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Plenty of film work planned in Brevard

Many film, TV scenes shot locally

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A film that one of its backers describes as a small-budget version of "The Chronicles of Narnia" will start casting today at a Malabar film studio.

It's one of several film and television projects in the works in Brevard County, in addition to the just-announced plan to film scenes for the upcoming "Transformers 3" movie at Kennedy Space Center, Space Coast Film Commissioner Bonnie King said.

Today's preliminary open casting call is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the TYG Studio in Malabar for the screen adaptation of "Ryann Watters and the King's Sword," which is based on the first installment of a youth action-adventure book series by Eric Reinhold.

Among other potential local television and film projects, according to King:

■ "Lawton's Law": West Melbourne resident Larry Lawton, who spent 11 years in federal prison for racketeering,
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Brevard man pitching own reality show

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is pitching a weekly television reality show on his work with the Reality Check program for troubled youths.

He started filming for a pilot — called a "sizzle reel" — last week at various sites in Brevard County for his show, "Lawton's Law," and will pitch it to broadcast and cable-television networks.

The show's production company is Cheri Sundae Production of Burbank Calif., and its co-executive producer John Johnston, who formerly worked on such television shows as "A Current Affair," "Extra," "Pranked" and "Shockwave."