The Channel 20 Division of Public Affairs of Palm Beach County provides government information and educational programming to all cable subscribers in Palm Beach County. The channel is operated by a team of highly skilled professionals who are creative and efficient in broadcasting County government meetings, government informational programs, and critical public safety information. With an opportunity to showcase the County to local residents and the ability to tap into high quality programming found on The Palm Beaches TV, Channel 20 recently added new shows to their lineup. Hooked on The Palm Beaches, a series produced by local production company AA Video, showcases fishing opportunities throughout the area. On the Town in The Palm Beaches, produced by South Florida PBS, highlights specific communities such as The Glades, Jupiter and others. “These shows are a great addition to our program offerings. They are all filmed entirely in Palm Beach County and each show offers the diversity and rich cultural history found in our backyard,” said Lester Williams, PBCTV Channel 20 Station Manager.

Craig Stephans, host of Channel 20’s Special Edition, recently featured The Palm Beaches Student Showcase of Films (SSOF) and invited Michelle Hillery, SSOF Executive Producer, and Chris Cobb, SSOF Producer, into the studio to discuss highlights of the largest student film competition in the state of Florida. Channel 20 also films and produces The Film Festival Red Carpet Highlight Show and The Production Review Show in partnership with the Film & Television Commission. Both half-hour shows air on Channel 20 and each recently won a Telly Award, a competition that honors excellence in video and television across all screens. For more information, visit pbctv.com.

Dock and Dine in the Palm Beaches

Production has begun on a deliciously exciting new series featuring restaurants that are accessible by boat. Dock and Dine mixes nautical adventure with culinary delights. Hosted by CIA (Culinary Institute of America)-trained personal chef Jason Pereira, each episode will take viewers by boat to a different dining location in Palm Beach County. One of the first restaurants to be featured is 1000 North in Jupiter paired with a yacht from Palm Beach Motor Yachts. “We match the boat to the restaurant,” said co-executive producer Amanda Prince. “The PB55 (yacht) and 1000 North is the perfect marriage of luxury yachting and fine dining,” she explained. “We took a charter fishing boat to Two Georges in Boynton Beach.” Dock and Dine is produced locally by Prince and Ko-Mar Productions, via their Kat 5 Entertainment production banner. The show will air on DirecTV and on ThePalmBeaches.TV.

Visit Downton in Downtown WPB

Downton Abbey ended its popular six season run in 2016, but this British period drama following a wealthy noble family has not yet seen its end. A new immersive attraction, Downton Abbey: The Exhibition, is due to open inside the newly renovated Culture Lab in West Palm Beach. Featuring costumes, jewelry and props from the show, the exhibition opened in New York City and West Palm Beach will be the second stop on the tour, opening November 10 and running through April 2019. In an interview with the Palm Beach Post, Senior VP of Brand Management for NBCUniversal Dominic Burns shared their reasons for selecting The Palm Beaches as the logical next stop for the tour: "West Palm Beach is traditionally the holiday destination of choice among aristocrats such as the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers," said Burns. To purchase tickets for the attraction, visit downtonexhibition.com.
SPOOKY EATS AND TREATS

The co-owner of West Palm Beach’s Ganache Bakery Café is now a bona fide reality TV star! Jamal Lake, who opened the business in 2011, was recently a contestant on Food Network’s Halloween Baking Championship. The popular show follows talented bakers as they channel their cooking creativity into every kind of baked good imaginable. From scarecrows to bats to pumpkin-shaped cakes, the bakers are tested as they funnel their imaginations into their food – everything with a spooky theme for Halloween. In one episode, Lake’s baked goods even make judge and professional chef Carla Hall cry! With Food Network averaging over half a million viewers per day, Lake is sure to build an even bigger fan following. Take a look at some of Lake’s tasty treats at ganachebakerycafe.com.

BROADCASTING LOCAL PROPERTIES

BYL Network out of Boca Raton, recently launched LANG TV. LANG TV is the first Lifestyle Real Estate TV Channel streaming 24/7 around the world and in 11 offices across Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Jupiter, Manalapan, Palm Beach Gardens and Port St. Lucie. This online TV Channel is accessible through any internet connection, Smart TV, ROKU or iOS device. LANG TV broadcasts everything from homes for sale, to real estate agents, service providers, events, community leaders, real estate news, dining, shopping, activities and so much more. BYL Network is a technology based broadcast network that has developed a proprietary broadcast management software. The platform can store, program, schedule and broadcast an array of media files in real-time and on-demand over a single IP address. For more information, visit langtv.tv.

