



Charles and Amanda Schumacher with Frances and Jeffrey Fisher

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PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY'S
"INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENING" ΔΔΔ...

Worth Knowing

As Palm Beach Day Academy (PBDA) looks forward to celebrating its 100th birthday in 2021, the *Inaugural Centennial Celebration Evening*, will be the first of a series of celebratory events leading up to the milestone achievement. The benefit will take place on Saturday, March 3rd at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. Chairing the 2018 gala are PBDA parents Frances and Jeffrey Fisher and Amanda and Charles Schumacher. Honorary Chair is William Matthews, PBDA grandparent and alumnus.

IF PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY ISN'T TURNING 100 YEARS OLD UNTIL 2021, WHY HAVE AN EVENT NOW? TO KICK OFF THE CENTENNIAL!
Amanda Schumacher

The Centennial is a long-awaited celebration of an incredible educational institution that has been a large part of the foundation of this community. We are lucky to live in a community that comes together to help, celebrate, support and assist each other. We are grateful to so many people, companies and foundations that have made many of the Palm Beach Day Academy dreams come true. Without the community's support, this growth would not be possible. There is no better time than the present to reach out to our supporters and to celebrate our upcoming Centennial. This is a celebration of our progress and the people that have helped us pave the way to this centennial. It will pave the road for our next 80 years.

AS FLORIDA'S FIRST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL IN 2021, WHAT DO YOU THINK DISTINGUISHES PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY?
Aghay Fisher

Palm Beach Day Academy's faculty works to maintain a learning environment where achievement is highly valued and where students gain confidence through accomplishments. The faculty's dedication to finding the proper balance of nurturing support and challenging demands for each child, is the school's greatest strength. That dedication, along with the close relationship that our families have with each other and the school, is the reason that Palm Beach Day Academy is regarded as a "family" school.

Charles Schumacher

Palm Beach Day Academy is a school of longstanding tradition that was founded by educators that always looked at each child as an individual, not as a whole. Our children are taught to be independent thinkers, community leaders and students of the highest caliber. They are encouraged to think differently, to excel on all levels and to learn to apply education to all facets of their lives. The children are given an incredible foundation that is nurturing but excellent. Our goal is to launch them into the next stage of their lives as strong, secure and thoughtful contributors to our community. Palm Beach Day Academy has very high expectations while focusing and teaching them the values of honesty, kindness and integrity.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR PBDA TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY LEADING UP TO SUCH AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE?

Frances Fisher

A school cannot excel without the community's support. In addition to serving as a national leader in the field of education, PBDA's outreach and community service projects, Lead with Honor program and emphasis on character development play a valuable role in the lives of its students, our families and the Palm Beach community. For the 2017-2018 school year, we included community partnerships as one of our strategic priorities. Every year our outreach and partnerships expand and strengthen. We also believe that Palm Beach Day Academy's legacy is that it really strengthens our community as a whole.

WHY THE DECISION TO CHAIR THE INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENING?

Amanda Schumacher

I have always risen to any challenge where there is a call to action to support our community, education and child development. I have raised five children and their academic foundations have largely contributed to who they have become. I am always honored and thankful for the chance to give back to others and to raise awareness. Palm Beach Day Academy has a special place in our hearts and we are thrilled to support this milestone with them.

WHAT CAN GUESTS EXPECT AT THE INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENING?

Frances Fisher

This year, we decided to take the annual gala off campus and it will take place at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. It's going to be an elegant evening with an exceptional silent and live auction. We look forward to having our parents, alumni, faculty and members of the community join us on March 3rd. This will be an exciting celebration of Florida's first independent school and its promising future.



William Matthews

IF YOU GO

WHO: Chairmen: Frances and Jeffrey Fisher; Amanda and Charles Schumacher; Honorary Chairmen: William Matthews

WHAT: Palm Beach Day Academy's Inaugural Centennial Celebration Evening

WHERE: The Flagler Museum, Palm Beach

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2018

TICKETS: \$250 per person - The event is open to public and the community is encouraged to attend!

