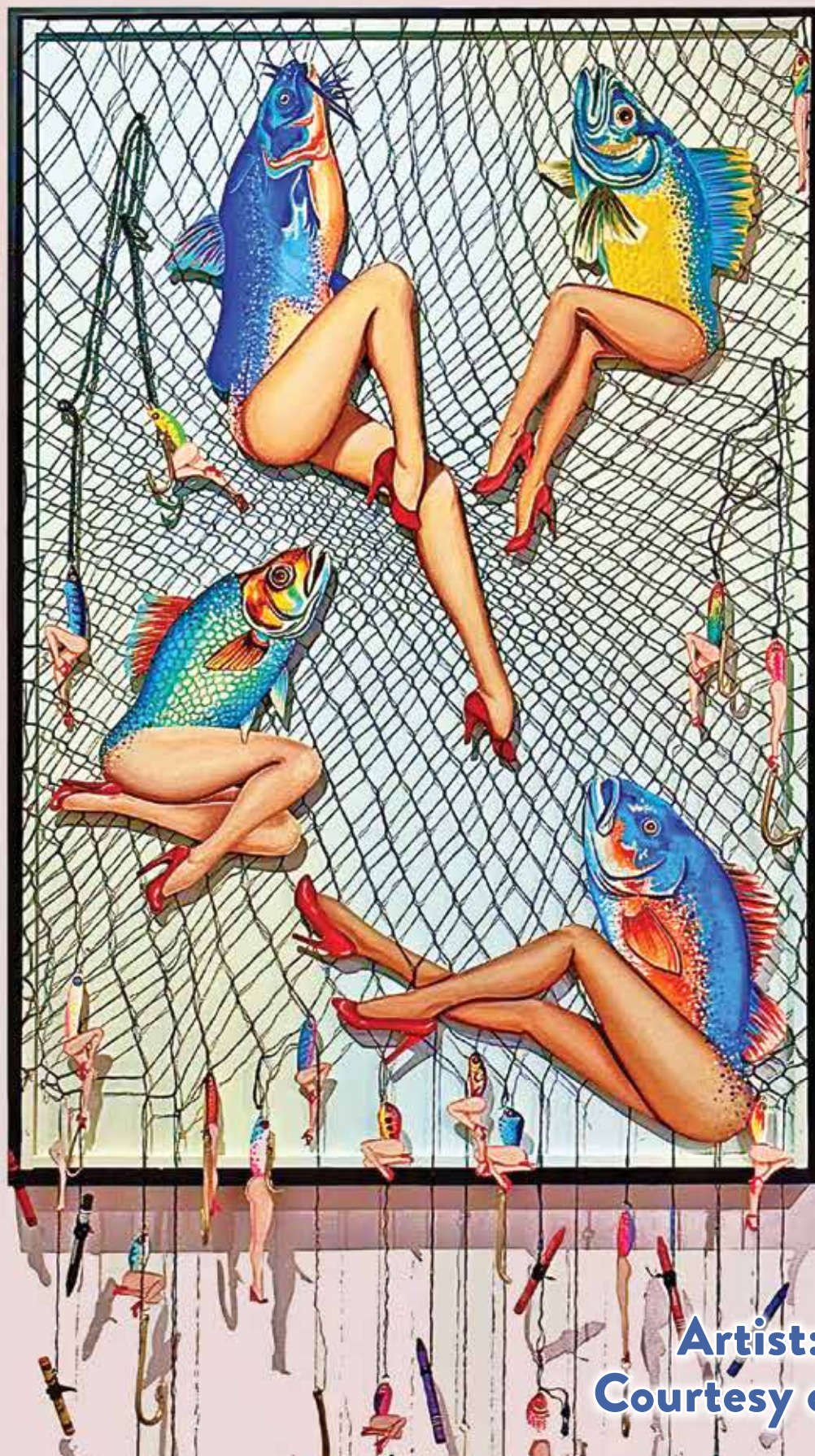


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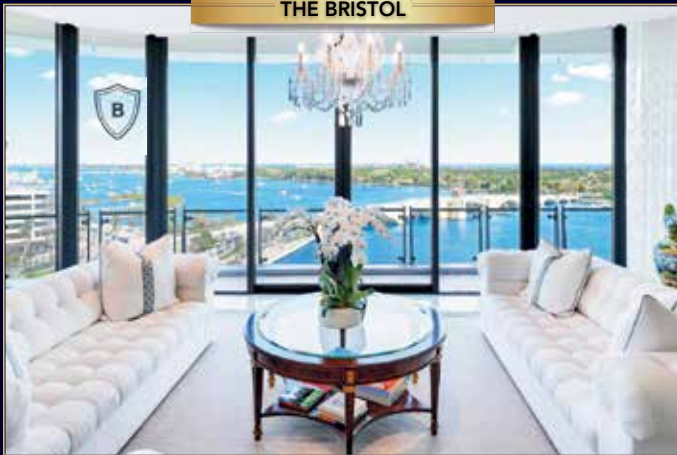
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As we observe Sisters Week in the month of March, we honor not only the remarkable women who shaped these ministries of compassion, but also the living mission carried forward by those who continue their work today.

ONE SONG, MANY VERSES: THE PIONEERING SPIRIT

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- **Sanctity of the Ordinary:** We ensure that every smile and every exchange promotes human

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- **The Carmelite Way of “Remaining Present”:** This is our unique character. In a world that often looks for the exit, the Carmelite heart stays. We remain present as a voice of reason, morality, and compassion.

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KYGO AT PALM TREE MUSIC FESTIVAL HAMPTONS WITH REVOLVE

BY MELISSA ROBERTO

West Palm Beach is about to go head-to-head with Miami for its entertainment and music chops. Fresh off a splashy Valentine's Day debut, the Palm Tree Music Festival has locked in a four-year deal with the city, cementing the electronic music blowout as a new fixture on the local events calendar. Headlined by **Kygo**, **Calvin Harris**, **Sofi Tukker**, **Bunt.**, and **Victoria Nadine**, the festival drew 11,000 attendees to the waterfront — with a reported 8,200-person waiting list, WPTV reported.

“Our mission is to create opportunities for all by building a place where young people want to live and grow their careers,” West Palm Beach Mayor **Keith James** said in a statement. “Entertainment

and cultural moments play a critical role in achieving that vision.”

Local businesses felt the impact immediately. One bartender at E.R. Bradley's Saloon told a local news station it was “one of the better things that West Palm has done for the community,” citing the surge of restaurant- and bar-goers throughout the weekend.

This year's event took place at the West Palm Beach Waterfront Landing, and organizers aren't slowing down. In addition to becoming an annual stop, there are plans to expand the current festival from one day to a two-day experience in the coming years.

There were also distinct local touches. The Palm Club, an exclusive VIP table section, showcased spirits from hotspot Mary Lou's, while a partnership with train ser-

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vice Brightline helped festivalgoers travel to and from the venue.

Renowned DJ Kygo cofounded the Palm Tree Crew brand with his manager **Myles Shear**, and while West Palm Beach is one of its newer stops, the festival already has a jet-set history, having debuted years ago in the Hamptons and expanded to destinations like Aspen, Colo. and Singapore.

“We couldn't have dreamed of a better Saturday with the Crew in one of the most iconic locations we've ever thrown a festival. A huge thank you to the city, local businesses, press, artists, and most importantly FANS who made this one for the books. We can't wait to see you in 2027!” the Palm Tree Crew said in a statement after the event.

Donald Trump Jr. and socialite **Jean Shafiroff** have something in common: both are selling

their Florida homes. Jean, a philanthropist and New York City social fixture, and her husband, Martin Shafiroff, have listed their Jupiter mansion for \$17.2 million, according to reports. The Admirals Cove mansion's sale will include golf course membership. The couple isn't said to be leaving Florida permanently, however, they are rumored to be relocating to Manalapan, where they own a \$21 million property. Shafiroff is well known across Palm Beach County for her charity work and frequent presence at major philanthropic events.

Meanwhile, Don Jr. and his former fiancée **Kimberly Guilfoyle** are looking to unload their Jupiter estate, listing it for a reported \$30 million. Like the Shafiroffs' home, the property is located in the gated waterfront community of Admirals Cove. The former couple dated from



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HILARY DUFF AT WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ON MARCH 12, 2023 IN BEVERLY HILLS, CA.

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NICKI MINAJ AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART ON MAY 5, 2025 IN NEW YORK.

2018 to 2024 and purchased the residence for \$9.7 million. Trump Jr. is now engaged to Palm Beach socialite **Bettina Anderson**.

Florida's celebrity circle is proving to be smaller than it looks. Famous resident and former football superstar **Tom Brady** has been making headlines for spending time with fellow Florida fixture, influencer **Alix Earle**. After the two appeared cozy at a New Year's Eve bash in St. Barts, cameras caught them reconnecting at **Michael Rubin's** Fanatics party during Super Bowl Weekend on Feb.7-8.

Now, sources tell "Page Six" that

Brady, 48, is approaching the dating scene with intention. While the two are said to be having "fun," insiders described the seven-time Super Bowl champ as an "intentional" dater who "doesn't hook up with just anyone." Earle, 25, is newly single after her split from former Miami Dolphins player **Braxton Berrios**.

We Hear...

Pop star **Hilary Duff** will launch her first world tour in nearly 20 years with a kickoff show in West Palm Beach in June 2026.

If you've seen an uptick in traffic and road closures around West Palm Beach lately, a new ABC and Hulu series may be the cause.

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CBS12 reported that TV crews were recently spotted downtown, filming *RJ Decker*, a drama starring **Scott Speedman**. The series is inspired by the 1987 novel *Double Whammy* by **Carl Hiassen**, a longtime South Florida resident, and follows a former newspaper photographer turned private investigator.

Speaking of Hollywood, Palm Beach's The Colony Hotel looked a bit different in January. If you missed it, the iconic boutique hotel transformed into a 1960s backdrop in honor of *Palm Royale*, the Emmy-nominated Apple TV series set in Palm Beach. The show stars **Kristen Wiig** and **Laura Dern**. The Colony owner **Sarah Wetenhall** called the partnership "timeless, cheeky, and effortlessly glamorous."

Country star **Luke Combs** is expanding his Nashville, Tenn., bar

Category 10 to CityWalk at Universal Orlando Resort. Construction on the venue is expected to begin this summer, with an opening targeted for 2027.

Sightings...

Rapper **Nicki Minaj** was spotted at a business convention at Mar-a-Lago for World Liberty Financial on Feb. 18, where President **Donald Trump's** discussed the Trump family's cryptocurrency empire. **Eric Trump** and **Donald Trump Jr.** also attended.

Fashion influencer **Arielle Charnas** recently raved about restaurants she dined at during her recent stay, including the new Tutto Mare, and West Palm's La Marina, where she had an "amazing" burger.

Former *The Real Housewives of New York City* **Ramona Singer** attended the Ballet Palm Beach's Gala by the Sea.



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American Humane Honors Nation's Hero Dogs

The American Humane Society hosted its 15th Annual Hero Dog Awards at Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, with a bonus in attendance, President Donald J. Trump. Dogs from across the nation were honored for their bravery, loyalty, and service. The evening recognized standout

canines across five categories, with Sgt. Bo, a therapy dog from Nashville, named the top Hero Dog. The event celebrated the powerful bond between people and their dogs while highlighting stories of comfort, protection, and lifesaving work.

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2025 HDA Winner, Katharine McPhee and Sgt. Bo



President Donald J. Trump



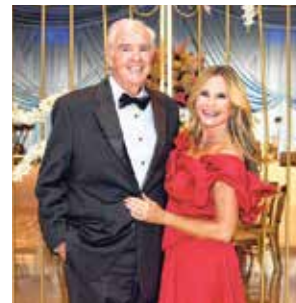
2024 HDA Winner, Bo and David Rowland



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Lady in Red Gala Celebrates 32 Years

Community leaders and supporters gathered at The Breakers Palm Beach for the 32nd Annual Lady in Red Gala hosted by LIFE. The sold-out themed masquerade gala featured performances by The Temptations, comedian Rita Rudner, and raised more than \$1 million for LIFE's charity partners. The event was chaired by Lois Pope alongside

Suzi Goldsmith. Honorary Chair Ari Rifkin and Co-Chairs Marti LaTour, Mike and Diana Retzer, Gail Worth and Frank Orenstein. The evening supported veterans' service dogs, children's nutrition and vision care, and veterinary services for families in need.



Gala Chairs Suzi Goldsmith and Lois Pope

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The Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope hosted its 6th Annual *Dance the Night Away Gala* at The Breakers Palm Beach, raising \$1.4 million for local families facing cancer. The evening featured ballroom performances by 12 dancers, judged by Susan Lucci and Miss America 2026 Cassie Donegan. Gala Chairs Melissa Butterworth and Marina Galli, with

Grand Honorary Chairs Barbara and Al Marulli, led the event, honoring Rosalyn Yellin with the Lois Pope People's Choice Award and Liz Rohaidy as Top Dancer. Funds raised support CAHH's programs assisting cancer patients and their families in Palm Beach County.

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Honoree Rosalyn and Jonathan Yellin



Gala Chairs, Melissa Butterworth and Marina Galli



Grand Honorary Chairs Barbara and Al Marulli



Beth and Fred Lane



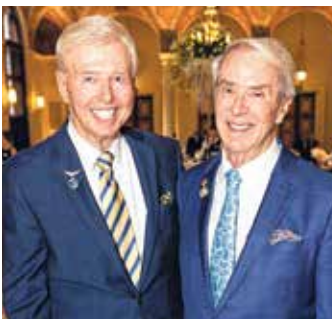
Miss America, Cassie Donegan, Susan Lucci



The 2026 6th Annual Dance the Night Away Performers



The Late Richard Marcel Hurtado



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Lisa and John Bagocius



Mark and Barbara Zand



Michael and Evelyn Treacy



Robin Fleming and Lora Drasner



Stanton Collemer and Derek Hough

Fighting Chance Brings Community Together

Fighting Chance held its 4th Annual Fundraiser at the Palm Beach Yacht Club, bringing together supporters to raise funds for free counseling and support services for cancer patients and their families. The evening featured remarks from Wendy Moonan and

a tribute performance by Jonathan Garcia honoring Theodore "Ted" Conklin III. The event underscored the organization's mission to ensure no one faces cancer alone.



Wendy Moonan, Duncan Darrow

PHOTOS BY ANNIE WATT



Jonathan Garcia



Annette and Mitch Theiss



Lynn Tishman, Sofie Georgiou



Ateeq Ahmed, Ginny McIlvaine, Renny Reynolds



Carol and Peter McNierney



Diane and Tony Rutgers



John and Adrienne Lipscomb



Steve Saslow, Melissa Medrano



John Tangney, Susan Bennett, Patti Frank, Andrew Arthur



Lisa Standiford, Mariam Roberts

DTR Hosts Hunt Slonem Reception

Hunt Slonem was celebrated at an opening reception at DTR Modern Galleries in Palm Beach. The exhibition featured a new collection of his signature birds, butterflies, and bunnies. Known

for his bold, expressive style, Slonem's work blends color, repetition, and movement inspired by nature. The show drew collectors and art enthusiasts to experience his latest vibrant pieces.



Bryan Walsh, Artist Hunt Slonem, Ted Vassilev



Alara Hewstan and Hunt Slonem



Neydis Rojas and Misael Plasencia, Zarova Vodka creators



Josh Greenbert and Malcom Hartley-Urquhart



Victoria Ragusa and Barbara Culic of Pratesi Linens



Paul Bernabeo, Lynn Cohen, Bryan Walsh, David Cohen



Harrison Morgan, Hunt Slonem, Guy Clark

211 Hosts Casino Royale Evening

211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast hosted its Spring Celebration: A Casino Royale Evening at The Colony Hotel to support its 24/7 crisis services. The event was led by chairs Cathryn Donaldson and Rebecca Dubois, with honorary chairs Harry and Valerie Cooper, Guy Clark, Harrison Morgan,

including remarks by the President and CEO Ty Barnes. Guests enjoyed auctions supporting programs that connect local residents to critical resources, including mental health care, housing, and emergency assistance.

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Event Chairs Cathryn Donaldson and Rebecca Dubois



Diane Jehle and President and CEO of 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast, Ty Barnes



Honorary Chairs, Harrison Morgan, Valerie Cooper, Guy Clark



Austin Adderly and Achara Marshall



Cathy Hershcopf and Myles Fuchs



Georgia Mouzakis and Michael Wise



Johnna and Larry Pomasan



Ken and Dawn Kettner



Veronica Webb and Chris Del Gatto



Eleanor and Ruben Rodriguez



Clayton Of TD Bank and Rebecca Tadler



Ana Barretto, David and Nelly Azar Lumia



Ray Ellis, Steve Hill, Lee Williams, Ty Barnes



Trent and Jessica Swift



Steven Laconte and John Deese



Geri Emmitt and Michael Magnani



Issane and Sandy Fisher

Old Bags Luncheon in Palm Beach

The Center for Family Services hosted its signature Old Bags Luncheon at The Breakers Palm Beach, raising record funds to support local mental health services. The event brought together influential community members to celebrate fashion and philanthropy, featuring Priscilla Presley as the

celebrity speaker and the RobertJames-designed OBL 2026 IT Bag. The luncheon highlights the center's mission to provide mental health support to families facing trauma, economic hardship, and other challenges.

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James Norton



Miss America, Cassie Donegan



Jean Shafiroff



Karen Swanson



Priscilla Presley



Lora Drasner, Marzia Precoda



Todd L'Herrou, Alyssa D. Quinlan



Dr. Charles and Anna Pierce, Dr Ruth Celestin, Mia and Dr. Norman Rowe

Kravis Center Gala Dazzles with Magic

The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts hosted its annual Gala, The Conjurer's Ball: An Evening of Illusion and Magic, in West Palm Beach. The sold-out evening featured Tony Award winner Nicole Scherzinger in a mesmerizing performance and dinner, interactive magic, and dancing. Chaired by Kristen and David Lambert and Renay and William A. Meyer, with Sherry and

Tom Barrat as honorary chairs, the event brought together the community in support of the arts. It raised funds for the Kravis Center's artistic and education programs, ensuring continued access to transformative arts experiences for students and the community.

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Tony Award winner Nicole Scherzinger



Gala Chairs Bill and Renay Meyer



Gala Chairs David and Kristen Lambert



Honorary Chairs Tom and Sherry Barrat



Aggie and Jeff Stoops



Phyllis and William Mack



Sondra and David Mack



Steve and Joanna Sanders



Wes and Madeline Finch

DAN'S COLUMN

Canada, the 51st State



CARTOON BY DAN RATTINER

BY DAN RATTINER

So, President Donald Trump is angling to take over Canada and make it the 51st State. It will make a beautiful addition to the United States, he says.

It's been said that history repeats itself. And America trying to get Canada attached has happened before. Several years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, an American army was sent up to Canada to try to make that happen. Among those sent were members of the East End's Bridgehampton militia.

In 1773, the British demanded that the American colonies pay a tariff on tea. In response, citizens of Boston dressed up as Indians, climbed aboard British ships docked there and dumped hundreds of crates of British tea into the harbor. Infuriated, King George III sent soldiers to punish the Bostonians.

Many Bostonians were arrested or killed, causing leaders of the 13 colonies to assemble in Philadelphia for a Continental Congress.

What should they do about this? Should they fight?