CELEBRATING THE CAST & CREW

Local filmmaker Ann Fishman’s latest feature drops on November 6 on iTunes, Amazon and On Demand! SWIPED follows two college roommates that team up to create the ultimate hook-up app. Noah Centineo plays womanizer Lance, who Fishman described as “a gifted actor and perfect as the loveable bad boy.” Kendall Sanders plays computer genius James, who Fishman says “brought the character I had created to life in such a vivid manner that I hired him on the spot.” Other notable actors in the film include the legendary George Hamilton, Nathan Gamble, Leigh Allyn Baker, Alana Collins Stewart, Kalani Hilliker, and several Florida based actors including Steve Daron and Tina Pfeiffer. The SWIPED crew is primarily out of South Florida, including some of Fishman’s fellow Palm Beach State College alums. See more about the film online at swipedthemovie.com.

THE PALM BEACHES TV EXPANDS PRESENCE IN AIRPORT AND CRUISE LINE

The Palm Beaches TV continues to experience rapid growth! Offering high-quality, tourism-related, on-demand family programming, the channel can now be seen at the Palm Beach International Airport on two screens in the Baggage Claim area, and as a designated channel in every cabin of Bahama Paradise Cruise Line’s Grand Classica ship. The addition of these new venues makes The Palm Beaches TV accessible to more than 1,000 hotel rooms throughout Palm Beach County, including the Marriott Singer Island, the PGA National Resort & Spa, the DoubleTree Palm Beach Gardens and in public venues such as the Palm Beach Convention Center, the Cultural Council and the lobby of the Brazilian Court Hotel. “This is an innovative and useful tourism tool for anyone planning to visit Palm Beach County and I’m proud of its growth,” said Glenn Jergensen, Executive Director of The PBC Tourist Development Council, who oversees the channel and guided its launch. Owned and operated by Olympusat, Inc., the channel is also available anytime, anywhere on Roku and by visiting ThePalmBeaches.TV. WATCH IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT. ThePalmBeaches.TV.
**BACKLASH BURSTS ON TO THE SCENE**

*Backlash* is a thrilling new mini-series that follows two mafia hitmen on the hunt to find a ruthless killer in order to prevent further bloodshed between crime lords. Written and produced by local filmmaker LeVar Leo, the series was filmed primarily in Palm Beach County in collaboration with local South Florida cast and crew. Dominic Gianetti signed on as Executive Producer during the first set of episodes in the miniseries, and will be following it up with a full season with twelve half-hour episodes. “The feedback we’ve had from our audience has blown us away. The full season is our next step to build upon our fanbase,” said LeVar. Episodes 1 and 2 of the miniseries are now available on Amazon Prime. See the trailer and production updates at facebook.com/BacklashTheMiniSeries.

**AN ADVENTURE LIKE NO OTHER**

*America’s Production Company* out of Boca Raton is currently filming a new family feature titled *The Terrible Adventure*. When two affluent siblings are faced with losing everything, they spring into action to win a contest put on by a local billionaire. Naturally, chaos ensues! Spanish River Park and Spanish River Library are among the locations that will be featured. “As a filmmaker with 25 years of photo, video and event production experience, I really geek out when I get to film in beautiful buildings with amazing architecture at a very low cost point,” said Producer/Director Kel Thompson, whose children inspired the concept and have worked with him on the production from the very beginning. “We have many creative marketing ideas for the film involving schools and community events, using scavenger hunts and similar contests with the goal of influencing both the young generation AND their parents to become more environmentally aware and conscious.” See more at theterribleadventure.com.

**CASH HER ON SNAPCHAT**

Boynton Beach’s very own up-and-coming rapper Bhad Bhabie, a.k.a. Danielle Bregoli, has been signed to a 12-episode documentary series on the popular social media platform Snapchat.

