

IN YOUR COMMUNITY



THE ACREAGE

Four injured in crash of car, pickup truck

Three adults and a child were taken to hospitals after an accident involving a car and pickup truck Sunday afternoon, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue said.

Crews were called to Northlake and Hall boulevards just before 2:30 p.m., said Capt. Albert Borroto, fire-rescue spokesman.

The vehicles sustained heavy damage, and firefighters used the Jaws of Life to cut occupants from one of the vehicles, Borroto said.

Two adults and the child had traumatic injuries and were taken to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Borroto said. The third adult was taken to Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee.

DELRAY BEACH

House fire leaves family of five homeless

A family of five was left temporarily homeless after their house caught fire Sunday afternoon.

Volunteers with the American Red Cross are helping coordinate emergency aid for the family.

The fire started at 518 S.W. Ninth Court between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Delray Beach Fire-Rescue responded to the blaze, which affected approximately 60 percent of the house, said Curtis Jepsen, fire-rescue's public information officer.

No one was injured. An investigation is ongoing, Jepsen said.

WEST PALM BEACH

Motorcyclist flown to hospital after crash

One person was flown to Delray Medical Center Sunday evening after a motorcycle accident in suburban West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue said.

The crash happened just before 6 p.m. at Gun Club Road and Congress Avenue, said Capt. Albert Borroto, fire-rescue spokesman. Crews found the rider lying in the road.

WELLINGTON

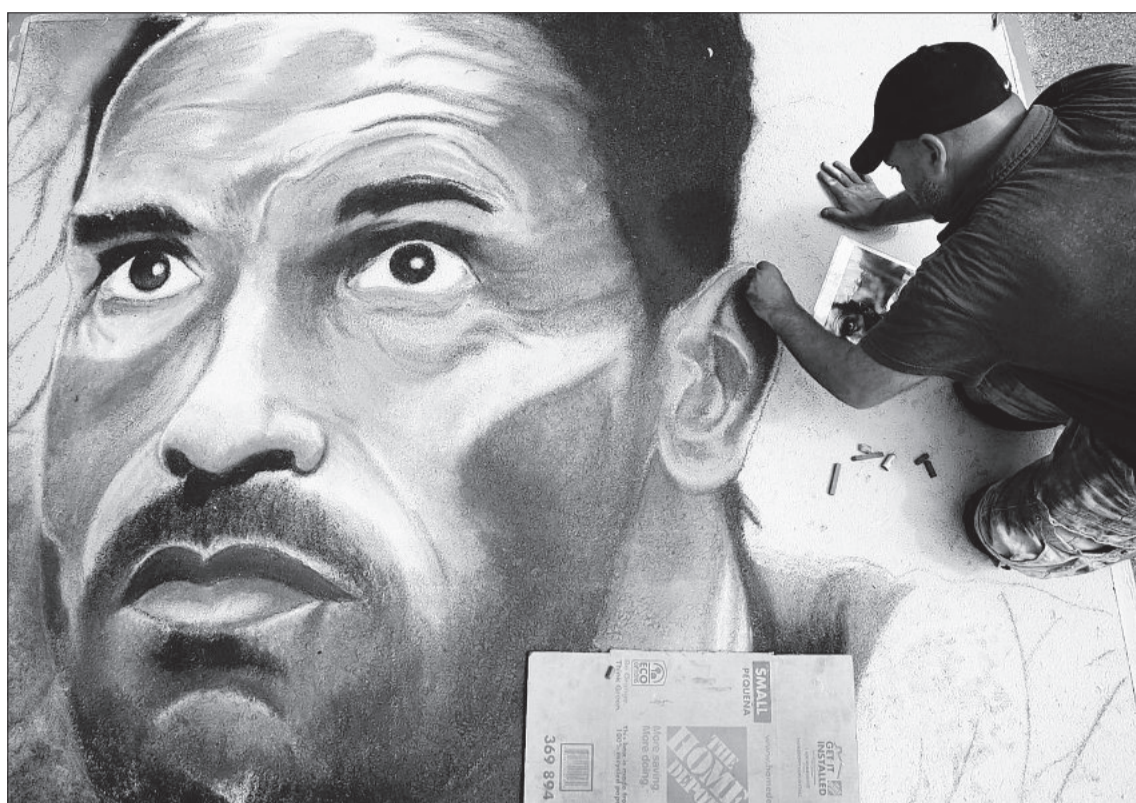
Girl injured in fall from horse

A young female was flown to Delray Medical Center Sunday morning after falling from her horse on the grounds of the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue said.

Crews were called to the 14000 block of Pierson Road shortly after 9 a.m., said Capt. Albert Borroto, fire-rescue spokeswoman.

The rider was flown to the hospital by Trauma Hawk, Borroto said.