They met twice, once in the fall of 1774 and then in the spring of 1775, at which time they hired George Washington to create a continental army out of the 13 militias and drive the Brits out of Boston. The British waited for them. Death or imprisonment awaited those rebels who would fight the redcoats. But fight them they did.

Late in the fall of 1775, George Washington, headquartered in the outskirts of Boston, ordered some of his militiamen to march up the Hudson River and attack Canada. The Canadians were a British colony being oppressed just as we were. Have them join with our cause.

In November, an American army, one part Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys and the other some Continentals led by Benedict Arnold, sailed up the Hudson intent on chasing the British from Montreal and Quebec. In the late evening of their second day on the water, the Americans approached Fort Ticonderoga, a fortress the British had built on the Hudson. Two hun-

dred powerful cannons sat atop the fort's walls. Its officers, firing them, could stop any enemy that might want to pass.

That night, the Americans launched a surprise attack, overwhelming the British asleep in their beds. The British surrendered without a fight. After leaving 40 rebels to guard the prisoners, the Americans proceeded further north, now meeting up with Gen. Richard Montgomery and his troops who had come up a different way toward Canada.

In Philadelphia, the members of the Continental Congress heard about the great victory at Ticonderoga. Contacting Washington in Boston, they asked him to have a force of nearly 300 men sent up to the Fort to march the British prisoners down to Philadelphia so they could be paraded past the Continental Congress.

By this time, in Boston, the redcoats controlled about half the city, which included the slips where the British ships were docked. They'd also built a high wall to keep Washington's soldiers away. Cannonballs lobbed over this wall kept this situation a stalemate.

Receiving the message from Philadelphia about Ticonderoga, Washington arranged for the Bridgehampton militia — about 400 ragtag farmers with rifles — to take the Ticonderoga prisoners to Philly. Marching off under a makeshift flag of 13 stars, they headed to Fort Ticonderoga to do the job. The parade in Philly took place in February 1775.

Meanwhile, Montgomery and Arnold launched the attack against the trapper town of Montreal in the middle of a winter blizzard. The Canadians didn't know what to make of it, and some resisted while others fled. Montreal fell. But Quebec, the headquarters for the British, was another matter. The Americans, suffering from the cold, disease, hunger, exhaustion, and battle wounds, attacked through the storm with only 500 men and failed to make headway. Then Montgomery got shot and died and Arnold ordered all the stragglers home. What a disaster.

Meanwhile, down in Boston, the most amazing thing happened. As the cannonball exchange continued, a young bookshop owner, Henry Knox, 24, asked for an audience with Washington. Wasn't it true there were 59 cannons now in our hands at Fort Ticonderoga? There were. Knox said he'd like to go get some of them.

He'd use oxen or horses to drag them back to Boston. It could be done. Washington said the winter cold was terrible, Ticonderoga was 300 miles away and each cannon weighs six tons, but if you want to try, go ahead.

Six weeks later, Knox, accompanied by farmers, friends, horses, and oxen, arrived in Boston with 50 of the largest cannons. They'd built 30 giant wooden sleds, tied the cannons to them and had 40 oxen drag the cannons through forests, streams, ponds and fields.

Everyone was astounded. Washington had the cannons secretly carried to the top of Dorchester Heights where, all at one time three nights later, they began firing cannonballs into the British compound. They were too high up and far away for the British cannons to get back at them. The British hauled anchor and fled. Amazing.

But the British did not go home to England. Instead, they sailed to New York, joining other shiploads of soldiers arriving to create a great army of 30,000 redcoats who then defeated and drove off the entire rebel army (including the Bridgehampton militia) in what became known as the Battle of Long Island.

Years later, long after the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776 and the British subsequent surrender, an old beat-up flag was found in the attic of a private home in Bridgehampton. This was about 1926. It is on display in Riverhead today at the Suffolk County Historical Society and is believed to be the flag that John Hulbert's Bridgehampton Militia carried into Philadelphia in 1775. This was two years before Betsy Ross. Canada will remain Canada, thank you very much. At least for now. We'll have to see what happens after Iran.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Beachway Holistic Wellness Center Launches in West Palm Beach

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Award-winning recovery and treatment facility Beachway Therapy Center unveiled a newly constructed wellness building and grounds designed to enhance trauma-informed, whole-person care for individuals in recovery at its West Palm Beach location.

The Beachway Holistic Wellness Center's key features include a dedicated massage therapy suite, meditation and mindfulness space, an on-site salon supporting dignity and self-care, as well as purpose-built areas for experiential and integrative therapies. The standalone wellness building and Zen-inspired garden spaces have been intentionally designed to support nervous system regulation, emotional safety, and connection, center leaders said.

"Beachway Holistic Wellness Center will support nervous system regulation by helping clients develop greater awareness of their physiological state," said Carrie Carlton, Beachway's chief clinical officer.

Beachway, which has a second location in Princeton, New Jersey and is recognized as one of the nation's top 10 facilities/providers of mental health and substance abuse treatment services, also offers sound healing, body-based trauma therapies, mindfulness practices, and other experiential modalities.

Beachway Therapy Center is located at 1700 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. For more information call 877-284-0353 or visit beachway.com



BEACHWAY THERAPY CENTER

The Vineta Hotel Returns to Palm Beach After Long-Awaited Renovation

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Germany-based luxury hotelier celebrated the recent much-anticipated reopening of The Vineta Hotel following a three-year restoration of the historic high-end boutique hotel in Palm Beach that was previously known as The Chesterfield.

The Mediterranean Revival hotel is part of The Oetker Collection, a family-run group of ultra-luxury hotels worldwide and is the company's first property in the United States — and is one of a dozen hotels that are a part of the company's prestigious Masterpiece Hotel group. Leading interior designer Tino Zervudachi curated the extensive renovations in which the space was reduced from 57 to 41 rooms, offering guests more spacious accommodations.

"In homage to an illustrious history dating back 100 years, The Vineta Hotel has been restored to its former splendor," Oetker stated on its website. "Two blocks away from Worth Avenue in the heart of Palm Beach, The Vineta embodies the elegant, artistic life of a destination famed for its restaurant scene, designer boutiques and noteworthy galleries."

The landmark hotel was originally called Lido-



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THE VINETA HOTEL REOPENED ON FEB. 28, 2026

Venice when it first opened in 1926 and was later renamed The Vineta — a moniker that stuck for about a half century — until it changed names to The Chesterfield in 1989.

The four-story, pup-friendly hotel features assorted dining concepts, including Coco's serving Mediterranean-style cuisine, The Vinetta Bar for classic cocktails, and The Pool House for lunch and snacks in a shady al fresco environment.

The Vineta Hotel is located at 363 Coconut Row in Palm Beach. For more information, call 561-270-1500 or visit oetkerhotels.com/hotels/the-vineta-hotel

211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Launches Raffle for Electric Moke to Support Community Services

BY MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast is holding a spring 2026 raffle offering participants a chance to win a limited-edition electric vehicle while supporting community services across the region.

The nonprofit is raffling a 007 San Monique Moke, a street-legal electric vehicle inspired by James Bond-themed design elements. The vehicle features blue seating and branded details and is intended for both recreational and everyday use. The estimated value of the prize is about \$23,000, with a minimum value of \$20,000 pending official appraisal.

Raffle tickets are priced at \$50 each, with each purchase counting as one entry. The raffle is open to Florida residents age 18 and older. The

drawing is scheduled for April 2026, with the exact date and time to be announced.

Proceeds from the raffle will support the organization's operations across its five-county service area. 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast provides a range of services, including emotional support, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and referrals to local health and human service resources.

Founded more than 55 years ago, the nonprofit operates as a 501(c)(3) organization and serves individuals and families seeking assistance with a variety of needs. Officials said funds raised through the raffle will help maintain access to services for those seeking support.

Additional information, including official rules and eligibility requirements, is available through the organization's raffle sales platform.

NEWS & VIEWS

Toast to Cuban American Couple in West Palm Debuting Sipping Vodka with Style

BY CLAUDE SOLNIK

Misael Plasencia and Neydis Rojas won the lottery. And you could say they used that lottery ticket to start a business that made them key figures in the West Palm real estate market – and now to launch Zarovka luxury vodka.

They started with conventional careers in Cuba. Rojas studied finance and accounting and Plasencia studied engineering, both in Cuba, where they met in Havana. They married and in 1998, the United States opened enrollment for at least 20,000 visas from Cuba.

That’s when the “lottery,” like lightning, struck from the sky. Plasencia won the visa lottery in 2002 that led to their emigration and life as entrepreneurs.

“If you won \$10 million in a lottery today, how would you feel? It’s the same feeling,” Rojas said recently in West Palm Beach. “We were in our 20s. We didn’t know what we would do.”

Plasencia said they traveled to West Palm Beach, where some of his family had settled, beginning a new life and eventually a new business, assembling a portfolio of properties.

“In Cuba, if you win the lottery to come here, it’s amazing,” he added.

Nearly 25 years later, they have become a Cuban-American success story, not “because” of luck, but labors of love – first flipping houses, then assembling a large real estate portfolio, and now launching a high-end vodka brand, Zarovka, carving out a niche in Florida with plans to begin selling in New York.

“We did 3,000 bottles of each color,” Rojas said. “To keep it a luxury, it has to be a small batch.”

Their luxury vodka, produced in limited editions, is distilled eight times (in Fort Myers) and filtered with technology designed to purify. It retails for just under \$100,



ZAROVKA VODKA IS A GROWING BRAND, BASED IN PALM BEACH.

is Kosher, sugar-free, non-GMO, additive-free and vegan, they say.

The Black Bottle vodka is crafted

from American corn; the Blue Bottle is made from 100% blue agave from Jalisco, Mexico; and the White

Bottle is distilled from grapes from France’s Champagne region.

“Agave is trendy, so we wanted to

ZARIVA VODKA

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do it," Rojas said. "More people are drinking and getting involved with agave."

The name is designed to fit a luxury brand.

"We wanted a good name that sounded Palm Beachy, Russian or luxury," Rojas said.

The vodkas are presented in beautiful bottles, and boxes, where packaging is part of the product. "It's not sold in a typical bottle," Rojas added. "A perfume factory made the bottle and the box."

While most vodkas typically are mixed with other drinks, this vodka doesn't need to be.

"We call it the sipping vodka," Plasencia said. "It's smooth."

The married couple, who grew up in Los Palacios, Pinar del Río, met in college.

"We are from the same town. We worked in the same town," Rojas said. "But we met in Havana."

Plasencia worked in the beverage industry in Cuban sugar mills, and Rojas worked in hospitality and brand building at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba and fragrance house Suchel Camacho.

Plasencia learned distillation from master rum makers, ranging from heat control to fermentation cycles, column purity and patience.

"When I graduated, I went to the sugar factory. In Cuba, sugar factories have wine distilleries inside," Plasencia said. "Distillation and fermentation were part of my work in Cuba."

After winning the visa lottery, they settled in West Palm Beach, surrounded by and gradually learning English.

"We don't speak perfectly English, but we have the opportunity here to do what we want and build a brand," Rojas said. "We can do it here. This is America."

Even before they spoke English, they were cleaning places such as Saks Fifth Avenue in Palm Beach.

"We started working," she said. "We took a lot of classes and we took risks."

Plasencia's family was in the cleaning business with 13 employees, which they joined, before selling the cleaning company and buying houses to fix and flip.



MISAEEL PLESENCIA AND NEYDIS ROJAS OF ZAROVA VODKA.

Then one of his uncles lent them money which they used to buy land in Fort Myers, which doubled in value quickly. "It was a crazy time," Rojas said.

They got licensed as real estate agents in 2007, using connections and access to do deals for others and themselves.

"We were part of the team who took care of the bank-owned properties," she said, noting they bought foreclosed properties. "We started investing, taking classes and learn-

ing how to invest in real estate."

As real estate agents, they have a large client list, but focus primarily on residences used for profit.

"We have a big list of investors," Rojas said. "They don't care about the color of the wall. If they're going to make a profit, they're in."

Zarovka is sold online at zarovavodka.com, Florida liquor stores, nightclubs, hotels, and as far as the Hard Rock Ventana restaurant in the Dominican Republic.

"In Cuba, if somebody pays for a

T-shirt or whatever \$500, it's too much," Plasencia said of the absence of a luxury market there. "This is the salary for a doctor all year in Cuba."

He studied AI and also studied business in a special program in Scotland in 2022, including "how to make a luxury company."

"We made Zarovka for gifts," Plasencia said of bottles, boxes and quality vodka. "Some people buy it as a gift."

They have been giving bottles to celebrities such as Martha Stewart, who agreed to let them take her picture, which is on their website.

The Cuban community has supported this launch, including online Cuban publications which generated interest and income. "It went viral," Rojas said.

They have two children, Alex, 12, and Analy, nine, and are busy living the life that the lottery ticket made possible with a lot of work.

"This is the American dream. We never thought we could go as far as we are," Rojas said. "We keep the work and the office and the house with kids. And then we try to be a family and forget about work."

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"This is the American dream. We never thought we could go as far as we are," said co-founder Neydis Rojas

POWER LIST

Dan's Papers Palm Beach Power List Celebrates the Regions Most Influential Leaders at The Colony Hotel



DAN'S PAPERS PALM BEACH POWER LIST 2026 HONOREES GATHERED AT THE COLONY HOTEL ON TUESDAY

BY DAN'S STAFF

On a warm Tuesday evening, March 10, in Palm Beach, The Colony Hotel was once again the backdrop for one of the region's most anticipated gatherings. Schneps Media's Dan's Papers Palm Beach brought together the county's most dynamic professionals, philanthropists, and community builders for the annual Palm Beach Power List, an evening less about ceremony and more about the collective energy of people who are genuinely shaping the region and beyond.

A lively VIP Honoree Power Hour set the tone, and by the time honorees took their seats, the room hummed with the kind of electricity that only comes from putting the right people in the same space. These weren't just titles and business cards— they were advocates, builders, and trailblazers, each recognized for the distinct mark they've left on Palm Beach County.

Honoring Impact Across Every Sector

The honoree list this year spanned industries: banking, law, finance, higher education, nonprofit, marketing, and real estate among them — reflecting just how many differ-

ent forces are driving Palm Beach forward. For those stepping into the spotlight for the first time, the experience was equal parts humbling and galvanizing.

Kristin Calder, CEO of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, arrived with a sense of purpose that went beyond personal recognition. "I'm honored to be a Palm Beach Power List honoree. Walking the red carpet and cheering on fellow honorees made it even more special," she said. "I'm grateful to Schneps Media and Dan's Papers for highlighting literacy and the important work the Literacy Coalition is doing in Palm Beach County."

That same sense of shared purpose carried through the room. Palm Beach State College President Ava L. Parker, JD, described the honor as an amplifier — a chance to introduce her institution to a broader audience. "We want the Palm Beach community to know that Palm Beach State College is everyone's college," she said simply. The rapid economic growth sweeping the region had her particularly energized: "I'm excited about the opportunities it will bring to our students."

For Chris Palmer, Managing Part-



CHRIS PALMER AND GUESTS AT COCKTAIL HOUR

ner at Cullen and Dykman LLP, the night offered a moment to plant a flag. His firm carries more than 175 years of institutional history, but its Palm Beach presence is new. "Being recognized truly is an honor but it is one I share with my entire law firm," he said. "We are a full service firm and thrilled to be in Palm Beach focusing on our service to the banking and financial sector and the wealth planning community."

It was, in many ways, an introduction as much as a celebration.

The Power of Being in the Room

Part of what makes the Power List distinct is what happens between the remarks, the introductions made over cocktails, the conversations that spark new collaborations, the simple act of seeing who else is at the table. Honoree after honoree pointed to that connective tissue as one of the evening's most lasting gifts.

Rick Slater, Managing Principal for Palm Beach & Broward at Kaufman Rossin, called the ceremony "creative, innovative and a true celebration from start to finish." His firm has long believed in the momentum building here: "We are excited to be a part of the area's continued growth and prosperity."

Clayton Tadler, TD Bank's Senior VP and Regional VP for Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast, has been a familiar face at Power List events — and his enthusiasm hasn't dimmed. "It is truly empowering to connect with the individuals who are making a difference in Palm Beach County and build relationships to further our reach into the community," he said after the event. For Tadler, the



CARMEN GARCIA

evening isn't just recognition — it's fuel.

Max McNamara, CEO & Cofounder of Sky Cap Corp, put it perhaps most directly: "Events like this are a reminder that the spirit of Palm Beach is rooted in people who care deeply about their community. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of a circle that continues to uplift and support one another while working to create positive change."

Lauren Schumacher, Board Member of the Tree of Life Foundation International, reflected on the deeper meaning of the gathering: "It was an honor to be recognized with and connected to all of the hearts that are making such an impact in lives of others brought together, that were chosen with such taste, by Vicki and Schneps Media. The work we do at the Tree of Life Foundation — it takes a community of fellow-servants rooted in love, to serve all of those in need, in unity and with compassion. Schneps Media's Palm Beach Power List event unified compassionate hearts, and for that I was truly honored to be a part of."

Chef Jennifer Parker, Founder of Evolved Catering & Events, arrived with a mix of gratitude and genuine delight at finding herself surrounded by such a diverse group of achievers. For her, being named to the Power List wasn't just a professional milestone, it was a personal one. "It's such an honor to be nominated and considered a community leader. I'm very proud of that," she

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said. "To know that the community is recognizing all of my hard work is a very nice feeling." The evening also brought unexpected connections: "I met Ted Vassilev tonight, who is an amazing art collector. It's just very inspirational to meet all of these amazing people who are doing great things around the Palm Beach area and New York."

A Revolution Wrapped in Sophistication

Perhaps no voice captured the larger cultural moment more vividly than Carmen Garcia, President, Founder & CEO of CRG Marketing Group. A proud Cuban-American who has built her career in a world that wasn't always designed to include her, Garcia sees Palm Beach's transformation in deeply personal terms.

"For so long, doors in places like this remained firmly closed to Latinas and women from diverse cultures," she said. "Today, with the explosive growth transforming Palm Beach and the entire county, those doors are finally being kicked wide open." She paused, then landed her thesis cleanly: "This isn't just progress, it's a revolution wrapped in sophistication."

The Best Is Yet to Come

As guests made their way out of The Colony into the warm Palm Beach night, the mood was not one of conclusion but of momentum. The honorees had spent an evening seeing one another and the conversations that started over dinner were clearly destined to continue long after the event wrapped.

That, perhaps more than any award, is what the Palm Beach Power List is really about: the recognition that the people in that room are building something together, whether they realize it or not. And if the energy of March 10 was any indication, they know it very well.

To learn more about the honorees, visit PalmBeachPowerList.com. For information on future events, visit SchnepsEvents.com or contact EventOps@SchnepsMedia.com.

