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CORONAVIRUS IN FLORIDA

Town officials urge vigilance, safety

Number of virus cases on rise again

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As COVID-19 numbers surge again, town officials are urging residents to remain vigilant with maintaining safety protocols in order to slow the spread of

the virus.

As of Friday, there were 181 cases and 10 deaths, according to the town. Fire Rescue Division Chief Sean Baker told the Daily News that COVID-19 related calls to the department were increasing.

"We have averaged about 2.6 COVID cases per month since the beginning. Now, we have run three COVID cases since the beginning of November. We are hoping that public information and education will stop the increase for the

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Palm Beach County positivity rate tops 10%. **2A**

remainder of the month," Baker said Friday. Palm Beach is a largely at-risk community because most residents are older.

Residents who have been confirmed as dying from the coronavirus are: Carole Brookins (March 23), Susan

McPherson Gottsegen (March 27), Alicia Blodgett (June 30 in Georgia), and Anthony "Buzz" Myura (July 6).

Palm Beach Fire Rescue Chief Darrel Donatto told council members Tuesday that the country is in the middle a surge in COVID-19 cases, a "third wave" in which cases are accumulating a record high of more than 100,000 in one day.

"We're at 6.8% positivity rate right

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Day Academy sees boost in new students

Enrollment up as people flee stricter lockdowns

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As people have left areas with restrictive COVID-19 lockdowns such as New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C., and moved to Palm Beach, Palm Beach Day Academy's enrollment has jumped 18 percent to 472 students, compared to a year ago.

"This has been a total silver lining. It has been great for the school. We have gotten some wonderful new families from all over the country, including Palm Beach County," Head of School Fanning Hearon III said.

A number of new students have come from the Northeast, New York City in particular. In a typical year, the average number of new students is 90 to 100, but this year it is approaching 150.

An estimated one-third of those new students transferred to PBDA because of the pandemic, Hearon said.

Stephanie Filauo, director of admission, said the calls started coming during spring break in mid-March.

"A lot of these families had their

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Fundraiser helps Black art students

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The police killing of George Floyd and the protests that erupted afterward were an eye-opener for mega-art collectors Andy and Christine Hall. The British couple were in COVID-19 lockdown at their home in Palm Beach when the news broke.

"We have lived in the United States for more than 30 years and we only now were realizing how bad the institutional racism is," Andy Hall said.

He didn't have far to go to see the consequences of racism.

"In a way, Palm Beach County epitomizes

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BEADS OF CHANGE



Sally Kessler explores the "Ubhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence" exhibit Friday during the Society of the Four Arts member preview. The exhibit runs through Jan. 17.

MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

Auction now includes Flagler jewels



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If the prospect of snagging a piece of Marylou Whitney's legendary jewelry isn't enough to bring you to the Magnificent Jewels sale at Sotheby's, then how about something with a Henry Flagler connection?

Two pieces from the estate of his widow, Mary Lily Kenan Flagler, later Bingham, have been added to the Dec. 9 sale. Lots 24 and 25 are a long strand of glossy pearls by Tiffany & Co, and a Raymond Yard necklace boasting jade beads of rare intensity and translucence.

Lot No. 24 is a natural pearl and diamond necklace comprising 182 graduated pearls measuring from 7.0 to 3.6 mm, completed by a clasp set with a



Lot No. 24 is a pearl and diamond necklace comprising 182 graduated natural pearls. COURTESY OF SOTHEBY'S

marquise-shaped diamond.

The necklace, circa 1920s and signed Tiffany & Co., measures 39¼ inches long.

Accompanying documentation includes GIA report no. 2171209636 dated July 14, 2015, stating that 181 pearls are natural, saltwater, and one pearl is natural, freshwater.

The necklace is estimated to fetch between \$ 20,000 and \$30,000.

The second piece, Lot No. 25, is a triple-strand necklace comprising 61 and 64 graduated jadeite beads measuring from 9.3 to 3.0 mm, accented with a graduated row of natural pearls measuring approximately 10.6 to 6.1 mm.

The clasp is set with pear, triangle, trapezoid-shaped, round and baguette diamonds.

The piece is circa 1935.

Supporting credentials include two GIA reports from June 2015 stating that the 20 jadeite beads tested at random are natural, with no indications of impregnation; and that the pearls are saltwater and natural.

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Florie's offers to-go Thanksgiving feast

Four Seasons resort's restaurant featuring package that serves four to six people. **2A**

Pandemic brings change to Antique Row

Shops in West Palm Beach adapting to changing tastes and buying habits. **6A**

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Dive death lawsuit settled

Mollie Ghiz-Flynn died March 29 after a boat propeller cut her

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The husband of a woman killed in a March 29 diving accident off Palm Beach has settled his federal lawsuit. The suit, filed Sept. 11 by Sean Flynn, widower of Mollie Ghiz-Flynn, was closed Nov. 5, U.S. District Court records show. Documents do not disclose terms of the settlement.