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PALM BEACH DAY SCHOOL
“KIDS RULE THE SCHOOL” PRE-AUCTION PARTY

Hosted by Frances and Jeff Fisher, the first fundraising event of the season for Palm Beach Day Academy announced the theme for its Inaugural Centennial Celebration Evening in March 2018. Parents were then invited to bid online on behalf of their children for a chance to trade places with a faculty member for the “Kids Rule the School” day.

1 Maite and Ernie Jabour

2 Hosts of the pre-auction party,
Frances and Jeff Fisher with
LaRita and Dr. Edwin Gordon

3 Chuck and Amanda Schumacher

4 Leslie and Ron Schram

5 Matthew and Aliza Byrne
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ABOVE: The Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County recently welcomed more than 150 philanthropists, community leaders and professional staff members to its new headquarters for a building dedication. Cutting the ribbon at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Building, 1 Harvard Circle, West Palm Beach, were (from left) Rabbi Moshe Scheiner, Arthur Loring, Mark Levy, Ronald Pertnoy, Rande Schneider, Ira Gerstein, Alan Shulman, Barbara Kay and Michael Hoffman.

LEFT: Palm Beach Day Academy's 22nd annual Walter H. Butler Golf and Tennis Classic raised more than \$60,000 for Florida's first Independent school. The benefit took place at The Breakers Palm Beach. Overall gross golf winners included (from left) Trey Sned, Will Eady, Ned Grace and Rob Surtees. CONTRIBUTED BY PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY

Members of the Women's Council of Realtors Greater Palm Beach County gathered together recently at The Polo Club in Boca Raton to be part of the tradition of passing the gavel from past president to incoming president. In attendance were (from left) Debra Shapiro, incoming 2018 president; Jessica Rosato, past president 2016; and Cathy Lewis, current president. Also joining them were Amy Snook, the state WCR 2018 secretary; Pamela Banks, the national WCR 2018 treasurer; and Christine Citrano, 2018 state WCR treasurer.



Parks

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RECREATION CENTER

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Size: N/A
Hours: N/A
Facilities: Four tennis courts, two lighted, and recreation center can be rented by civic organizations
Managed by: Lantana

LANTANA NATURE PRESERVE

East Ocean Avenue
Size: 6.5 acres
Hours: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Facilities: Nature walk, identified native plants, butterfly garden, benches, gazebo
Managed by: Lantana

SANTALUCES ATHLETIC COMPLEX

6750/6880 Lawrence Road
Size: 28 acres
Hours: Dawn to dusk; lighted facilities open until 11 p.m.
Facilities: Swimming pool with lockers, showers and restrooms, children's wading pool, four Major League baseball fields, parking
Managed by: Palm Beach County

MELEAR PARK

6684 Eastview Drive
Size: 1 acre
Hours: Dawn to dusk
Facilities: 200 feet of lake frontage and freshwater fishing
Managed by: Palm Beach County

LAKE CHARLESTON PARK

7001 Charleston Shores Blvd.
Size: 9.5 acres
Hours: Dawn to dusk
Facilities: Two T-ball fields, two Little League baseball fields, children's play area, restrooms, parking
Managed by: Palm Beach County

Palm Springs

SAGO PARK

Parks continued on 14



Photos by Andres Leiva / Daily News

New Orleans trumpeter Wynton Marsalis speaks to an audience of Palm Beach Day Academy students, faculty and guests while standing in front of his band, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, before a concert Thursday at the school.



The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra saxophone player Walter Blanding performs a solo during the concert at Palm Beach Day Academy on Thursday. The campus' entire student body attended.

Wynton Marsalis performs at Day Academy

By JAN SJOSTROM
Daily News Arts Editor

Famed jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and his Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performed for a full house Thursday at Palm Beach Day Academy's upper campus. The concert preceded the group's performance Thursday night at the Kravis Center.

The campus' entire student body attended, as did second-graders from the lower campus, students

from Glades Academy in Belle Glade, faculty and trustees.

The hourlong concert featuring the band and singers Catherine Russell and Kenny Washington covered major jazz figures and introduced core jazz concepts such as swing rhythm, call and response, improvisation, blues and riffs.

They demonstrated each concept with the Christmas songs "What Will Santa Claus Say (When He Finds Everybody Swingin'),"

The concert preceded the group's performance Thursday night at the Kravis Center.