2026 Palm Beach Power List Honorees

Catherine Applegate, Senior Director of Luxury Sales, Douglas Elliman



AVA L. PARKER, JD WITH GUESTS



CHEF JENNIFER PARKER STUTS DOWN THE RED CARPET



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POWER COUPLE David Bush, Community Advocate

Kristin Calder, Chief Executive Officer, The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

Iris Dankner, Founder, Holiday House

Carmen Garcia, President, Founder & CEO, CRG Marketing Group

Barbara M. Gilbert, President & CEO, BMG and Associates

ICON Louis C. Grassi, CPA, CFE, CEO, Founder, and Managing Partner, Grassi

Joshua Greenberg, Managing Director, Private Client Advisor, Bank of America Private Bank

POWER COUPLE Carrie Weekley Kaminski, A Legacy of Service, Stewardship, and Community Impact

POWER COUPLE Ron Kaminski, A Legacy of Service, Stewardship, and Community Impact

Melody Katz, Co-Director, Transcendental Meditation Program

Eric M. Kelly, MNM, MMS, Ed.D, President, Quantum Foundation

ICON Janet Levy, Philanthropist of the Year

ICON Catherine Loevner, Cultural Icon

Max McNamara, CEO & Co-Founder, Sky Cap Corp

POWER COUPLE Timothy Michael McVay, Esq., Community Advocate

Anna Medvedeva, Founder, AM Management Group

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Christopher H. Palmer, Managing Partner, Cullen and Dykman LLP

Ava L. Parker, JD, President, Palm Beach State College

Chef Jennifer Parker, Founder, Evolved Catering & Events

ICON Joanna Plafsky, Interna-

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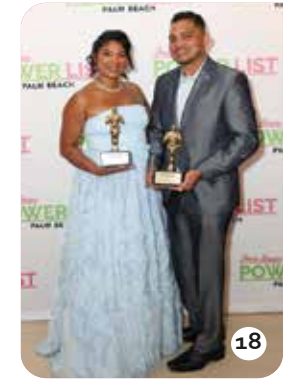
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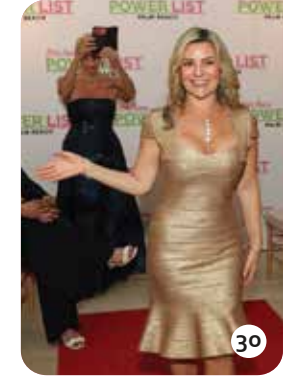
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Catherine Applegate
 SENIOR DIRECTOR OF LUXURY SALES
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Catherine Applegate serves clients in Palm Beach and Jupiter to Boca Raton, specializing in luxury residential sales with a personalized approach. With a background spanning five diverse careers she brings depth of experience and insight to real estate. She spent 12 years with the March of Dimes as a top fundraiser, later training staff and managing national accounts. She founded an OSHA consulting firm in Boston and next launched a yacht charter business while living on a houseboat for 5 years in Boston Harbor. A Clemson University architecture design graduate and licensed Realtor, she achieved \$42 million in 2025 sales and earned Douglas Elliman's Diamond Award (top 6% nationwide)



James M. Bandoblu Jr.
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James M. Bandoblu, Jr. is Managing Partner of Hodgson Russ LLP's Palm Beach office, driving the firm's Florida growth across estate and tax planning, probate, litigation, state and local tax residency, and tax controversy matters. He leads the Federal Tax Controversy Practice and advises on complex cross-border U.S. tax issues. Jim helps clients resolve federal, state, and IRS international reporting noncompliance, secures penalty abatements, and supports criminal tax cases. He frequently appears before the U.S. Tax Court and counsels clients on expatriation and citizenship renunciation. A sought-after speaker, he presents annual Federal Tax Updates and has spoken at the NYU Tax Controversy Forum.

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Robert S. Budd
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Robert S. Budd is the CEO/President of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), a nonprofit supporting individuals with diverse abilities through services like community living, employment, and education. Joining FREE in 1985, Budd became CEO in 2008, expanding the organization from a \$1M budget and 45 clients to a \$170M network serving over 5,000 individuals annually by 2024. He pioneered the Network structure for smaller organizations and a co-leader executive model. Actively serving on various boards, including ANCOR and NY Alliance for Inclusion, Budd is a certified executive coach, facilitator, and professor, recognized for leadership and innovation.

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David Crawford Bush
 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

David Crawford Bush spent 25 years in financial services, specializing in market expansion, business banking, and wealth management. He now serves as an adjunct professor at Point Park University's Rowland School of Business and as AVP in the University's Advancement Office. He sits on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Judiciary Investment Advisory Board and has held leadership roles with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Chatham University, and Chatham Baroque. A Pittsburgh Magazine 40 Under 40 honoree, he studied at Whittier College and Point Park University. He resides in Pittsburgh and Palm Beach with his husband, Timothy McVay.

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Timothy Michael McVay, Esq.
 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Timothy Michael McVay, Esq., spent 34 years with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, concentrating on contracts and real estate transactions. He now works with PNC Financial Services' Legal Department through Summit Procurement. Mr. McVay previously served on the boards of Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania, and the Pittsburgh AIDS Taskforce, among others. He attended Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University's Kline School of Law. He resides in Pittsburgh and Palm Beach with his husband, David Bush, and their two cats, Sprinkles and Sparkles.



Kristin Calder
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 THE LITERACY COALITION OF PALM
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Kristin Calder has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County since 2014, leading efforts to improve lives through literacy. She oversees a team of 28 staff, 30 AmeriCorps members, and more than 1,000 volunteers delivering programs that serve over 64,000 adults and children each year. With 30 years of leadership experience in South Florida's nonprofit sector, Kristin was named to the Palm Beach 100 List by Palm Beach Illustrated in 2024 and 2025. She completed executive education in nonprofit management through Harvard Business School and Florida State University and is a graduate of Marshall University. She lives with her husband, Glen, and their three children.

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Iris Dankner
FOUNDER
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Iris Dankner, a Carnegie Mellon University graduate with a BFA in Fine Arts, began her career in advertising at Lord & Taylor's New York flagship, rising to Art Director during her 13-year tenure. She later founded Iris Designs, now ID Creations by Iris Dankner. After a 1997 breast cancer diagnosis, she dedicated herself to philanthropy, serving on the Susan G. Komen Greater NYC board, chairing the Race for the Cure, and co-founding Teens for the Cure® with her daughters. In 2008 she created Holiday House, a designer showhouse supporting breast cancer research, with proceeds benefiting the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.



Carmen Garcia
PRESIDENT, FOUNDER & CEO
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Carmen Garcia is the President, Founder, and CEO of CRG Marketing Group, where she empowers emerging brands and ambitious entrepreneurs with strategic clarity. Passionate about mentoring young founders and immigrants, she uses marketing as a tool for empowerment and growth. Previously, as Executive Director of a nonprofit in Riviera Beach, she helped provide food to over 200,000 families annually. Her leadership is rooted in service, faith, and community. Carmen embodies the spirit of modern Palm Beach: purpose-driven, generous, and visionary. Her Palm Beach Power List recognition honors a woman who leads not for acclaim, but to uplift others meaningfully and lastingly.



Barbara M. Gilbert
PRESIDENT & CEO
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Barbara M. Gilbert, President & CEO of BMG and Associates, is a highly-regarded executive specializing in national and international finance, high net worth wealth management, and corporate banking. Her extensive M&A experience includes roles at major US wealth banks. As First Vice President, she was instrumental in helping Valley Bank grow from \$20 billion to \$68 billion in five years. Ms. Gilbert is a sought-after speaker on Women, Wealth, and Venture Capital, holding Series 7 and 66 licenses, CFRE, and CA designations. She serves on community boards, including Big Dog Ranch Rescue and the Barry Business School Board.

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Louis C. Grassi, CPA, CFE
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Louis C. Grassi, CPA, CFE, is the Founder and CEO of Grassi, the 52nd largest accounting firm in the nation and one of the largest employee-owned firms in the profession. Since founding the firm at age 24, Lou has led Grassi through over 45 years of industry evolution. A recognized leader in his field, Lou has earned prestigious accolades including being named a "Best-in-State CPA," and among the "Top 200 CPAs" in America by Forbes. His firm has received the ClearlyRated "Best of Accounting™ Award" for six consecutive years, with client satisfaction scores more than twice the industry average, and has been named a "Best of the Best" firm by INSIDE Public Accounting 15 times.



Joshua Greenberg
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Joshua has more than 25 years of experience in financial services advising high-net-worth individuals, family offices, foundations and endowments on complex wealth management needs. He specializes in working with sports franchise owners, real estate families, asset managers, entrepreneurs, and leaders in the art world. At Bank of America Private Bank, where he has spent over 20 years, Joshua provides integrated advice across investments, trust and estate planning, lending, and banking. He also advises collectors, artists, and galleries on art-backed financing and estate planning. Joshua frequently speaks on art market trends and supports major cultural institutions in New York and beyond.

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Carrie Weekley Kaminski & Ron Kaminski
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Carrie Weekley Kaminski and her husband, Ron Kaminski, share a life rooted in philanthropy, heritage, and purposeful community engagement. Raised in South Florida, Carrie carries forward a family legacy that helped shape the region's infrastructure through Weekley Asphalt Paving, founded in 1947. She extended that impact through leadership in public relations, industry advocacy, scholarships, and historic preservation, including service with the Florida Transportation Builders Association and the Old Davie School Historical Museum. Ron brings a distinguished executive career in the global home fashions industry, marked by design leadership and international growth. Together, they embody generosity, stewardship, and lasting community impact.



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Congratulations to all of the incredible honorees for this years Power List Palm Beach!
A special shout out to my talented, fun and inspiring mom Carmen Garcia who was one of those honored.
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Melody Katz
 CO-DIRECTS
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For over five decades, Melody Katz has been a respected leader in meditation and human potential, guiding individuals toward greater fulfillment and reduced stress. A certified Transcendental Meditation teacher since 1974, she has personally instructed more than 2,000 people. Her work, including serving as a Director for Transcendental Meditation Centers and Co-Director of the Palm Beach and Broward Counties program, extends from inner-city schools to leading corporations. She is also a certified Maharishi Yoga instructor. Melody's dedication to service and compassion has helped countless individuals achieve their fullest potential. In recognition of her lifetime commitment, she has been named to the Palm Beach Power List for 2026.



Eric M. Kelly, MNM, MMS, Ed.D
 PRESIDENT
 QUANTUM FOUNDATION

Dr. Eric M. Kelly is a philanthropic leader advancing an "opportunity for all" agenda as President of Quantum Foundation. He leads efforts addressing social, economic, and health inequities in South Florida, structuring the region's only Purpose-Built Community and launching Palm Beach Venture Philanthropy to drive redevelopment in historically disinvested neighborhoods. He has partnered with Stephen Ross and the Related Ross Foundation to support community development. Eric holds degrees from Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, Moody Theological Seminary, University of Southern California, and is pursuing a doctorate at Liberty University.

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Janet Levy
 PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

Janet Levy, a Palm Beach resident for over 16 years and co-founder of the Janet and Mark Levy Charitable Foundation, began her career founding J & S Office Furniture and Interiors before dedicating herself to motherhood and community service. After recovering from a major stroke in 2002, she relocated to Palm Beach, where she champions medical research, chairs galas, and serves on multiple boards. Honored as 2022 Charity Volunteer of the Year, she and her husband donated one million dollars to the University of Miami for neurological research. In 2024, she co-founded Palm Beach Ray of Hope, supporting local nonprofits.

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Catherine Loevner
 CULTURAL ICON

Catherine Loevner, a dedicated philanthropist of the arts, was influenced by her father's WWII food pantry in Italy. After attending Bryn Mawr College and FIT, she moved to Pittsburgh, where she married Mark H. Loevner. Together, they established the Catherine and Mark H. Loevner Family Foundation, supporting various causes including the arts, museums, and medical research. Catherine, honored as a Woman of Distinction in Philanthropy, has 47 years of community service, and serves on multiple boards, including the Senator John Heinz History Center and the Gracie Mansion Advisory Board. She is the mother of Caroline and Dianna Loevner and stepmother to Dr. Laurie Ann Loevner.



Max McNamara
 CEO & CO-FOUNDER
 SKY CAP CORP

Max McNamara is the CEO and Co-Founder of Sky Cap Corp, a specialized medical repatriation company he launched in 2011 with his husband, Joseph. After identifying a major gap in the travel industry, Max helped develop a model focused exclusively on complex medical transport cases handled with precision, discretion, and clinical expertise. With a background in marketing, brand strategy, and medical escort operations, he drives business development, crisis coordination, and strategic partnerships. Under his leadership, Sky Cap has assisted thousands of travelers worldwide, earning a reputation for reliability, responsiveness, and compassionate, human-centered service.



Anna Medvedeva
 FOUNDER
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In Palm Beach's refined landscape, success demands more than ambition—it calls for discretion, resolve, and commitment to freedom and faith. Anna Medvedeva, founder of AM Management Group, exemplifies these values. An economist and mother of four, she advises families and international investors on complex real estate and enterprise ventures. Her journey from the constraints of her youth to the opportunity of the American Dream shaped her respect for liberty and fiscal responsibility. Active in the Palm Beach Civic Association, Anna entered public service to safeguard the community's economic vitality and traditions. For discerning Palm Beach residents, she represents principled leadership.

CATHERINE LOEVNER

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Michelle Mendez is a distinguished international real estate broker with 25+ years of expertise in luxury and commercial properties. As Founder of Platinum Preferred Realty, she serves high-net-worth clients globally, specializing in complex transactions and wealth positioning. She's also an Ambassador for Pegasus Floating City, representing innovative luxury living. Beyond real estate, Michelle founded AlternativeMedYES, a holistic wellness company emphasizing root-cause healing and IV therapies, and contributes strategically to MEHA's global preventative healthcare initiative. Through the Hope & Grace Foundation, she facilitates philanthropic partnerships. Michelle uniquely integrates real estate, health innovation, and legacy-building to create multigenerational impact.

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Woody Michleb

**CEO
 WOODY MICHLEB BEAUTY SALON**

Woody Michleb is a top hair designer and award-winning salon owner, renowned in Palm Beach's beauty scene. His salon, located in The Palm Beach Towers, has been named "Best of Palm Beach" five years in a row and is a hub for elite clientele. Over his career, he has won multiple awards, including Colorist of the Year and a Lifetime Achievement Award. A former Intercoiffure board member, he is known for his expertise in blondes, natural extensions, and transformative styling. Woody also created his own hair product line, sold across the U.S. and in Palm Beach.



Christopher H. Palmer LLP

**MANAGING PARTNER
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Christopher H. Palmer is the Managing Partner of Cullen and Dykman and Chair of the firm's Banking and Financial Services Department. With nearly 30 years of experience, he advises commercial banks, institutional lenders, private equity funds, and financial institutions on complex commercial finance and real estate-backed transactions. Chris structures and closes financings across the capital stack, including commercial mortgages, construction loans, mezzanine debt, bridge facilities, CMBS, portfolio lending, and syndicated transactions. He also counsels clients on regulatory compliance, diligence, restructurings, workouts, and creditors' rights. In response to growing Florida-based activity, Chris led the opening of the firm's Palm Beach office to better serve clients throughout the region.



Ava L. Parker, J.D.

**PRESIDENT
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Ava L. Parker, J.D., is president of Palm Beach State College, the first woman to lead the institution since its founding in 1933. Serving 40,000 students across five campuses, PBSC has achieved record enrollment and national recognition for innovation in technology and workforce development under her leadership. She spearheaded development of a Quantum Workforce Innovation Center and helped bring TGL, the tech-infused golf league co-founded by Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, to campus. Previously, she served as executive vice president of Florida Polytechnic University and on the Florida Board of Governors, championing education and economic mobility.



Chef Jennifer Parker

**FOUNDER
 EVOLVED CATERING & EVENTS**

Chef Jennifer Parker is the founder of Evolved Catering & Events, delivering luxury catering, private dining, jet catering, and unforgettable culinary experiences across Palm Beach and beyond. She is also the creator of the Palm Beach Supper Club, an elevated dining series celebrating seasonal menus, artistry, and connection. Holding a master's degree in Food and Nutrition Policy, Jennifer blends culinary excellence with wellness focused performance nutrition for executives, athletes, and distinguished clients. Her career includes cooking for Duchess Sarah Ferguson, Tony Robbins, Cuba Gooding Jr., Jack Nicklaus, and other notable golfers, and she cooks annually at The Masters. Community focused.

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Joanna Plafsky

**INTERNATIONAL FILM PRODUCER &
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Joanna Plafsky is an international film producer and philanthropist. She founded Radiance Films and co-founded Nu Image (Millennium Films), producing hits like "Sixteen Blocks" and "88 Minutes." Plafsky's recent work includes "The Comedian," "The Yellow Birds," and the Oscar-winning "SKIN." She also produced "The Kindergarten Teacher" and "Driveways," among others. Her latest projects include "Slingshot" and "American Sweatshop," premiering at SXSW 2025. Plafsky serves on the David Lynch Foundation board, creating its Cinematic Arts school and co-producing documentaries. She is a Transcendental Meditation teacher, committed to unity and higher consciousness.



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Lou Grassi

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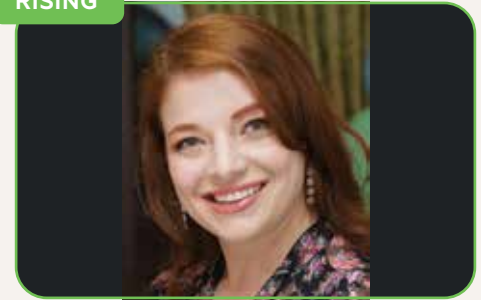
Lois Pope is one of America's leading philanthropists and the nation's foremost advocate for disabled veterans. She spearheaded the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial and helped establish October 5 as a National Day of Honor for disabled veterans. A champion of animal welfare, she created programs and monuments honoring military service dogs, founded Pups4Patriots, and supports American Humane initiatives. Her philanthropy spans healthcare, children's hunger relief, refugee aid, vision and neurological research, and education. Founder of LIFE and the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, she has received numerous humanitarian honors for her extraordinary impact.



Diane Quinn
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As CEO of the Kravis Center, Diane Quinn is expanding programming, fundraising and community reach amid Palm Beach County's rapid growth. Previously she was Chief Creative Officer of Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group. She also led The American Repertory Theatre, Harvard's Institute for Advanced Theatre Training, Soulpepper Theatre Company and Festival of Classics. She holds an Honors Arts Specialist BA from the University of Toronto and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Executive Program for Arts Leaders. Locally, Diane sits on the board for Discover the Palm Beaches, the Forum Club and is active in IWF Palm Beach.

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Lauren Schumacher
BOARD MEMBER
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Lauren Schumacher began her career in fashion, earning a degree in Fashion Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She worked in couture, assisting a designer and contributing to high-end creative production. Although she loved the artistry of fashion, Lauren felt called to serve people in need and shifted her focus to humanitarian work with the Tree of Life Foundation International, where she has served as a board member since 2015. She has traveled to French Guiana, Brazil, Azerbaijan, and India supporting vulnerable communities. Locally, she continues her work through the Tree of Life Resource Center in Palm Beach County, providing essential resources to families facing hardship.

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Jean Shafiroff
QUEEN OF PHILANTHROPY

Jean Shafiroff is a philanthropist, humanitarian, TV host, and author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*. Known as the "First Lady of Philanthropy," she chairs and hosts numerous charitable events annually, supporting causes like women's rights, healthcare, underserved communities, and animal welfare. She serves on several nonprofit boards, including the NY Women's Foundation and Southampton Hospital Association. A Columbia University graduate with a background in physical therapy and finance, she's also a former investment banker. Jean hosts *Successful Philanthropy* on LTV and Sun20TV and has over 1.2 million Instagram followers at @JeanShafiroff.



