

BITS 'N' PEOPLE

STEERING THE ARTS IN COUNTY
Cultural Council adds new board members, appoints chairman

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County has added new members to its board of directors and appointed financial expert Nathan Slack as chairman. He served as managing director at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Palm Beach. William Parmelee was named council vice chairman, with Jean Sharf appointed secretary. New board members are attorney Phil Di-Como, banking executive Gail Horvath, marketing official Michele Jacobs, banking executive Daryn Kirckfeld, Florida Crystals' executive Caroline Villanueva and business owner Gil Walsh. Rena Blades, president and CEO, said the input of the new directors will be valuable as "we collaborate with the private sector to create public-private partnerships." Ex-officio board members are Debra Robinson, a Palm Beach County School Board member, and John Tolbert, managing director of the Boca Ra-



Slack



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ton Resort & Club. Connoisseurs' Garden Tour — One way to celebrate Mother's Day is to enjoy the diversity of eight private gardens during the Friends of Mounts Botanical Gardens 13th annual self-guided tour. In addition, there will be a sneak preview of the new exhibition, "Windows on the Floating World: Blume Tropical Wetland Garden," which opens in June at the Mounts. "What is unique about our tour is that people can visit the gardens at their own pace and sequence," said Rochelle Wolberg, director of programs. Featured gardens are in Lake Worth, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens and West Palm Beach. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 13 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 14. Members pay \$20; nonmembers, \$30; ages 12 and younger are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the Mounts Garden Shop or at mounts.org. For more information, call 233-1757. Music in the air — The Palm Beach Symphony presented several Palm Beach County music students with donated instruments, including John Shelley of Jupiter High School, Jariel



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Wolberg

Murillo and Allysha Salomon of South Grade Elementary and Ivan Perez of Sunrise Parks Elementary School. The presentation took place at a preconcert dinner April 13 at the Kravis Center's Cohen Pavilion. The symphony also recognized the McNulty Charitable Family Foundation, Leonard and Norma Klorfine and Paul and Sandra Goldner for their support this season. Following the dinner, Artistic Director Ramon Tebar led the 71-piece orchestra in the final concert of the season. Happiness, anyone? — Author Marilyn Murray Willison will speak about "Happiness Consciousness" at a meeting of the Happiness Club of Palm Beach at 5 p.m. today at Bice Ristorante, 313 Worth Avenue. The cost is \$20. Visit HappinessClub-PalmBeach.com. American tapestry — The Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, all 350 voices, will present a rousing show of Broadway, jazz and pop songs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$15. Call the box office at 832-7469 or visit kravis.org. Fanciful figures — "Illustrating Words: The 'Wondrous Fantasy World of Robert L. Forbes, Poet and Ronald Searle, Artist," is on view through July at The Society of the Four Arts. The imaginative show of fanciful figures can be found in the Mary Alice Fortin Children's Art Gallery. Admission is free. For information, visit fourarts.org.

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Tell us your season's good, bad and ugly

It's been a remarkable season in Palm Beach. This one brought more attention than most as resident Donald Trump was elected president in November, inaugurated in January and visited regularly, twice with foreign leaders in tow. Each visit brought traffic congestion, concerns from businesses, demonstrators and a bright international spotlight. Did you like or loathe the attention and why? What did it do for Palm Beach's image? For quality of life here? How did Trump's election, visits and activities here affect you and affect Palm Beach — good, bad or not at all? Did you adjust your season as a result of the president and his visits? We'd love some examples. Of course, much more happened this season. What else did you celebrate or struggle with this season? Hurricane Matthew's near miss? Construction? Traffic? What great memories will linger from this season? How does this season compare to seasons' past? We'd like to hear from you on these questions — and whatever else you'd like to share. We'll let you know what we hear in our Season in Review issue May 7. Send your thoughts to feedback@pbdailynews.com. And if you have photos of any of these moments, we'd love to see those, too.



THE WEATHER

Today, expect partly sunny skies and a 30 percent chance of showers, according to the National Weather Service in Miami. The high will be near 82 and the low around 76. Southeast winds will be 16 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. The marine forecast calls for southeast winds of 15 to 20 knots. Seas will be 3 to 5 feet with occasional seas to 6 feet. Intra-coastal waters will be choppy. Lake Worth Inlet: High tide will occur at 1:11 p.m.; low tide will occur at 7:09 a.m. and 7:20 p.m. Sunrise: 6:41 a.m. Sunset: 7:52 p.m.

PICKS OF THE DAY

New show debuts — "Photography of Place" will be on display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Call 253-2600 or visit workshop.org. Home run — "For the Love of the Game: Baseball in the Palm Beaches" will be on view from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. Call 832-4164 or visit historicalsocietypb.com. Daily nature walks — Join one of the staff naturalists for a 1-mile walk at 10 a.m. through John D. MacArthur Beach State Park's four distinct habitats, and learn about the park's ecosystems and history. Walk is free with park admission. Call 624-6950 or visit macarthurbeach.org.

ROAD WATCH

Nightingale Trail and La Puerta Way: A portion of the lane on North Lake Way will close during the day for underground utility improvements starting today. One lane of traffic will be maintained during work. Completion is expected May 4.

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