"Blue Christmas" and "Jingle Bells," and entertained the audience with other tunes.

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EROSION

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the town, The Breakers, the neighboring Lauder property, Surfrider and environmental regulatory agencies — the state has recommended setting up a technical advisory committee to ensure transparency and communication among all the engineers throughout the permitting effort, Public Works Director Paul Brazil told the town's shore board last week.

"The same consensus building we did on planning the project, the state is doing when it comes to developing the permit," Brazil said.

Still to be worked out: Who is responsible for the cost and whether the bill might be shared by the town and The Breakers.

'The elephant in the room'

Sand has rapidly disappeared from the area since the town's last sand fill there in 2015. Brazil has said the nourishment did not perform as well as those done before 2012, when The Breakers modified its coastal structures.

It's up to the council to decide how much the town is willing to pay. But several shore board members said Wednesday that they would like to weigh in.

"Who pays for what? That's the elephant in the room," alternate shore board member Melissa Ceriale said.

The projected \$3.6 million cost includes \$1.5 million to modify the groins in front of The Breakers.

The remainder is for building new structures north and south of the

Breakers President Paul Leone has said the resort was forced to act to protect its property from damaging surf after the town refused to place sand on the eroded beach behind the hotel.

Brazil said the town has "typically paid 100 percent of the cost of shore protection island-wide." But he said the permitting agencies won't allow the town to fill the beach at The Breakers because of concerns the sand would cover the offshore reef near the resort.

Brazil noted that The Breakers representatives were not at Wednesday meeting and said he didn't want to advocate for their position in their absence. But "they took an action on their own to protect their hotel, and I can tell you they do need to protect that sea wall" at the hotel, he said.

At the urging of the shore board, the town and its consultant, The Breakers, Surfrider Foundation and regulatory agencies have huddled to find a solution that could be permitted and built relatively quickly, perhaps as early as next year.

Who's at fault for 'down-drift' erosion?

"I personally have avoided forming an opinion about this," Brazil said of the financial responsibility question. "There isn't any precedent for this ... this is unusual."

Before the Applied Technology & Management solution was agreed upon, The Breakers hired an engineering consultant to suggest alternatives to correct the erosion problem. But the resort has not taken responsibility for the ero-

taking a position unless it is supported by facts.

"If you are going to go down this path, you need a professional coastal engineer to give you an opinion that the maintenance work done by The Breakers caused the down-drift erosion," he said. "Then you've got to get the professional to tell you the cost of the lost sand. ... You've got to have the data and facts. ... If you don't have that, you're going to get blown out of court."

Brazil suggested dropping the subject until he can contact officials at The Breakers.

"The Breakers isn't here to speak for themselves," he said. "We have worked very hard on partnering. ... Maybe the next step is to talk off line and let them know this is coming up. ... It isn't something that needs to be decided by you today."

In a written statement Thursday, Leone said the resort's breakwaters — a system of rock piles and concrete/steel groins — have been in place since the 1960s and "are not responsible for what is referred as the down drift erosion currently impacting the Midtown beaches.

Any assertion to that effect is irresponsible and not based on research or science. The Midtown beaches have been a chronic area for coastal erosion dating back to the creation of the Lake Worth Inlet in the 1920s." Paying the \$3.6 million falls under the jurisdiction of the council, not the shore board, Leone agreed. "We welcome a discussion with the Town Council once an acceptable solution has been designed and permitted by the Florida DEP," he said in the email.

The \$3.6 million tab doesn't include the cost of additional sand that will be needed for the new structures and groins to be fully effective, Coastal Manager Rob Weber said. The next nourishment of the Midtown Beach area, which includes the shore north and south of The Breakers, and down through Midtown Beach, is scheduled for 2021. But Weber said the town has state and federal permits on hand for the nourishment and the council could authorize an interim sand fill.

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OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

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RUSTMANN, Carolyn

June 22, 1942 December 5, 2017

Carolyn Anne Sakolsky Rustmann (née Smith) died peacefully this past Tuesday evening after losing a three-year long heroic battle with a virulent form of breast cancer.