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Rick Slater is Shareholder and Managing Principal of Kaufman Rossin's Palm Beach and Broward markets, leading client strategy and firm performance. Kaufman Rossin is Florida's largest independent CPA and advisory firm and a top 50 firm nationally. A trusted business connector in Palm Beach, Rick enhances the client experience across the firm and plays an active community role. With more than 30 years of tax and consulting expertise, he is known for hands-on leadership and innovation. Named to the 2025 Forbes America's Top 200 CPAs list, he serves on the Business Development Board of Palm Beach and FICPA's State Legislative Policy Committee.



Shelly Snoddy
IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL VICE
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT
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Shelly Snoddy is a seasoned legal counsel who practiced as a trial lawyer for over 35 years. She now serves as in-house legal counsel and VP of Coolspring Stone Supply, Inc., and is VP of her family's 65-year-old business, Golden Eagle Asphalt Inc., also sitting on the board of Golden Eagle Construction Co. A dedicated philanthropist, Shelly actively supports the Arts and veterans. She has raised over \$85,000 for Tunnels to Towers and will compete in the Palm Beach "Ray of Hope Dancing with the Stars" on March 27. She founded the non-profit WIW (Women Inspiring Women) and offers pro-bono legal counseling to crime victims. She is honored to be included in the Dan's Papers' Power Listers.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ICON

Jean Shafiroff

Recipient of the **Humanitarian of the Year Award** and celebrated as the **Queen of Philanthropy**, she is recognized for her extraordinary philanthropic leadership and dedication to charitable causes.

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Clayton Tadler

SENIOR VP / REGIONAL VP: PALM BEACH / TREASURE COAST
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Clayton A. B. Tadler is the Senior Vice President and Regional Vice President managing the Commercial Team for TD Bank in Palm Beach and Treasure Coast. With TD for 21 years, he previously held leadership roles in Manhattan and New York's Leasing Division, generating over \$100 million in new business. Before TD, he spent five years at Citicapital, earning four promotions. A University of Richmond graduate, Clayton is a trusted advisor in commercial banking. He enjoys boating, cars, golf, and cooking. A New York native, he lives in Palm Beach Gardens with his wife, Rebekah, and their miniature schnauzer, Augie.

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Ted Vassilev

PRESIDENT AND OWNER
DTR MODERN GALLERIES

Ted Vassilev is President and Owner of DTR Modern Galleries, a leading modern and contemporary art gallery with locations in Boston, Nantucket, New York (SoHo), Washington, D.C., and Palm Beach. Known for its strong focus on pop art, DTR Modern celebrates 20 years in Palm Beach and maintains exceptional relationships with artists and collectors through direct access to studios and estates. Ted holds a Master's degree in Art Market and Connoisseurship from Christie's and previously served at the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts. He is a founder of Winston Art Group and frequently speaks on art as an alternative investment.



Tania Vorsanger

ADVOCATE. SURVIVOR. A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND SERVICE.

Palm Beach Power List Honoree, Tania Vorsanger is a resilient advocate, a survivor of a mass shooting and a cancer warrior, who transforms personal adversity into meaningful service. Her mission is to uplift others through generosity and action. She is an active champion for organizations like Path to College, Place of Hope, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Ray of Hope, and Vita Nova, focusing on protecting and empowering vulnerable children, families, and animals in Palm Beach. She also created "58 Benefits of Gratitude" to support mass-shooting survivors and foster community healing.

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Reggie Williams

CEO
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Reggie Williams is a passionate, purposeful mortgage consultant, entrepreneur, and mentor with years of experience helping families and investors build generational wealth since 1997. As CEO of Goldlynk Charter LLC, he blends expert financial strategy with empathy, truth, and guiding clients through life changing decisions with clarity and care. Beyond business, Reggie is a committed mentor and faith driven leader who inspires people to grow in purpose, stewardship, and financial freedom. Leading with connection, service and a heart to elevate others.

We are proud to celebrate Rick Slater for being named to the 2026 Palm Beach Power List.

Rick's leadership extends far beyond our firm. Through his service with the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, he has helped drive meaningful progress across South Florida and strengthen the communities we serve.

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GSM earns revenue solely from the items and VIP experiences which they bring to the auction that get bid on — not a cut from the organizations' donated lots.

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In many instances, GSM Auctions does pledge drives for free — where they're not auctioning anything — to raise money for the organizations.



Howard Schwartz, founder of GSM Auctions.

"So, if they're doing a cancer related event, they may ask me to do a pledge where \$5,000 will pay for a child's transportation to and from treatments for an entire year," Schwartz says. "Twenty-five hundred dollars could help pay for research for pediatric cancer. A thousand dollars could help pay utility bills for a family going through with cancer treatments, and so forth."

In August, GSM Auctions will once again run the RAND Luxury auction at their event in



Howie Schwartz
- CEO & Auctioneer - GSM Auctions

Bridgehampton to benefit the Southampton Animal Shelter. East End Hospice, the Peconic Hockey Foundation and Ann Ligouri Foundation are other East End organizations they've partnered with over the years.

New this year is an exclusive meet-and-greet VIP experience on Sept. 18 with New York Knicks All-Star guard Jalen Brunson with signed photos, pictures with Brunson, open bar, food, and Q&A. Other VIP experiences include dinner for 10 guests

prepared in your home by celebrity chef Teruo Yoshioka, of Nobu fame, as well as on-field experiences with various pro sports teams. GSM also auctions off luxury excursions, such as private villas in Italy and Greece with unlimited wine, and a beachfront villa in Bali with guided tours of the area.

"They're really cool once-in-a-lifetime experiences that no matter how resourceful the attendees are, they wouldn't be able to acquire on their own," Schwartz says.

Many schools, charities, hospitals and other entities that run fundraisers may not be aware of the benefits of working with a company like GSM Auctions and its free services to enhance their events.

"They can cherry pick from our services, where they can utilize our live auctioneer and include our items or VIP experiences in their auction to supplement their donated lots," Schwartz says. "We coordinate the entire auction for them at no cost, including their donated lots into the auction and they still make 100% of the proceeds. We take the heavy lifting off their plate, and we do it for free."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Padina Bondar: Reclaiming Beauty from Refuse & What's Left Behind

DTR MODERN PRESENTS: PADINA BONDAR



SKETCH BY PADINA BONDAR

BY AVALON ASHLEY BELLOS

This month's *Dan's Papers Palm Beach* cover artist Padina Bondar is an internationally exhibited, award-winning designer and self-proclaimed "avid dumpster diver" best known for her technical skill and unique themes. She is a hybrid maker cleaning up the planet with style and finesse. A native of Iran, she was raised in Toronto, and now lives in New York. Her multicultural approach and inspirations lead to exciting new ideas and creations.

Here, Avalon Ashley Bellos offers an essay about the artist and her use of plastic bags and other found materials to create beautiful and thoughtful mixed media compositions and textiles.

Only the rarest of artists would look at a symbol of waste and perceive, not failure, but possibility. Padina Bondar is one of those rare figures.

There is a strange poetry in the afterlife of an overlooked object. Think of the familiar plastic bag — the translucent ghost drifting through crosswalks, pressed into storm drains, tangled like a forgotten ribbon in the branches of city trees. Its biography is brief, utilitarian, and embarrassingly human: designed for convenience, discarded without thought, destined for an eternity that outlasts its purpose.

But Bondar sees something else.

She collects the very materials society rejects and approaches them with the reverence usually reserved for fragile antiquities. Each plastic bag is washed, stripped, split, and slowly coaxed into something astonishing: fine twine, filament-level strands, and eventually lace that rivals the handiwork of Renaissance lacemakers.

Her process resembles a ritual rather than a technique — methodical, meditative, grounded in the belief that discarded matter contains a dormant intelligence waiting to be awakened.

This metamorphosis of refuse into luxury textile and artworks speaks to a deeper lineage within environmental and art history. Long before ecological crisis dominated political discourse, artists understood that material carries moral weight.

The Transcendentalists found virtue in communion with nature. The Land Artists of the late 20th century dug, carved, and sculpted the earth itself to expose humanity's estrangement from the land. Arte Povera confronted industrial excess through scarcity and subversion. Each of these movements predicted the anxieties of their time, offering a preview of the environmental reckoning to come.

Bondar extends that lineage into the present moment, where climate emergency is no longer philosophical but perilously real. Her work does not rest in critique; it operates as solution. The plastic bag — one of the most persistent artifacts of global consumption — is reborn as lace, the most delicate symbol of care, precision, and femininity. This inversion is intentional. The material retains its history while shedding its shame, asking viewers to reconsider the lifecycle of what they touch, discard, and ignore.

Collectors and institutions who understand the shifting terrain of contemporary aesthetics will recognize Bondar's significance immediately. Her pieces articulate a new model for value, one rooted in ecological responsibility and technical rigor rather than novelty or trend. The future of luxury — authentic luxury — will be defined by creators like her, who elevate the overlooked and propose an ethical vocabulary for beauty. Acquiring such work is not only an act of patronage; it is a gesture of cultural prophecy.

Bondar's textiles contain an exquisite contradiction: they are both fragile and forceful, romantic and confrontational, historically anchored and futuristically urgent. They embody the tension of our era — a world caught between the seduction of disposability and the necessity of reinvention. Her lace holds within its knots the record of a planet in crisis and the invitation to imagine a different fate.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Collecting 101: An Artist's Soul, a Businessman's Disposition



HARVEY MANES AND MERYL FEUER

BY DONNA SCHNEIER

That is what is said about Harvey Manes. An artist's soul, a businessman's disposition.

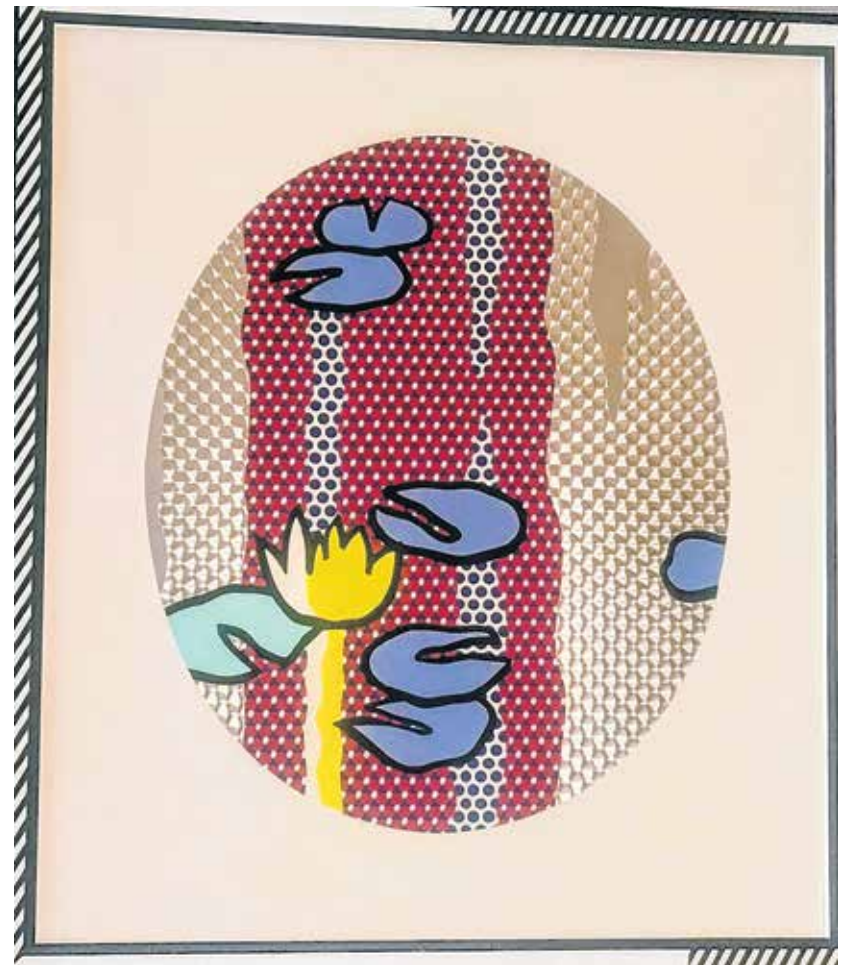
By writing his book *Collecting Art for Pleasure and Profit*, Manes showed the world that collecting art is a viable alternative to traditional investment opportunities. He has shown stock brokers, (Harvey is his own stockbroker), real estate agents, and financial advisors the monetary value of all kinds of art. He equipped them with the knowl-

edge to make the most of opportunities available in the art market. Manes spun the popular narrative that "art is for pleasure only" on its head.

"Art is more than an aesthetic," says Manes.

What made Harvey Manes? The child of a troubled, divorced home, his father nonetheless, regularly took him to the Brooklyn Museum. Manes roamed the galleries where art touched his soul.

In college, Manes majored in art history. He went to medical school



ROY LICHTENSTEI

to become a successful orthopedic surgeon. At last, Manes made real money.

Manes bought art and invested in the stock market. His unparalleled success is the rest of the story. Manes' passion for the arts included his encouragement of non-art institutions to collect and exhibit art.

He donated half a million dollars to the Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach for the creation of the Manes Art Center, the only synagogue known to have a significant collection of contemporary art, thanks to Harvey.

Manes' gifts, major and minor, are to museums, major and minor. He sits on the board of the Nassau County Museum and most recently gave the Boca Raton Museum in Florida, where he also sits on the board, \$10,000,000 for the soon to be constructed Manes School of Art.

Manes is the founder of The Manes Peace Prize Foundation

supporting charities or individuals and organizations that promote peace through art and education.

Manes has a favorite story. He spotted a 1581 El Greco with a badly damaged frame in the corner of a Sotheby's London showroom, authenticated by an El Greco expert. It didn't sell and Harvey bought it after the sale for \$150,000. The appraiser had never seen the work. Harvey found another El Greco expert, who, upon examining the work declared it to be one of the great lost El Greco's. He appraised it for \$140,000,000. Bravo Harvey!

Manes has a message for young collectors. Buy what you like and be patient. Art takes time to appreciate. Don't buy at the top of the market.

Emerging artists are not a certain thing. Like stocks, art rises and falls.

Harvey Manes' collection of Old Masters, Impressionists Contemporary and Emerging Artists is Legendary. So is Harvey Manes.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Danger Lurks in the Hamptons in New Thriller Novel 'The Hostess'

BY MICHAEL MALASZCZYK

A dream escape to the Hamptons quickly unravels into suspicion and fear in Courtney Psak's new psychological thriller, *The Hostess*, where a recovering woman begins to question whether her glamorous hostess is hiding something far more dangerous beneath the surface.

Set in Southampton, the novel follows Natalie, who retreats from the city with her husband after a traumatic accident. A peaceful stay in a luxurious guest house, owned by the mysterious Sadie, soon takes a darker turn as unsettling incidents mount and Natalie discovers that a previous guest vanished without a trace.

"As things start to become more sinister, Natalie starts to wonder, 'Who is Sadie? And why did she choose to rent to her in the first place?'" Psak said.

For Psak, the tension at the heart of *The Hostess* comes from a familiar contradiction: the allure of wealth and beauty masking something more troubling.

"I feel like people will ignore certain warning signs because everything looks so glossy and beautiful," she said. "You go into a beautiful home, and even if something feels off, you explain it away."

That idea — that appearances can deceive — drives the novel's suspense, especially as Natalie's own perception is called into question. Still recovering from a traumatic brain injury, she struggles to trust what she sees and hears, heightening the uncertainty as the story unfolds.

Psak said part of the inspiration also came from the rise of vacation rentals, where strangers temporarily inhabit unfamiliar spaces.

"Anytime you stay in one of these places, you kind of wonder — what happened here before me?" she said. "Could there be cameras? Has something bad happened?"

Though she had not spent signifi-



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COURTNEY PSAK, AUTHOR OF THE HOSTESS.

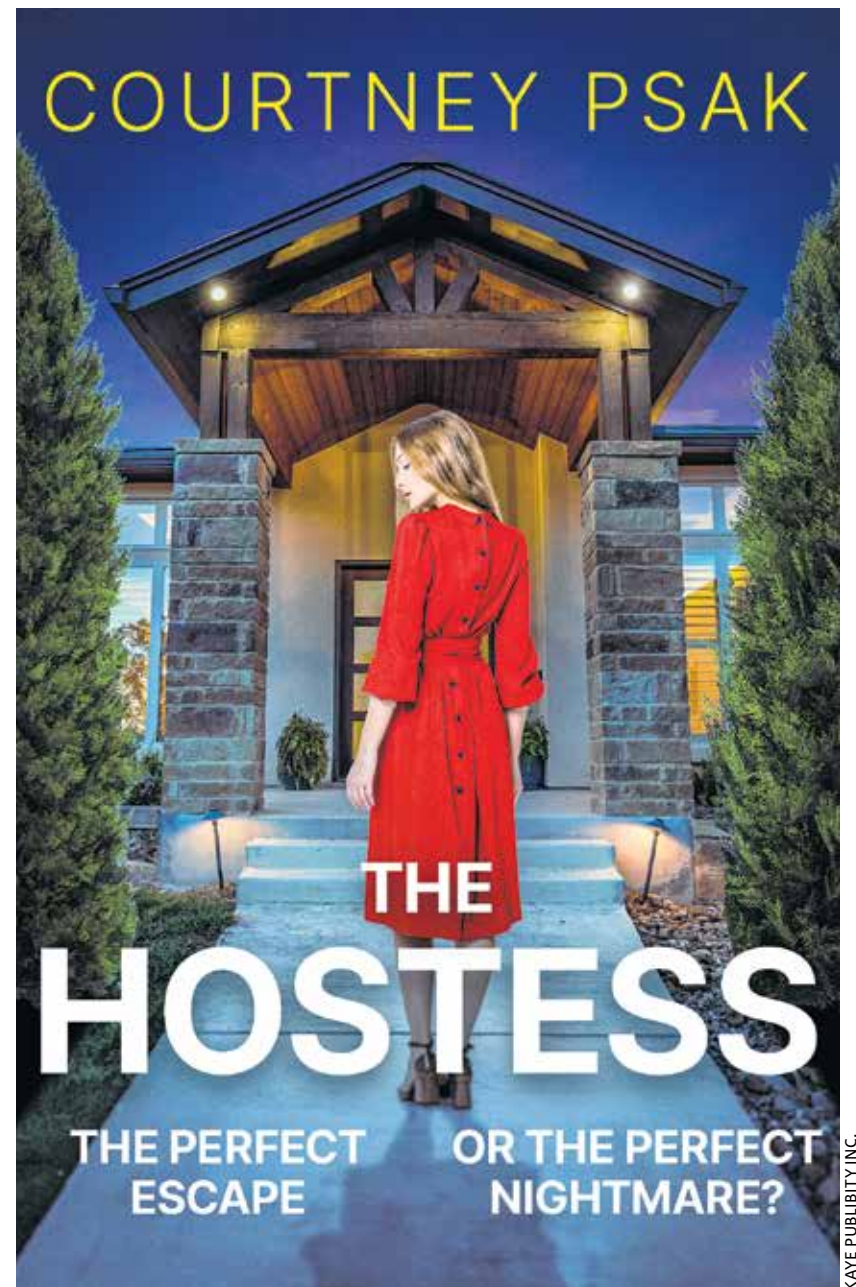
cant time in Southampton before writing the book, Psak later visited to ensure authenticity.

"I actually rented a car and drove around the town to make sure I had things accurate," she said. "How far things are, the feel of the area — that was important to me."

The paperback edition of *The Hostess* is set for release April 21, following earlier digital and audio-book editions.