The lawsuit had named Florida Scuba Charters and its owners, Dustin and Kristy McCabe, as well as Safe Harbor North Palm Beach, the corporate parent of the North Palm Beach marina.

It alleged Dustin McCabe, who'd just bought a two-engine boat and was using it for just for the third time, backed over Ghiz-Flynn's legs and the Space Coast woman bled to death before she could get help.

The incident occurred about 1½ miles southeast of the Palm Beach Inlet at a popular diving spot called Breakers Reef, just off the coast from the hotel for which it's named.

It said that, as Ghiz-Flynn, 37, and her husband of three years finished their first dive, they were waved over to the boat, but McCabe put the engines in reverse, and both divers were sucked under, with Ghiz-Flynn becoming entangled in the props.

Sean Flynn, 41, struggled to free his wife, and a fellow diver and a crew member jumped into the water. Eventually all were able to pull Ghiz-Flynn free.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said no other divers were hurt. It has said its investigation is finished and has provided some documents but so far has provided no summary or said if it



Millie Ghiz-Flynn and her husband, Sean Flynn.
PHOTO PROVIDED BY SEAN FLYNN

cited anyone in the incident.

Carol Lynn Finklehoffe, a lawyer for Sean Flynn, said Thursday she could not discuss the settlement.

Michael Winkleman, another lawyer for Flynn, did say in a statement: "We are pleased we were able to obtain some semblance of justice for Sean and for Mollie's family. Mollie's life was taken far too soon and it was important to seek full accountability for what was a preventable tragedy."

Dustin McCabe has not responded to calls. The lawsuit, and online review pages, suggest his dive company no longer is operating.

Kristy McCabe was dropped from the lawsuit because she longer was connected to the dive company, and she's estranged from her husband. Her lawyer, Alex Braunstein, did say that "her heart and sympathy does go out to the family for the tragic loss."

The lawsuit named North Palm Beach Marina because, at the time, a ban on dive boats was in place as part of the lockdowns related to the coronavirus pandemic. The suit says the marina should not have facilitated the dive. The marina's manager, Josh Steib, said Thursday he had no comment.

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Police postpone 2 presentations

The town Police Department has postponed two presentations scheduled for next month because of the continuing COVID-19 crisis.

The Scam Awareness Presentation, set for Dec. 2, and the Mature Driver Course, set for Dec. 10, will be rescheduled to a date in the new year that will be determined later, the department said.

As of Friday, some 870,552 people in the state, including 57,361 in the county, have been infected with the deadly virus since the pandemic began in March.
— From Staff Reports

Temple Emanu-El to livestream Israeli movie Wednesday

Temple Emanu-El of Palm Beach is hosting a livestream movie event Wednesday night featuring the Israeli drama "Fill the Void."

Rama Burshtein's 2012 film, set among the Haredi community in Tel Aviv, tells the story of 18-year-old Shira Mendelman (played by Hadas Yaron), whose older sister dies suddenly in childbirth. Shira must decide whether to marry her widowed brother-in-law, generating tensions within her extended family.

The livestream Cinema Emanu-El event is set for 7 to 9 p.m.. A Zoom discussion will be held after the movie at 8:30 p.m.

Call the temple for the link to the livestream at 561-832-0804, or email the temple at officsec@tepb.org.
— From Staff Reports

Auction

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mizes America," he said. "You've got extreme wealth juxtaposed with challenged communities."

The Halls wanted to do something about it.

They called on their artist friends to donate work to their foundation for an auction to raise money for scholarships for low-income Black students enrolled at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach who plan to pursue careers in the visual or performing arts.

The works will be included in the Phillips auction house's "20th Century and Contemporary Art Day Sale," which will be livestreamed Dec. 8.

The 20 artists who have responded to the call so far include Georg Baselitz, Katherine Bradford, Tracey Emin, Antony Gormley, Anselm Kiefer, Olafur Eliasson, Robert Longo, Kenny Scharf, Daniel Richter, Peter Saul and Julian Schnabel.

Works range in price from around \$5,000 to \$600,000 for Baselitz's painting "Gestern und Heute" (Yesterday and Today).

All proceeds will go to the Dreyfoos School of



Georg Baselitz's oil painting "Gestern und Heute" is estimated to fetch \$600,000 to \$700,000 during a Dec. 8 livestreamed auction at Phillips.

COURTESY OF THE HALL ART FOUNDATION

the Arts Foundation.

"In the midst of this crazy pandemic, sometimes wonderful things happen," said Kristin Lindinsky, the foundation's executive director. "We're thrilled."

Art dealers told Hall a benefit auction would be a tough sell to artists because they were being peppered with such requests. Instead, "the response we got from artists was overwhelmingly

positive," he said.

