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WEST PALM BEACH Peggy Adams hosts Spay Day for cats

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, 3100/3200 N. Military Trail, will offer free spay and neuter surgeries on Feb. 26 as part of its Spay Day. The event is open to domestic cats belonging to Palm Beach County residents.

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's goal is to spay/neuter a total of 200 owned cats this day. In addition to being spayed/neutered, each cat will be given a FVRCP+CH vaccine, Rabies vaccine, and will be micro-chipped.

Palm Beach County Ordinance 98-22 requires cats to be spayed or neutered and micro-chipped by 4 months of age unless medically contraindicated. All cats participating in this event will be micro-chipped unless they already have a microchip. The League recommends pain medication and e-collars post-surgery, which will be available for an additional charge.

"Spaying and neutering is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for cats and dogs. It's proven to be the most effective way to control the pet overpopulation," said Dr. Beth Keser, director of medical services, in the news release.

Pet owners can submit an application and review pre-and post-surgical instructions online at peggyadams.org/spay-day. Applications must be received by noon Feb. 25. Check-in time is from 7 to 9 a.m. and check-out time is at 5 p.m. Cats must arrive in a secure, size-appropriate cat carrier with only one cat per carrier.

For more information, call 561-686-3663 or visit peggyadams.org.

Adriana Delgado

YWCA seeks nominees for Racial Justice Award

The YWCA of Palm Beach County is seeking nominations for its 2019 Dorothy Height Racial Justice Award.

Nominees for the Racial Justice Award may be an individual, civic organization, religious institution or business that has demonstrated leadership in organizing or supporting activities that reduce and/or prevent racial injustice in Palm Beach County.

The award will be presented on April 16 at the YWCA's Stand Against Racism Luncheon themed "Coming to America: The Faces of Immigration," which will be held at the Kravis Center's Cohen Pavilion.

For more information or to request a nomination form, contact the YWCA at 561-640-0050, ext. 115. Deadline for submitting nominations is 4 p.m. April 5.

Staff report

JUPITER Family Adventure Day on tap at Lighthouse

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum, 500 Captain Armour's Way, will hold a Family Adventure Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Activities will include storytelling, arts and crafts, demonstrations and games. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for kids.

For more information, visit jupiterlighthouse.org.

Staff report

Daughters of Springsteen, Jobs to compete in equestrian event

The Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup runs Thursday to Sunday at Deeridge Farms

By Jodie Wagner
The Palm Beach Post

WELLINGTON — A century-old team equestrian event coming to Deeridge Farms this week will include a pair of competitors with famous fathers.

Eve Jobs, the daughter of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, and Jessica Springsteen, the daughter of rock legend Bruce Springsteen, are scheduled to compete in the prestigious CSIO5 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup.

The event, which will be held Thursday through Sunday, is a qualifier for this fall's 2019 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final in Barcelona, Spain.

Jobs, 21, and Springsteen, 27, are among the 60 Olympic-caliber athletes from 13 countries who are scheduled to compete for \$716,500 in prize money as part of the 110-year-old event.

It is the second of three elite events being held at Deeridge Farms as part of the 2019 Palm Beach Masters Series.

The event also includes the FEI Jumping Nations Cup youth competitions for young riders, juniors and children.

"We are thrilled and honored to bring the prestigious Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup USA back to Wellington," Palm Beach Masters Series co-founder Lou Jacobs said. "We have a superb list of entries, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Deeridge Farms for what we believe will be one of the most exciting equestrian events in the country."

Teams representing the United States, Canada, Colombia, Israel, Mexico and Ireland have entered the competition, while individuals representing seven other countries also will compete.



Jessica Springsteen, daughter of rock legend Bruce Springsteen, will compete this week at the CSIO5 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup in Wellington. [COURTESY OF KATHY RUSSELL PHOTOGRAPHY]



Eve Jobs, daughter of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, will compete this week at the CSIO5 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup in Wellington. [COURTESY OF KATHY RUSSELL PHOTOGRAPHY]

The U.S. team entry features four Olympic veterans, two recent Longines FEI World Cup champions and three of the four members of the U.S. gold medal team from the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games.

U.S. team members include two-time Olympic gold medalist Beezie Madden; four-time Olympian McLain Ward; Olympic veteran Laura Kraut; 2018 World Equestrian Games gold medalist Devin Ryan; and longtime Wellington resident Margie Engle.

Jobs and Springsteen are among the other U.S. riders who will compete individually. That list includes Olympic veterans Lucy Davis, Kent Farrington and Lauren Hough, Lucy Deslauriers, recent Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Wellington Champion Alex

Granato, Marilyn Little, Todd Minikus, Wilton Porter, Catherine Tyree and Adrienne Sternlicht.

Springsteen placed third recently at the FEI \$71,200 Suncoast Palm Beach Masters World Cup Qualifier, while Jobs tied for third Feb. 2 at the FEI \$71,200 NetJets Classic at the CP Palm Beach Masters Winter Classic CSI4*-W.

General admission and parking are free for all spectators. General admission seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Palm Beach Masters Series will wrap up Feb. 27 to March 3 with the Deeridge Derby.

For information on all 2019 Palm Beach Masters Series events, visit palmbeachmasters.com.

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THINGS TO DO IN WELLINGTON

Wellington Classic Brew Fest: The first Wellington Classic Brew Fest is on tap for Saturday at the Wellington Town Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd.

The 21-and-older event runs from 3 to 7 p.m., and includes an array of craft brews and hard ciders from Florida and beyond, food trucks and other craft beer-related games and entertainment. Live music will be provided by The Andrew Morris Band.

Tickets can be bought online at wellingtonclassicbrewfest.com, or in person at the Wellington Community Center during normal hours of operation. Ticket sales at the community center are available through Friday for VIP and general admission only.

Sales for VIP Pass admission ends Friday at midnight. Designated driver tickets can be bought online or at the gate.

Parking is limited. Visitors are encouraged to use the free shuttle service from The Mall at Wellington Green. Shuttle pick-up and drop-off will be in front of The Beauty and the Beeef Burger Bar (10300 Forest Hill Blvd). Shuttles begin running at 1:30 p.m. and will run continuously to and from the event. The last shuttle will depart at 7:15 p.m.

For questions, contact wellingtonclassicbrewfest@wellingtonfl.gov.

Tribute Music and Food Truck Festival returns this month: Wellington's annual Tribute Music and Food Truck Festival returns to the Wellington Amphitheater, 12100 Forest Hill Blvd., this month.

The free event, which includes food trucks, costumed character entertainment and music by numerous South Florida tribute bands, will be held Thursday through Saturday and Feb. 21-23.

Approximately 10 to 15 food trucks will be available every day except for Saturday, which will have a limited number because of Brew Fest. Trucks will be on-site from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Concerts will begin each evening at 7 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own blankets and lawn chairs for seating.

For the concert lineup, visit wellingtonfl.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/7757/374

Wellington offers free pickleball clinics: The village is hosting free pickleball clinics for players of all ages. Clinics will be held on the pickleball courts in the uncovered hockey rink at Village Park, 11700 Pierson Road.

Beginners clinics will be offered Wednesday, March 13 and April 10, and will run from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Participants will learn the rules of the game, how to keep score, how to serve and playing positions.

Intermediate clinics will be offered March 3 and April 7, and will run from 4 to 4:30 p.m. These clinics will focus on skills, drills, and game strategy.

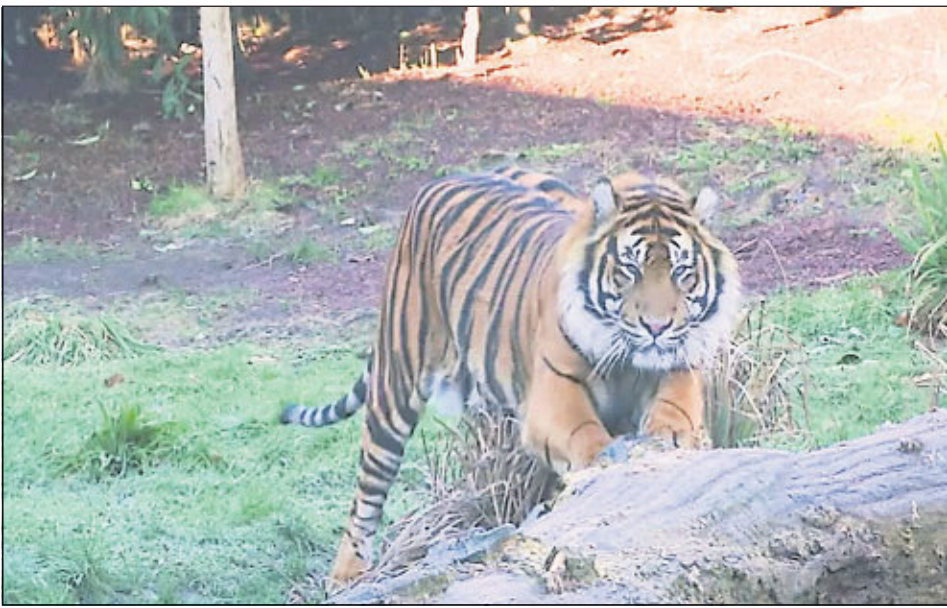
Equipment is limited, so participants are asked to bring their own paddle.

Following the clinics, attendees are invited to remain at the courts for open play until noon during Wednesday sessions, and until 7 p.m. on Sundays. For additional information and pickleball open play availability, visit wellingtonfl.gov/OpenPlay.

Village's entrance sign of something new



Village of Wellington public works employees tape off portions of the the entryway signs to Wellington at Forest Hill Boulevard and Stribling Way before repainting it Tuesday. The crew is doing regular maintenance to the entryway monuments on both sides of the road and are trying a new color scheme that mimics the paint scheme at the village's town hall and amphitheater. [ALLEN EYESTONE PHOTOS/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]



Asim, a Sumatran tiger brought to the London Zoo from a Danish safari park, fatally attacked his intended mate, Melati, on Friday. [LONDON ZOO VIA AP]

Attempt to mate rare tigers turns deadly

By Michael Brice-Saddler
The Washington Post

LONDON — A potential courtship ended in tragedy Friday at the London Zoo, where staff say a female Sumatran tiger was killed by a male they once hoped would be her “perfect mate.”

The zoo detailed the harrowing turn of events in a statement posted to their website Friday. They said the male tiger, Asim, arrived at the zoo 10 days before as part of a breeding program and was placed in a separate enclosure next to the female, Melati. This granted them time to smell, see and react to one another.

Big-cat introductions can be perilous, even with diligent preparation, the zoo said. On Friday, zookeepers opened the barrier separating their enclosures, optimistic they’d begin the breeding process after showing “obvious” positive signs.

The two animals were wary of each other at first — a normal

development, according to the zoo. When they began to interact, however, the cats’ caution turned into aggression.

“Zoo staff immediately implemented their prepared response, using loud noises, flares and alarms to try to distract the pair, but Asim had already overpowered Melati,” the zoo said. Keepers were able to restrain Asim, but Melati died from the attack.

Rob Vernon, a spokesman for the Association of Zoo and Aquariums in the United States, said it is unfortunately impossible to predict the outcomes of these types of encounters.

“Nature also has its own agenda and sometimes introductions don’t go as planned — and it sounds like that’s what happened in London,” he said. “I’m sure the folks in London are just heartbroken. There’s so few tigers left — to lose even one, in such a dramatic way — I’m sure they’re heartbroken.”

On its website, the London Zoo lists the Sumatran tiger the “rarest

and smallest subspecies of tiger in the world.” Their skins fetch a high price on the black market, making the critically endangered cats a target for illegal hunting, the zoo adds.

The staff is “devastated” and recouping after Friday’s drastic turn of events.

The London Zoo welcomed Asim on Jan. 29, writing in a post that the tiger — who was moved to the zoo from Ree Park Safari in Denmark — was a “handsome, confident cat who is known for being very affectionate with the ladies in his life.”

Asim and Melati were matched through the European Endangered Species Program for Sumatran tigers, which seeks to rescue the cats from near-extinction, the zoo said.

They seemed to be interested in each other early on, making sounds indicating they had “good intentions.”

“We’re hoping he’ll be the perfect mate for our beautiful Melati,” the zoo wrote.

GUNS

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neighborhoods where many of them live.

“We’re focused as a society on the mass shooting and the lone gunman,” he said, “and they’re sick and tired of drive-bys.”

“We have so many former students that have lost their lives due to gun violence,” he added.

Teachers union President Justin Katz said that teachers have been well-served by the schools’ renewed focus on training and safety campaigns, saying that it “forces you to keep it at the forefront of your thought process on a daily basis.”

He said teachers have generally been supportive

of the school district’s efforts to hire more officers and impose more security measures, but he said the district still doesn’t do enough to let teachers know about risks their own students may pose.

“The biggest request that I get from teachers is that when a student transfers into their class, they want to be made aware of any student who has had some sort of criminal history that might be an indicator of violent behavior,” he said.

Katz said that, like top district officials, he was skeptical of calls for schools to install metal detectors, saying they were costly, slow, impractical and made campuses feel like prisons.

“You don’t want to make it so restrictive and oppressive that kids feel

like they’re not going to school to learn,” he said.

Kitzerow said that he would love for schools to get to a point where firearms are no longer brought on campus but said what is more important is how schools handle those issues when presented with them.

He said school police are exploring how to lengthen their patrols so an officer is present more often during after-school activities. Mental health services are being expanded.