Psak's journey to publishing began long before her author debut. A graduate of Monmouth University and Pace University, she started her career in magazines, working with outlets such as *Cosmopolitan*, *Self* and *Modern Bride*. But the 2008 financial crisis reshaped her path.

"I handed in my thesis on how bridal magazines survive recessions," she said. "Two days later,



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"THE HOSTESS" IS A MURDER MYSTERY SET IN THE HAMPTONS, WRITTEN BY PALM BEACH-BASED AUTHOR COURTNEY PSAK.

the magazine I was working at shut down."

She pivoted to a communications role at Viacom, while continuing to write fiction. In 2015, she self-published her first novel, *Thirty Days to Thirty*, which sold thousands of copies.

After taking time away to raise her children, Psak returned to writing with a focus on psychological thrillers, studying the genre closely before releasing *The Tutor* in 2025 as part of a three-book deal.

Her work often draws from affluent settings like Palm Beach and the Hamptons, where appearances

can be deceiving.

"A lot of people go from Palm Beach to the Hamptons in the summer," she said. "There's definitely a similar world there."

Psak is scheduled to appear at the Hamptons Whodunit Festival in April for a book signing and will also attend ThrillerFest in New York City later this year.

With *The Hostess*, she hopes readers will look beyond the surface — even in the most idyllic surroundings.

"Everywhere has its secrets," Psak said. "Even the most beautiful places."

Victoria's SECRETS

Victoria SCHNEPS-YUNIS



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What a Powerful Week

It was a week of power after power events, from Dan's Papers Palm Beach Power List to seeing the powerful art of Rembrandt at the Norton Museum of Art, to the powerful TM meditation talk, to DTR Modern Galleries welcoming artist Hunt Slonem, to the overflowing donors at the Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope's Dance the Night Away benefit — it truly was a week to remember!



Elizabeth & I at Tutto Mare



Celebrating my birthday with friends



Victoria Ragusa with Barbara Culic (Manager, Pratesi Linens)



Bryan Walsh (Gallery Director, DTR Modern Galleries) with Hunt Slonem & Ted Vassilev (Gallery owner)



Neydis Rojas & Misael Plasencia, Zarova Vodka creators



Rembrandt's exhibit at the Norton Museum of Art

I admit it: I planned the date of the Dan's Papers Palm Beach Power List to coincide with my birthday because I knew my daughter Elizabeth would visit me, since she runs the event, and it was a rousing success!

Walking the red carpet at the

event were extraordinary men and women who have given us all a better world. They each achieved great success in their fields and I was delighted to bring them together. Lucky me!

To celebrate my birthday, Elizabeth and I had dinner the next night at the newly opened Tutto Mare, whose spectacular waterfront views and elegant surroundings matched the superb food.

The sister to Tutto il Giorno in

the Hamptons, is owned by the talented beautiful couple Gabby Karan De Felice and her husband Gianpaolo. They are next door to the new Glazer Hall founded by another power couple Avie and Jill Glazer, who fought since 2020 to create the stunning performing arts center.

It was a magical night for dinner at the tip of the Royal Poinciana Plaza overlooking the sparkling scene of the Intercoastal waterway.

The next night, I was happy to meet again the celebrat-



Hunt with Harrison Morgan & Guy Clark

ed, incomparable artist Hunt Slonem, whose work graces the March cover of our Dan's Papers Palm Beach. Ted Vassilev, a dear friend and CEO of DTR Modern Galleries in Palm Beach, hosted a cocktail party to welcome the prolific artist. Everyone lined up to greet Hunt and get his latest book autographed.

To finish off the night, I was happy to attend the sold out Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope's Dance the Night Away fundraiser for cancer victims at The Breakers Palm Beach.

The benefit featured men and women who practiced their dance routines for months, who danced their hearts out while raising money for the cause with their outstanding performances!

An added bonus for me was seeing Susan Lucci, a Long Island icon, who was one of the judges.

It was remarkable to see such generosity. In a world with so much violence all around us, it's a relief to see caring people helping others.

What a week it was!



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BY BETH LANDMAN

Greek cuisine is coming front and center in Palm Beach county with the openings of luxurious, high-end, international restaurant Milos with pristine Mediterranean fish by the pound, and vibrant Kyma, with its spectacular roof, both in West Palm Beach.

Fans of Hellenic cuisine know there is another restaurant in Boca, called Taverna Kyma, that has been around for decades, and has a very different vibe. Recently renovated so it's even more welcoming, the atmosphere is relaxed, and the food delicious and healthy. You can start with one of the salads, like the Greek kale with barrel-aged feta. It's massive, super fresh, and only \$14. Shrimp is extra tasty from a marinade of lemon orange zest, and calamari is wild caught, as is local grouper. You can't go wrong whether you choose a local fish, or imported lavraki or salmon – everything is fresh and perfectly prepared. For those who prefer meat, the lamb chops, chicken and filet mignon are all wood-fire grilled.

Even in the days when Palm



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Beach used to roll up the sidewalks by 9:30, Cucina was a spirited place on the island, where people actually gathered later at night. Now the is-

land is more active, but diners still head to there for good Italian food, and the owners have branched out, opening La Marina at Rybovich, an

instant hit with fantastic views and great boat and people watching.

Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, the company behind Ocean Prime in New York, is opening a new location of its steak and seafood restaurant, Del Mar, in the NORA district of West Palm Beach. Since it's already popular in Ft. Lauderdale, and will be the first major restaurant in the new district, there is a lot of anticipation.

Palm Beach is, of course, known for its myriad private golf clubs, but you don't have to be a member to play a beautiful course. The county owns and runs some spectacular links, and the city of Boca has a magnificent one of its own.

Situated in a nature preserve Okeheelee in West Palm Beach is a particularly scenic 27-hole course. You will experience wildlife sightings and a lot of water hazards, which are both picturesque and challenging.

Another county-run 27-hole course, Osprey Point, is located in West Boca, but farther east than most of these courses, and has an intimate private club feel, along with plush premium Platinum Paspalum

DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK



BOCA RATON GOLF AND RACQUET CLUB.

turf, which players appreciate.

If you want to brush up on your short game, the Palm Beach Par 3 is a wonderful choice. It's nestled in between the ocean and Intracoastal, so it has stellar views, and you can easily walk the course. It also has an excellent restaurant, Al Fresco, run by the same family that owns Renato's on Palm Beach island.

You can also check into a hotel with a great course, like PGA, or the lovely Belgrove, that opened last year and has access to the private course, Dutchman's Pipe. At either you are likely to spot professional tour players. Both these resorts actually have spas with outstanding services, and the new Society 48 restaurant at Belgrove is well worth a visit.

While it doesn't have golf, the

newly renovated Marriott in Boca Center is a fun place to stay. It has modern rooms that feel clean and new, with huge windows offering dazzling city views, and a pool setup that rivals any top resort. The hotel also has a surprisingly good restaurant, Sonrisa, with scenic al fresco seating, and a range of tasty offerings, from blackened Florida grouper with cilantro mash; to filet mignon with garlic salsa verde. If you want variety, you just have to step outside the door and head to Rocco's Tacos, the popular and upbeat Mexican, or one of the other spots in the center.

You might be surprised how light, crisp and delicious sourdough pizza can be, and at How Ya Dough'n, which has two locations in Boca, a third on a way, and another in Boynton

Beach, it comes in a variety of pies, including pistachio, which has become surprisingly popular.

While we are all waiting excitedly for next month's opening of the Flora Foods restaurant, Angela's Bar and Kitchen, we can get a sneak peak at the flavors by picking up some of their imported products, like pesto or tomato/basil sauce, aged balsamic, or velvety extra virgin olive oil from Puglia. It is cold-pressed for a richer flavor, and to retain nutrients, has no chemical additives, and imparts a wonderful fruity flavor. The dark bottle helps preserve it and gives it a longer shelf life. It also lowers LDL cholesterol, so it may give you a longer life too. Florafoods.com.

And if you want to extend your health during those extra years,

Lifetime is expanding beyond traditional fitness, to advanced wellness. The club, which already has spas, has introduced MIORA at the original Boca Raton club. The physician-supervised concierge-style system integrates members' fitness and wellness routines with advanced diagnostics and continuous care. The program starts with an analysis of over 70 biomarkers to uncover underlying imbalances across key body systems, and a plan is derived from there. All members enrolled get dedicated medical providers and registered dietitians to oversee their programs that might include anything from GLP-1 weight-loss therapies, to hormone optimization, to novel peptides and premium supplementation, all focused on optimizing health.

OUT & ABOUT

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

IN PALM BEACH

BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

LIVE SHOWS

CLEMANTIS BY NIGHT: THE FLYERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 6 P.M.

Don't miss this Delray-based rock band influenced by legends like The Beatles, Eric Clapton, and Jimi Hendrix in Centennial Square! Grab your lawn chair or blanket to take in the relaxing breezes along with the music.

Centennial Square & Great Lawn, West Palm Beach. 561-822-2222, wpb.org

BLUEGRASS IN THE PAVILION

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 3 P.M.

Don't miss bluegrass legends like Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver and Carson Peters and Iron Mountain playing your favorite bluegrass and gospel favorites at the Flager Museum! Tickets are \$45, and advance purchase is recommended.

One Whitehall Beach, Palm Beach. 561-655-2833, flaglrmuseum.org

AIR SUPPLY: 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 7:30 P.M.

Celebrate a career of fifty years and over 20 million record sales with Air Supply at the Kravis Center! VIP packages that include meet-and-greets with Air Supply, as well as collectibles, are available.

701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 561-833-8300, kravis.org

THE PEKING ACROBATS: YEAR OF THE HORSE TOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 6 P.M.

Enjoy fascinating colors, tumbling, gymnastics, and more with the Peking Acrobats at the Kravis Center! *701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 561-833-8300, kravis.org*



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AS ALWAYS, THERE'S PLENTY GOING ON IN PALM BEACH THIS MONTH.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7:30 P.M.

Join composer, trumpeter, and jazz legend Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra at The Four Arts! Marsalis has recorded over 100 jazz and classical albums and won nine Grammy Awards. Tickets are \$40.

100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 561-655-7227, fourarts.org

Palm Beach EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 6 P.M.

Enjoy jazz standards, hits from the Great American Songbook, and multi-genres of jazz in Palm Beach County! Performing artists include The Harden Project,

Maurice Frank, Yvette Norwood-Tiger, and more.

701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 561-833-8300, kravis.org

FUN ACTIVITIES

2026 PASSOVER PROGRAM AT THE PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, APRIL 1-9

Enjoy lectures, entertainment, Passover cuisine, matchmaking, kids' and teen programming, and so much more at this elegant event! Book your stay on the Kosherica website.

400 Avenue of the Americas, Palm Beach Gardens. kosherica.com/passover-hotel-programs/pga-national-resort-spa

EASTER BRUNCH AT THE BEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 11 A.M.

Enjoy an elegant Easter Brunch

in the Blue Heron Ballroom at the Ben! The brunch buffet includes a carving station, brunch classics, cocktails, kid-friendly options, and more. Purchase your tickets in advance online.

251 N. Narcissus Ave, West Palm Beach. 561-655-4001, thebenwestpalm.com

BLACK GOLD JUBILEE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Don't miss one of South Florida's most anticipated festivals featuring culinary delights, kid-friendly rides and games, live music, a Harvest Queen Pageant, a Main Street Parade, a Car Show, and a 5K & 10K walk/run.

Torry Island Campground, Belle Glade. blackgoldjubilee.org

SUNSET STROLL

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 5:30 P.M.

Enjoy a sunset stroll through the gardens at the Morikami Museum!

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The evening also includes Taiko drumming, culinary delights, and cultural offerings. This is a rain-or-shine event included with museum admission.

4000 Morikami Park Road,
Delray Beach. 561-495-0233,
morikami.org

KIDS' EVENTS

PETER COTTONTAIL DAY AT PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 10:30 A.M.

Join author Robert L. Forbes in the Sculpture Garden as he shares poems about spring animals! After that, you'll enjoy an Egg Hunt on the Four Arts lawn. At the end of the morning, Mr. Forbes will be available to sign copies of his book.

100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach.
561-655-7227, fourarts.org

EASTER EGG HUNT 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 10 A.M.

Search for over 8,000 eggs on the lawn of the Flagler Museum! There will also be an Easter Bunny visit, crafts, face-painting, a petting zoo, and games.

One Whitehall Beach, Palm Beach.
561-655-2833, flaglERMuseum.org

DALE & ED FILHABER PASSOVER BREAK MINI-CAMP @ THE J

MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 7, AND 10, 9 A.M.

Your little one in grades Pre-K-5 can enjoy swim, sports, gaga, entertainment, games, crafts, and more through 4 p.m. during the Passover Break at the Adolph & Rose Levis Community Center! Pay per day or for the week.

9801 Donna Klein Blvd,
Boca Raton.

561-852-3200, levisjcc.org

MORI STORIES: KAMISHABAI FOLKTALES

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1 P.M.

Explore the world of Japanese folk tales at the Paper Theater at the Morikami Museum! A short related activity will follow the reading. Pre-registration is required.



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4000 Morikami Park Road,
Delray Beach. 561-495-0233,
morikami.org

ENGINEER IT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 8 A.M.

Don't miss this annual engineering design competition for students in grades 1-12, presented by the Florida Engineering Society and the Cox Science Center & Aquarium! Competitions include an egg drop, designing and building a marble roller coaster, building a watercraft, and constructing a spaghetti-and-marshmallow tower. Register in advance online.

4801 Dreher Trail North,
West Palm Beach. 561-832-1988,
coxsciencecenter.org

ELMO'S GOT THE MOVES

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 6 P.M.

Don't miss Elmo and his Sesame

Street Friends as they sing and dance their way into your heart at the Kravis Center! Lap tickets for \$15 are available for kiddos ages 24 months and under.

701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 561-833-8300, kravis.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

THE DELRAY AFFAIR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 10-12

Don't miss art, crafts, and funky products from artists around the globe in downtown Delray! Demonstrations, workshops, and shopping at local boutiques and restaurants are also part of the fun.

Downtown Delray Beach.
561-279-0907, delrayaffair.com

MAY I HELP YOU, MADAME?

ON VIEW THROUGH MAY 24

Don't miss this exhibition at the Flagler Museum exploring the rise of the modern department store as a transformative institution for urban life. The works also explore the

theme of the "shopgirl," a new symbol of working-class aspiration.

One Whitehall Beach, Palm Beach.
561-655-2833, flaglERMuseum.org

ARTISTS AT WORK

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 21

Enjoy paintings, sculptures, and photographs from the Collection celebrating the process of artmaking at the Norton!

1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-832-5196, norton.org

MODERNISMS: ART FROM THE MANES COLLECTION

ON VIEW THROUGH OCTOBER 11

Celebrate artistic pioneers from the 20th Century at the Boca Museum of Art! You'll view drawings by Picasso and prints from Jasper John. Works are drawn exclusively from the collection of Dr. Harvey Manes, many of which have been promised to the Boca Museum of Art.

501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton.
561-392-2500, bocamuseum.org

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OUT IN PALM BEACH

If All the World Is a Stage, We Are All Acting Together



DAN'S PAPERS COLUMNIST FRANK D'AGOSTINO AT THE 2026 OLYMPICS IN MILAN.

BY FRANK D'AGOSTINO

Why would this columnist in Palm Beach, write this month's article on the Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympics? Well for starters, having been a former figure skater and coach, most people don't know that the Palm Beaches and surrounding areas have four international / Olympic training centers several of which I have coached skaters from all over the world within a 30 mile radius.

Two rinks in the Palm beach area, a massive facility in Boca and a new facility with twin rinks in Fort Lauderdale. We virtually have coaches and skater training right before us from all over the world, in our "Pink Paradise" of Palm Beach.

So clearly the Palm Beaches are not only attractive to live in and conduct business in, but also to the world of figure skating. At first glance, Milan and Palm Beach

couldn't feel more different — one rooted in European history and fashion houses, the other defined by ocean breezes and tropical ease. But look closer, and the similarities emerge. Both are global stages of style. Both celebrate design, culture, and a refined way of life and sports. Like the Olympics, they remind us that while presentation may differ, the essence is shared.

With my background in figure skating I attended all of the figure skating events in Milan, I was there for the emotional moment when Team USA won the team gold medal in figure skating. The athletes who contributed to the team gold were: Ilia Malinin (men's singles), Alysa Liu (women's singles), Amber Glenn (women's singles segment), Madison Chock and Evan Bates (ice dance), Ellie Kam and Daniel O'Shea (pairs).

I was also was there for one of the most iconic woman's free skates in

recent Olympic history. The moment that pure joy and electricity filled the arena when American Alysa Liu, with delight and bliss, skated her iconic free skate to the first United States gold medal in figure skating in over 24 years. What a moment! In addition, I witnessed more history as one of my idols and good acquaintance: The iconic, revered, legendary Tenley Albright, the 1956 Cortina Olympic ladies figure skating champion, celebrated her 70th anniversary of Olympic gold and witnessed Alysa Liu win her gold medal for the United States 70 years later. What a moment in time. The passing of the torch!

In all things business, sports, friendships, life is about connections. I have been the creator of a Broadway musical Called *Ice Champion*, the musical (icechmapion.net). Coincidentally, I have done backers and concert version in Palm Beach. The musical on ice captures all the joy heartbreak and drama that all of our readers witnessed

in February about figure skating which they saw on TV. I connected with my friends who are figure skaters, coaches and agents. My good friend who has done promotion for *Ice Champion* was there with me. Tara Modlin-Maurizi she is a prominent figure skating agent and the founder/president of Fireworks Sports Marketing. She sums up the feeling of figure skating and the Olympics statement below:

"Being an agent at the Olympics is honestly unlike anything else — it's equal parts adrenaline, pride, and pure chaos in the best way. You're not just watching history; you're helping shape it behind the scenes for people you truly believe in. Milan felt electric, stylish, fast-paced, and deeply emotional. There's something about seeing your athletes walk into a city like that, knowing everything they've sacrificed, that just hits differently. It's exhausting, exhilarating, and completely addictive in every possible way!"

She also is the agent to the gold medalist team event, pair team, Ellie Kam and Daniel O'Shea.

Think about the Olympics: Over 200 nations, different cultures, different beliefs — yet for those two weeks, the world doesn't feel divided. Just like the Palm Beaches a melting pot of the world where the universe feels connected. Because underneath the flags and anthems, the fashion the scenery the history every athlete ever person is driven by the same hope — to strive, to succeed, to be seen.

The Olympics remind us of something simple but powerful: We may wear different colors, have different backgrounds and beliefs but we all carry the same human spirit.

In a world that often focuses on differences, the Olympics quietly prove the opposite — that unity is possible, that competition doesn't have to divide us, and that humanity is shared across every border.

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Chef Jennifer Parker

Curating Palm Beach's Most Elegant Tables

Chef Jennifer Parker

Reimagining How Palm Beach Entertains

There's a quiet shift happening in Palm Beach entertaining. After years of dining out, the most discerning hosts are returning home but not in the way you'd expect. This isn't casual. This is elevated, intentional, and deeply curated.

Dinner has become an experience again.

And increasingly, Chef Jennifer Parker is the one behind it.

"The best nights don't happen by chance," she says. "They're built."

In Palm Beach, the food is the moment.

Before guests even sit down, they're already engaged, drawn in by a statement grazing table, layered plinths, unexpected details that feel more like an installation than a buffet. It stops people. It pulls them in. It gets them talking.

