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## Tax rise worth \$500K to town

By WILLIAM KELLY  
Daily News Staff Writer

If passed by voters in November, a 1 cent increase in the county sales tax would boost town coffers by \$500,000 a year for 10 years, Mayor Gail Coniglio said Monday.



Coniglio Skeptical of some county projects.

That would be the town's share, based on population, of the portion of the sales tax revenue that would be devoted to Palm Beach County's 39 municipalities. The money would be earmarked for infrastructure, and county commissioners would have to approve all projects on the list.



Boodheswar Town proposals 'not set in stone.'

The town has compiled a draft list of infrastructure improvements that includes the townwide underground utility project; reconstruction of the Town Docks; renovation or reconstruction of the Community Recreation Center and Park; and improvements to the Lake Trail, drainage, curb and gutter and sidewalks.

The projects were chosen by the town's

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Follow real-time updates from the Town Council meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. today. PalmBeachDailyNews.com/towncouncilmeeting

## 'ATLAS ANT' TAKES OVER SCULPTURE GARDENS



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Sculptor Susan Phipps Cochran helps position her sculpture "Atlas Ant" on the main lawn of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens on Monday. The sculpture was lifted by crane in two parts. When topped by a globe, the ant sculpture will be 14 feet tall and weigh 1,740 pounds. "Art in the Family Tree" opens at the center Wednesday and runs through May 15. The exhibition features sculptures, illustrations, drawings and paintings by artists in the Phipps and Guest families of Palm Beach.

### WEATHER MATTERS

## Winter finishes up in split decision

By JOHN NELANDER  
Special to the Daily News

Although January and February were chilly, December's heat means season was warm overall.

Winter 2015-16 turned out to be a tale of two seasons in Palm Beach and most of South Florida. Temperatures from Dec. 1 through Feb. 29 averaged 2.2 degrees above normal in the Palm Beach area despite a cool February, the National Weather Service said in a report issued Sunday.

"This was due to the extremely warm and record-breaking December across all of South Florida," meteorologist Robert Molleda said. "January and February temperatures were mostly cooler than normal, which is more reflective of the typical El Niño temperature trend." February was 1.5 degrees below normal for the month and January was a scant 0.02 of a degree below normal. But December was the warmest on record throughout South Florida, 8.2

degrees above average at Palm Beach International Airport. Likewise, it was the third-wettest winter at PBIA despite February's slight precipitation shortfall of 0.16 of an inch from the normal 2.83 inches. December's and January's hefty rainfall totals more than compensated for February, at 7.34 inches and 9.90 inches respectively. It was the wettest winter on record throughout South Florida, 8.2

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## BRIGHT REMAKE

Local glass company completes project for Brazilian Court ballroom

By ALEESE KOPF  
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After entertaining guests with the same decor for three decades, owners of the Brazilian Court hotel recently decided it was time for an upgrade. As part of its remodel of Café Boulud last fall, they also decided to redesign the 90-year-old historic boutique hotel's ballroom. "The colors and the chandeliers and the scones and the drapes and the heavy fabric ... all of that just screamed like an old Palm Beach home that needed to be renovated," said Theresa Valiante, director of catering at Café Boulud, 301 Australian Ave.

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Shanon Materio, left, president of McMow Art Glass, and Taylor Materio, the company creative director, stand under their new skylight in the Brazilian Court ballroom. More than 100 small glass pieces were inlaid into the frame by hand.

## Couple say Nancy Reagan was 'the boss'

Holtzmanns hosted fundraisers, had Reagans for home dinners.

By WILLIAM KELLY  
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News of former first lady Nancy Reagan's death on Sunday brought back memories for a Palm Beach couple who were friends with the Reagans before and during their years in the White House. Seymour and Evelyn Holtzmann have several photographs of themselves with the Reagans, including some taken at a state dinner, at the Reagans' ranch in California and in the backyard of the Holtzmanns' home in Kingston, Pa. "She was very nice and very courteous," Seymour said of Nancy Reagan.

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