Carolyn was the eldest daughter of Elizabeth Anne and Arthur P. Smith, Jr. She was born and raised in Miami with her two sisters and four brothers. Her surviving family mem-



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north and south of the Lauder property south of the Breakers, for building a new structure at the south end of Clarke Avenue beach, for extending the groins at the north end of Midtown Beach, and for rehabilitating 11 groins in front of Midtown.

Ceriale suggested The Breakers might pay the \$1.5 million for improving the groins in front of the hotel.

But alternate board member Harvey Kinzelberg said determining the cost is more complicated than that. "There is also causation," he said. "This problem is relatively recent because of certain actions that certain parties have taken."

responsibility for the erosion.

Brazil said he believes there is a connection between the Breakers' project and downshore erosion at Clarke and Midtown.

"The Breakers would argue that (its 2012 groin modification) didn't have a down-drift impact," Brazil said. "I would argue that it did have a down-drift impact."

The council — not the shore board — will decide how much the town will pay, officials said, although the shore board advises the council on matters related to the shore.

Town Manager Tom Bradford recommended the shore board avoid

the erosion and the erosion for existing buildings. Members are Donald Lee Smith (Tampa), David Alan Smith (Miami), Paul V. Smith (Hawaii) and Roger Nutt Smith (Orlando).

Carolyn was a gifted lawyer and a kind and generous contributor to many charities, some as far afield as a school in Samar, Philippines, that was named in her honor. She was an active supporter of terminally ill children in the Miami/Dade Hospital, Homebound.

She was a Miami High School graduate who went on to Duke University before obtaining a Law Degree from the University of Miami. She ran for Judge in Miami, in 1988.

Carolyn rose rapidly in the legal profession, and began her own successful business, Private Judges, Inc., in Coral Gables. She became the premiere attorney in Mediation services, mediating thousands of cases.

In 1997 she married the larger-than-life Coral Gables and Chicago developer, Al Sakolsky. When he passed away in 2011, she jokingly told people Al gave her to Fred Rustmann for safe keeping, Fred was a close friend of Al's; a CIA retiree and author of several books. Carolyn and Fred were married in 2014 and moved to Palm Beach where they resided together until her death.

Carolyn's passion for horses led to her founding of Magic Motion Farms where she trained race horses, hunter/jumpers and Pacifinos. Her brother, David, remembers fondly that as a small child, Carolyn always wanted to grow up to be a horse. Her love for horses remained with her throughout her life.

Carolyn's sharp mind and stunning beauty (she once modeled for Oleg Cassini) contributed to make her a success in whatever path she chose.

Her smile will be missed by all who knew her.

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Trump's Sunday: Golf, football

By **GEORGE BENNETT**
Daily News Staff Writer

President Donald Trump wrapped up another Mar-a-Lago weekend Sunday with plans to host a Super Bowl watch party at his nearby Trump International Golf Club before heading back to Washington.

Trump issued a statement a few hours before kickoff honoring U.S. armed forces and alluding to the controversy over NFL players who sat or knelt during the national anthem this season.

"Though many of our Nation's service members are unable to be home with family and friends to enjoy this evening's American tradition, they are always in our thoughts and prayers," Trump's statement said. "We owe these heroes the greatest respect for defending our liberty and our American way of life. Their sacrifice is stitched into each star and every stripe of our Star-Spangled Banner.

We hold them in our hearts and thank them for our freedom as we proudly stand for the National Anthem."

This weekend marked Trump's 12th presidential visit to Palm Beach. He has spent roughly 39 days in Palm Beach County as president — mainly at Mar-a-Lago or Trump International about 4½ miles away in unincorporated West Palm Beach.

Trump was briefed at Mar-a-Lago early Sunday about the train crash in South Carolina that claimed at least two lives. He tweeted about it just before noon during a five-hour visit to his golf course.

"My thoughts and prayers are with all of the victims involved in this mornings train collision in South Carolina. Thank you to our incredible First Responders for the work they've done!" Trump told Twitter followers.

For the motorcade from the golf club back to Mar-a-Lago, the usual gathering of Trump supporters cheered the president along South-

ern Boulevard with signs that included "Trump Strong" and "Secure Our Border" and "Trump 2020 Keep America Great."