Jean-Paul Engelen, Phillips' deputy chairman and worldwide co-head of 20th century and contemporary art, isn't surprised by the artists' response because of the Halls' generosity and commitment to art and artists.

"Artists know the Halls are serious about it and it must be very meaningful," he said.

The Halls, who collect

post-war and contemporary art, are on ArtNews' list of the world's Top 200 collectors. Andy Hall made a fortune as an oil trader and hedge fund manager. But lately, he's been devoting most of his time to arts philanthropy.

In 2007, the couple founded the Hall Art Foundation to share the more than 5,000 postwar and contemporary art works from their own and the foundation's collection with the public.

The foundation organizes exhibitions and loans art to other institutions. It operates two museums: the Schloss Derneburg Museum in a historic castle near Hanover, Germany, and a seasonal museum in a former dairy farm in Reading, Vt. It's also responsible for an installation of Kiefer's art in a repurposed building at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams, Mass.

The Halls' friend, Palm Beach resident Gil Cohen, introduced them to the Dreyfoos school a few years ago. Cohen serves on the board of the school's foundation and mentors students at the magnet arts high school.

He invited Christine Hall to accompany him on one of his visits to the school. She was impressed.

When Andy Hall wanted to do something to combat institutional racism in his back yard, he consulted Cohen, who pointed him in the direction of the school's foundation.

In addition to spearheading the auction, the Halls have donated \$25,000 a year for the five years to support Black adjunct artists at the school and pledged another \$25,000 a year for five years for scholarships for low-income Black students who want to pursue careers in the arts.

"By focusing on the Dreyfoos school, we can measurably move the needle," Hall said. "The money we're giving and raising with the auction, hopefully, will make a difference to what the Dreyfoos School is able to do for its students."

He's a firm believer in education as a road to a better life. "Education is key to success for individuals and nations," he said.

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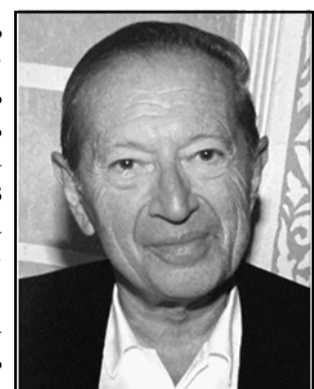
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Curt Newman

Curt Newman, 92, passed away at JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, FL, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, after a fall and brief stay at St. Mary's Medical Center and MorseLife Rehabilitation, West Palm Beach.



A resident of Palm Beach for over 50 years, he ran an international property investment company, with offices in London, New York and Palm Beach. A familiar face at Cafe L'Europe and The Breakers Beach Club, and a long-time member of The English-Speaking Union, Palm Beach Branch. An intellectual, true gentleman with a kind nature. Studied history, political science and idolized Sir Winston Churchill. Besides his residences he enjoyed summers in Monte Carlo, going to Theatres, Annabel's Club and The Knightsbridge Hotel in London. He will be sadly missed by old and new friends.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, November 9, at South Florida Jewish Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.

Many thanks to the staff at The Slade Residences for their kind help the past couple of years.

Donations to MorseLife Holocaust Program – Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz, Seniors Campus, 4847 David S. Mack Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33417 (561)349-4556 (www.morselifefoundation.org).

Donnelly

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It is estimated to hammer at \$250,000-\$350,000. Some big hammer, no?

The auction takes place in the New York showrooms. Online and telephone bidding will be available.

New game plan: Be honest, now. Didn't you think — way back in March when COVID-19 began messing up everybody's plans — that it would be over by now? Yeah, us too. And so, too, did a lot of of event chairwoman, who planned the usual winter parties and fundraisers and now find themselves scrambling for a Plan B.

Well, Catholic Charities has already launched its Plan B. Proposals for any



The triple-strand jadeite, diamond and natural saltwater pearl necklace by Raymond Yard from the estate of Mary Lily Kenan Flagler.

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gathering to celebrate what would have been the 10th annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala have been shelved and replaced with a two-week online silent auction.

The auction, which is offering 10 high-end prize

packages to mark the 10 years of the gala, opens Nov. 27 and closes Dec. 13. Register at one.bidpal.net/ccdpb.

For more information or to make a donation, visit ccdpb.org or call 561-775-9567.

Sign of the times, part two: The pandemic has changed pretty much everything, from travel to work to families and now the stalwart of the social season, the STD.

No, not that kind of STD, pervert. The Save-the-Date card.

No longer is it the forceful "This is gonna happen at this place on this day, so don't make any other plans." Instead, it's more of a tenuous request.

Example: The Save-the-Date card of the 2021 dinner dance for MOUF, the Mary Obolensky Underwood Foundation, which was canceled in April.

"We are going to have our MOUF dinner dance on April 12, 2021 at the club," the card reads. "This will only happen if it is prudent to do so. Please save the date."

So, there's that.