The series will be called *Bringing Up Bhabie* and is set to air in “Snap Originals”, which features anything from scripted dramas to mysteries to docuseries. Snapchat intends to reinvent the world of mobile TV with their very first formal slate of fall shows. *Bringing Up Bhabie* will follow the 15-year-old’s blossoming rap career and personal life. Bregoli currently has a social media following of more than 500,000 on Twitter and other platforms. Her meteoric rise to fame started two years ago on the Dr. Phil show where she told an audience member “cash me ousside, how bout dat” in a dramatic confrontation. The phrase caught on, became part of her branding and launched her rap career. Catch this and other originals at snapchat.com.

**WATCHING TV MIGHT BE GOOD FOR YOU**

Networks often air content that bombard viewers with unhealthy messages and stereotypes, but watching TV might actually be good for your health. Especially if you’re watching the **Health Channel**, the nation’s only ‘round-the-clock channel for people who want the latest in health and medical news.** Launched in August, this partnership between **South Florida PBS** (WXEL and WPBT) and **Baptist Health** promotes interactivity by allowing viewers to call in or email questions directly to doctors or experts who respond during the four hours of live programming. The channel also offers an array of informative content regarding cardiovascular health, maternity care, healthy living, and much more. South Florida PBS Vice President Bill Scott told the Palm Beach Post that the channel covers “everything from acne to Zika - in other words, A to Z.” To learn more about the Health Channel, visit allhealthtv.com.
LOCATION SPOTLIGHT

PBC PARKS MAKE IDEAL BACKDROPS

With award season underway, we want to take a moment to thank one of our partners for making it possible for productions to find the right backdrop to tell their stories. Under the direction of Eric Call, PBC operates over 100 parks and recreation facilities and was recently recognized with the 2018 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park & Recreation Management, the equivalent of an Academy Award for parks and recreation. Eric Call commented that “[The county] established a wonderful partnership with the Film Commission years ago with many of our park properties serving as settings for filmmakers, photographers and artists.”

One of the largest parks with 1700 acres, OKEEHEELEE PARK offers equestrian facilities, canoe launch and trails to the south of Forest Hill Blvd. To the north, there are 27 holes of golf, tennis, soft ball, volleyball, a ninja-style water park, interactive nature center, BMX track, disc golf, dog park, competition ski lake and a cable line water ski under construction. The park is one of the County’s crown jewels.

The county’s beach parks are unique with a rock outcrop found at CORAL COVE PARK in Tequesta. Nature has provided the fascinating Anastasia rock formation which gives us the raised rock setting at the edge of the water. The formation had a starring role in Circle in the Sand, which was entered in the Sugar Sand Park’s Shriek Week Kids’ Spooky Film Festival.

SOUTH INLET PARK is the County’s southernmost beach and is historically significant with the portico from the old Cloisters Hotel onsite as the functional Eschelman pavilion. The gothic style arches make for an ethereal magic hour setting while the compact isolated proximity makes it perfect for productions like Baywatch and big brands such as Michael Kors. For more info, please visit pbfilm.com.

EDUCATION CORNER

MEDIA LITERACY WEEK IN PBC

Award-winning producer and educator Alicia Haywood has engaged The Palm Beaches in U.S. Media Literacy Week, running from November 5-9 to raise awareness of the critical need for media literacy education across the country.

#MediaLitWk is currently being promoted through public outreach activities, classroom lessons, film screenings, virtual events, PSAs, panel discussions, town halls, and more. “I created The iSpeakMedia Foundation as a non-profit platform to advance my efforts in legislation for media literacy education and public outreach programming. Florida State Representative David Silvers (of PBC) has been incredibly helpful with introducing Media Literacy Week to the schools in his district. "My hope is that other state leaders, educators, parents, and media professionals will support the mission as well in years to come.”

Discover more about the program online at MediaLiteracyWeek.us and ispeakmedia.org.

KEISER & G-STAR TEAM UP FOR NEW AD

Students from Keiser University and G-Star School of the Arts came together to produce a commercial for Keiser University’s brand new College of Cinematic Arts. Students were immersed in the project as directors, camera operators, hair and makeup artists, animators, gaffers, grips and more. Led by renowned New York filmmaker Oren Sarch, they learned several “tricks of the trade” on the top-rated G-Star Studios soundstage while refining soft skills such as on-set professionalism and etiquette.

“I not only was impressed, but I would not hesitate to use these facilities and students on various upcoming projects of mine,” said Sarch. The Keiser University Cinematic Arts program introduces students to the principles and techniques of filmmaking, giving them a deeper understanding of film history and production. Learn more at keiseruniversity.edu.