ROYAL PALM BEACH



David Lepore of Royal Palm Beach draws an image of Arnold Schwarzenegger from the movie 'Predator' on the street during the Royal Palm Art & Music Festival on Sunday. The two-day event was organized by the Central Palm Beach County Chamber and the village. PHOTOS BY RICHARD GRAULICH / THE PALM BEACH POST

A day of discovery at art festival

Artists get chance to show off their work and the curious get to explore new interests.

By Daphne Duret

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ROYAL PALM BEACH — Two spots down from a colorful sun and a whale that seemed to jump from the waves scratched into the sidewalk with blue chalk and pastels, a dark, hooded ghost and the shadow of a horse looked up from the ground at passers-by along Royal Palm Beach Boulevard.

"The Ghost Rider" is what the 20-year-old artist Victor Ocampos called the piece, and on Sunday he smiled as he revealed that the fourth annual Royal Palm Art & Music Festival was the first opportunity he'd ever had to show his artwork to a massive audience.

In its fourth year, the two-day festival, which concluded Sunday, attracted a large crowd from Palm Beach County's western communities and beyond for a showcase of art, food and music.

This year's event featured performances from Michaela Paige and Laura Vivas, two local stars from the NBC hit show, 'The Voice.'

For Ocampos, who has been drawing for as long as he could remember, the opportunity to be one of dozens of local artists chosen to create their own pieces for a sidewalk art show proved rewarding.



Estee Ramsarran, 7, of Wellington, shows off her dog Kitty, Kitty, in the pet look-alike contest during the Royal Palm Art & Music Festival on Sunday.

"A lot of people said it was really good, even though it made a couple of people scared," he said of his pastel work of black, gray and orange. "It's a good feeling, to show what I can do, to show my passion."

Craig McInnis, who does outreach work for Jerry's Artarama, said having booths like Jerry's and others at the event provided local businesses with a reach they might not otherwise have.

For Jerry's Artarama, the free tiny canvases and painting station for kids opened the door for them to tell local residents about weekly painting sessions they offer for preschoolers as well as other events.

McInnis said the event, put together by the Central

Palm Beach County Chamber and the Village of Royal Palm Beach, alleviates the intimidation for locals to search for new activities, hobbies or causes to spark their interests by centralizing a variety of groups in an easy, relaxed setting surrounded by food, music and art.

"You can learn about 100 things here in 30 minutes," McInnis said.

Aside from the art and entertainment, the event had a few elements designed to allow participants to step out of their everyday lives and dream.

For Mya Gibbons, 15, and her 12-year-old sister, Imani Mawali, that moment came when they walked past a giant chalkboard with the words "Before I die, I want to..."

Others before them had written a variety of responses — seeing a grandmother; becoming a world-famous chef; vacationing in Tahiti — but both girls said their first thoughts appealed to their sense of adventure.

For Gibbons on Sunday, her wish was to go bungee jumping.

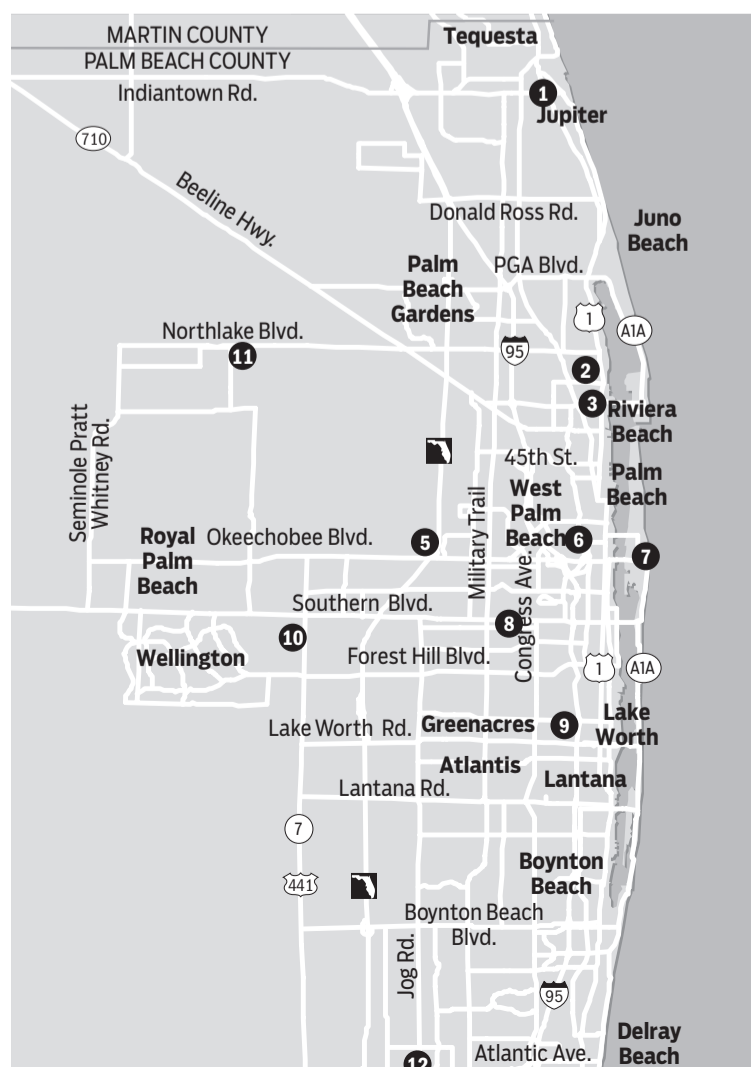
Her little sister took a piece of chalk and smiled as she wrote three simple words in lowercase letters: go to vegas.