And administrators are working to emphasize even more to students their critical role in campus safety.

“I’m not overly concerned about the numbers,” he said. “I want to make sure we’re doing the job.”

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Dontrell Stephens, lawyer to lobby legislators for support of \$25M bill

Sheriff's lobbyists expected to object, explain deputy feared for his life

BY MARC FREEMAN
 South Florida Sun Sentinel

Florida legislators will get to meet Dontrell Stephens — a young man shot and paralyzed by a Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputy in 2013 — as he visits the Capitol next month.

The 25-year-old Stephens and his attorney Jack Scarola want support for a bill requiring the Sheriff's Office to pay about \$25 million for Stephens' injuries and treatment. And they're going to personally lobby lawmakers during their regular session starting March 5.

"I want these people to have to



Dontrell Stephens, center, arrives in 2016 at the federal courthouse in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

meet Dontrell face to face," Scarola told the South Florida Sun Sentinel in a recent interview.

But the legislators are expected to hear strong objections

from the sheriff's lobbyists. They'll explain the deputy reasonably feared for his life when he shot Stephens — and then heroically kept him alive until paramedics arrived.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Barbera declined to comment on the agency's lobbying plans. The agency would have to find the money in its budget if the Legislature were to side with Stephens.

Scarola says he and his client will tell anyone who will listen how a federal jury three years ago found the deputy, Adams Lin, used excessive force. The result was a \$22.4 million award for Stephens, with \$3 million in interest tacked on since, according to the attorney.

Lobbying legislators

The reason this is now in Tallahassee is because an appeals court last year reversed the judgment against Lin, who is now a sergeant. The judgment against the Sheriff's Office, however, ultimately

See STEPHENS, 4B

Lawmakers want tough stance on SunPass

BY JIM TURNER
 News Service of Florida

State lawmakers called Tuesday for transportation officials to maintain a hard financial line against a contractor blamed for a troubled project last summer to upgrade the SunPass system, as final toll invoices from a backlog go out to motorists this week.

Members of the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee implored the state Department of Transportation to hold Conduent State & Local Solutions accountable for its implementation of the SunPass Centralized Customer Service System.

"It's not just the monetary damages that take place," said Committee Chairman Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa. "We are in a time when there is an unprecedented level of distrust in government and its ability to fill a basic pothole. And these kinds of things just give rise to that frustration and concern. They give a black eye to the department, a black eye to members of the Senate."

While Department of Transportation District 4 Secretary Gerry O'Reilly told the committee the toll-collection system is "climbing in the right direction,"

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4 orphaned girls now living with relatives

BY LINDA TRISCHITTA
 South Florida Sun Sentinel

In a classic family photo — taken in front of a Christmas tree and a pile of wrapped gifts — four long-haired little girls smile while wearing matching pajamas in a moose and snowflake pattern.

Smiles may be hard to come by in coming days for the recently orphaned Flores girls.

Their parents, Stephanie Flores and Byron Flores, both 35, died in a homicide-suicide last month in Pembroke Pines.

The children, all younger than 10, are living with relatives, Pembroke Pines police said.

The Flores girls' photo appears on a GoFundMe page established by women who knew their mother from their elementary school days.

They seek to raise \$40,000 for the children and by Tuesday afternoon, had reached almost 25 percent of their goal.

"She was a great mom, and we're trying to make sure her girls are taken care of," said Nery Naya. "Stephanie was amazing, and fun. She lived for her girls."

"I remember how once in a while, she would make four different meals for the girls and Bryon, so that it was a day with everyone's favorite meal," Naya

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Veterinarian Virginia Sayre neuters a 5-month-old puppy at the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control in West Palm Beach. The shelter has three openings for vets and has been unable to fill them.

Facing a shortage

Animal shelters having trouble filling open veterinarian positions

BY LOIS K. SOLOMON
 South Florida Sun Sentinel

South Florida's animal shelters, under pressure to stop euthanizing cats and dogs, are facing a new challenge as they save growing numbers of animals: a shortage of veterinarians.

Palm Beach County has been unable to fill three vet positions at its Animal Care and Control, the main public shelter in West Palm Beach, for the past three years. Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in West Palm Beach has two vets on staff but has been looking for a third for the past year.

Broward Animal Care and

Adoption in Fort Lauderdale, which has two vets on staff, has openings for two more, one full-time and one part-time.

The Humane Society in Broward also had trouble filling a position and decided to create a rotating system of vets who get paid on a per diem basis.

All are trying to adapt to a new reality: Many veterinarians are choosing private practice over the stresses and odd hours of work in a shelter, where they must perform as many as 30 spay-neuters in a day, manage disease outbreaks on limited budgets and take care of society's most abused and neglected animals.

"It's a trend, and it's a dire one,"

said Dr. Julie Levy, University of Florida professor of shelter medicine. "Shelters trying to expand their services are being held back by not being able to recruit. The positions are staying vacant for prolonged periods."

The effects of the shortage are trickling down to the public: Palm Beach County had to close its spay-neuter clinic for the month of December and is now only open on select days each month. In Broward, the Humane Society had to shutter its spay-neuter clinic six times last year and cancel days when it offers low-cost vaccines.

"Thirty years ago, there wasn't as much of an effort to save the

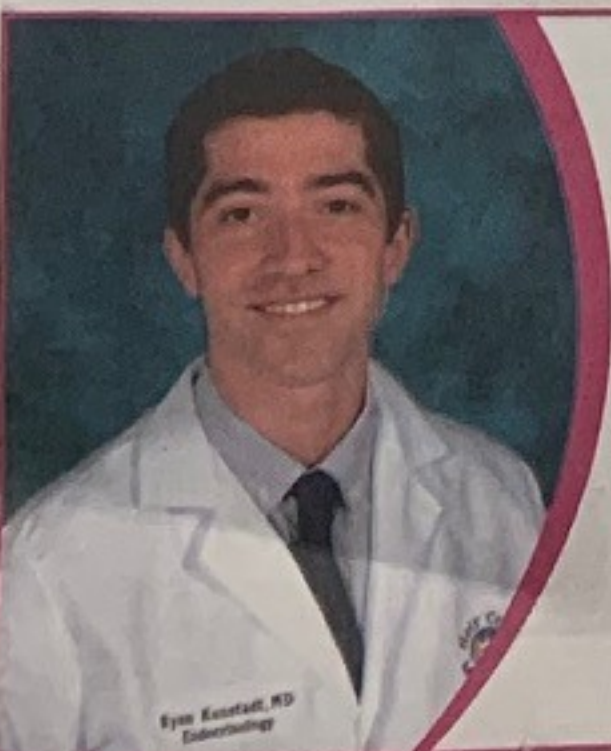
animals," said Dr. Beth Keser, director of medical services at Peggy Adams. "Now, the number you rescue becomes a point of pride."

In 2012, the Broward County Commission mandated that the county become a no-kill community, which meant that animals that were healthy or had treatable conditions were never killed, even when the shelter was full.

The mandate added pressures not only on vets but on the former shelter director, who an audit found started altering records to show progress toward the goal.

Still, the audit showed

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Many veterinarians are choosing private practice over the stresses and odd hours of work in a shelter, where they must perform as many as 30 spay-neuters in a day as well as manage disease outbreaks on limited budgets.

VETS

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Broward has significantly reduced the number of dogs and cats killed at the facility. In 2017, there were 3,333 killed, down from 10,709 in 2013.

Animals continue to stream in, with 6,108 adopted in 2017, the most recent year available, up from 5,715 the previous year.

In 2014, Palm Beach County also launched a no-kill plan, Countdown2Zero, to save every adoptable animal by 2024. The county has made progress: 62 percent of abandoned cats get adopted, up from 29 percent in 2014, and 87 percent of dogs find a home, up from 73 percent five years ago. The rest have to be euthanized due to their injuries or potential danger to the public.

Still, the shelter takes in 40 to 60 new cats and dogs a day, all of which have to get a thorough medical checkup by a vet who is also performing lots of other duties.

"The increased interest in getting to no-kill means tremendous pressure to spay and neuter as many as possible," said Dr. Virginia Sayre, a Palm Beach County shelter veterinarian for 21 years.

While the stresses are high, starting salaries are

generous. Palm Beach County is offering newly graduated vets \$80,000 a year plus benefits, while experienced vets can earn almost \$100,000. In Broward, starting salaries are \$89,000, going as high as \$142,000 for the more experienced vets.

But the profession, although well-paying and prestigious, is facing a mental health crisis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in January that veterinarians have a suicide rate more than twice that of the general population.

The study offered several possible explanations, including vet schools' selection of students with perfectionist personality traits, which are associated with anxiety and depression; easy access to lethal drugs, and a view of euthanasia as an acceptable method of ending suffering.

Vets say there are additional stressors, including debts from their educations (more than \$143,000 on average), the pressure to save enormous numbers of animals, and the difficulty of dealing with emotional pet owners.

"These are good-paying jobs that vets are not sufficiently prepped for," Levy said. "That's what we're trying to solve."

Shelters are trying to come up with short- and

long-term solutions as the animals keep arriving. Dianne Sauve, Palm Beach County's animal control director, said her shelter is looking at contracting with private vets for night-time emergency service as it searches for full-time employees.

Knowing the competition is fierce, she said she offered a job to a University of Florida veterinary student before she even graduated. The student finishes school in May and will start in June.

Until then, the shelter continues to limit its services, keeping its spay clinic open only on select days in February, a concern for animal advocates.

"Any plans to close or reduce spay-neuter clinic services at the county shelter will mean fewer dogs and cats will be timely sterilized," said Acreage resident Debbie Lewis, who takes care of homeless cats in her neighborhood. "This will result in more unwanted births and owner surrenders and increased dog and cat shelter population and increased community cat population. This, in turn, will result in higher death rates and unnecessary continuing and prolonging of the tragic and costly cycle of pet overpopulation in our community."

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Bulletin Board

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Today

20th annual South Florida Gourmet Festival: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 10. Gourmet food and entertainment. John Prince Park, 4750 S. Lake Worth Ave., Lake Worth. 561-279-0907. FL.com. \$12-\$20.

Arts Spark Kids Fest: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 10. Interactive festival of the arts for kids. Park Community Center, 300 S. Park Ave., Boca Raton. 561-347-3900. sugarcityarts-spark.com. \$10 per child; adults \$15.

Duo Brubeck jazz concert: 8 p.m., Feb. 10. Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-771-7300. \$10 at the door. Go to Christ Church music ministry website for tickets.

Armenian Food and Music Festival: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 10. Vendors, bounce house, live music, painting, Mediterranean food and more. Mary Armenian Church, 4050 N. Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood. 954-465-5642. Free admission.

40th Annual Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival: 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 10. St. Demetrius Greek Church, 915 NE 15th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-457-3017. (FEST). fortlauderdalegreekfestival.com. Free admission.

Beach Entertainment Series: 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Feb. 10. R&B and funk music with food and drinks for sale. Bring a beach chair. South Beach Park, 1870 S. Ocean Drive, Hallandale Beach. 954-457-3017. Free admission.

Monday

Senior Lifestyle & Health Fair: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Feb. 11. Find 40+ products and services. Hialeah Senior Center, 2349 Taylor Street, Hialeah. 754-246-2874. BrowardSenior.org. Free admission and parking.

A Conversation: Coping On the MSD Tragedy: 6-8 p.m., Feb. 11. Educational conversation for those affected, directly or indirectly. Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Rd., Fort Lauderdale. 954-725-7200. kristenbomas.com. Tickets to the Gina Rose Montalto Foundation.

Broward County Bromeliad Show: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 11. Dieke Auditorium, 1000 N. Broward Blvd., Plantation. 954-296-5633. Free admission.

Tuesday

Adult Hip Hop: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 12. Time Dance Studio, 7232-B Taffin Rd., Fort Lauderdale. 754-201-1172. qualitytimestudio.com. \$10.

Blood Pressure Tuesdays: 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Feb. 12. Broward Health Medical Center, Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Free.

Bereavement Group: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 12. Supporting those who have lost a loved one. Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor, 9800 Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. 561-328-2095. Free.

Wednesday

Farmers Market: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Feb. 14. Fountain Plaza at The Shops at Pines, 527 SW 145th Terrace, Pembroke Park. Free.

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Kevin Clark and James Berwind

Reception honors Peggy Adams Rescue League Grace Society

By KRISLYN PLACIDE
Sun Sentinel Society Scene

James Berwind and Kevin Clark hosted a reception for supporters of the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League at their Palm Beach home on Jan. 15.

Guests were members of the Grace Society, which supports the nonprofit, as well as major benefactors of the new Pet Adoption and Human Education Center, a construction project slated to begin this spring at the League's West Palm Beach campus.

Peggy Adams cares for companion animals in need of protection, care and quality homes. The organization also provides spay, neuter and other medical services for companion animals.

"It is because of our dedicated supporters that we continue to save thousands of animals each year; and with our planned campus expansion, we'll be able to save thousands more," said board chairperson Lesly Smith, according to a press release. "By 2024 we will be one of – if not the largest – no-kill communities in the United States."

For more information, visit peggyadams.org.



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IN BRIEF

WEST PALM BEACH
Former shelter dog
named walk mascot

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League has announced that Chloe, a former shelter dog, has been named Walk Mascot for the 18th annual Barry Crown Walk for the Animals, which will take place Feb. 23 at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 1105 Evernia St.

Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control first sheltered Chloe before she was transferred to Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League where she quickly became a foster pet to a volunteer and later was adopted.