"That's intentional," she says. "The food should spark something."

Each dish is designed to do more than taste good. It is meant to create reaction. Texture against texture. Bright acidity cutting through richness. Heat, crunch, freshness, every element layered to keep the palate moving and the conversation going.

Guests don't just eat.

They react. They ask. They connect.

"That's when you know it's working," she says.

Because in this world, the food isn't background.

It's the reason the night comes alive.

BEGINNINGS

Parker's journey into this world is anything but typical.

She grew up on a small farm, where food came from the land, not a package. Chickens in the yard, vegetables from the soil, meals that taught respect long before refinement.

"Food wasn't something that arrived shrink-wrapped. It came from the earth, and you learned early to respect it."

That foundation later evolved into a deep fascination with nutrition. While working in the fitness industry, she became immersed in how food fuels both the body and the mind, ultimately earning a Master's Degree in Food and Nutrition Policy in London, where she studied the global systems behind what we eat.

But it wasn't a traditional culinary path that brought her into kitchens. It was demand.

Her nutrition clients wanted more than guid-

ance. They wanted food that aligned with their health goals but still felt indulgent. Beautiful. Luxurious.

So she began cooking for them.

Then for their friends.

Then for entire evenings.

"Early in my career I worked as a private chef in some extraordinary homes," she says. "That world teaches you quickly that excellence isn't optional. It's expected. Every detail matters. Timing, presentation, discretion, service."

In Palm Beach, word travels quickly when something feels exceptional.

What began quietly, private dinners among a discerning circle, quickly expanded into cocktail parties, holiday celebrations, and large scale gatherings. Clients weren't just asking for food. They were asking for something more immersive, fully curated experiences that felt effortless, but were anything but.

"That's when I realized there was an opportunity to build something bigger," she says.

That vision became Evolved Catering and Events, now one of the most sought after culinary experience companies in Palm Beach.

MAGICAL MOMENTS AROUND THE TABLE

Palm Beach has always been a place of entertaining, but the way it entertains is evolving.

The most coveted invitations are no longer reservations. They're private dinners, hosted in beautiful homes, along the Intracoastal, behind doors that don't open to the public.

Here, the table becomes the center of everything.

It's where conversations deepen. Where relationships are formed. Where deals are quietly discussed between courses.

Parker designs her events with that in mind.

She creates moments that pull people in visually, sensorially, emotionally. Guests gather around her signature plinth and platter displays before they ever sit down. They ask questions. They photograph. They engage.

The food breaks the ice before the host ever has to.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, everything is moving with precision.

Her team operates like a quiet system, timing adjusted in real time, dishes fired to match the



pace of the table, every detail refined without interrupting the flow of the evening.

"Some of the most memorable moments happen around the table when people don't want to leave," she says. "That's when you know you've created something special."

AN ELEVATED EXPERIENCE

Parker's ability to merge precision, creativity, and discretion has made her the go to chef for Palm Beach's most discerning clientele.

Her events span private estates, yachts, charity galas, and some of the most exclusive social gatherings in the country. Her clientele includes CEOs, athletes, philanthropists, and global figures, but discretion remains part of the experience.

The stories are told in the details, not the guest list.

And sometimes, those details become unforgettable moments.

For the past four years, Parker has been invited



Tony Robbins approached her with a different kind of observation.

“He told me the meals looked like something out of a movie scene,” she says.

And then there are the reactions you don’t expect.

A standing ovation from Cuba Gooding Jr. after a dinner where the chicken was cooked to perfection and the broccoli rabe, later called the best in the world by guests, stole the show.

Even in her private work, the impact is just as personal.

“One of my long term clients told me recently that I’m their favorite luxury,” she says.

It’s a statement that speaks less to indulgence and more to experience.

For Parker, these moments are confirmation that the details matter, that the layering of flavor, presentation, and timing creates something that goes beyond the plate.

“It’s never just about the food. It’s about how it makes people feel.”

That same standard defines her work back in Palm Beach.

Today, Evolved Catering and Events is less about catering and more about experience design. Every element is intentional, the layering of textures on a table, the lighting as the evening shifts, the pacing of courses, and the final impression a guest leaves with.

“Food for me is storytelling. It’s art,” she says. “One evening might be an intimate dinner overlooking the Intracoastal, the next a yacht reception during the Boat Show, and the next a glamorous charity gala.”

Her Palm Beach Supper Club is a natural extension of that philosophy, bringing together curated groups for immersive, multi course dining experiences inspired by travel, seasonality, and narrative.



to cook during the Masters Tournament in Augusta, one of the most prestigious weeks in golf, where she curates menus for private corporate homes, sponsors, players, and legends in the game.

During one of those evenings, Jack Nicklaus stepped into the kitchen himself, not for formality, but out of curiosity. He wanted to know how she prepared the filet.

“He came back just to ask about it,” she says.

On another occasion, after breakfast service,

refined and a little unexpected.”

Her dishes embody that philosophy, each one intentionally composed, layered, and distinctly hers.

Among her signature creations are her ginger, sesame, and chili oil lobster dumplings, a dish she developed to capture both delicacy and intensity in a single bite. The dumplings are light and refined, filled with sweet lobster, then finished with aromatic chili oil, toasted sesame, and fresh ginger. It’s a balance of brightness, heat, and elegance that keeps guests coming back for more, often requesting them again before the night is over.

Equally distinctive is her gochujang espresso steak, a dish that reflects her ability to combine unexpected elements with precision. The richness of espresso meets the depth of Korean chili paste, creating a layered, umami driven flavor that is both bold and refined. She pairs it with a silky saffron Japanese sweet potato purée and charred broccolini finished with chili crunch, each component designed to contrast and complement the next.

“I’m always thinking about contrast and balance,” she says. “How something rich can be lifted, how something delicate can still have depth.”

It is this level of creativity, where technique meets imagination, that defines her cooking.

ON THE HORIZON

Palm Beach continues to evolve, and Parker is evolving with it.

As new wealth, influence, and industry flow into the area, so does a demand for a different kind of dining experience, one that is both luxurious and intentional.

She is expanding her footprint to the Hamptons, while also stepping into the corporate space, bringing elevated, nutrition forward cuisine into boardrooms and executive environments.

Meals designed not just to impress, but to fuel performance, clarity, and energy.

“In many ways my career is the intersection of two things I’ve always believed,” she says.

“Food should make you feel incredible, and it should make you happy.”

And if there is one thing Palm Beach understands, it is this: The most important moments do not happen in public.

They happen at the table.

FINAL BITE

If it were her last meal: Caviar. Foie gras. Oysters. Champagne. Brunello. Fresh pasta with butter and shaved truffle. Dark chocolate ganache.

“All the naughty things,” she says.

Because in Jennifer Parker’s world, food is not just nourishment.

It is the moment you remember.

PARTNER CONTENT

GLOBAL INFLUENCES

Parker’s cuisine reflects a life shaped by travel, but what defines her cooking is how she translates those influences into something entirely her own.

“The bold spices and hospitality of the Middle East, the precision and balance of Asian cuisine, and the elegance of European technique all influence my cooking,” she says. “Palm Beach has a very sophisticated audience. People here travel the world, so they appreciate dishes that feel both



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Warming Trends

BY BETH LANDMAN

1. LA JOYA ESSENTIAL 4-PRONG TENNIS BRACELET

Just because you are more active in the summer, doesn't mean you have to leave your jewelry at home. One of the reasons a classic tennis bracelet is so beloved is that it not only sparkles brilliantly, but is flexible and light on the wrist. Choose from yellow or white gold, and 2 to 12 karats, and then wear the classic piece alone, or, when you get off the court, stack it with bangles. lajoyajewelry.com



2. CHEERS IN PARADISE BAG FROM SAKAL PALM BEACH

Pocketbooks, as much as any other items, are statements of our style, and sometimes it's more fun to carry something unique than a recognizable one owned by many other people. Getting a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted bag from local fashion artist Oksana Sakal, ensures you will have something no one else does, and purses like this whimsical one, with a leopard and monkey sipping martinis, are so



Palm Beach. sakalpalmbeach.com

3. AUGUSTINUS BADER HAIR REVITALIZING COMPLEX

Anyone who has tried topical hair growth solutions knows that they can make your scalp irritated, dry and itchy, but this ingestible supplement has no such side effects, and has been shown effective in double blind studies. It not only encourages new growth and strengthens hair, it prevents further loss and thinning, and improves shine and general hair health. It works so well that it's been selling out at Paul Labrecque's salons in New York and Palm Beach, and if that's not enough, the jar looks pretty spectacular in your bathroom. augustinusbader.com

4. SILVER JEANS ELYSE MIDRISE BOOTCUT JEANS

If you have had enough of super baggy jeans, and welcome the return of a more snug, classic fit with a bit of width at the bottom, Silver Jeans has an array of styles, including this midrise. They have about the most complimentary cuts you can find, hugging curves and hiding imperfections. And, believe it or not they are as comfy as those clown pants. silverjeans.com

5. HONEY MILK ACTIVE REPAIR LEAVE IN CONDITIONER

As the warmer weather approaches and humidity increases, there are all kinds of uses for leave in conditioners. You can protect your hair during a swim, spray it on to tame when putting it up or in a ponytail, or just spritz it to revitalize a day old do. This new formula

from Gisou also hydrates, detangles, and strengthens your strands. The milky texture penetrates easily, and leaves hair softer. It also fights frizz and leaves a glossy shine. What more could you ask for? gisou.com

6. ELLIAT TROMPE 3D MINI DRESS AT DILLARD'S

Even in Florida we were seeing darker colors, sweaters, and even boots this winter, but now that Spring is here, it's time to expand to some brighter, more colorful pieces, and this adorable dress, available in the mall at Wellington Green, is ideal. The square neckline and short length are flattering, and you can't get much more feminine than princess seaming and fanciful flowers — in pink of course. shopwellingtongreen.com

7. CREPINI READY-TO-EAT PROTEIN PANCAKES

With the focus on protein-packed foods, these delicious ready-to-eat pancakes are a real find. Made with ingredients including cottage cheese, egg whites and Greek yogurt, they come in a variety of flavors, including vanilla, banana and chocolate chip, and are delicious right out of the box, or heated. 12 of the smaller silver dollar sized treats are just 120 calories, gluten-free, and work perfectly as breakfast, lunch, or a snack, with a drizzle of syrup or honey, or topped with a dollop of yogurt. The only problem is that they are a bit addictive. crepini.com

8. JIMMY CHOO AVRIL PUMPS

Black stilettos can certainly be sexy, but every now and then, we want to strut in a shoe that turns heads. These rosy pumps have about as much wow factor as any footwear out there. Available at the Gardens Mall, they are layered in Swarovski crystals, have a leg lengthening pointy toe, and an eye-catching spike heel. Hopefully you have the prince to go with them. thegardensmall.com





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PALM BEACH LIVING

Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope Provides a Lifeline When Local Families Need It Most



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CAEDYN JYNELLA, 7, WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A GLIOMA AT AGE 1. HE HOPES TO BE A POLICE OFFICER SOME DAY.

BY BERNADETTE STARZEE

Caedyn Jynella, 7, loves playing with his two older brothers and the family's four dogs and hopes to become a police officer someday. Like many kids his age, the Riviera Beach resident treasures simple traditions like eating pumpkin pie with his brothers on the ride home from an annual holiday event.

But Caedyn's childhood has also been shaped by a battle few children ever face. Diagnosed with a pediatric optic glioma – a brain tumor – when he was just 1 year old, Caedyn has spent most of his life undergoing treatments and traveling to Miami for specialized medical care. The tumor presses against his optic nerve, leaving him blind in his left eye and causing various other complications.

Through it all, his mother, Jessica Fairbanks, has stood firmly beside him. A single mother of three boys – ages 7, 8 and 12 – Fairbanks works full-time as a social worker at The Lord's Place, helping people who are experiencing homelessness in Palm Beach County. Yet even with a steady career, caring for a child with complex medical needs often creates overwhelming financial pressure.

"It's always a struggle, living on one income in Palm Beach County,

and I have had to take time off from work to care for Caedyn and to travel to Miami for appointments," she says.

For years, a local nonprofit has stepped in to help: Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope. "As soon as I heard about them, I applied, and they have been very helpful," Fairbanks says.

Most recently, the organization covered the family's mortgage payments for February, March and April – relief that allowed Fairbanks to focus on her son's care instead of worrying about losing their home.

"They've helped us keep food on the table," she says. "They've helped with our mortgage, with holidays, with school supplies for the kids."

In fact, one year the nonprofit nominated the family for a Palm Beach County holiday drive that helped Fairbanks purchase a vehicle, which she needed for Caedyn's treatment.

For families facing cancer, those kinds of practical needs can become overwhelming. That's exactly the gap Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope was created to fill. Founded in 2003 by Charles Fischer Jr. and Greta Jean Fischer, the grassroots nonprofit began after the couple realized that while many organizations raised money for cancer research, very few provided emergency financial assistance to patients struggling to

survive day-to-day while undergoing treatment. Palm Beach County patients were losing homes, having utilities shut off or choosing between groceries and gas for medical appointments. Today, the organization has grown into a vital community lifeline, serving more than 1,200 patients and family members each year across Palm Beach County.

"This year we are on track to disburse \$1.5 million to more than 300 families," says CEO Stanton Colmer, who has led the organization since 2016. "That provides vital assistance to at least 1,300 individuals."

The nonprofit's mission is simple but powerful: ensure cancer patients can focus on healing rather than financial survival. Through its Direct Patient Assistance Fund, the organization helps cover rent, utilities, groceries, transportation, insurance and even pet care. Payments are made directly to creditors.

Programs extend far beyond bills. Newly diagnosed patients receive customized "Champions of Help & Hope" care baskets filled with household essentials, comfort items, grocery and gas cards. A patient navigator connects families with resources throughout treatment. A special closet provides wigs, scarves and caps for patients experiencing hair loss.

And through the Companions 4 Life Fund, the organization helps care for pets – often an overlooked but vital source of emotional support.

With the family's much-loved four dogs, that program has been especially meaningful to Fairbanks.

"They help people with gift cards to make sure their pets are fed," she says. "When you're going through something like this, your pets help you get through it."

One thing that sets the organization apart, she says, is its willingness to support families for the long haul.

"A lot of charities ask us what the prognosis is or what the end date of

treatment is," Fairbanks explains. "But Caedyn's case is ongoing. They can't remove the tumor – the goal is always to shrink it and stabilize it...It helps to have someone in your corner who's not ready to close out the case."

The nonprofit also creates moments of joy for families navigating illness. It hosts events that bring patients and loved ones together, including back-to-school bashes with custom-stocked backpacks, Thanksgiving giveaways with turkeys and pies, pumpkin patches, zoo outings and family fun days.

For Fairbanks, those experiences have become cherished traditions.

"At Halloween the Cancer Alliance has a pumpkin patch, and the kids get pumpkins," she says. "At the back-to-school event, the kids all eat pizza together. For Christmas, they make sure we have gifts under the tree. And for Thanksgiving, they give out pies and a turkey. We pick up a pumpkin pie and eat it on the way home because my kids all love pumpkin pie. That has become an annual tradition we look forward to. It's a little thing, but it's not little for us."

Behind those programs is an enormous effort. More than 200 volunteers help organize the organization's events and fundraising initiatives, including two of Palm Beach's most anticipated charity gatherings: the Shop the Day Away Luncheon, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, and the Dance the Night Away Gala, now in its sixth year.

Held at The Breakers Palm Beach, the glamorous gala – held March 13 this year – features a delicious dinner and a celebrity ballroom dance competition in which local personalities train for months before taking the stage – all to raise money for cancer patients in the community.

For families, that support can mean the difference between constant crisis and the ability to breathe. Thanks to the compassion of the community and the unwavering support of Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope, cancer patients like Caedyn and his family don't have to face the journey alone.

For more information, visit cahh.org or call 561-748-7227.

PALM BEACH LIVING

Q&A Dating Insights for Successful Palm Beach Women

BY ROSE LAMBERT

I am Rose Lambert, a Palm Beach matchmaker, dating and relationship. I empower women to become their own matchmakers, sharing insights and strategies to help them find their best match.

Successful women face real 2026 dating challenges: burnout from apps, success intimidating potential partners, lack of real commitment, time poverty, feeling invisible, and values mismatches.

Dating Burnout & App Exhaustion

Q: Why do I feel so tired and burned out from dating apps? It feels like a second job with no reward.

A: The fix? Stop treating dating like a task. Switch to intentional ways: events, friends' introductions, or limited app time with clear standards. You deserve connections that energize you. Focus on quality—one good date beats 20 bad ones.

Success-Love Paradox

Q: I'm thriving in my career, but why does love feel so hard? Does my success scare men away?

A: This is the "success-love paradox"—you win at work, but dating feels stuck. Your achievements are not the problem; the right man celebrates them. Balance strength with softness. Show your independent side, but let him lead sometimes. You can have both success and love. You deserve a partner who lifts you up.

Men Intimidated by Achievements or Independence

Q: Why do men pull back when

they learn about my success, education, or money? Am I "too much"?

A: You're not "too much"—you're exactly right for the right man. Some men feel less secure, but high-caliber men love a confident partner. Lead with warmth and shared values first. Set standards early: look for emotional safety and effort. Never dim your light—shine brighter for the man who can handle it.

Lack of Real Commitment & Emotional Safety

Q: Men talk about "potential," but there's no real commitment or romance. How do I find emotional safety?

A: Many women want stability, not casual. "Potential" isn't enough—seek men who show effort, consistency, and clear intentions from the start. Watch for green flags: he plans dates, communicates openly, builds trust. Set boundaries early—no endless "situationships." Real love feels safe and exciting.

Time Poverty & No Energy for Dating

Q: My busy career and life leave no time or energy for dating. How do I make it work?

A: Time poverty is real for successful women. Date intentionally, not endlessly. Block small windows for high-value activities. Protect your energy: say no to draining matches. Date from calm, not exhaustion—the right connections flow easier. You can have love without sacrificing success.

Feeling Invisible

Q: I feel invisible in dating. Is love possible for me now?

A: Yes—it's not too late; it's



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clearer. Many successful women find deep love when they focus on shared values, emotional safety, and mutual respect. You know what you want. Highlight your confidence, lifestyle, and heart. The right man sees your glow. You are timeless.

Values & Political Mismatches as Deal-Breakers

Q: Shared values and politics

matter so much now—why is it hard to find alignment?

A: Values are non-negotiable for lasting love. Be upfront early: talk about family, lifestyle, beliefs. Filter fast—don't waste time on mismatches. The right partner aligns on the big things and respects differences on small ones. Clear communication builds stronger bonds. You deserve someone who shares your vision.