One woman also held a sign that read "Guardrail Safety 4 Hannah" — a reference to the father of a Tennessee man, Steve Eimers, to get the president's attention about guardrail safety after his 17-year-old daughter, Hannah Eimers, was killed in a 2016 crash.

Steve Eimers paid \$1,000 to buy an ad on WPTV-Ch. 5 on Sunday afternoon to raise the issue.

Trump planned to return to Trump International on Sunday evening with first lady Melania Trump to host a Super Bowl watch party, as he has done for several years.

The Florida Atlantic University pep band was scheduled to perform for the first couple before the party. Trump planned to depart for Washington at 9 p.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Day Academy set for Palm Beach Unites event

Palm Beach Day Academy students, faculty and community leaders gathered in the Smith Family Theater on Jan. 19 to listen to Head of School **Edwin Gordon** and the Rev. **James Hartan**, of the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, share sobering statistics on the number of hungry children in Palm Beach County. The group was attending a school assembly in honor of the Palm Beach Unites event to be held Sunday in the school's gymnasium to benefit hungry families in Palm Beach County.

"It's hard to imagine, but 1 in 6 Palm Beach County children is food insecure," Gordon said. "With so many who don't know when their next meal is coming, there is an overwhelming need for our help. This is Palm Beach Day Academy's fourth year to host Palm Beach Unites...to date, we have packaged more than 500,000 meals for the hungry in our community. This year, we look to expand that number by 150,000 more meals."

The volunteer initiative unites Palm Beach Day Academy with a variety

of island-focused organizations.

Composed of lentils, white rice, dehydrated vegetables and pink Himalayan salt, the Feeding Children Everywhere meal is all-natural with no artificial flavorings, as well as a sustainable addition to the daily diet. The Palm Beach Unites project brings these multiple organizations together to mobilize nearly 1,000 volunteers to spend shifts scooping, measuring and packaging 150,000 healthy meals for families in need throughout Palm Beach County.

There are three shift opportunities available for the community to partake; 1 to 2 p.m., 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. To participate or donate, visit bit.ly/2F5NgIU or call 561-271-9320 and speak to Ann Marie Milano.

Oxbridge senior to present at conference

Oxbridge Academy senior **Robert Stirn** is the only high school student



Photo by CAPEHART

Edwin Gordon, left, head of school for Palm Beach Day Academy, poses with student Charlie Lorentzen and parent Frances Fisher. Gordon spoke at the Jan. 19 school assembly about the Palm Beach Unites event to be held Sunday.



Cynthia Thuma

selected to present research at the 41st annual Herpetology Conference hosted by the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Stirn has been working on his science research project since his freshman year. It focuses on the Cuban tree frog *Osteopilus septentrionalis* vs. native frogs in the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Boynton Beach. Stirn's project involves

investigating the impact of the nonnative Cuban tree frog on the native frog species in the Everglades. Stirn's investigation involves placing PVC pipes, which mimic ideal tree frog habitat, in the wild life refuge and extracting any frogs found inside to identify whether they are native or invasive.

The Herpetology Conference will be held March 24-25 at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

It is the longest running regional herpetology symposium in the country.

Today

SHINY SHOTS

Tom and Tricia Quick attend the Palm Beach Zoo Ball Tropical Safari Friday at The Breakers. For more Shiny Shots, see PalmBeachDailyNews.com



CAPEHART / Shiny Shots

PICKS OF THE DAY

Film Festival — The 28th annual Donald M. Ephraim Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival continues through Sunday, presenting movies at six locations, including the AMC CityPlace 20 in West Palm Beach. Five films are showing today: *Between Worlds*, 11 a.m. at the Frank Theatre 3, 14475 Lyons Road, Delray Beach; *On the Banks of the Tigris*, 1:30 p.m., Frank Theatre 3; *Persona Non Grata*, 2:30 p.m., CMX Cinemas, 10312 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington; Paradise, 4 p.m., Frank Theatre 3; *Bezhak*, 7:30 p.m., Frank Theatres 3 and 4. For the complete schedule or to buy tickets visit pbjff.org.

THE WEATHER

Today will be mostly cloudy with a high of 73 degrees and a low of 68, according to the National Weather Service in Miami. Winds will be out of the west, becoming northeast in the afternoon, at 7 to 14 mph.