As walkers complete the one-mile route, they'll enjoy pet costume contests with prize baskets on the Meyer's center stage. There also will be live demonstrations, local vendors and a silent auction and raffle area with prizes. The event concludes at noon.

"Our Walk for the Animals has grown tremendously over the years and we are very excited to have this year's walk in downtown West Palm Beach at the Meyer Amphitheatre," said Rich Anderson, executive director and CEO of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, in a news release. "It will be a great way to enjoy beautiful Flagler Drive with your family, friends and pets while raising needed funds to save Palm Beach County's homeless animals."

To register or to learn more about the 18th annual Barry Crown Walk for the Animals, visit walkwithpeggy.org *Adriana Delgado*

JUPITER
Some roads to close
for ArtiGras Arts Festival

The ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival has announced that the following roads will close at 6 a.m. Feb. 13 and will open again at 6 p.m. Feb. 19:

- Central Boulevard between Main Street Circle and Fredrick Small Road Circle
- University Drive between Central Boulevard and Main Street

For more information about the road closures or the festival, call the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce at 561-746-7111. *Staff report*

WELLINGTON
Community Services
to host grant meeting

Wellington's Community Services department will host a Great Neighborhoods Grant informational meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd.

The meeting is open to all residents interested in learning more about the Great Neighborhoods Grant, which is a program created to provide assistance to income-eligible Wellington residents to repair their homes.

Community Services staff will go over the application process as well as what to expect once an applicant has been approved. Assistance is generally limited to a maximum of \$15,000 and requires a dollar-for-dollar match by the applicant. Any work under contract prior to the application is not eligible for funding assistance.

For those interested in applying for the Great Neighborhoods Grant, call Community Services at 561-791-4796. *Staff report*

Long-vacant Royal Palm office building soon could see new life



Kristina Webb

Developer: 2009
structure prime
for custom build-out,
area is 'intersection of
main and main'

ROYAL PALM BEACH — Locals probably drive past the sand-colored building behind the clock tower on the southwest corner of Royal Palm Beach and Okeechobee boulevards without realizing it's there.

But it's possible attention was drawn to it anew last week, when, after nearly a decade, a large white sign with bright red lettering went up reading, "FOR LEASE."

Local developer Everett Waldman is behind the leasing push at the 22,000-square-foot, two-story office building at 11700 Okeechobee Blvd., which has been empty since it was built in 2009.

A group of local investors put up the office building, which unfortunately was completed during the Great Recession, making it hard to find tenants to pay a premium for build-out a tough sell. The plan was to sell square footage to each tenant, letting them own their own space — also a tough sell in an even tougher real estate market.

The group, Village Center at Royal Palm Beach LLC, held onto the property



A long-empty office building at the intersection of Royal Palm Beach and Okeechobee boulevards could see new life, as the developer behind recent growth at Binks Commercial Center begins leasing the 22,000-square-foot building in Royal Palm Beach. [ALLEN EYESTONE/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

until family-owned Pina Residential LLC bought it for \$2.4 million in December 2017, records show.

"We're testing the market right now," Waldman said of pricing for the space, which could go anywhere from \$18 to \$22 per square foot.

Waldman also recently completed four 3,600-square-foot office buildings in the Binks Commercial Center, one of which has been leased to the Florida Autism Center. Two others have been sold, with another under contract.

He has plans to build three similar office buildings at the Village Professional Park off Royal Palm Beach Boulevard north of Okeechobee.

The demand for office space in the western communities is a testament to how the area is growing, Waldman said. When I

talked with him about a year ago, he predicted the next big growth would be west of Big Blue Trace along Southern Boulevard. And he was right.

He put his money on a demand for offices at Binks Commercial Center — and that has paid off for him.

A new commercial development is planned for the northeast corner of B Road and Southern in Loxahatchee Groves, featuring a Wawa gas station and an Aldi grocery store. Farther west on Southern, demand has been high for new homes at Arden.

Large, dormant parcels of land along Southern west of Loxahatchee Groves are seeing renewed commercial interest, and sources say everything from commercial to residential to multi-use projects could be in the works.

"Royal Palm Beach is a real sleeper," Waldman said, adding that the area is prime for medical office growth — the type of tenant he envisions moving into 11700 Okeechobee.

Residents in Royal Palm Beach have to drive for certain services, he said. "I'd love to just keep them right in the village."

The long-vacant "beautiful" building is prime for custom build-out, Waldman said. The location is perfect, he added, calling it "the intersection of main and main."

"I see Royal Palm as just, wow!" he said. "I don't know if it's been overlooked. But people should have a magnifying glass there. That corridor is going to grow."

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THINGS TO DO IN WELLINGTON

Wellington Amphitheater: It's another weekend packed with free events at the Wellington Amphitheater, 12100 Forest Hill Blvd. Bring your own seating. For more information, go to wellingtonfl.gov

Thursday: Food trucks will be on-site from 5 to 9:30 p.m. with a free concert from Neil

Diamond tribute artist Neil Zirconia at 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Catch a free showing of "Smallfoot" (rated PG) at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Celtic band The Screaming Orphans will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m.

Kids Yard Sale: Looking for a deal? Royal Palm Beach is

having its 12th annual Kids Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Veterans Park, 1036 Royal Palm Beach Blvd. There will be bounce houses, games and refreshments. For more information, go to royalpalmbeach.com

Puppy Bowl: Loxahatchee-based Amber's Animal

Outreach will have its third annual Puppy Bowl from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Ohana Pet Resort, 1016 Clearwater Place, West Palm Beach. Watch adoptable puppies play football and browse pet-related vendors. There will be food, music and raffles. For more information, go to aaodog.org

3 seats up for grabs in Loxahatchee Groves race

Six candidates qualify
for council seats as
mayor retires

By Kristina Webb
The Palm Beach Post

LOXAHATCHEE GROVES — Residents potentially could see three new faces on the Town Council after the upcoming March election.

Three seats are up for grabs, including Seat 4 held by Mayor David Browning, who is retiring after serving on the council since the town's incorporation in 2006. Karen Plante and Planning and Zoning Committee member Robert Shorr have qualified to run for that seat.

Vice Mayor Todd McLendon faces a challenge for Seat 2 from former Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District board member Laura Danowski. For Seat 3, recently appointed Councilmember Anita Kane will face Lisa El-Ramey.

The winners of seats two and four will serve three-year terms, while the winner of Seat 3 will serve two years following the resignation of Joyce Batcheler late last year.

Seat 2

McLendon, 44, runs a computer-related company that works with commercial air-conditioning systems. He is running for his second term on the council after first being elected in 2016.

"It's been pretty rewarding to see some things get done," McLendon said. "I just want to continue working for the residents."

Danowski, 52, owns a horse farm on E Road in Loxahatchee Groves. She previously served on the board for the Water Control District before it was absorbed into the town last year.

"What I bring from the Water Control District is verified knowledge of how things happened, how they should happen," she said.

She's running "to restore people's confidence in our local government and their participation, and you can put 'and' in caps," she said.

Seat 3

Kane, 56, owns and operates Education Place, a private school in Wellington. She served as chair of the water district board, and was appointed to the Town Council in December.

She's running for continuity after her appointment, something she said several people told her they hoped for. "I believe I have something to offer the town, and I have a very rich history for working in government for the town," she said.

El-Ramey, 52, owns Oak Hammock Farm and runs Wellington Insider Tours. She trains dressage horses and is a dressage judge.

Growing up in Florida, she has seen equestrian communities "disappear" through the years, she said. El-Ramey said she hopes to

stand up for equestrians if elected. "They (the council) just aren't making an effort to try to anchor equestrian in the community," she said.

Seat 4

Plante, 56, is a homeschool teacher. She did not return a request for comment.

Shorr, 54, has spent decades volunteering on national and local boards. He owns a small business testing commercial air-conditioning systems.

Shorr decided to run after attending recent Town Council meetings. "I saw that it was time for a change," he said. "I just want to do anything I can to protect our way of life."

The Loxahatchee Groves Town Council election is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 12. Voting is at Palms West Presbyterian Church, 13689 Okeechobee Blvd., Loxahatchee Groves.

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REVIEW

Cellist, pianist deliver a dramatic story in Flagler concert

By Kevin Wilt
Special to the Daily News

The duo of cellist Thomas Mesa and pianist Ilya Yakushev delivered a dramatic performance Tuesday at the Flagler Museum. The pair’s playing was grounded in storytelling, as great musical performances often are.

The duo opened the concert with Ludwig van Beethoven’s "Variations on Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen," a theme from Mozart’s "The Magic Flute."

The first moment of this piece is a unison -- both cello and piano playing the same note at the same time. The power and evenness here was a preview for the balance of the rest of the concert.

After a simple theme and the first few variations, it was clear that Mesa had an ability most string players covet. One would think a cello just sounds like a cello, but there can be variety and even imbalance between the four strings, with the low string being robust or fat, while the



Cellist Thomas Mesa and pianist Ilya Yakushev gave a dramatic performance Tuesday at the Flagler Museum. [COURTESY OF THOMASMESA.COM]

top string can be cutting and focused. With Mesa, the instrument was flush across all four strings, with the lower end never being muddled and the higher end having a richness most cellos do not. Like most variation pieces, the moods changed here and there, but the most poignant was the fifth, almost in the way the Nimrod variation stands out in Edward Elgar’s "Enigma Variations."

Next was Robert Schumann’s "Five Pieces

in the Folk Style, Op. 102." Like his friend Johannes Brahms, who’s then claim-to-fame was his "Hungarian Dances," Schumann’s folk music borrowed an Eastern European flavor. The second movement was moving, as simple textures allowed both players to sing through. Like the rest of the concert, this movement also showed the balance between the two players. Mesa and Yakushev always played on equal footing, never

with the piano serving as the accompanist to the cello.

The second half featured Sergei Rachmaninoff’s "Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor, Op. 19." Despite being written in 1901, with more than 40 years left in Rachmaninoff’s life, this was his last chamber music composition, and it is clear why. It was more florid than the Beethoven or Schumann, and pointed to larger forms and orchestral forces



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that would take up the remainder of his career.

The piece often shifted between dark, heavy, and lyrical but the performers steered clear of sentiment. Therein lies their success: giving a musical performance that encapsulates the best that good drama has to offer. The emotion Mesa and Yakushev brought to these pieces was always earnest, never over-the-top. It only seems fitting that this performance occurred on the same day that Academy Award nominations were announced.

Today

PET PALS



Cookie, a 3-year-old, 39-pound female mixed breed, is available for adoption at the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, 3100/3200 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Call 686-3663 or visit peggyadams.org. [COURTESY OF PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE]

THE WEATHER

Today will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; the high will be near 77 degrees with the low around 57, according to the National Weather Service in Miami. Winds will be out of the south between 15 and 20 mph.

The marine forecast calls for seas between 5 and 7 feet, and south to southwest winds between 15 and 20 knots.

Lake Worth Inlet: High tide will be at 10:27 a.m. and 10:54 p.m. with low tide at 4:42 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:08 a.m. **Sunset:** 5:56 p.m.

TOP PICKS

Arbor Day: The Garden Club of Palm Beach’s Arbor Day celebration will feature a tree planting by students from Palm Beach Public School, Palm Beach Day Academy and Rosarian Academy at 10 a.m. today at Bradley Park. Students will plant a tree selected by the town. Call 837-6635 for more information.

Bookish lecture: Marshall Watson will speak on his book “The Art of Elegance” at 2 p.m. today at the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, 311 Peruvian Ave. Reservations required. Call 832-0731, ext. 4 for more information.

TOWN MEETING

Shore Protection Board: Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 360 S. County Road, 9 a.m. today .

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Gabrielle Kuvin, wife of the late Dr. Sanford Kuvin, dies

Daily News staff

Gabrielle Townsend Kuvin of Palm Beach, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019. She was 83 years old.

Gabrielle and her late husband, Dr. Sanford Kuvin (who died in 2015), moved to Palm Beach in 1965.

Known as Gaby, she was a social worker, leader of the Parent-Teacher Association at Palm Beach Public, active at Temple Israel and,

for the last 20 years, a devoted member of Palm Beach Synagogue.

She, brother Peter Townsend and parents Dr. Henry and Edith Townsend fled Nazi Germany in 1939. Many of her family members were murdered, but her parents emigrated to Syracuse, N.Y.



Mrs. Kuvin

Since 1971, she and her husband spent summers in Jerusalem. Their commitment for Hebrew University grew into the Kuvin Center for Infectious and Tropical Medicine. The Sanford & Gabrielle Kuvin Foundation supports the center and research fellows from all over the world.

Mrs. Kuvin is survived by three daughters and their spouses, Jeanette and Dan Oren, Michele and Gary Kupfer, and

Lisa and Benjamin Schreier; a son, Jeffrey Kuvin and wife Emily; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Funeral were held Tuesday in Jerusalem, where she was buried on the Mount of Olives next to her husband.

Memorial donations may be made to the KuvinFoundation.org.

IJ Morris at Star of David of the Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach is in charge of arrangements.