Their mother, Lee Mawali, said this is the second year they've attended the festival.

"We like it here," she said. "There's always a lot of diversity, there's entertainment, and it's a fun thing to do on a nice day like this."

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TRAFFIC REPORT



Northern communities

1. Jupiter

One lane of Indiantown Road may be closed in each direction from Alternate A1A to U.S. 1 from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. today through Saturday while crews repair the roadway. One lane of U.S. 1 may be closed in each direction at Indiantown Road during those hours.

2. Riviera Beach

One lane of Blue Heron Boulevard will close from Interstate 95 to Avenue S and from Avenue H to U.S. 1 while crews make repairs.

3. Riviera Beach

One lane of Congress Avenue will be closed in each direction daily except for rush hours at the Beeline Highway through Friday for street repairs.

Central communities

4. West Palm Beach

Lanes may close briefly on Northlake Boulevard west of the Beeline Highway where two small bridges have been built.

5. West Palm Beach

Lanes will close between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays on Jog Road northbound near Okeechobee Boulevard while crews extend the right-turn lane.

6. West Palm Beach

The southbound right lane of Australian Avenue is closed between Seventh Street and Banyan Boulevard while crews install underground pumps and pipes.

7. West Palm Beach

The ramps from northbound Flagler

Drive to the eastbound lanes of the Flagler Memorial Bridge and from the bridge westbound to Flagler Drive northbound are closed while crews build a replacement span. One lane is open in each direction on the bridge to cars, vans and smaller trucks only.

8. West Palm Beach

Lanes will close briefly on Summit Boulevard between Haverhill Road and Military Trail while crews mark the pavement.

9. Lake Worth

Overnight closings are possible on Tenth Avenue North between Mango and Boutwell roads while crews install two pedestrian bridges.

Western communities

10. Royal Palm Beach

The westbound off-ramp to State Road 7 at the C-51 Canal will close at 7 p.m. today and Tuesday and reopen at 6 a.m. the following day so crews can widen the bridge.

11. The Acreage

Brief delays are possible on Coconut Boulevard from Temple to Northlake boulevards while crews mark the pavement.

Southern communities

12. Delray Beach

Lanes on West Atlantic Avenue will close between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays at Jog Road while crews repair the intersection.

YOUR WEEK STARTS HERE

TODAY

Fish? Cast opinion on bass regulations

Fisheries biologists with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission are holding open houses on largemouth bass regulations. The commission wants public input before making recommendations on changes to size and bag limits or possibly other changes.

The workshops closest to Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast are:

Today (5-8 p.m.) at Scott Driver Park, 3950 S.W. 99th Drive, Okeechobee; Tuesday (5-8 p.m.) at Bass Pro Shops, 200 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. There's no set schedule.

TUESDAY

Board to vote on GL Homes plan

Under an agreement set to be discussed by county commissioners, GL Homes would pay the county to cash out of a requirement that it reserve 25 acres for parks and fire stations in southern Palm Beach County.

GL would incorporate the land it back into the Bridges and Hyder communities in suburban Delray Beach, and Valencia Assemblage and Valencia Reserve in suburban Boynton Beach.

The move would bring the county \$2.8 million and allow the sheriff's office to open a long-planned substation in suburban Delray Beach.

The commission meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Government Center, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach.

WEDNESDAY

Naming ceremony for district's puppy

A naming ceremony for the Palm Beach County School Police Department's new bloodhound puppy will be held at the school board meeting Wednesday.

Third-graders in Nicole Pilotti's class at Crosspointe Elementary have named the puppy KASH, an acronym for Kids Are Safe Here. They were treated to a visit from KASH and his handler, officer Curtis Riddick.

The school board meets at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Boca festival presents concert

The Ukrainian-born pianist Valentina Lisitsa returns to the Festival of the Arts Boca with Rachmaninov's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" (Op. 43), performing with Miami Beach's New World Symphony under Peter Oundjian. The concert is at the Mizner Park Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$75 through the festival website, festivaloftheartsboca.org.

SATURDAY

Park to honor longtime volunteer

Janet Heaton has been named John D. MacArthur Beach State Park's 2013 Environmental Champion.

The honor, bestowed annually by Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, recognizes people who have made exceptional contributions toward preserving and improving Palm Beach County's natural environment.

Heaton will receive her award Saturday during the park's NatureScaping and Dark Skies Festival, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The park is at 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive. Call (561) 776-7449, Ext. 109.