The marine forecast calls for east-northeast winds at 10 to 15 knots, with seas of 2 to 4 feet. **Lake Worth Inlet:** High tide will be at 11:57 a.m., with low tides at 5:47 a.m. and 6:34 p.m. **Sunrise:** 7:03 a.m. **Sunset:** 6:05 p.m.

ROAD WATCH

Southern Boulevard — The parking lots on the south side of the Southern Boulevard causeway on Bingham Island will remain closed due to the installation of a temporary construction fence on the south side.

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Work begins on Day Academy campus

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Daily News Staff Writer

Construction has begun on a new Palm Beach Day Academy Lower Campus building.

The \$7 million Mandel-Palagye Education Center is named for Palm Beachers Keith and Stacy Palagye and Mort and Barbara Mandel. Ibis Building Corp. plans to finish the two-story, 16,000-square-foot building by spring 2018. It was designed by Harvard Jolly Architecture.

The center, on the lower campus at 1901 S. Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach, will feature classrooms, a media center, science and engineering lab, health clinic, green spaces, learning commons and amphitheater-like area. It will be linked to the school's existing two-story building by an enclosed skyway. "Our families are thrilled to be able to give this donation to Palm

Beach Day Academy," Stacy Palagye said in a news release from the school. "Our children and grandchildren have attended Palm Beach Day Academy for 21 years, with another 10 years ahead of us."

Keith and Stacy Mandel Palagye are parents of current students.

"We are completely invested in the mission of the school and are especially pleased to be a part of a large group of donors who have given to the Flagler campus' new education center," Stacy Palagye said in the statement. "It is a brilliant design, a comprehensive and state-of-the-art education center for our little ones and worth every penny that is being spent upon it."

The families have donated to other educational institutions, including Tulane University and the West Palm Beach public library. The Mandels plan to donate up to \$5 million



Courtesy Palm Beach Day Academy.

Construction recently began on the new Palm Beach Day Academy lower campus Mandel-Palagye Education Center.

for a new Palm Beach recreation center named in their honor.

The lower campus serves students age 2 through third grade and the upper campus, in Palm Beach, serves fourth through ninth grades.

Head of School Dr. Edwin Gordon said the new center will inspire a sense

of "whimsical discovery."

"The new Mandel-Palagye Education Center will provide more flexible learning spaces for students to explore, discover and collaborate in creative ways," Gordon said in the statement.

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Photo provided by the Beach Club

The Beach Club spent over \$6 million in renovating its pool and deck.

Beach Club opens pool after upgrade

By CARLA TRIVINO
Daily News Staff Writer

The Beach Club's \$6 million renovation project is complete and the pool is ready for swimmers.

"It was a major renovation," club president Homer Marshman Jr. said. "We upgraded everything." In addition to a bigger pool, the club added an outdoor pavilion, a bar and dining area, and a water feature for kids.

The project, led by The Weitz Co. and designed by Peacock + Lewis Architects, began last April.

During the project's early stages, some members disapproved of the renovations, Marshman Jr. said, especially replacing the pool with one facing southeast, but he said the majority had positive reactions.

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"Of the 700 members some will disagree, but most have a good response," he said.

The pool is surrounded by tented pavilions with flat-screen TVs, the outdoor bar has an inlaid blue crystal-cut stone finish with customized lighting and the interactive water feature, similar to the one on Clematis Street, spouts water to the beat of music.

"Children get a big kick out of that," Marshman Jr. said.

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OBITUARIES

Miriam 'Mimi' Kahn Mirsky

Miriam "Mimi" Kahn Mirsky of West Palm Beach died Friday June 23, 2017.

She worked for Mirsky Realty Group in Palm Beach.

Mrs. Mirsky was born in Pelham, Ga. She majored in music at the University of Georgia, where she graduated.

Mrs. Mirsky moved to West Palm Beach in 1950 when she married Joseph Mirsky. She performed classical solos at her home and other locations.

She was one of the founders of the Palm Beach Symphonette. She

was also president of the Women's Symphonette and arranged concerts at the Flagler Museum as well as other venues. She was one of the original members of the Palmer Singers, who performed concerts throughout Palm Beach County.