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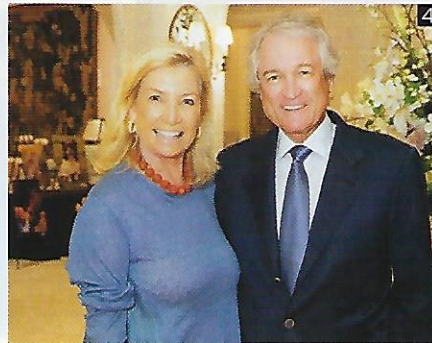
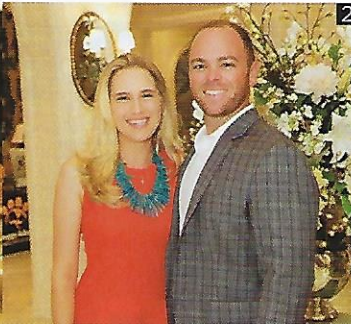
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THE EVENT: PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE FASHION SHOW

THE CAUSE:

More than 90 guests of Ann and Charles Johnson were treated to a fashion show, featuring adoptable dogs from Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, accompanied by a five-member veterinary team who modeled fashions from Worth Avenue's Leggiadro boutique.

PHOTOS BY CAPEHART

1. Ann Johnson and Rich Anderson 2. Judy and Fritz Van der Grift 3. Mary Llew and Ben Coulter 4. Pauline Pitt and Jerry Seay 5. Lesly Smith and Philippi Tilearcio

THE EVENT: WATER CLUB CELEBRATES ENCORE TOWER RENDERING

THE CAUSE:

Kolter Urban's Water Club gave realtors an inside look at its newest and final tower, Encore Tower at Water Club. Realtors enjoyed complimentary light bites and a variety of beverages.

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1. Joe Williams and Wolf Velasco 2. Ashley Williams, Alisha Farnsworth and Cassie Cowser 3. Steve MarcAntonio, Angel Taylor, Diana Reed and Ashley Garner 4. Kathleen Bernard and Monika Phillips 5. Diana Wright and Erin Patrick



FLORIE’S FANFARE

New restaurant now open at Four Seasons.

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FOR THE DOGS

Peggy Adams fetes donors for new shelter.

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Developer’s mansion likely headed to auction

Minimum bid of \$31M may be set for Matthews’ Casa Bendita property

By Darrell Hofheinz Daily News Real Estate Writer

After struggling for nearly two years to save his beachfront mansion from a court-sanctioned sale, indicted Palm Beach developer Robert V. Matthews may finally be losing the battle. A U.S. bankruptcy court is expected to send to the auction block Matthews’ custom-built, Mediterranean-style home at 101 Casa Bendita in Palm Beach. Barring unforeseen developments, the house will be sold “to the highest qualified bidder” at an on-site auction March 28, according to a motion U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Mindy A. Mora considered at a hearing Friday. The minimum opening bid is estimated at \$31 million, bankruptcy court documents show.

Holding the auction at the property may offer advantages an online auction would not, said Lamar Fisher, president and CEO of Fisher Auction House, the company authorized by the court to handle the sale. Much of the east side of the house has floor-to-ceiling windows with dramatic views of the sea.

“When buyers are physically looking at that property, looking at the ocean, they get engaged more in the process,” Fisher said at the bankruptcy courthouse in West Palm Beach.

The six-bedroom, two-story residence has a total of 15,849 square feet and stands on nearly an acre with about 188 feet of oceanfront. The house has a courtyard design and an extensive seaside loggia, along with broad balconies, a cabana, a fireplace, a wet bar, an eat-in kitchen, a media room and a library-den, according to sales listings.

Completed in 2006, the house is next door to the one fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger sold last year for \$35 million. Matthews’ house also is two lots down the beach from the home of Dr. Mehmet Oz of “The Dr. Oz Show.” Radio shock jock Howard Stern and rock star Jon Bon Jovi own properties within a mile.

The court is expected to finalize details of the sale at a hearing Feb. 5.

In 2017, Matthews’ homesteaded house was scheduled to be auctioned in foreclosure several times in civil-court rulings, but each time Matthews and his legal team managed to derail the sale. The last time came in late 2017 when Matthews filed for personal Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

See MANSION, A3



Weldon Mumford, a Saks Fifth Avenue employee who works in the Gucci department, walks to work through The Esplanade on Monday, wearing a Gucci Survie Fox Shawl. “I live for cold weather, all three days a year here,” he joked. [MELANIE BELL/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

Cold air arrives with a blast

Monday temps were 15 degrees below normal for January

By Kimberly Miller Daily News Staff Writer

Temperatures in South Florida were way below normal on Monday following a potent cold front that brought Arctic air to the tropics. At Palm Beach International Airport, the unofficial low was 42 degrees with a wind chill of 36. That’s cooler than the 46 degrees forecast late last week and 15 degrees below what’s normal for this time of year. Monday’s high was forecast to reach just 68 degrees, which is 7 degrees cooler than normal. Monday morning’s chill marks the coldest air since a freak snap of frigid weather in late November dropped morning temperatures Nov. 29 to 41 degrees. Rainfall at the Palm Beach International Airport on Sunday measured 0.26 inches, but some areas in central and coastal Palm Beach County got closer to a half-inch. Areas in southeast Miami-Dade county received more than an inch of rain from the fast-moving front. The winter storm, which covered parts of the Midwest and Northeast in snow and sleet over the weekend, includes wind chills as low as minus 40 degrees, according to the



Resident Anne Pepper rides her bike on the Lake Trail on Monday. “I love the cold. I have the clothes for it,” she said. [DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

Associated Press. A forecaster in Buffalo, N.Y., called the wind chill temperatures “dangerous.” The daytime high temperature in Buffalo on Monday was expected to reach just 10 degrees, with an overnight low of minus 1 degree. The cool air mitigates quickly in South Florida as high pressure takes over. Today’s high should reach the low 70s. By Wednesday and Thursday, the daytime temperatures will be closer to 80 degrees before another cold front pushes through South Florida on Thursday afternoon into evening.

First lady returns to D.C.



First lady Melania Trump and her son, Barron, board Air Force II at Palm Beach International Airport on Monday afternoon after spending MLK weekend in Palm Beach. [ALLEN EYESTONE/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

Dr. Oz: Healthy habits pillars of the ‘good life’

Part-time resident speaks at Civic Association luncheon

By William Kelly Daily News Staff Writer

Dr. Mehmet Oz, celebrity health expert and part-time resident, shared with a Palm Beach audience Monday his ideas about living the good life. The good life, he said, is not about having plenty of cash or flashy cars to drive. It’s about living well, which includes taking care of your health. A physician, heart surgeon, best-selling author

and television personality, Oz spoke at the Palm Beach Civic Association awards luncheon at The Breakers. The five keys to a healthier lifestyle are to keep your blood pressure in the healthy range (now 115/75), exercise at least 30 minutes a day, maintain a sustainable healthy diet, get plenty of sleep, and curtail addictions, Oz said. In the planet’s “blue zones” — areas where people live longer than in other parts of the globe — daily rigorous physical activity is the norm. But Oz said 30 minutes of walking at a brisk pace each

day can be enough. Obesity is a huge problem in America. Doctors pay more attention to belly fat than overall weight, he said. The measurement of your waist, taken at the widest part, near the belly button, should be less than half the measurement of your height, he said. Sugar addiction is a major health threat. The average American consumes 142 pounds of sugar each year. “You’re eating the equivalent of Bruno Mars,” Oz said of the singer.

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Kevin Clark and James Berwind, with adoptable dog Mikey [PHOTOS BY CAPEHART]



Vicky and Sam Hunt



Lesly Smith and Philip Tilearcio

Goin' to the dogs

Reception toasts supporters of new Peggy Adams pet adoption center

By Shannon Donnelly
Daily News Society Editor

The award-winning home and gardens of James Berwind and Kevin Clark was the setting for a reception for the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's deepest — and most generous — pockets.

The event took place Jan. 15 at Tarpon Cove and honored the Chairman's Council members of the league's Grace Society, along with major benefactors

to the new Pet Adoption Center, for their support of the organization's efforts on behalf of vulnerable dogs and cats.

In addition to cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and a perfect moonlit sky, the evening included a furry bundle of adoption-ready dogs hoping for a forever home. And believe us when we tell you that Shrimp and Brio, the hosts' rescue pair, were none too happy about sharing the canine spotlight.

Board chairwoman Lesly Smith offered a thank you to guests, noting that it was their philanthropy that enabled

the league's mission "to help the animals of this county who cannot speak for themselves; that is what Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's Grace Society members are all about."

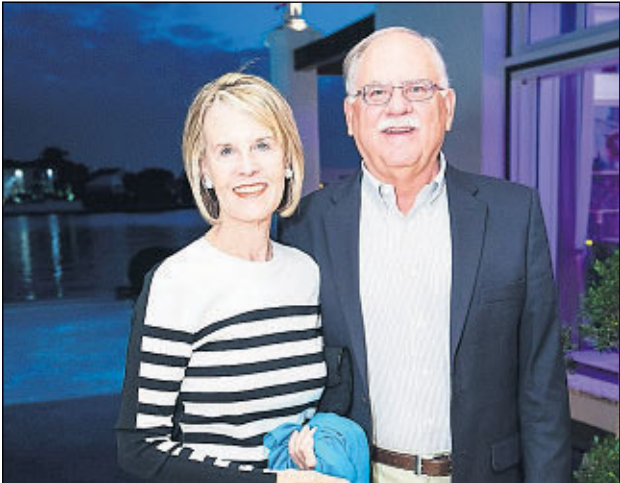
Rich Anderson, executive director and CEO, offered an update on the planned campus expansion, saying that it will help the league to save thousands more animals each year.

"All programs at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League support the Countdown 2 Zero (C2Z), our partnership with Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control to save every

adoptable animal in Palm Beach County," Anderson said. "Since we launched C2Z in 2014, we have seen nearly a 70 percent drop in the number of animals being put down at the Animal Care and Control. By 2024 we will be one of — if not the largest — no-kill communities in the United States."

Construction on the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's new Pet Adoption and Humane Education Center is set to begin in early spring, with the opening expected next year.

More than 150 people attended the reception.



Eileen and Robert Hunt



Jane and Peter Hill



Chris Dennis and Dani Moore



Melinda and Tom Hassen



Jerry Seay and Pauline Pitt



Michael and Julie Connors



Ginny and Dick Simmons



Lucy and Ray Breedon



Betsy and Wally Turner



Carole and John Moran



Carol and Harold Baxter



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Local animal shelter helps federal employees during shutdown

by Kristen Chapman | Monday, January 21st 2019



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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CBS12) — A local animal shelter took action to ensure the partial government shutdown doesn't force families to give up their pets on Monday.



The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League takes care of more than 700 cats and dogs, and hopes that these tough times hitting many federal employees won't overwhelm the organization with pets from people who need to give them up.

"The last thing we want to see is a family feel like they have no choice but to surrender their animal simply because they can't afford to feed them," said Peggy Adams' CEO Rich Anderson.

The 211 Palm Beach County Helpline says it's already received calls worried about this. So instead of splitting up families, Peggy Adams plans to provide resources to take care of food and some medical expenses through "[Peggy's Pantry](#)."

"This should be really simple solution for people who are struggling right now," said Anderson.

If you're a government worker who needs help, [apply online](#).

If you would like to help donate to the organization, you can do so [here](#).

<https://cbs12.com/news/local/local-animal-shelter-helps-federal-employees-during-shutdown>



JEWEL OF AN EVENT

Palm Beach Symphony readies for gala.

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SHOP TALK

Home furnishings store opens on Brazilian Avenue.

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FOTOFUSION TO BEGIN

Photographer to receive lifetime achievement award.

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Utilities cost estimated at \$103 million

Line burial project not expected to be finished until 2026

By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer

Burying every overhead power, phone and cable television line on the island is a big and costly project. It's no surprise there's been some confusion and disagreement over the years about what the final tab will be.

The project isn't expected to be complete until 2026. At this point, it's a safe bet that no one really knows exactly what the final cost will be.

Finance Director Jane Le Clainche said Friday that the current estimate is that construction will total \$103 million. Factoring in the debt interest on bonds over 30 years, the total amount property owners will pay through assessments is estimated at just more than \$128 million, she said.

Voters in 2016 narrowly approved a bond issue of up to \$90 million to pay for the project. The \$90 million was an early estimate for the construction cost, and it has since been revised upward for several reasons, Le Clainche said.

Engineering consultant Kimley-Horn & Associates' estimate, rendered as part of its development of an undergrounding master plan

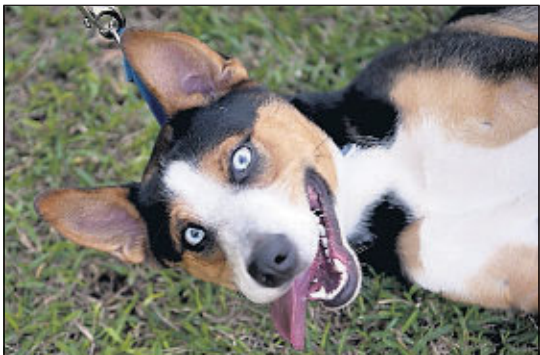
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Plaza event puts spotlight on pet adoption



ABOVE: Volunteer Kim Santangelo introduces Cambria to Georgina Aragazzi, 4, during the Peggy Adams Adopt and Shop event Saturday at Royal Poinciana Plaza. The Young Friends of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League hosted the event, which also featured gelato from Sant Ambroeus, margaritas from Coyo Taco and a DJ.



