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Sculpting young minds



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Deborah Burggraf reads her book "The Lovebug Connection" to children attending Literacy Days on Monday at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach. About 350 students from three county Title I schools — Benoit Farms Elementary, Hope Centennial Elementary and Franklin Academy — came to the gardens for its eighth annual Literacy Days.



Palm Beach resident Cynthia Sulzberger, sponsor of Literacy Days, is a member of the family that publishes "The New York Times." A trustee at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, she underwrote the event. "It's another way to get kids excited about reading," Sulzberger said.

Resident helps put spotlight on reading with Literacy Days event at Ann Norton.

By GREGORY COX
Daily News Staff Writer

Elementary school students learned all about reading Monday but in a very different setting: the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens.

About 350 students from three Title I schools, or schools with a high percentage of children from low-income families, visited for the eighth annual Literacy Days, going from more

than a dozen stations to engage with various authors, illustrators, librarians, law enforcement officials and artists. "It's another way to get kids excited about reading," said Palm Beach resident Cynthia Sulzberger, a trustee with the West Palm Beach-based Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and underwriter for the event.

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Church delays parking lot plan

Bethesda-by-the-Sea to defer town review while it seeks consensus with neighbors.

By WILLIAM KELLY
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The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea needs more time before it gets its new parking plan off the ground.

Church officials say they will ask the Landmarks Preservation Commission for another deferral of its request for permission to convert a vacant parcel into a parking lot.

The application is on the agenda for today's meeting of the landmarks board. But Fred Staley, the church's associate for administration, said Tuesday it needs more time to talk to neighbors about the plan.

"We're just not in a place where we have a consensus yet," Staley said Tuesday.

Some neighbors have objected to the plan to convert the lot, across South County Road from the church's main campus at 141 S. County Road, into 23 perpendicular parking spaces. The church says it needs the additional parking to accommodate congregants for activities during the week.

The church owns the lot but has left it as open green space for decades. Neighbors don't want to see the grass and trees converted into parking.

The church was granted a deferral from the landmarks board in September, when it said it needed more time to consult with neighbors. It is allowed two deferrals, after which the review goes forward or the application must be withdrawn.

"We're debating whether to ask for a 30-day or a 60-day deferral," Staley said. The church originally planned to bring the application before the Town Council in August, but delayed it until October when more residents would be in town to participate in the discussion.

It was listed on the council's Oct. 13 meeting agenda, but was deferred be-

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Page Says whole project needs landmarks board's review.

Young theater troupe sets 4 Kravis shows

By JAN SJOSTROM
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If you were in Palm Beach during the past couple of summers, you might have seen one of MNM Productions' shows. The for-profit company founded in 2014 by Michael Lifshitz and Marcie Gorman-Altshoff has staged three of its four shows at the Kravis Center's Rinker Play-

house. The shows were so successful that the partners plan to boost the number of productions in 2017 to four — all to be held at the 300-seat Rinker, which they're now calling the company's home. "Being an itinerant theater company doesn't really work," Lifshitz said. "It's difficult to build an audience

that way." After staging *Side by Side* by *Sondheim* in August 2015, *Hair* in May and *The World Goes Round* in August at the Rinker, the partners realized that with the right show and superior talent and production values, they could attract theatergoers to the Kravis Center, even during the typically difficult-to-weather off-season, he said. *Side by*

Side by Sondheim was nominated for a Best Ensemble Carbonell Award, the honors that recognize excellence in South Florida regional theater.

MNM Productions' arrangement with the Kravis is similar to those the center has with other renters, such

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Passing cop helps save dog from deadly toad encounter

By GREGORY COX
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Cara Broderick thought her 2-year-old West Highland White Terrier was going to die in her arms one morning last week, but thanks to a Palm Beach police officer, Bertie survived. The dog was sprayed Wednesday by a poisonous cane toad, also known as a bufo, giant or marine

toad. Bertie was poking around in the bushes near their condo. "When I got to him, he started to have seizures," said Broderick, the director of Select Fine Art. "I knew I had three to five minutes to get the dog to the vet."

It was a stroke of luck that as she ran out onto Brazilian Avenue

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Back on the beach

Town lifeguards move a lifeguard station back onto Midtown Beach on Tuesday with the help of a crane. The stations were moved off the beach before Hurricane Matthew sideswiped Palm Beach earlier this month. "After Hurricane Matthew, we kept them off the beach for the king tide, as a precautionary measure," said Craig Pollock, supervisor lifeguard. The king tides have been flooding coastal roads since last week.

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