneficiary, *Chicken & Egg Pictures*, a nonprofit organization providing mentorship and financial support to female non-fiction filmmakers. This season’s program of nine selected films will compel discussion and motivate attendees to make a difference in their community. See more at fau.edu/osherjupiter.

The Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission (FTC) warmly welcomes the Spring 2018 intern, Ryan O’Sullivan. A senior at *Park Vista High School*, Ryan plans to attend Florida Atlantic University in the fall to major in Multimedia Studies. He is currently enrolled in the film academy at Park Vista where he has learned the foundations of creating a motion picture. He has also helped run the school announcements during his time in the film academy and has worked on numerous projects including commercials, short films and trailers. In addition, Ryan hosts a YouTube channel dedicated to video games. He also holds many certifications across Microsoft Office programs, as well as Adobe’s photo and video editing software. Ryan is now eager to learn the business side of the film industry through the FTC’s internship program and is excited to work with the entire team!

Producers of a new feature-length documentary film based on Louise Levison’s best-selling book “Filmmakers & Financing: Business Plans for Independents” set up shop last month in The Palm Beaches and filmed parts of their movie at *G-Star Motion Picture Studios and School of the Arts* in *Palm Springs*. Filming took place on Sound Stage 1, at the school, around the lot and in the production bungalow. Four 4K cameras and a drone were used for extensive filming of scenes and on-site interviews, including several film investors. “We were especially thrilled to utilize the Hollywood-style catwalk 35 feet above the sound stage floor, very reminiscent of my early days shooting in Hollywood, and a rarity for independent filmmakers, especially here in Florida,” said Palm Beach-based award-winning writer-director Rick Pamplin. Cast members appearing on camera included residents of Palm Beach County, several out-of-town Florida residents and G-Star founder and CEO Greg Hauptner. Follow updates via Twitter at #CONFIDENTIALFilmProject.
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES WEST PALM BEACH

The Art in Public Places program continues to provide beauty and art in a variety of places; some are in full view of the public while others are inside public buildings. The ideas are always fresh, and the theme is always different, providing a variety of backdrops for filmmakers to consider when searching for locations.

One of the most popular and recognizable installations can be found at PBC Convention Center. Wave is a collection of perforated aluminum arches that connect the convention center to the outdoor gathering space on the second level. By day they are artfully placed and tie in to the dancing palm fronds in the sky, but Wave really comes alive at night with its blue color and luminous moiré effect making it a striking frame against the night sky, creating an incredible backdrop.

A unique angle for fashion photography and lifestyle imagery is found at Mounts Botanical Garden with their newest installation, Windows On the Floating World. The series of walkways and aquatic plants makes a striking location for resort wear catalog imagery with waterfalls that flow over a buff-colored coral stone. A wall of bromeliads and other tropical foliage brings color and texture into the ethereal space.

Wind Through Four Points is found in an unassuming county building, its grand entrance explodes with stylized windows and a colorful terrazzo floor with a catwalk that puts the second story windows into a viewable perspective for a modern hallway scene. The catwalk provides a great position for camera or lighting and the floor is a work of art. For more information about these locations or other film friendly options, please visit the locations database at pbfilm.com.

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SSOF IS ALL SYSTEMS GO!

The 23rd annual Palm Beach International Film Festival’s Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) is all systems go! Over 600 submissions were received with 234 advancing to the judges, revealing the depth of talent found in Florida’s educational programs. Student submissions are judged by an group of 42 industry professionals with finalists being presented over $12,500 in cash and prizes during the red carpet award show on April 6 at Lynn University in Boca Raton. The red carpet award show attracts over 800 students and their families, along with celebrity presenters, industry pros, media, state and county dignitaries and performers. Celebrity presenters have included Burt Reynolds, Vanilla Ice, Cheri Oteri, Thomas Ian Nicholas, Bruce Campbell, Clint Howard, Linda Blair and many more. The live show with a radical Video Game theme will be hosted by actor, entertainer and star of Blue Bloods (CBS) and PBS South Florida’s On the Town in The Palm Beaches, Frank Licari. For more about the event visit pbfilm.com/student-showcase.

PBGHS HAS THE POWER

16 students from the Palm Beach Gardens High School (PBGHS) TV & Film Magnet Program traveled to Miami to film the International Power Showcase Home Run Derby at Marlins Park. The Power Showcase is hailed as one of the premier baseball events in the world. The students from Palm Beach Gardens captured footage for the 224 players that were invited to showcase their talent. The student crew worked over 14 hours each day, filming everything from field drills, home run derbies and games, including the live broadcast to a worldwide audience online. This is the second year that PBGHS has attended the event. Ryan Dockery and Ed Gigante, the instructors of the TV & Film Magnet, shared that doing the Power Showcase is an unbelievable real-world experience for these students. Their class will now begin editing special highlight videos for every player involved. For more information on PBGHS’ magnet program, visit fivestarmagnet.org.

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