LEFT: An energetic Skyler was available for adoption on Saturday. Participating stores at the plaza donated 10 percent of sales to Peggy Adams. [PHOTOS BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY/ PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

Henry Petraki of Palm Beach makes his feelings known about casinos in Florida at a forum put on in November 1994 by the Civic Association at The Colony. Ned Barnes, executive director of the Civic Association, and then-Rep. Mark Foley listen.

[PATRICK EGAN/ DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO]



Money and movies: Local kid takes care of business on two fronts



Shannon Donnelly

It's always nice when a son follows his dad into the family business. And when dad is

supportive of his son's second career, well, that's great.

So it is with **Arthur Bernstein**, who is an executive in the insurance business of his father, Palm Beach resident **Richard Bernstein**.

And what with Richard's wife, **Robin**, being busy with her duties

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Civic Association marks 75 years of service to island

Organization remains feisty and involved

By Shannon Donnelly
Daily News Society Editor

One of the running jokes about Palm Beach — yep, there are a few, including the car being driven only by a pair of shriveled hands, and injuries sustained during “bluehead season” — is that its residents are so old that when they turn 75 they get kicked off the junior committee.

Well, this year the Palm Beach Civic Association stepped down

from the junior committee.

Founded in 1944 by a handful of Palm Beach residents who wished to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life on the island, its official motto became “Keep Palm Beach, Palm Beach,” but its earliest unofficial motto could well have been “If you don't like it, do something about it.”

Back then, its mission was to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life on the island by addressing issues such as beach erosion, port expansion, gambling, water pollution, sewage disposal, zoning, taxes,

parking and lack of airline flights.

Sound familiar?

Today, the only gamble in town is the chance of getting dinged by an errant Titleist while cruising past the Par 3 or Breakers golf course. And lack of airline flights? Be careful what you wish for. For Palm Beachers in the PBLA flight path, there's too much noisy air traffic.

But many of those issues remain today, as does he “Preserve, Protect, Enhance” mission.

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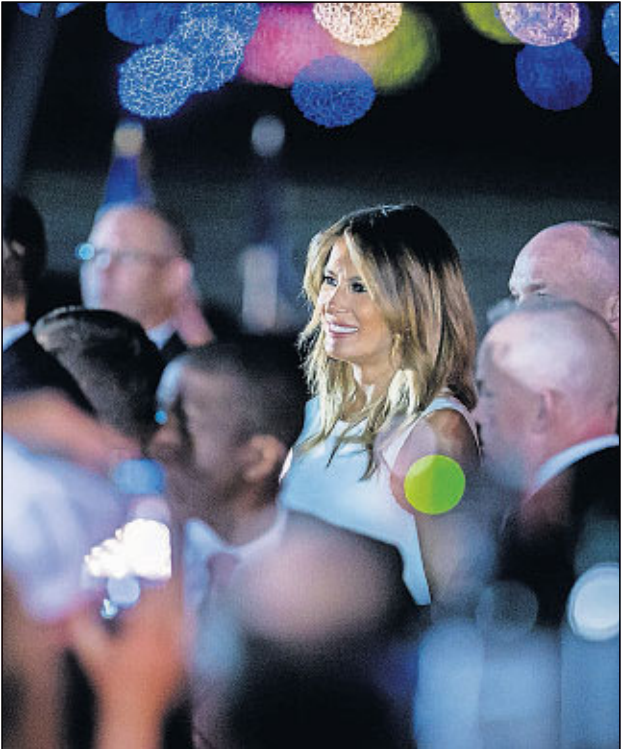
Melania Trump may have flown into town Thursday

By George Bennett and Julius Whigham II
Daily News Staff Writers

A federal government shutdown has kept President Donald Trump away from Mar-a-Lago since November, but first lady Melania Trump may have flown in on Thursday night on a government plane.

The Twitter account @CivMilAir, which monitors "rare/interesting" air traffic, reported a military plane with a call sign typically reserved for the first lady left Joint Base Andrews near Washington, D.C., about 4:30 p.m. and later tracked the plane approaching Palm Beach International Airport.

A distinctive blue and white U.S. military plane — known as Air Force One when the president is on board — was parked on the south side of the tarmac at PBIA on Thursday evening. CNN's Abby Philip tweeted that



First lady Melania Trump greets a crowd of supporters after arriving on Air Force One at Palm Beach International Airport in November. She reportedly flew into Palm Beach International Airport on Thursday. (RICHARD GRAULICH/PALMBEACHPOST.COM)

the first lady arrived at 6:44 p.m. A spokeswoman for the

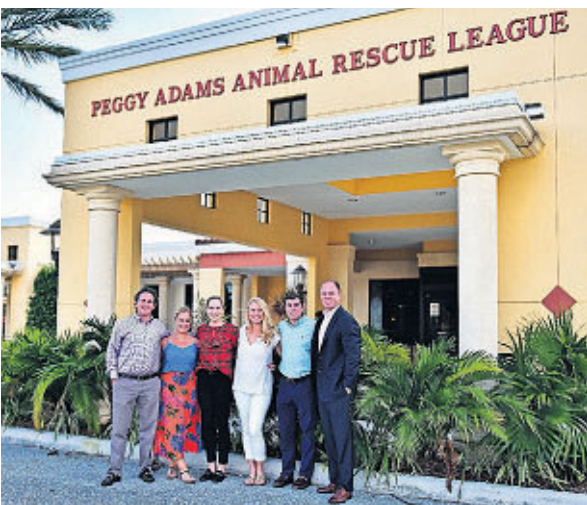
first lady did not immediately respond to a call and email asking whether

Melania Trump had traveled to Palm Beach.

Earlier Thursday, President Trump cited the shutdown in denying House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., an aircraft for a planned trip abroad.

In a letter to Pelosi on Thursday, Trump said that due to the shutdown a trip to Egypt, Brussels and Afghanistan would be delayed, declaring: "In light of the 800,000 great American workers not receiving pay, I'm sure you would agree that postponing this public relations event is totally appropriate."

The shutdown began Dec. 22 because of a stalemate between the president and congressional Democrats over funding for a wall along the U.S. southern border with Mexico. The shutdown led Trump to scrub his plans to visit Mar-a-Lago during the Christmas and New Year's holiday.



New Junior Committee members of the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League are, from left, Turner Benoit, Marissa Lanteri, Judy Van der Grift, chairwoman; Maggi Haigh, Tyler Richey, Fritz Van der Grift, chairman.

Poinciana Plaza adopt and shop event to benefit Peggy Adams

The Young Friends of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League will hold a "Royal Adopt and Shop" event to benefit Peggy Adams today at the Royal Poinciana Plaza.

Adoptable dogs and cats will be at the event,

which is from 4 to 6 p.m. in the East Courtyard. Sant Ambroeus gelato and Coyo Taco margaritas will be available and participating stores will donate 10 percent of sales to Peggy Adams.

For more information, call 440-5441.

Today

SHINY SHOTS



Malachy O'Hara Caron and Lily Ferreira attend the St. Edward Valentine luncheon pre-event Sip 'n Shop party Thursday at The Royal Poinciana Plaza. For more Shiny Shots, see PalmBeachDailyNews.com.

[MELANIE BELL/ SHINY SHOTS]

THE WEATHER

Today will be mostly sunny with the high near 77 degrees with the low around 65, according to the National Weather Service in Miami. Winds will be out of the southeast between 8 and 15 mph. The marine forecast calls for seas between 2 and 3 feet, and south southeast winds between 15 and 20 knots. **Lake Worth Inlet:** High tide will be at 6:20 p.m. with low tide at 12:26 p.m. **Sunrise:** 7:09 a.m. **Sunset:** 5:52 p.m.

TOP PICKS

Onstage: Multimedia artist and performer, Miwa Mareyek will finish her performances of "This World Made Itself And Myth and Infrastructure," a show that blends animation, video and live bodies, at 7:30 p.m. today in the Rinker Playhouse at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Call 832-7469 for more information. **On view:** Dina Baker's solo exhibition "New Selections from the Studio" opens today at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. The exhibit runs through Feb.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all town offices will be closed Monday.

Construction work and landscaping will not be permitted Monday.

Some town recreational facilities will be open and the public beaches will have lifeguards on duty from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Par 3 Golf Course will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m..

- Phipps Tennis Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

- The Seaview Tennis Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m..

- The Town Docks office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residential garbage will not be collected Monday, except for



Town Hall will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. (PHOTO BY JOHN DAVID COREY)

residences on Kawama Lane/Chateaux Drive north to East Inlet Drive. Commercial garbage will be collected as usual. There will be no yard trash service Monday.

Stash areas will be serviced during residential collecting starting Tuesday through Jan. 25.

All services will resume Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

PALM BEACH COUNTY Hanley Foundation hosts 'Lunch & Learn' seminars

The Hanley Foundation announced that it will host two “Lunch & Learn” seminars for legal professionals entitled "Addressing and Combating Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession" from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 1 and Feb. 4. Both seminars include lunch and provide four Continuing Legal Education credits per session, including two ethics credits.

“As we fight the current opioid crisis and other forms of addiction on all fronts, we especially want to provide assistance to particularly vulnerable populations,” said Jan Cairnes, CEO of Hanley Foundation, in a news release. “According to the American Bar Association, because many lawyers and judges are overachievers who carry an enormous workload, the tendency to ‘escape’ from daily problems through the use of drugs and alcohol is prevalent in the legal community.”

The Feb. 1 seminar will be held at Florida Atlantic University’s Jupiter campus and the Feb. 4 seminar will be held at FAU’s Tech Runway on the Boca Raton campus. Each event will feature speakers D. Culver ‘Skip’ Smith III, P.A.; Michael J. Pike; Molly J. Paris; and Kevin Vance.

The topics that will be covered in the presentations are:

- "The Pink Elephant in the Room: Prevalence of Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession, Impact and Consequences and Addressing it in the Workplace"
- "Lawyers, Alcohol and its Hidden Agenda in the Professional World"
- "Ethical Implications of Impairment in the Workforce"
- "Ethical Implications of Impairment in the Employment Setting"

Tickets are \$75 per person. To buy tickets or for more information, call 561-268-2355 or visit hanleyfoundation.org/lunch-and-learn
Adriana Delgado

GREENACRES CROS Ministries will launch new pantry

CROS Ministries will launch its eighth food pantry with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting at 8:15 a.m. Jan. 26 in the parking lot of Church in the Palms, 3812 Jog Road.

The new mobile pantry will serve central and western Palm Beach County during non-traditional hours (early evenings and weekends). The pantry is CROS Ministries’ first “choice” pantry where participants are able to select the grocery food items of their preference, instead of receiving bags of preselected food items.

For more information about CROS Ministries, call 561-233-9009.
Staff report

PALM BEACH Dogs, cats available for adoption today

The Young Friends of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League will hold a “Royal Adopt and Shop” event to benefit Peggy Adams from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Royal Poinciana Plaza.

Adoptable dogs and cats will be onsite in the East Courtyard. Sant Ambroeus gelato and Coyo Taco margaritas will be available and participating stores will donate 10 percent of sales to Peggy Adams.

For more information, call 561-440-5441.
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Are pedestrians in peril on Antique Row?



Tony Doris

The flashing yellow light at South Dixie, Roseland Drive isn't slowing anyone down

WEST PALM BEACH Probably it's not a good thing when you put up a flashing caution light and someone runs it over.

When it happens again, probably there's a message in that, if you're a traffic engineer.

Faustina Pace, president of West Palm Beach's South Dixie Antique Row Association, hopes someone gets that message.

The businesswoman, who owns an eponymous antique shop at 3635 S. Dixie Highway, said the Florida Department of Transportation installed the light posts at South Dixie and Roseland Drive about a year ago, after seemingly endless requests by the merchant's association to do something to slow drivers and protect pedestrians crossing the commercial stretch. The lights blink on demand, when a pedestrian pushes a button.

It took about a week for a car to knock down the light post on the north-bound side of South Dixie. After the area waited the better part of a year for FDOT to replace it, another car knocked it sideways a month later, Pace said.

West Palm Beach police records indicate Roseland and South Dixie is not among the city's most dangerous intersections, with just one accident in 2018.

But mention it to Police Chief Sarah Mooney and she instantly remembers it as the intersection where Officer Thomas Morash was killed in October 2003, when a car coming off Roseland pulled out in front of his motorcycle on South Dixie. The husband and father was a 12-year police veteran.

And ask Pace and others in the area, and they say speeding cars make the area a nail-biter for pedestrians.

"The concern is about the safety of pedestrians we have crossing the street here and who are shopping on the street," Pace said.



Sandy and Alan Kastner, of Boynton Beach, cross South Dixie Highway in the pedestrian crosswalk Friday at Roseland Drive in West Palm Beach. A flashing yellow light installed by the Florida Department of Transportation to slow cars down keeps getting hit by cars. [BRUCE R. BENNETT/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

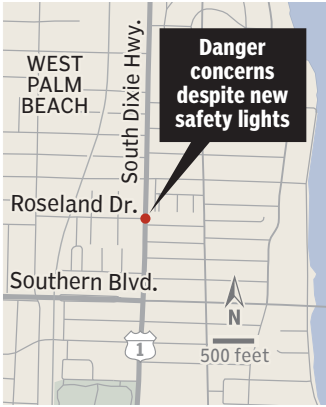


A view of the intersection of Roseland Drive and South Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach Friday. [BRUCE R. BENNETT/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

"It's not about stopping people to come into the shops." They have lots of very good clients, thank you very much.