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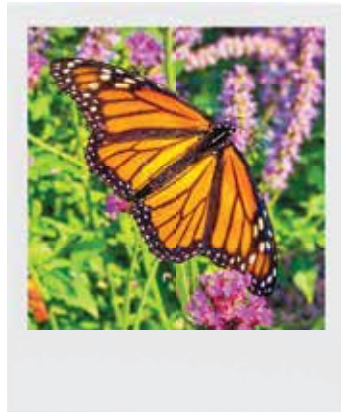
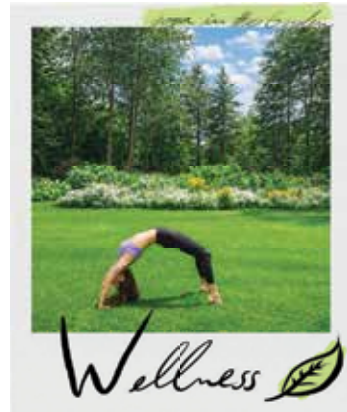
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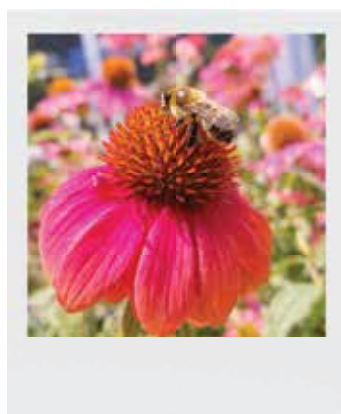
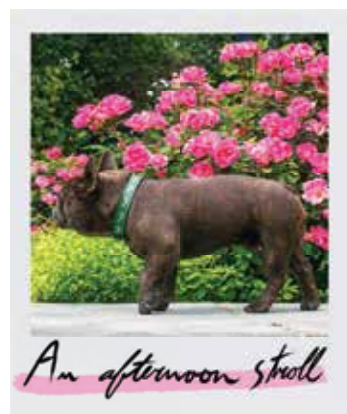
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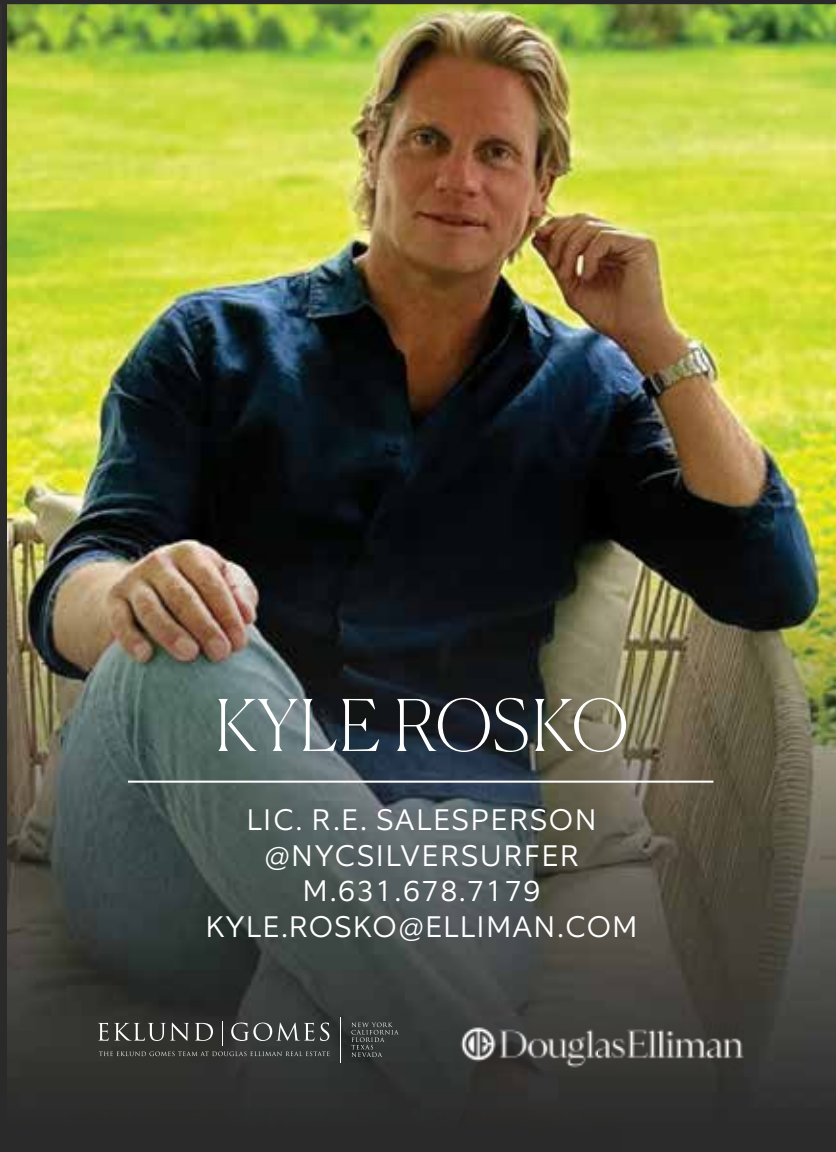


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The Power of Partnership: Paul Brennan and Martha Gundersen

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By Bernadette Starzee

In the Hamptons' ultra-luxury market, where timing, trust and relationships often determine the outcome of a deal, few partnerships have proven as effective as that of Douglas Elliman brokers Martha Gundersen and Paul Brennan.

Long-standing brokers on the East End, Gundersen and Brennan formed their strategic alliance about seven years ago, bridging complementary geographic strengths and skill sets. Today, most of their transactions are collaborative.

In 2025, both were recognized among the Hamptons' top brokers by closed sales – a reflection of their enduring influence in the region's ultra-luxury market.

Both are perennial recipients of Douglas Elliman's prestigious Pinnacle Award. In 2025, Gundersen was named the No. 2 Hamptons broker by *The Real Deal*, while Brennan ranked No. 5 – a testament to both their individual stature and their shared dominance.

Shared Success, Singular Philosophy

In a market defined by cycles and competition, Brennan and Gundersen remain focused on what lasts: building trust and long-term relationships.

"This is a career for us, not a job," Brennan says.

"Our success is based on our service, consistency, perseverance and honesty," Gundersen says – a sentiment that has echoed throughout their careers, which collectively span more than seven decades and exceed \$6 billion in closed sales. "Many of our clients have been with us for decades. That continuity is incredibly important at this level."

Their approach is methodical and proactive. As Gundersen succinctly puts it, "The key to being a good broker is answering every question before it becomes a question." In practice, that means ensuring that surveys, floor plans, zoning analyses and regulatory considerations are in place well before a property is presented for sale. In the ultra-high-end market – where transactions often involve complex waterfront regulations, historic designations or preservation overlays – this diligence is imperative.

A Complementary Blend of Geography and Temperament

Their partnership is strengthened by a seamless geographic reach. Brennan's focus has historically extended from Southampton to Wainscott, while Gundersen's reach runs from Wainscott through Montauk. "Martha became the person I would call when I needed a broker in East Hampton," Brennan recalls.

Beyond geography, their backgrounds and personalities provide balance. Gundersen's background in art, combined with her upbringing in a 1700s Massachusetts home, cultivated a refined appreciation for architecture and historic preservation. Since relocating to Amagansett in the 1980s, she has developed more than 25 years of expertise in Hamptons luxury real estate. Her command of local zoning, architectural heritage and the rhythms of seasonal versus year-round markets allows her to guide clients through transactions that are often as nuanced as they are significant.

Brennan brings a legacy perspective rooted in deep local ties. A veteran of the industry since 1979 and the son of a Bridgehampton potato farmer, he possesses an instinctive understanding of land, open space and value preservation. In 1999, he helped establish the Community Preservation Fund, a transformative initiative funded by a 2.5% transfer tax on real estate transactions. As of 2024, the fund had generated approximately \$2 billion to preserve open space and historic properties across the East End. The program has played a pivotal role in preventing overdevelopment and preserving the natural beauty that defines the Hamptons – and draws buyers here in the first place.

"Preservation is what keeps the Hamptons special," Brennan says. "Scarcity creates value, but stewardship creates longevity."

“There’s extraordinary biodiversity here,” Gundersen adds. “It’s something we have to protect.”

Brennan and Gundersen’s partnership also benefits from stylistic contrast. “Men and women generally talk to people in different ways,” Gundersen observes. “I tend to provide a lot of information, where Paul gets right to the point. I bring more diplomacy and he brings more directness.” In negotiations where timing and tone can mean millions of dollars, this duality becomes a strategic asset.

A Portfolio of Distinction

Their 2025 transactions illustrate that reach. Among the year’s marquee deals was the \$70 million oceanfront sale of 370 & 372 Further Lane in Amagansett, for which they brought the buyer. The properties – once owned by the late Brian Little of Forstmann Little – feature coveted “road-to-ocean” layouts, a configuration prized in East Hampton’s waterfront hierarchy.

Brennan and Gundersen represented the seller in the \$57 million oceanfront closing at 125 Midocean Drive in Bridgehampton, a property owned by Shutterstock founder Jonathan Oringer. Brennan had originally sold the residence to Oringer before its completion roughly a decade earlier, underscoring the continuity that defines many of their client relationships.

In Amagansett, they brought the buyers – a California tech family – for 271 Marine Boulevard, which traded for \$14.75 million amid multiple accepted offers. In competitive situations such as these, Gundersen notes, success often hinges on “a subtle dance between diplomacy and timing.” Experience enables them to read not only the market, but the psychology of counterparties and sellers – and guide their clients successfully to the closing table.

“In this market, winning a deal is rarely about price alone,” Brennan says. “It’s about timing, preparation and trust.”

Their portfolio consistently includes showpiece estates, landmark homes, and ocean and bay-front properties. Supported by a seasoned team and Douglas Elliman’s global platform, they serve a clientele that increasingly spans continents. Gundersen notes that approximately 15-20% of their 2025 transactions involved parties residing outside the United States, reflecting the Hamptons’ status as a global luxury enclave.

At this echelon of real estate, discretion and in-



THE \$57 MILLION OCEANFRONT SALE OF 125 MID OCEAN DRIVE IN BRIDGEHAMPTON WAS AMONG THE HAMPTONS’ MARQUEE TRANSACTIONS OF 2025, WITH BRENNAN, GUNDERSEN AND COLLEAGUE ERICA GROSSMAN REPRESENTING THE SELLER.

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tegrity are paramount. Brennan and Gundersen’s business is fueled largely by repeat clients and generational referrals. Notably, the buyer in the \$70 million transaction was referred by someone Brennan had rented a house to three decades earlier. “If you’re good to people, it comes back to you,” Gundersen says. “If you’re not telling the truth and not ethical, you may win in the short term, but it will eventually impact you.”

For clients managing assets worth tens of millions of dollars, trust is foundational. As Brennan observes, “These are major assets. Clients want to work with people they trust to protect their long-term value.”

Looking Ahead to 2026

Momentum from their banner 2025 has carried into 2026. Several notable properties are already in contract, including 361 Mitchell Lane in Bridgehampton, listed at \$11.95 million, and 88 & 86 Louse Point Road in East Hampton, offered at \$9.995 million.

Their current listings include two standout East Hampton trophy properties: 64 West End Avenue, positioned on its own cove with sweeping sunset views, offered at \$38 million, and 30 Cove Hollow Farm Road, framed by protected reserve land with views of Georgica Pond, listed for \$24.995 million.

At the same time, market dynamics continue to evolve. Rising construction costs, longer ap-

proval timelines and increasing regulatory complexity have fueled demand for turnkey homes, Gundersen notes. Many buyers today prefer finished, design-forward residences rather than navigating the increasingly complicated process of building from the ground up.

“Buyers today want certainty,” Gundersen says. “A finished product gives them that.”

Global conditions may also shape the year ahead. While it is too early to gauge the broader impact of geopolitical events, international demand has long been a pillar of the Hamptons market. At times of global uncertainty, Brennan says, the East End often emerges as a safe haven for both lifestyle and investment.

“The rentals market is currently very strong, and that typically signifies a strong year for sales,” Brennan says.

Luxury real estate, Brennan notes, tends to move in cycles. “The market is often more psychological than financial. Confidence drives decision-making.”

Limited inventory at the high end continues to support long-term value, Gundersen says, particularly as buyer demographics evolve and global wealth migration reshapes second-home markets.

Through it all, Brennan and Gundersen remain focused on the principles that have guided their partnership for years.

“We believe in the long game,” Brennan says. “It’s about relationships, land and legacy.”

For them, the banner year behind them is less a milestone than a reflection of that philosophy – one grounded not only in transactions, but in stewardship.

In a market driven by timing and trust, Brennan and Gundersen continue to play the long game.

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AMONG THEIR CURRENT LISTINGS, 64 WEST END AVENUE IN EAST HAMPTON IS OFFERED AT \$38 MILLION, SET ON ITS OWN SERENE COVE WITH SWEEPING SUNSET VIEWS AND SURROUNDED BY PRESERVE LAND. COURTESY OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN



REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

The Role of Property Taxes in East End Home Sales

With tax grievance season underway, we asked East End agents: How do property tax concerns on the East End compare to buyer expectations in other luxury second-home markets? While many areas have low taxes, we wondered, what role should Hamptons agents play in educating clients about tax grievances, and whether proactive tax planning can make the difference between a smooth transaction and a stalled deal?

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Comparing taxes in the Hamptons to other second-home markets isn't an "apples to apples" proposition as there are infinite answers. Every region has its own governance structure and revenue model. Florida, for example, often levies higher property taxes than New York because the state doesn't collect income tax. That said, taxes in the Hamptons are much more attractive when compared to the rest of Long Island and much of the Hudson Valley. Where I work, in Southampton Township, which includes Westhampton Beach, Remsenburg, Quogue, Southampton Village, and more, the tax grievance conversation is rare. However, once you move west into Brookhaven Township, outside what most consider the Hamptons, that conversation becomes much more commonplace. As for closing costs, the 2.5% Peconic Bay tax and 1% mansion tax are non-negotiable line items in the Hamptons. I outline them in writing before we begin, so buyers know exactly what to expect. There's no workaround as these taxes are law, so transparency up front limits surprises and keeps the purchase process on track. When it comes to tax planning, I'm happy to connect clients with a respected accountant. Leaning on trusted professionals ensures buyers receive accurate information and the ability to move through the transaction with confidence.

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Property taxes are a consideration for a segment of East End buyers, particularly those who are highly sensitive to carrying costs and are comparing multiple second-home markets. However, many buyers entering the Hamptons and North Fork already understand that property taxes are viewed as part of the overall cost of owning in a premier coastal destination rather than a deterrent.



That said, there are cases where a property's tax burden is materially out of alignment with comparable homes. In those situations, taxes can absolutely become a sticking point and may cause a property to linger on the market longer than expected. When buyers analyze total carrying costs — purchase price, taxes, insurance and maintenance — an unusually high assessment can change the perceived value of the home for some of these buyers.

Because of this, I believe educating sellers about the possibility of filing a tax grievance or reassessment review can be extremely valuable, particularly before or during the marketing process. Addressing an inflated assessment proactively can remove a barrier for buyers and strengthen the overall positioning of the property.

In my own experience, I have recommended over the years that sellers explore the grievance process when taxes appeared disproportionately high relative to nearby properties. In every instance where they pursued it, the result was a reduction in their assessed taxes — twice resulting in reductions exceeding \$10,000 annually. Beyond the financial benefit, sellers were extremely appreciative of the guidance, and it ultimately made the transaction process smoother by eliminating a concern that buyers might otherwise raise during negotiations.

Ultimately, proactive tax planning can play a meaningful role in a successful sale. When agents help sellers align their property's tax burden with the broader market, it improves buyer perception of value and helps prevent certain deals from stalling over avoidable financial concerns. For luxury second-home markets like the Hamptons and the North Fork, thoughtful guidance on issues like tax grievances is simply part of providing a higher level of service to both buyers and sellers.

Dawn Watson

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The East End has one of the most attractive property tax bases, per resident, in the entire country. That, combined with the lure of our natural resources, quality of life, and perceived rising market value, is why this area continues to be so desirable.

Luxury buyers understand the tax benefits to buying here, but they might not know why our taxes are so low. In a nutshell, one double-digit multimillion dollar property can produce the same tax revenue as a couple dozen “regular” homes. That same second-home property generally uses a very small portion of the services (local schools, year-round municipal services, strain on infrastructure, etc.) for which it pays. Generally speaking, that big multimillion dollar property lowers the burden for the rest of the base.

To illustrate how that affects taxes on the East End: a \$1 million property owner residing in either Southampton or East Hampton Town typically pays between \$4,000 to \$8,000 in taxes annually. A \$1 million property owner in Brookhaven Town and other places UpIsland pays in the neighborhood of \$20,000 annually. Overall, this information about the subsidization of the local tax base generally makes potential buyers even more keen to purchase here.

Ryan Springer

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Property taxes and rising insurance costs are definitely part of the conversation right now, but I’m finding they impact psychology as much as pricing. Buyers are more payment-focused than ever — especially in the North Fork market — so higher monthly carrying costs can slow momentum or narrow the buyer pool if a property isn’t positioned correctly. Instead of seeing deals fall apart, I’m seeing buyers become more selective and analytical, comparing tax lines and insurance quotes closely before committing. From a listing standpoint, I don’t automatically advise sellers to grieve their taxes prior to going to market. A grievance can be beneficial long-term, but it doesn’t always translate into immediate value or faster negotiations, and timing can complicate disclosures or create unrealistic expectations. My approach is to educate both buyers and sellers on the full cost picture and price strategically within that reality. If a property’s taxes are significantly out of line with comparable homes, I’ll discuss the grievance process as part of a broader strategy — but it’s not a blanket recommendation.

Judi Desiderio

WILLIAM RAVEIS
EAST HAMPTON



It appears the demographic of today’s buyer doesn’t have sticker shock regarding the real estate taxes — though the consensus is, “why are they so high since the services are limited?”

Where their primary home is, the real estate taxes are higher most times, but they have sidewalks, curbs, drains, water, garbage removal etc. — most of which they don’t receive out east. Or maybe they’re just numb to being charged and over charged in New York State.

The taxes that saddle buyers need to be reexamined — the entry level for the 2% Peconic land tax hasn’t been increased since the law passed in 1998. Think about how much property values have increased since then! And now that the median home sale price (MHSP) on the North Fork pierced \$1 million and it’s over \$2 million on the South Fork, the 1% mansion tax charges most of the home buyers on the East End and that law passed in 1989! A million dollar home was not commonplace back then. Lastly, without any game plan, an additional 0.5% tax is now imposed for “affordable housing.” You get the picture.

Maryanne Horwath

DOUGLAS ELLIMAN
SOUTHAMPTON



Compared to many luxury second-home markets, the East End actually has relatively low property taxes. In a market like Palm Beach, for example, taxes are 2% of a property’s value — meaning a \$10 million home could carry around \$200,000 a year in taxes.

In Southampton Town, that same property might have taxes closer to \$50,000 annually.

Hamptons agents really need to understand the nuances of how taxes vary across the East End and be able to educate buyers accordingly. Taxes can differ significantly depending on the town, village, and school district and high taxes make properties harder to sell, so helping buyers understand those differences are important. Buyers here can also take issue with our closing taxes — which I playfully refer to as the “initiation tax” of owning in the Hamptons.

In the Town of Southampton, property owners can file a grievance each year to lower the assessed value of their home if they have additional information that could lead to a more accurate assessment. I often recommend that homeowners engage professional tax grievance services, which typically work on contingency.

Grievance Day in Southampton is held on the third Tuesday in May. During the week prior, residents may go to the Assessor’s Office in Town Hall, or to the town’s website for assistance with completing the grievance application and/or to help understand how particular assessments were determined. Grievance Day is just before the summer season begins — so everyone tends to be in a pretty good mood!



