Filmmaker leaves documentaries for movie made in Michigan

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John Jabara dossa't seem to mind leaving behind the elephants in Sri Lanka and panthers in Tanzania for the chance to bring a heart-warming story with a measure to the street of the street of

now. We wanted to make a family feature film but it's been difficult to find someone with a disability, ages 11 to 14, with acting experi-

They're still looking for a child to fill the role regardless of acting credentials. Age is critical, the younger the better, because Jahara would eventually like to turn all four of Tuitel's books into films.

"We have someone in mind but we'd still like to find out if there's anyone with a disability with act-

ing experience or a hidden talent to send in an audition tape," said Jabara.

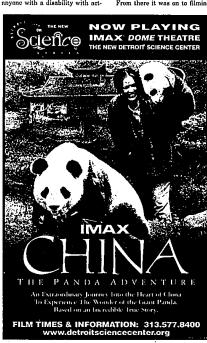
Making this film may be the biggest challenge in Jabara's career so far, one he never envisioned while making videos of his band while a student at the old Plymouth High School on Main Street. In fact, it wasn't until after receiving a degree in environmental education 25-years age that Jabara decided to go into television production.

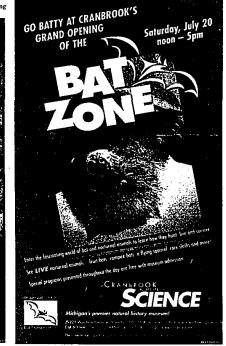
From there it was on to filming

The Stoth Bear for international distribution in the series Wild Horizons, Asian Elephants: Want-dalive, and Florida Panther, co-produced with Living Planet, for the Endangered series. Along the way he met Josephine at a television conference in Washington, D.C. Jabara continued producing documentaries including The Golden Jackal for National Geographic, and various footage for

television stations in Italy, Germany, The Netherlands, France, and Australia.

For more information about auditioning for the role or helping in any way, cell the East Lassing production company at (617) 361-1660 or send e-mail to movie@oursmallplanct.com. More information can also be found at the Web site: www.oursmallplanet.com.







Switching locations: Filmmaker Jim Jabara leaves the wild behind to tell a fictionalized story about a little boy with cerebral palsy. Jabara is pictured during filming of projects with Michigan black bears and Asian dephants.





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