Though a similar set of flashing lights slows traffic successfully on Flagler Drive downtown, that's a spot where the curvy street already forces cars to drive at a reasonable pace. South Dixie/U.S. 1, by contrast, is a straight-away that encourages motorists to exceed its generally 35 mph posted limit.

Pace wonders whether



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a flashing red light might make more sense, if officials aren't willing

to put in a full traffic light. Motorists see yellow and think it's just cautionary and that they're free to ignore it, she said. A flashing red would be more likely to bring them to a halt for pedestrians, she said.

Either that, or police should ticket people there, at least until they get in the habit of heeding the flashing yellow, she said.

We reached out to FDOT but haven't heard back yet.

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THINGS TO DO IN WEST PALM BEACH

1. Concert series in Currie Park

The city is hosting a concert series to attract residents to Currie Park, the waterfront expanse off Northwood Road. The “Hurry Back to Currie” series takes place in January, February and March. The concerts are typically on the third Sunday of the month (with the exception of March) and run from 4 to 7 p.m. On Sunday, see The Rockin’ Jake Band with special guest Terry Hank (High Energy & Low-Down Funky Blues). Rockin’ Jake has been hailed by many as one of the premier harmonica players in the country.

On Feb. 17, it's the reggae

group, The Resolvers, who bring a sound the 11-piece band calls "big band reggae," a marriage between roots reggae and New Orleans-style funk.

Currie Park is at 2400 N. Flagler Drive. For more information, visit wpb.org/events or call 561-822-1515.

2. Craft beer sampling

At Craft, Draft & Bites, sample 150 of the best local, craft spirits and craft beers today and Sunday at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St. Enjoy food from local restaurants and live entertainment. Upgrade your experience to an all-inclusive package which

includes spirits, bites and a private area seating. For more information, call 561-676-0340 or visit craftdraftandbites.com

3. The 'Mountain Top' mural

Artist Rico Gatson, known for political works, will discuss his work and new CityPlace mural 6 p.m. Monday at CityPlace’s Culture Lab, 575 S. Rosemary Ave.

The special appearance is in honor of Gatson’s “Mountain Top” mural, underway on CityPlace’s Gardenia garage, inspired by the legacy and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King. Each level of the garage will be a different color, with

a palette including green, red, black, orange and violet. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, visit ricogatson.eventbrite.com

4. Paranormal Cirque

Starting Friday, Cirque Italia presents Paranormal Cirque, an innovative show described as "dark and wicked." The new show, premiering in West Palm Beach through Feb. 3, takes place in a red and black big-top tent at 1111 N. Congress Ave., across from the Palm Beach Kennel Club.

For show times and more information, visit paranormal-cirque.com

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Peggy Adams earns coveted 4-star rating

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League has been awarded a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator. This is the sixth consecutive time that Peggy Adams has earned this distinction.

"It's important our donors trust that we're using their donations wisely to accomplish Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's lifesaving mission," said Rich Anderson, executive director and CEO of Peggy Adams. Anderson added that the rating has coincided with a significant growth in the programs and services that Peggy Adams offers.

- For example, in 2018:
- More than 30,000 animals benefited from Peggy Adams' programs (an increase of more than 21,000 animals compared to 2012)
 - Over 5,000 animals adopted into new loving homes (an increase of more than 2,500 compared to 2012)
 - 14,000 spay/neuter surgeries (nearly two times as many as in 2012)
- Adriana Delgado

Dramaworks snaps up Carbonell nominations

The play "Indecent," produced by Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., has earned nine nominations for the 43rd Annual Carbonell Awards.

Palm Beach Dramaworks shows earned 18 nominations overall, the most of any theater in the tri-county region, for its productions of the plays "Indecent," "Equus" and "Edgar and Emily," in addition to the musical "Woody Guthrie's American Song."

The awards will be bestowed at the Carbonell Awards ceremony on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. *Staff report*

JUPITER
Burt Reynolds film to be screened at Harbourside

Donna Carbone, managing director of The Burt Reynolds Institute, announced that a special birthday tribute for Burt Reynolds will be hosted by Harbourside Place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16.

The event will include a screening of Reynolds' award-winning movie "The Last Movie Star" at Harbourside's rooftop venue, where there will be a cash bar and free popcorn.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Burt Reynolds Institute in support of its efforts to educate and involve the community in all aspects of film, television and theater. The institute, located in North Palm Beach, offers acting, filmmaking, and writing courses for novice and experienced actors.

Tickets to the screening can be bought by visiting eventbrite.com. The cost is \$20. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the film will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Carbone at 561-743-9955. *Staff report*



If Eastwind Development gets all the necessary approvals for the Solera at City Centre project, the 14 apartments priced for teachers, police officers, firefighters and government employees would be the first workforce housing built in the city. The complex would have 136 apartments in all. [ELEVATION COURTESY OF EASTWIND DEVELOPMENT]

Developers take lead on push for working-class housing in Gardens

New housing should be built near a future Tri-Rail station on PGA Boulevard, planners said



Sarah Peters

The city's strategy for spurring developers to build housing that police officers, firefighters, teachers and government employees can afford has not yet emerged, but the city is making advances toward so-called workforce housing anyway. Here's what's happened to date.

Avenir: The developers of the 3,900-home community on western Northlake Boulevard drew criticism from housing advocates when they got a pass on building 250 townhouses for working-class families, as originally promised. They will pay \$10 million instead. City officials reasoned the housing would get built faster and in a better location. Palm Beach Gardens will spend \$5 million on the development of a comprehensive workforce housing program and \$5 million on renovations to the Burns Road Recreation Center.



The developers of Arcadia Gardens, an apartment community for people 55 and older, said they'd give the city \$550,000 for workforce housing. [RENDERING COURTESY OF UNITED GROUP OF COMPANIES]

Arcadia Gardens: Palm Beach Gardens has no requirements that developers build housing for working people or pay up, but the developers of this 220-apartment community for people 55 and older said they'd give the city \$550,000 to put toward such housing. United Group of Companies and Sina Companies are the co-owners and co-developers of the apartments on 11 acres on the Amara Shrine Center property, which is on RCA Boulevard just east of Alternate A1A.

Solera at City Centre: Eastwind Development recently proposed 136 apartments, including 14 priced for emergency responders, teachers, nurses and government employees, at PGA Boulevard and U.S. 1. Eastwind President

Jack Weir, also a board member of the Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County, hopes it becomes a model for other north county developers to include workforce housing in their projects. The plan is in the early stages and must clear several technical hurdles. If the developer succeeds, the apartments would be the first workforce housing built in the city.

Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia Baker didn't shy away from the topic of workforce housing during her state of the county address to the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce this week. About 700 multifamily units have been built, she said, and the county has collected \$3 million in fees from developers. Some of that money

can be used to help working people with down payments. Addressing the shortage will require more development on fewer acres in a responsible manner, she said, adding her staff will be reaching out to cities for help.

Economists and planners have said Palm Beach Gardens should concentrate development of new housing within a half mile of a future Tri-Rail station on PGA Boulevard.

The city is hiring an expert to help with a workforce housing program, spokeswoman Candice Temple said. Palm Beach Gardens will host workshops in the future to engage the public, she said.

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THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDENS

POTTERY CLASS

Palm Beach Gardens will start offering pottery wheel-throwing classes for beginner and intermediate students 17 and older. The classes begin Jan. 25 in the art studio at the Burns Road Community Center, 4404 Burns Road. Beginner classes are offered 9:30 a.m. to noon Fridays and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. Intermediate classes are offered 12:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays. Weekly classes cover basic skills for wheel throwing, and beginning potters

will get individual attention. For people with more experience, the class will cover more advanced techniques such as building large, adding texture and trimming. Resident fees are \$240 and non-resident fees are \$300 for an eight-week session. Register online at www.pbgrec.com/login or at the center.

'50s to '80s CLASSIC HITS

The J3 Vocal Showband will perform the greatest hits of the '50s to '80s 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Eissey Campus Theatre, 11051

Campus Drive. Dennis, Bonnie and Chad Johns will be joined by an eight-piece show band as they cover songs by Tanya Tucker, Elvis Presley, Billy Joel, the Beach Boys, Stevie Nicks, Chuck Berry and others. Tickets are \$23 to \$39. For tickets, call 863-494-9362.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Girls 4 and older can break out their best dance moves 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at Palm Beach Gardens' 24th Daddy Daughter Date Night at the Sandhill

Crane Golf Clubhouse, 11401 Northlake Blvd. The night includes an Italian-style dinner, desserts and dancing. Dress your best, take home free raffle prizes and get a goodnight gift. The cost is \$45 per couple for city residents and \$56 per couple for non-residents. All guests must register in advance at www.pbgrec.com/events or the Burns Road Community Center, 4404 Burns Road. For more information, call 561-630-1100.

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Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Government: Federal, state, county and municipal offices, banks and post offices are closed.
Transportation: Tri-Rail and Palm-Tran will operate on a

regular weekday schedule.
Schools, libraries: Closed Monday in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties.
Garbage: Pickups are on a regular schedule in most of Palm Beach County. Exceptions include: Lake Park, where

Monday's pickups will be Tuesday; Boca Raton, where Monday's pickups are Tuesday and Tuesday's pickups are Wednesday; and North Palm Beach, where Monday customers will have their pickups on their next regularly scheduled day.

In Martin County, there are no pickups in Stuart on Monday. Monday pickups will be Tuesday, and Tuesday's will be Wednesday. The rest of the county is on a regular schedule. In St. Lucie County, pickups are on a regular schedule.

Palm Beach Life



PET SET

Efforts to save island’s feral cats are paying off



Paulette Cooper Noble

Once upon a time, Palm Beach was practically overrun with feral cats. Residents were awakened by their howling at night and during the day encountered hungry, sick cats and kittens with no one to care for them or about them.

Then the town instituted a TNVR program.

T for trap, N for neuter (or spay), V for vaccinate and R for return them to the island. Animals that have been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped have a telltale "tip" (or trim) on one ear.

Today, we have close to 500 happy and healthy feral cats on the island. Only 18 kittens were born last year and 11 were adopted into homes.

That’s because of the hard work of volunteers and paid workers of Palm Beach Island Cats who care for our feral population through daily feeding, watering and providing medical care as needed.

They accomplish some of this with the help of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.

This amazing organization does the neutering/spaying free of charge for all cats in Palm Beach County --and that includes ours.

“Peggy’s” programs start with their Neonatal Kitten Nursery, which helps the most at-risk kittens under 1 month old.

Then the kitten may graduate into the foster care program, where they’re cared for in loving homes until they can be moved into their adoption program where they will find a forever home.

Others too have saved island felines. **Beth Stern**, wife of **Howard Stern**, has saved hundreds of kittens and cats, including a Palm Beach one. She described on Instagram how during her morning run she found a black kitten living in some bushes, begging for food from walkers. She captured it, took it to a local vet and then flew it home with her to New York.

Resident **Coco Schefmeyer** had a friend bring her a kitten she found with a broken tail. Coco paid for the surgery, and allowed the kitten to recuperate on her pillow. Since her condo didn’t allow pets, “Dottie”



Bast was found at 3601 S Ocean Blvd., fostered at Peggy Adams and then adopted. [PHOTO COURTESY OF PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE]



A kitten gets fed at Peggy Adams Kitten Nursery in preparation for the foster program. [PHOTO COURTESY OF PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE]



Buddy was found on the island by residents Vicky and Sam Hunt. [PHOTO COURTESY OF PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE]

now has a home with someone in Trump Tower.

Herme de Wyman Miro saw a beautiful gray domestic cat hiding in the bushes near the [Palm Beach] Towers, and went in with an open can of tuna fish and fed it. She tried to catch the cat but "it was like an eel slithering away," she explained. She called , owner of a no-kill shelter in Boca Raton, Tri-County Animal Rescue. Goldsmith came up with a trapper and they caught the cat in one minute. Suzi named her “Susie” and got her adopted.

There are many happy endings for cats on the island. **Jan and Chip Malley** lost “Mr. Kitty” from their Midtown home and spent a week futilely searching for him. When they had to leave for their Kentucky home, Chip called up a friend at Palm Beach Island Cats and asked her to leave food at their place in case their cat returned. But a week earlier that friend had found a cat near Publix and had been unsuccessfully searching for his owner. She told Chip: “I think I have your Mr.



Dottie had a broken tail and was cared for by Coco Schefmeyer. [PHOTO COURTESY OF COCO SCHEFMEYER]



A kitten gets bathed at Peggy Adams Kitten Nursery, which admitted 614 kittens last year. [PHOTO COURTESY OF PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE]

Kitty here.” And she did.

There are also other surprises. **Pat Kinion**, field director for Palm Beach Island Cats, told of a call they received from someone complaining that a feral cat kept climbing on his roof and using it as a litter box, causing a mess when it rained.

Kinion had never heard of such a thing.

Indeed: When the case was investigated, it turned out to be an iguana.

You can do your bit to save Palm Beach cats by volunteering at Peggy Adams’

Kitty Nursery, fostering a kitten or adopting a cat. Or go to one of the three big pet events coming up.

There’s The Cat’s Meow Pawty for Palm Beach Island Cats at the Sailfish Club on Jan. 29. (800-4725); Peggy Adams’ 18th annual Barry Crown Walk for the Animals on Feb. 23, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Meyer Amphitheater in West Palm Beach (walkwithpeggy.org); and Tri-County Animal Rescue’s annual Doggie & Kitty Ball at 5:30 p.m. April 14 at Boca West. (482-8110).

