Landlord in talks with potential operators for playhouse, closed since 2004
By Jan Sjostrom
Daily News Staff Writer
It’s been four months since landlord Up Markets has updated the Town Council on its progress in finding an operator to re-open the long-shuttered, Royal Poinciana Playhouse.
Alexandra Patterson’s report Tuesday to the council wasn’t much different from what she said back in January. Since her last update, Up Markets has continued its talks with two potential operators who mentioned before and been introduced to three new prospects who are taking tours of the playhouse, said Patterson, Up Markets’ senior director of development. The company has eliminated two operators but kept them on its list of potential partners, she said.
“We will continue to pursue the conversations we’re having until one or one turns into a lease, and if they don’t we will turn over every single rock and not stop until there are none left,” she said.
The 91-year-old landmark theater, once a hub of Palm Beach social life, has been closed since April 2004.
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Civic group putting more palms on island
By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer
Palm Beach’s Midtown neighborhood is about to become decidedly more lush and tropical.
The Town Council accepted on Tuesday a gift of 75 coconut palms from the Palm Beach Civic Association. The association is giving the gift in recognition of its 75th anniversary.
Alexandra Patterson, chairman of the association’s beautification committee, said it has scoped out locations in Midtown, where the palms were historically located. The committee will work with town staff on a plan before residents return for fall.
The association gave the town a check for $112,500 enough to pay for the trees and an endowment to cover their maintenance for the first five years.
“It shows a lot of love for this community,” said Cory of the donors who donated the palms.

Reflecting on high-school goodbyes
By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer
A group of seniors from Santalucia High School in Ladentia gathers near the pool at Town Square to take photos Monday, in advance of their graduation Wednesday at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The students said they have to turn in their gowns immediately following graduation, so they decided to come out while the weather was nice.
Natalie Bruno (far left) said, “We are going to see each other in six months. We will remember the good times from high school.”

Artists crack the mysteries of Sherlock Holmes in exhibition
By Jan Sjostrom
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More than 130 years after the first Sherlock Holmes story was published the master sleuth remains an icon of popular culture.
In addition to inspiring movies and television shows, Holmes lives on in tale spun by writers such as West Palm Beach resident Phil Growick. He’s not only written two novels plus short stories about Holmes’ adventures, he also curated an exhibition featuring artworks inspired by short stories by writers who have followed in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s footsteps.

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The Art of Sherlock Holmes," on view at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach, is a mystery that involves a woman's face. According to Siegel's artwork, which is dominated by intense colors, is dominated by a woman's face. The exhibition comes after a book highlighting works of art by artists from across the United States and around the world.

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