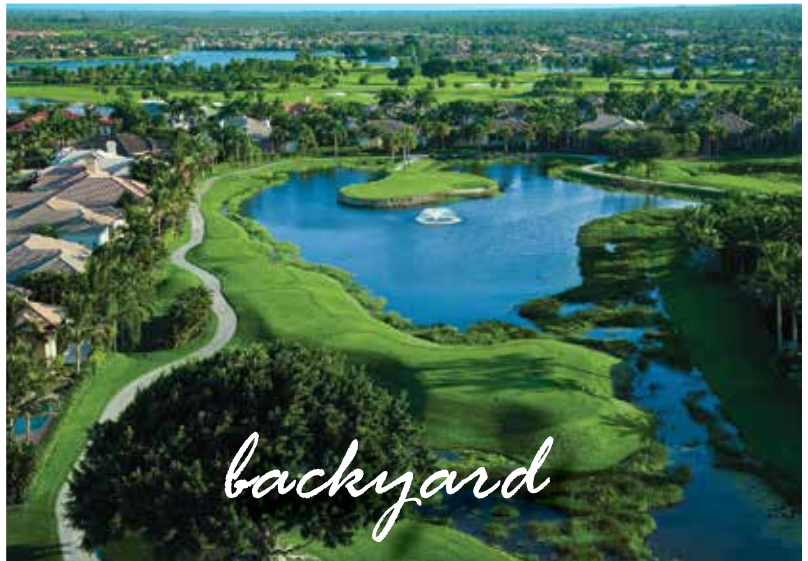
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Mandarin Oriental Plans Luxury Residences in West Palm Beach

By Taylor K. Vecsey

The Mandarin Oriental Residences are coming to West Palm Beach, thanks to the award-winning developer Great Gulf and it will be the brand's first standalone residential offering in South Florida.

The high-rise will be situated at 5400 North Flager Drive along the Intracoastal Waterway, in West Palm Beach's Northwood district. From the recently opened lifestyle and retail hub, the Nora District, to the debut of The Estates at NOMAR by GL Homes, the city's North End has seen remarkable growth in recent years, and the developers hope the addition of Mandarin Oriental Residences will further propel the neighborhood's momentum. Still close to Palm Beach County, leading cultural and lifestyle destinations, such as the Norton Museum of Art, The Royal Poinciana Plaza, Worth Avenue and CityPlace, are not far away.

"Partnering with Mandarin Oriental allows us to create a residential and hospitality experience that elevates the very best of West Palm Beach," Neil Vohrah, President of High-Rise Residential at Great Gulf, said in a statement this week. "This collaboration brings together exceptional design, legendary service and a deep understanding of what today's luxury buyer is seeking. We are proud to contribute to a project that will shape the future of the city's waterfront and introduce a new standard of refined living to South Florida."

There will be 87 units across the 31-story building, designed by Safdie Architects, which is led by renowned architect Moshe Safdie. Interiors are being designed by the award-winning firm Studio Munge, while ENEA Landscape Architecture is overseeing the grounds.

The developers say "the development is poised to become a defining architectural landmark, celebrated for its modern design, dynamic atmosphere, and exclusive lifestyle."

"We remain deeply committed to expanding our presence in North America across both our hotels and branded residences, responding to what our global community of customers is asking of us," said Laurent Kleitman, Group Chief Executive of



THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL RESIDENCES, WEST PALM BEACH, WILL OFFER 87 RESIDENCES WITH WRAPAROUND TERRACES OVERLOOKING THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY.

GREAT GULF

Mandarin Oriental. "Following our upcoming hotel and residences in Miami, this development in West Palm Beach reflects our confidence in South Florida as a leading destination for luxury branded residences and exceptional hospitality."

Mandarin Oriental Residences, West Palm Beach will include spacious residences ranging from two- to four-bedrooms, along with two multi-level private villas and a full-floor penthouse. Each residence will boast private elevator access and a wraparound balcony showcasing views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The development will feature resort-style amenities, such as an outdoor rooftop lounge with a pool, cabanas, a spa, and a state-of-the-art fitness center. There will also be a ground level pool with a bar, cabanas, and loungers along with "a private beach-inspired setting along the Intracoastal Waterway," the statement says. A pickleball court and a garden lounge are also being planned.

"Residents will also benefit from Mandarin Oriental's renowned service and attention to detail, with hospitality-inspired experiences designed

to elevate everyday living," according to the press release.

Mandarin Oriental owns and operates some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences, including 45 hotels, 15 residences and 36 homes in 28 countries and territories.

"Mandarin Oriental Residences, West Palm Beach, brings together an authentic living experience, elegant design and a truly irreplaceable waterfront sanctuary, anchored by a private beach-inspired setting along the Intracoastal Waterway," said Alicia Cervera Lamadrid, Managing Partner of Cervera Real Estate, which has been selected as the exclusive sales team for the project. Jesse Otley is the President of Development Sales.

"As the exclusive sales team, we are proud to partner with Mandarin Oriental and Great Gulf to deliver a residential experience that translates the brand's sophisticated service into a thoughtfully designed lifestyle tailored for West Palm Beach's most discerning buyers," Lamadrid continues.

The sales lounge is located at 201 Worth Ave, Suite 321 in Palm Beach.

Fort Lauderdale Waterfront Estate to No-Reserve Auction

By Behind The Hedges Staff

In the Fort Lauderdale area, nestled within the prestigious Windmill Ranch Estates in Weston, a waterfront estate is being offered at a no reserve auction later this month. Decaro Auctions has the 10,600-square-foot house listed at \$10.995 million.

Sitting on a 1.38-acre site with expansive private lake frontage, the residence was inspired by the designs of Frank Lloyd Wright with “organic architectural principles and refined finishes,” according to the listing.

Described as turn-key, the house is located in the gated community of Windmill Ranch Estates, which attracted Luis Robert Moirán of the Chicago White Sox, who purchased a record setting \$12.25 million waterfront estate, and former MLB All-Star Jeff Conine, a Florida Marlins legend, who recently sold his Weston mansion.

The property is both private and convenient with access to luxury shopping, fine dining and top schools.

Built for both grand entertaining and daily living, the home is “anchored by generous public rooms and private retreats.” With seamless indoor-outdoor living, the residence boasts a covered patio that leads out to the pool and spa with tropical screening and a rock waterfall, as well as a koi pond with a waterfall.

Inside, there is an open floor plan with separate and distinct spaces, such as a living area with floor-to-ceiling glass windows looking out onto the water and a family room in the corner with a high-tech television. A formal living room features a stone fireplace hearth that reaches the ceiling, and there is also a spacious formal dining area.

A bar area spills into a dining area and chef’s kitchen that includes high-end appliances, such as a digitally-run coffee machine, two islands and tall cabinets — all under extended-height ceilings. A butler’s pantry offers additional space, another refrigerator and oven.

An enclosed recreational space with access to the outside includes a summer kitchen with a grill.

The primary bedroom suite features high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, a fireplace, a sit-



THE 10,600-SQUARE-FOOT HOUSE IN WESTON, FLORIDA, IS AVAILABLE AT AUCTION FOR \$10.995 MILLION. COURTESY OF DECARO AUCTIONS

ting area and a spiral staircase that leads to a chic den, lounge and expansive closet, as well as a space being used as a workout area. A terrace from the second-level overlooks the pool and lake. There are dual spa-like bathrooms that include massive walk-in showers, water closets, and soaking tubs.

There are a total of six bedrooms and 10 baths.

There is also a three-car garage with EV charging and ample guest parking from the circular driveway on the meticulously landscaped property.

Though originally scheduled for March 7, the auction will take place on March 27. Early bid incentive is available.

Naples Penthouse Sets Record as Building’s Priciest Listing

By Taylor K. Vecsey

A luxurious penthouse in a prestigious condominium building in Naples, Florida has hit the market, asking \$29.9 million, making it the highest-priced residence ever offered at The Regent at Park Shore.

The residence at 4101 Gulf Shore Boulevard is listed with Richard G. Prebish II of William Raveis Real Estate. The Regent at Park Shore, a 24-story high-rise with 37 units, completed in 2002 by the Lutgert Companies, offers white-glove service, gated privacy and direct beach access.

Penthouse 2, a 12,000-square-foot home overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, has been reimagined as a collaboration between the acclaimed Suzanne Lovell Inc., one of Architectural Digest’s top 100 international interior design firms, and master craftsmen from Kurtz Homes and Thomas Riley Artisans’ Guild. The interiors were recently high-

lighted by Luxe Interiors + Design.

“The interior design embraces texture and artistry, from light wood flooring and shiplap walls to rope and woven leather accents,” the listing describes. “This rich palette serves as a backdrop for curated fine art and collectible furnishings, creating a home that is at once chic and informal.”

We’re told the owners invested far more than the current asking price. By comparison, Penthouse 3 inside The Regent, a 12,135-square-foot residence, sold Feb. 17, 2026, for \$26 million, according to online records.

The Regent is located in the distinguished Park Shore area, just north of the newly developed Four Seasons Naples Beach Club, allowing for sweeping views of the beaches and turquoise waters from the penthouse.

As the only residence on the entire floor, a private elevator opens into the grand entry way,



THE INTERIOR DESIGN INCLUDES TEXTURE AND ARTISTRY NICK SHIRGHIO

featuring immediate panoramic views of the Gulf thanks to curved floor-to-ceiling glass windows and doors.

The great room was designed with an open flow to maximize the light and vistas, according to the listing. Created with entertaining in mind, there are multiple seating areas, a fully appointed bar, and an easy transition into the formal dining room and chef’s eat-in kitchen.

There are four bedroom suites, two offices, a media room, a cabana room, a game room and a space for exercising.

Several terraces offer ample spaces to enjoy the views of Naples and the shoreline.

Amenities at The Regent at Park Shore include a beachfront pool, a spa, a fitness center, a billiard’s room, guest suites and 24-hour security. It is a pet-friendly environment with a dog walk.

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Palm Beach Real Estate Surges Past \$2B in Q4 as Luxury Market Momentum Holds Strong



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THE SINGLE-FAMILY SECTOR CLOSED WITH MORE THAN \$2.08 BILLION IN TOTAL SALES IN PALM BEACH.

BY JAMES BERNSTEIN

The Palm Beach residential real-estate market continued to rack-up blockbuster numbers in the fourth-quarter of 2025. The single-family sector closed with more than \$2.08 billion in total sales, for only the third time on record.

The numbers come in a fresh report from Frisbie Palm Beach, a real-estate investment group, which said that the Palm Beach residential real-estate market had “maintained strong momentum” in the period and that Florida as a whole remains “largely at the epicenter” of activity in the ultra-luxury market.

Frisbie said also that the so-called Mid-Town condo market “outperformed expectations for the year, amassing a dollar volume increase of 80 percent, compared to the year-end quarter in 2024.

The rave in Palm Beach real-estate circles these days is the \$177 million sale of oceanfront property by Charles Simonyi, a Hungarian-American software architect and

businessman. He has worked on Microsoft’s Word and Excel programs. It was the highest single-sale in 2025.

Frisbie said that the quarter-end 2025 results “highlight the strength of demand across Palm Beach’s residential market.”

This, the company said, is supported by an in-migration of high-tech executives from California, who are leaving that state in anticipation of higher taxes on high-net worth individuals proposed by a large health-care union, which is attempting to place such a measure on the ballot in November’s elections.

Gov. Gavin Newscom opposes the measure and has warned that if it were adopted, it would force the rich to flee.

“We expect momentum to continue as Palm Beach remains a premium and preferred destination for long-term investment and lifestyle driven demand,” Frisbie said.

The firm said:

In the single-family residential sector in the Q4 '25, there were 114 active offerings in the Multiple List-

ing Service. Frisbie said that this represents about a 12-month supply or, one season.

In the so-called Mid-town Condo/co-op sector, there were 89 offerings at the end of Q4 '25. Frisbie said that this represents about a 10-month supply, or less than a season’s worth

And, in the South End condo/co-op sector, there were 121 offerings in the period, or a 15-month supply on the market.

The single-family residential sector was the star. Q4 '25 saw a total of 26 transactions up an eyepopping 37 percent over the same period in 2024, and the highest-level since 2021. In all of 2025, there were 119 transactions, up 31 percent over 2024.

In terms of what the industry calls “dollar volume,” the single-family residential sector totaled \$436 million in Q25, a 44 percent increase over the final quarter of 2024.

The condo co-op sector did not do as well in terms of prices.

The mid-town condo/co-op market median price of \$2.4 million was down 11 percent from Q24.

According to the Wall Street Journal, for the first time ever, the top ten highest-priced transaction of 2025 were all prices over \$100 million. Frisbie Group said that the majority of those mega-deals took place in Florida – with Palm Beach holding the number two spot for the stunning \$117 million purchase by Simonyi.

And, tech moguls continue to come into Palm Beach.

According to real-estate records, they include Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Jim Koum, the WhatsApp founder, and Reed Hastings, the Netflix founder.

In addition to in-migration and business activity, Frisbie noted that Palm Beach is experiencing growth in education. Vanderbilt University has announced that it has reached its fund-raising goal on plans to build a graduate school campus in seven acres of downtown Palm Beach property, which is to be completed in 2029. The school is expected to focus on Artificial Intelligence and other high-tech areas.

Frisbie said that Palm Beach “continues to benefit from strong in-migration, sustained demand and diversified investment across multiple sectors. Its economic resilience, quality of life and reputation for safety and natural beauty support favorable long-term growth outlook, positioning the region to remain a preferred destination for residents, families, businesses and investors.”

And, looking at the beginning of this year, Redfin reports that Palm Beach County home prices were up 1.0 percent compared to the start of last year. Median selling prices this January were \$530,000. Redfin said that homes in Palm Beach County sell after 96 days, compared with 88 days last year. The company said that there were 1,667 homes sold in Palm Beach County in January, up from 1,632 last January.

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What Changed in the 2025 Guidelines

The updated guidance reflects notable shifts:

- Stronger emphasis on minimally processed foods
- Increased allowance for red meat and whole-fat dairy
- A softer stance on saturated fat

These changes have sparked reactions ranging from enthusiasm to confusion. And while the details matter, remember: these guidelines shape public policy and

institutional food programs more than your individual plate. That context matters.

What Feels Like Progress

The move away from ultra-processed foods is meaningful, especially in schools and public programs where these guidelines have real influence.

But here's what no pyramid can tell you.

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Population-level guidelines can't account for what I see every day in my work with midlife women: the intricate relationship between your unique physiology, your psychology, and the story you carry about food.

No pyramid knows that you learned food equals love at your grandmother's table. No chart understands that "not enough" sends you to the kitchen at 9 PM. No guideline can address the decades of dieting that taught you to categorize foods as good or bad, or how that lens creates an exhausting mental battle every single day.

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Whether you're navigating menopause, taking a GLP-1 medication, managing a chronic condition, or simply exhausted from decades of diet culture, the pathway forward isn't about following the latest guidelines more perfectly. It's about understanding your unique needs and healing your relationship with food and your body.

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Lois Pope, the Pope of Disabled Veterans

BY TODD SHAPIRO

One of America's leading philanthropists, Lois Pope is recognized as the country's foremost advocate for veterans and especially disabled veterans, earning the moniker, "The Pope of Disabled Veterans." She created and spearheaded the legislation, building, and endowment of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, which was dedicated on October 5, 2014, in Washington, D.C. as the nation's first permanent public tribute to the four million living disabled American veterans and all those who have died. In 1993, Pope founded two nonprofit organizations, Leaders In Furthering Education (LIFE) and the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, to help and improve the lives of the voiceless and vulnerable in our society. LIFE's Annual Lady in Red Gala in Palm Beach, Florida, has raised millions of dollars to help the less fortunate, including those who are disadvantaged or forgotten because of disabilities, socio-economic status, neglect, age, abuse, and other barriers. A mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Pope has rescued many dogs and cats. A resident of Manalapan, Fla., she has trained for and completed five marathons, but she is best-known for her charitable endeavors. She spoke with *Dan's Papers* about what drives her and more.

What is one accomplishment you would share widely with others?

One accomplishment that means the most to me is creating the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in our nation's capital.

For 18 years, I put everything else aside to make sure our nation would finally have its first permanent public tribute to the more than four million living disabled American veterans, and to all those who have died from their service. These men and women sacrificed so much for our freedom, yet, for far too long, their stories and sacrifices were not fully recognized.

I was determined that their courage and resilience would be honored in a way that every American could see and understand. The memorial stands as a place of reflection, gratitude, and education — a reminder that the cost of freedom is very real.

If there is one accomplishment I would share widely, it is that we as a nation finally fulfilled a promise to those who came home from war forever changed, and ensured their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

What would you tell people who are just getting started in philanthropy?

You don't have to dedicate your entire life to philanthropy to have an impact. If everyone chose just one cause and gave a little of their time or energy, perhaps the world would be a much better place.

What caused you to get involved in philanthropy?

I grew up during wartime, and as a child I saw firsthand that many people were struggling and in need. Those experiences stayed with me.

But more than anything, my parents set the example. From an early age, I watched them quietly give to those who needed help — whether by providing food to a family struggling or offering support to someone going through a difficult time. They didn't do it for recognition; they did it because it was the right thing to do.

That example created a standard in our home. It taught me that when you can help someone, you should. That belief has stayed with me throughout my life and truly became the driving force behind my commitment to philanthropy.

What has been most surprising about philanthropy?

The most surprising aspect of philanthropy, for me, is that there really are no surprises. When you work closely with people and causes for many years, you come to understand both the challenges and the incredible resilience of the human spirit.

There will always be needs in the world, and there will always be peo-

ple who are struggling. But there are also people who are willing to step forward, help others, and make a difference.

Philanthropy has simply reinforced what I have always believed—that compassion, generosity, and commitment can truly change lives. It's not about surprises; it's about continuing the work and never losing sight of the people you're trying to help.

How would you describe the role and relationship of government and charities?

We are truly blessed to live in a free country where individuals can support the causes that matter most to them. The government certainly plays an important role in providing structure, services, and support for many of society's needs. But individuals and private philanthropy also play a vital role.

One of the great strengths of our country is that people can give directly to charitable organizations they believe are making a difference — whether that's in their own community or far beyond it. Philanthropy allows citizens to respond quickly to needs, support innovation, and bring attention to causes that might otherwise be overlooked.

In my view, it's not a matter of government versus society. The two should complement one another. Government can provide the framework, but individuals, families, and charitable organizations bring compassion, creativity, and personal commitment to helping others.

Was there one thing that turned you from a person who thought about charitable acts and someone who actively participates?

There wasn't one single moment that changed me from someone who thought about charitable acts to someone who actively participates. This is simply who I am. Helping others has always been a natural part of my life.

I feel very blessed to be in a position to be a philanthropist. From a



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very early age, I always wanted to give and help those in need. It's never been about recognition — it's about seeing a need and doing whatever I can to make a difference.

For me, philanthropy isn't something separate from my life. It's simply the way I choose to live it.

In addition to your other activities, you've worked very hard regarding disabled veterans, including the PBS documentaries *Debt of Honor* and *VA: The Human Cost of War*. Both were directed by Emmy Award-winning director Ric Burns, younger brother of acclaimed documentarian Ken Burns. How would you characterize these films?

For me, both *Debt of Honor* and *VA: The Human Cost of War* were never just documentaries — they were a moral obligation. For far too long, our nation's disabled veterans have carried the physical and emotional wounds of war quietly, and many Americans simply did not know the depth of the challenges they face when they return home.

These films are about truth, accountability, and compassion. They tell the stories of brave men and women who served our country and then struggled to receive the care and respect they deserved.

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