Mrs. Mirsky

Mrs. Mirsky became a licensed real estate agent for Mirsky Realty Group, where she sold properties for more than 35 years. Besides Palm Beach, Mirsky Realty Group has offices in Vero Beach and Palm Beach Gardens.

She is survived by a daughter, Norma Mirsky, and husband Dr. Bruce Grossman of Palm Beach Gardens; two sons, William Mirsky of Houston and Brian Mirsky and wife Carol Deaktor Mirsky of Boca Raton; four grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Friedman of Sandersville, Ga., and Harriette Rubin of Kilgore, Texas; and a brother, Jerry Kahn of Orlando. She is also survived by her partner of many years, Ed Palmer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to TrustBride in West Palm Beach. A celebration of life will be held next month in West Palm Beach.

Philip W. Natale Jr.

By SHANNON DONNELLY
Daily News Society Editor

Philip W. Natale Jr., a longtime educator in the Massachusetts school system, died Thursday, July 6, 2017, at his home in Waltham, Mass. He was 84 and the husband of Judith MacKinnon and of the late Sylvia Gould.

He is survived by sons Philip III and Matthew (Ann-Michelle) of Palm Beach.

Born Oct. 9, 1932, in Cambridge, he was the son of the late Philip W. and Helen (Maree) Natale and lived in Waltham for most of his life.

Eagle." Mr. Natale went on to earn a doctorate in education with honors at the University of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society.

A lifelong teacher, school psychologist and guidance counselor in the Massachusetts towns of Wenham and Lynn, Mr. Natale became the youngest school principal in the state at the age of 28.

Mr. Natale was a devout Catholic and a lector, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine instructor and Eucharistic minister at Mary Immaculate Lourdes Parish in Newton, Mass.

Lisa Fantini of South Lawrence, Mass., and Lauren Lucas of North Grafton, Mass.; brothers John F. of Winchester, Mass., and Paul H. of Reading, Mass.; several grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. today at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church in Waltham.

Burial with U.S. Navy military honors will be private.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

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SCHOOLS

Students adopt snails to release into Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge

BY JAN ENGOREN
STAFF WRITER

Through a partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, the Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Education Center and Grassy Waters Preserve, students at Palm Beach Day Academy, a private school in Palm Beach, are raising native Florida apple snails in their classrooms and will eventually release them in natural wetland areas in which their population has been declining.

Called the Apple Snail Adoption Program, the experience provides the

opportunity for students to learn the importance of native species and conservation, help propagate and restore native Florida apple snail populations and remove invasive exotic snails at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge west of Boynton Beach.

According to Ray Coleman, executive director at the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, the partnership promotes environmental stewardship, conservation, restoration and education.

"This is a really cool educational project for kids to give something back to nature instead of taking something from nature," he said, explaining the snail kite, an endangered species bird, feeds predominantly on

the apple snail.

With the introduction of the non-native apple snails, mostly through people disposing of their aquarium contents, it has created problems for the snail kite. The non-native snails carry diseases that affect the birds and are larger in size than the native apple snail.

"Juvenile snail kites can't lift the larger snails to feed," Coleman said.

Additionally, the invasive snails eat and destroy plant vegetation that the native snail does not.

"It teaches children the importance of every species and how everything is interconnected," he said. "It teaches students the power of community and working together and is a meaningful, cooperative learning



FOOD DELIVERY An endangered Everglade snail kite flies off near one of four nests at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife refuge west of Boynton Beach. The snail kite eats one type of food, freshwater apple snails. SUN SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

program." Fourth-grade Palm Beach Day Academy teacher Erin Mitchell said, "The project helps kids learn about the Everglades and about non-native species and their im-

ping and participate in species population counts," she said. "Our school always strives to bring our kids out into the field to learn through inquiry-driven place-based learning." Palm Beach Day Academy second-graders, accompanied by teacher Wendy Bieneman, will also come out to help participate in restoration of the environment along with the fourth-graders to release the snails and help plant 200 bald cypress seedlings.

The goal of the program is to expand the Apple Snail Adoption Program to 10 Florida counties involving at least 5,000 students and 40 teachers within five years.

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