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Cartier closing historic boutique

Cartier, at 214 Worth Ave., ends its near-century on the island today. "There's going to be a gap," said a former assistant store manager.

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Island store was luxury brand's second in U.S., opening in 1924.

By ALEESE KOPF
Daily News Staff Writer

Worth Avenue's second-oldest retailer is closing after more than nine decades on the island. Cartier is closing its Palm Beach boutique today, as listed on its website. The luxury French jewelry and

watchmaking house opened on the island in 1924. The boutique at 214 Worth Ave. has gone through a few renovations over the years but remained a staple.

The island store was the company's second branch in the country, following the Cartier Mansion on New York City's Fifth Avenue.

Craig Miller was assistant store manager at Cartier for seven years in the 1990s. He said news of the closing came as a surprise and as a disappointment.

"It's an institution in Palm Beach and there's going to

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Worker who fell is listed as 'fair'

Man was working on the second floor of a home on South Ocean Boulevard.

By ELEANOR ROY
Daily News Staff Writer

The worker who was taken to the hospital Friday after falling down a 20-foot elevator shaft is in fair condition, according to a hospital spokesman.

A Palm Beach police report said the 33-year-old resident of Hobe Sound was working at 3:51 p.m. at a home at 476 S. Ocean Blvd. when he fell from the second floor to the basement. The report said the man was working on the second floor.

There were no boards or barricades in place to cover the elevator chute, according to the report.

He was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center on a trauma alert, meaning that the hospital's trauma ward was prepared for his arrival. Hospital spokesman Ryan Lieber said in a text message Tuesday that the man remained in the hospital in "fair condition."

The worker could not be reached for comment. A supervisor at the scene Friday said he and the man who fell worked for Euro Homes Inc., a Palm Beach contractor. But the police report said the man worked for Addison Drywall.

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A WILD TIME AT THE ANN NORTON



Photo by CAPEHART

Earth Day was a collaborative affair Saturday at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens as four nonprofits presented A Partnership for Art, Science and the Natural World. South Florida Science Center employee Jeanne Quillen, left, shows Harrison, 13, and Frances Fisher an American alligator during the gardens' first Earth Day event. The gator was from Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wildfire risk remains despite weekend rainfall

Palm Beach County is still under a burn ban with 100 wildfires active statewide.

By KIMBERLY MILLER
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The Florida Forest Service is warning that Sunday's deluge was not enough to alleviate the region's wildfire risk.

Despite as much as 6 inches falling in some areas of Palm Beach County during the 24-hour period beginning at 7 a.m. Sunday, it is one of 22 counties under a burn ban as 100 wildfires

remain active statewide.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index, which measures drought on a 0-to-800 scale with 800 being desert-like and 0 being saturated ground, had a mean index for Palm Beach County of 414, but parts were as high as 647.

According to AccuWeather, Fort Myers set a daily rainfall record for Sunday when 2.10 inches of rain fell. West Palm Beach received 3.50 inches of rain, which

is close to the normal rainfall for all of April of 3.66 inches.

The rain helped to moisten dry vegetation and put a damper on fires and smoke in the area, including the 30th Avenue fire burning in Collier County that is now 50 percent contained.

"While the rain put a dent in the drought, the fire danger will

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Civic Association honors environmental activists

Sean Luca Frankland, winner of a Raymond J. Kunkel Award, rests his head on the shoulder of his father, Dave Frankland, during Monday's Palm Beach Civic Association annual meeting at the Flagler Museum.

Melanie Bell / Daily News



By ALEESE KOPF
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Three environmental stewards — two of them students — received awards from the Palm Beach Civic Association this week for their volunteer efforts.

Each year the association presents the Raymond J. Kunkel Award to organizations or individuals who render heroic or meritorious service to the town. Three people were

honored Monday during the association's annual meeting and end-of-season celebration at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum.

Friends of Palm Beach, a local nonprofit beach-cleaning group, was recognized for its regular beach cleanup events. Diane Buhler, the group's leader, organizes monthly volunteer trash pickup events. She also hires residents at the Lord's Place and Vita Nova to

perform private beach cleanups three to five times a week for several hours a day.

Since 2015, the group has removed more than 53,000 pounds of trash from the island's shoreline, according to Paul Leone, president of The Breakers. Leone, a member of the civic association's Kunkel award committee, presented

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