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FITTEAM Ballpark offers fireworks, promotions this spring training

Fireworks, autographs and giveaways are some of the promotional events being hosted by FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches during this year's spring training games.

To kick things off opening night, the Washington Nationals will light up the sky with postgame fireworks after hosting the Houston Astros Feb. 23. The Nationals and Astros will put on six nights of fireworks displays during their spring training seasons.

FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches will host two "Buy One, Get One" ticket days on Feb. 28 and March 2. The season will feature four senior BOGO days on Feb. 27 and March 6, 14 and 18. In addition, there will be two military BOGO days on March 2 and 14.

The Astros will host "Bark in the Park" on Feb. 24 against the Atlanta Braves. Fans are invited to bring their dogs for a \$5 admission donation. All donations will go to the Peggy Adams

Animal Rescue League. Doggy bags and water bowls will be provided. The Nationals' "Bark in the Park" night will be held March 21 against the Cardinals.

FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beach's "Heroes Night" will be held March 21 for the Nationals and March 22 for the Astros. All teachers, EMTs, firefighters, police, doctors, nurses and lifeguards will receive a \$5 discount for outfield reserved seating and a \$2 discount on the Family Zone as well as the Banana Boat lawn area.

"Little League Night" will be held Feb. 24 as the Astros take on the Braves and March 9 as the Nationals take on the Miami Marlins.

Little Leaguers are invited to dress in uniform for a pregame parade on the field. The first 300 children will be given a replica batting helmet.

The complete 2019 promotional schedule for the Astros and the Nationals can be found at FITTEAMBallpark.com/promotions. ■



Kinetic art by the sea coming to Boynton Beach

Visitors to coastal Boynton Beach can see large-scale kinetic sculptures, experience augmented reality, participate in sound and interactive art and meet the artists as the community hosts the fourth biennial International Kinetic Art Exhibit and Symposium.

With works by kinetic artists from around the world, six of the 12 outdoor installations were created especially for this exhibition Feb. 2-3, a news release said.

"Kinetic artworks are powered by solar, water, wind, gravity and human interaction. Each installation has an augmented reality component to deepen the experience and, in some cases, allow visitors to enter and shape the artwork. This is art in four dimensions," said Debby Coles-Dobay, public arts manager for Boynton Beach.

The outdoor installations are accessed by a self-guided tour or scheduled group tours with trained docents. In the augmented reality experience, objects appear before your eyes through an app. At each sculpture, the kinetic artist will describe their work on your smartphone or tablet. For app, maps and

more, visit IntlKineticArtEvent.org.

During opening weekend, public events are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Highlights include "Moving Toward Balance" - hourlong community mobile-making experiences to promote balance for self and the environment, "Kinetic Kanopi" - a community project demonstrating sustainability and kinetic technologies, "Solar Shimmer" - a student interactive kinetic installation, "Sun Boxes" - a solar-powered sound installation, and nature-inspired cellular bloom kinetic sculptures.

An invitation-only opening reception/vernissage will take place on the evening of Feb. 1.

The 2019 International Kinetic Art Exhibit and Symposium is produced by the city of Boynton Beach Art in Public Places program and supported by the Kinetic Art Organization, Ocean One, Boynton Beach CRA, International Sculpture Center, CODAworx and media partners Art Hive Magazine, Culture Owl and The Coastal Star. ■

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WEST PALM BEACH Peggy Adams hosts annual walk for animals

The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League’s 18th Annual Barry Crown Walk for the Animals will have a new location: the Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St.

The pet-friendly walk will begin at 9 a.m. on Feb. 23 with check-in and registration, live entertainment and a free breakfast. At 10:15 a.m. after opening ceremonies, participants will enjoy a scenic walk along the West Palm Beach Waterfront down Flagler Drive.

There also will be pet costume contests with prize baskets on the Meyer’s center stage. Categories include best dressed, most creative, owner/pet look-a-like and best in show. There also will be live entertainment, local vendors, a silent auction and raffle area with prizes. Owners must keep dogs leashed, and the event will conclude at noon.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register to walk and form teams. Each registrant who raises at least \$35 will receive a free T-shirt and a gift for their pet. Awards will be given out for the top team fundraiser and runner-up.

"Our Walk for the Animals has grown tremendously over the years, and we are very excited to have this year’s Walk in Downtown West Palm Beach at the Meyer Amphitheatre," said Rich Anderson, executive director/CEO of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. "As a nonprofit that receives no city, state or federal government funding, Peggy Adams relies on community support to help us provide services to tens of thousands of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens every year; we are extremely grateful to all of those who get involved in this event."

All proceeds will benefit the league. The walk is presented by Hill’s Pet Nutrition and other sponsors to date include Nozzle Nolen Pest Control, Scenthound, One & All, and Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart and Shipley.

To learn more about the annual walk for the animals and/or sponsorship opportunities, call 561-530-6057 or visit walkwithpeggy.org *Adriana Delgado*

Registration open for Valentine's Day group wedding

For residents planning a Valentine's Day wedding, the county's clerk and comptroller’s office is teaming with the National Croquet Center and other community partners to give 40 couples a special Valentine's Day ceremony.

The annual group wedding will be 11:30 a.m. Feb. 14 at the National Croquet Center, a popular wedding and event venue.

"Helping couples to start a new life together is one the most important services provided by my office," Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock said. "It is truly my privilege and my honor as the clerk and comptroller to be able to officiate this beautiful event and other weddings throughout the year."

This will be the seventh year that Bock has officiated the Valentine's Day group wedding ceremony at the croquet center.

Couples can register by visiting mypalmbeachclerk.com/wedding. Registration will continue until Feb. 11, or until all 40 spaces are filled.

For more information, visit mypalmbeachclerk.com/valentine *Staff report*

‘New’ Juno Beach Pier celebrates 20 years



Hannah Morse

'Maybe sometimes you're not getting as many fish as you want, but it becomes a labor of love' Denis Peters said

JUNO BEACH The fishing line sizzled as it stretched out across the bright blue water and landed with a plop! The fish weren't biting on this overcast afternoon. But that's why they call it "fishing" and not "catching," Denis Peters joked.

Peters, a Jupiter business owner, pays the \$4 fee two or three times a week to fish on the Juno Beach Pier. It's all about the view of the Atlantic Ocean 990 feet from shore, the feeling of the wind against his skin, the tedious preparation of tying knots and hooking bait. His father taught him how to fish when he was a kid. And when he's able to bring his children fish for dinner instead of pizza, it's all worth it.

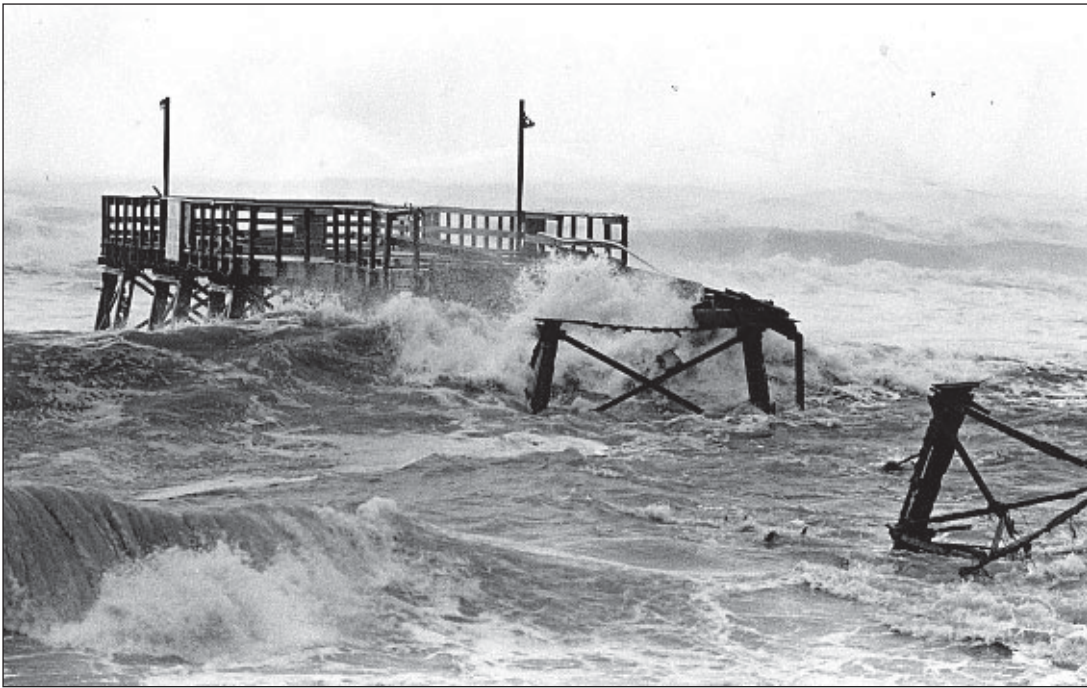
"For me, it's a memory of all that," Peters said. "Maybe sometimes you're not getting as many fish as you want, but it becomes a labor of love."

For the past 20 years, the pier has provided good memories and lessons learned for thousands of anglers and spectators. But getting here was a long-fought battle.

John Lott, of custom fishing rod shop Lott Brothers, recalls that 10-year fight. He was one of the key players who set in motion a plan to rebuild the pier. For the Juno Beach Pier, he would do it all over again "in a heartbeat."

"It's hard to believe it's 20 years old," he said.

The old Juno Beach Fishing Pier stretched out 500 feet off Mercury Circle, about a mile-and-a-half south of the current pier. Built by Bessemer Properties Inc., the pier opened in the summer of 1950, according to Palm Beach Post archives. That pier cost \$60,000. (The new one would cost \$2.5 million.) Wally and Penny Sheltz



November 1984: Thanksgiving storm takes its toll on old Juno Beach Pier. [LOREN HOSACK/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]



Bonnie Lohman, right, and Casey Reeves, both of Lake Worth, take a break under the Juno Pier in September 1999. [CALLIE LIPKIN/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

bought the pier in the late 1970s for \$250,000. As if foreshadowing what was to come, the county said in early 1984 that the pier was unsafe. The Sheltzes' engineer disagreed. On Thanksgiving Day that same year, a ferocious storm took down the old pier.

"It took away a popular spot for a lot of people to fish," Lott told The Post in a recent interview. "It was a rickety old pier, but it was used a lot."

A few years after the pier was destroyed, Lott said the process to rebuild it started with thousands of signatures on a petition, which was sent to the county commission. But there was opposition. Some people complained that the pier would create too much traffic or interfere

with sea turtle nesting.

Anglers went to Tallahassee twice to plead the case of the pier permit with then-Gov. Lawton Chiles and his cabinet. The cabinet voted 5-to-2 in favor on June 13, 1996.

Rebuilding the Juno Beach Pier was like planting mangroves seedlings or sinking an artificial reef offshore. After an almost 15-year drought, the beloved pier habitat saw the return of schools of anglers and swarms of surfers. Parades of photographers often flock by its side to capture the subject against a brilliant sunrise and sleepy beachgoers retreat beneath its shade on a hot day.

The popular pier has seen on average 65,000 visitors each year since 2010,

according to Palm Beach County Aquatics Division Director Laurie Schobelock.

In terms of catch, it's seasonal, Peters said. Now there are kingfish, pompano, jacks and bonito. But stingrays and sharks can be seen swimming near the piles. Peters said he has seen sea turtles crawl onto shore, and mate in the water.

These days, Lott thinks another pier should be built.

"The access to fishing is shrinking," he said, in particular for anglers who used to fish off bridges or can't afford a boat. "It puts a crunch on the little guy."

But that fight won't be up to him. He'll leave it for the next generation of anglers.

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THINGS TO DO IN JUPITER

SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE

Ahead of the 181st anniversary of the Battle of the Loxahatchee, the Seminole Maroon Spiritual Remembrance will be held on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park, 9060 W. Indiantown Road. According to the presenter, The Florida Black Historical Research Project Inc., the remembrance is inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "teachings on social justice and the wisdom of nonviolence..."



For more information, call 305-772-7714 or 305-904-7620.

BURT REYNOLDS MOVIE NIGHT

Jupiter Farms Residents will show "Smokey and the Bandit,"

Burt Reynolds and Sally Field in 'Smokey and the Bandit.' [FILE PHOTO]

starring the late Burt Reynolds, during its free outdoor movie night at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Farmhouse Cafe, 16891 Jupiter Farms Road. Organizers advise moviegoers to bring chairs or a blanket. Popcorn and soda will be available for purchase.

FULL MOON BIKE RIDE

A naturalist will guide a group of bicyclists on a moonlight tour of Riverbend Park, 9060 W. Indiantown Road, on Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. The tour for all ages offers a unique look at the park and the critters that crawl around at night. Safety gear and a flashlight are required. To reserve a spot, call 561-741-1359.

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IN BRIEF

WEST PALM BEACH Peggy Adams to offer course for kittens

Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League will offer “Kitten Kindergarten,” a three-week course starting Jan. 27 and ending Feb. 3 at the League’s campus located at 3100/3200 N. Military Trail. Classes are for pet parents and their owned kitten(s).

Kitten Kindergarten is an introductory kitten-handling class that teaches proper ways of holding, socialization, playtime, litter-box training, basic commands like “sit” and “come” when called, solving scratching issues, how to walk with a leash, how to properly administer medications and easy nail trimming.

“We are very excited to offer this new and innovative class to kitten parents,” says Rich Anderson, executive director and CEO of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.

“This is the first class of its kind in Palm Beach County! Kitten Kindergarten is a wonderful foundation class for kittens and kitten owners because it establishes a strong foundation to set the kitten up for success in its new home and build socialization skills for a long, happy life.”

The class fee is \$30 for the three-week course. Each session is one and a half hours and classes are limited to eight kittens. Attending kittens do not have to be adopted from Peggy Adams, but pre-registration is required. To register your kitten for the class, visit peggyadams.org/kitten-kindergarten. For more information, call 561-472-8815 or email behavior@peggyadams.org.

WEST PALM BEACH CareerSource launches new placement network

CareerSource Palm Beach County is opening a new Professional Placement Network at its Central Career Center in West Palm Beach for managerial and executive-level professionals beginning Tuesday.

“The new Professional Placement Network is a fantastic resource for professionals seeking employment services and for employers seeking top-level talent,” said Steve Craig, president and CEO of CareerSource Palm Beach County.

As the economy improves and the labor market tightens, employers have reported that it is increasingly challenging for them to find high quality managerial candidates.

To mitigate the challenge of employers trying to find high quality managerial candidates, the Professional Placement Network (PPN) provides specialized services for managerial to executive-level professionals who are transitioning careers, have been displaced, or are looking for new career growth opportunities.

The PPN links career-seeking professionals with opportunities for networking and skills assessments along with no-cost workshops for resume development, effective social media techniques, job interview skills and more. Workshops will be conducted once a month at the Central Career Center.

Professionals who qualify to participate in the PPN can find more information and register online at careersourcepbpc.com/job-seekers/professional-placement-network.

Anti-racism activist to speak at PBSC’s MLK Celebration



More than 700 people attended last year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Palm Beach State College. [CONTRIBUTED]

The event, free to the public, will be held Thursday at the Duncan Theatre

By Kevin D. Thompson
The Palm Beach Post

LAKE WORTH — In 2000, the first year of Palm Beach State College’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, about 200 people attended.

“Last year we had close to 700 people,” said Juanita Hook, the college’s assistant director of human resources and equity officer. “This is the first event that kicks off the Martin Luther King celebration in the county and it really does connect with the community.”

This year, the event will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Duncan Theatre on the suburban Lake Worth campus. The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is asked to come early, with doors opening at 10:30 a.m.

Tim Wise, an anti-racism activist and writer, will be the keynote speaker.

“Most of our energy is spent on really finding a speaker we know will bring a timely and relevant message,” Hook said. “Tim Wise is definitely someone who, with a lot of things taking

place across the country, we felt would be a wonderful speaker and one who can speak to some of the issues that have been going on in the country.”

As part of the celebration, which is expected to last about 2 ½ hours and is themed “Self-Empowerment and Independence Through Education,” the college will present Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards to four people and an organization that has helped improve the lives of others in county. The 2019 honorees are:

• **Justin Kunzelman** (Alumni), co-founder/CEO of Rebel Recovery, who has led the charge to drastically reform local policy affecting people who use drugs.

• **Vera Rolle Farrington** (Individual), who in 1995 co-founded the nonprofit organization Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage, Inc. to preserve and share the black history of Delray Beach through preservation and education.

• **Joseph Morel** (Student), a Palm Beach State College student trustee who began his journey of advocating for Cystic Fibrosis by stand-up paddling 90 nautical miles from Bimini in the Bahamas to West Palm Beach.

• **Dr. Irving Berkowitz** (Faculty/Staff), dean of academic affairs at the PBSC Lake Worth campus and the son of Holocaust survivors, who has dedicated over 42 years to academia, advocating for underserved groups, improving race relations, raising awareness of social injustice and championing diversity.

• **Dress for Success Palm Beaches** (Organization), a nonprofit that provides clothing as well as coaching and development tools to help women find the job that’s right for them, grow and progress in that position, and ultimately achieve economic independence. Morel, a 29-year-old

Jupiter resident, said it’s an honor to be recognized for the good work he does. “It’s not about the award, it’s about the effort you put forward towards others,” he said.

Since 2013, Morel has been paddle-boarding from West Palm Beach to the Bahamas. It takes him about 16 hours. “I lost my grandfather at a young age and I wish I could’ve had more time,” he said. “To extend the life expectancy of a child means more to me than anything in this world.”

Hook said the celebration is a reflection of PBSC’s diversity and one of the opportunities the college uses to demonstrate its commitment to King’s message. “We want to honor those who have, through their work in the community, have been really trailblazing and following in Dr. King’s footsteps,” Hook said. “We really want to drive home that particular message, especially to our students.”

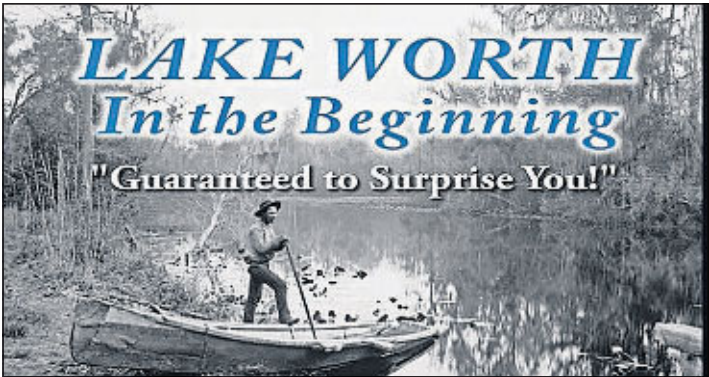
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THINGS TO DO IN LAKE WORTH

By Kevin D. Thompson
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1. Lake Worth In the Beginning: The Historical Society of Lake Worth will show this new film, an illustrated history of the city, on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. It will be shown at Lake Worth City Hall’s commission chambers. The film, starring Ted Brownstein and produced by John Schneider, tells the story of Lake Worth, including the life and legacy of the pioneering James family.

2. Spring Break Camp: Register now for the camp being held March 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuition is \$200 and \$180 for a sibling. The camp will be a musical theater camp composed of Broadway



Lake Worth In the Beginning will be shown at the Lake Worth’s City Hall commission chambers on Jan. 24. [HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LAKE WORTH]

songs. Discounts are offered for returning winter break campers. Call 561-586-6410 or call Judith at 561-586-6169, ext 214, for more information.

3. Lake Worth’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: On

Saturday, “Unity in the Park” from noon to 4 p.m. There will be music, food, games and a bounce house at Howard Park on Wingfield and Washington Streets. On Sunday, “Celebrating the

100th Anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance,” at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church on Lucerne Avenue and Palmway. On Jan. 21, a Unity Interfaith Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church on South E and 10th Avenue South; Civil Rights Song Fest at 4 p.m. on the steps of Lake Worth City Hall; Candlelight March Gather at 4:30 p.m. at Lake Worth City Hall; MLK Commemorative Program at 5:30 p.m. at the Cultural Plaza and the MLK Fellowship Dinner from 6-8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Madonna Hall at M Street and Fifth Avenue South.

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Can't we all just get along?

Why public and private animal welfare organizations have a moral obligation to work together

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When Diane Suave, director of Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, and Rich Anderson, executive director of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in Palm Beach County, Florida, presented together at Animal Care Expo 2017, some attendees were skeptical.

The two leaders—one of an open-admission municipal shelter serving 2,383 square miles and 39 municipalities, and one of a large private shelter serving the same area—shared their presentation like talk show hosts, bantering and teasing one another—almost as if they were (gasp) friends.

Relations between the two shelters hadn't always been so friendly, they admitted. But now they work hand-in-hand to meet their goal of "ending the unnecessary euthanasia of all adoptable animals in Palm Beach County by 2024," a countywide resolution known as Countdown 2 Zero that they jointly crafted and passed through the Board of County Commissioners in 2014.

(Four years later, Animal Care and Control has already improved its dog save rate from 71 to 87 percent and its cat save rate from 21 to 65 percent. "We want it to go higher, of course, but we deal with every cruelty case in the county, the neglect cases, whatever is going on law enforcement-wise," says Suave, adding that she is "really thrilled" with the overall increase in the shelter's save rate.)

Their presentation was one of the last sessions of the conference, but when it was time for a Q&A, attendees clamored to take ownership of the microphone. They expressed surprise in the scene before them, describing the fraught relationships between animal organizations in their own communities. They talked about rescue groups that transported in "fluffy white things," who they felt were competing with existing dogs in the area, and shelters that refused help from outside groups. But Suave and Anderson gave them hope.

A big-dog-sized breakthrough

When Suave and Anderson initially proposed Countdown 2 Zero, around 29 percent of dogs and 80 percent of cats entering Animal Care and Control were euthanized.

Yet before Anderson took over as shelter director in 2011, Peggy Adams had primarily transported in and adopted out puppies and small dogs from Southern states. Combined with the fact that Animal Care and Control was required to take in every animal—stray, surrender or otherwise—and that Peggy Adams could pick and choose, there was—to say the least—some contention between the two shelters.

“The two largest animal organizations were really working on their own and really not working together to solve the local problem,” says Anderson, who quickly learned that the shelters’ rocky relationship went back decades. “Separately, we were going in circles and not going anywhere.”

Once the two directors met and hit it off, Peggy Adams started to significantly limit the number of animals it was bringing in from outside the community, he says. The private shelter decided to “strictly focus on community needs, first and foremost pulling as many animals from the county shelter as we could,” including those who need extensive medical care, larger dogs, strays during their holding periods, cats and even kittens as space allowed. In 2017, Peggy Adams pulled over 1,100 dogs and cats from Animal Care and Control, some of whom went up for adoption at the shelters’ joint, annual mega- adoption event.

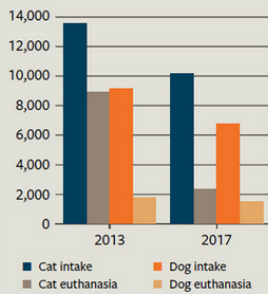
Although Countdown 2 Zero was the brainchild of Suave and Anderson, the resolution doesn’t just cover the two largest shelters; it also laid the groundwork for a community coalition. Peggy Adams pulls the largest number of animals from the county shelter, but hundreds of rescues across Palm Beach County pull and place animals; one local nonprofit even offers rescues a stipend for each at-risk dog they take in. In fact, the group that pulls the second-largest number of animals from the county is an “absolutely tiny little rescue group,” says Suave. “I find that pretty fascinating.”

It’s all hands on deck to meet community goals, agrees Anderson. “One of the neat things that happened with Countdown 2 Zero is we were able to engage the cat trapping community,” he explains, as the county obtained funding that enabled both shelters to offer free spay/neuter in high-intake areas. Then it was just a matter of pinpointing the largest cat colonies and asking local trappers for help. “That’s worked very, very well,” he says.

Winning numbers

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League aren’t alone in their partnership. Some shelters serving the same area, like the Washington Animal Rescue League and the Washington Humane Society in D.C., and Asheville Humane Society and Animal Compassion Network in North Carolina, have merged to form one large organization—the Humane Rescue Alliance and Asheville Humane Society 2.0, respectively. In other communities, private and public nonprofits are collaborating on trap-neuter-return, outreach initiatives and adoption events.

Countdown 2 Zero



In the years since the countywide Countdown 2 Zero resolution was passed, combined data for Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League and Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control shows massive progress toward ending the euthanasia of all adoptable animals in the county by 2024.

Some groups have chosen to formalize and name their relationship: The Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland, for instance, is made up of 10 area organizations. But the most important aspect of a community partnership in any form, says Suave, is the uniform recording and transparent sharing of intake, outcome and live-release data.

Suave's high opinion of data sharing is itself backed by data: A 2013 study of six communities participating in the ASPCA's Partnership Program showed that when partners were trained in data collection and analysis, as well as programs that "were best suited to the community needs, as identified from shelter statistics," live-release rates in those communities improved by an average of 62 percent within five years.

To qualify for the study, each partnership had to include enough participating organizations to make up at least 80 percent of the total shelter intake for that city or county; all of the partnerships included municipal animal control agencies. Partners received monthly status reports from individual organizations and the community as a whole, including trend analyses that identified animal groups (e.g., adult cats during kitten season) at high risk for euthanasia each quarter.

"Collaboration among all of the diverse entities (not-for-profit shelters, municipal animal control shelters and nonsheltered community-based rescue groups) that typically work within any community setting is ... essential to obtain an accurate picture of homeless animal numbers and outcomes," wrote the study's authors, noting that one of the first such programs began in 1994, when the San Francisco SPCA and San Francisco Department of Animal Care and Control partnered, modified policies and quickly increased the city's live-release rate.

In Palm Beach County, about 60 area organizations submit data to Animal Care and Control each month. When Countdown 2 Zero was first formed, groups agreed to voluntarily hand over the numbers—but after two years of spotty participation, the county commission passed an ordinance requiring it. The passage of the ordinance wasn't popular, says Suave, but "I promised them all that they will thank me down the road."

With those numbers at hand, Animal Care and Control and Peggy Adams have been able to change county ordinances to allow for return-to-field programs; get a handle on the number of animals coming and going via transport; identify potential animal hoarders; and jointly apply for grant funding, which they used to target areas of highest intake with TNR for community cats, as well as spay/neuter and intake prevention programs for owned pets.

"When people are giving money away, they're not going to give you money just because you're doing good work," says Suave. "Good work needs to be supported by collaborative efforts. When you've got two large groups working together collaboratively and with data, it's a winning combination."