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Utility burial cost rises to \$120 million

By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer

Town officials have revised the estimated cost of burying all overhead utilities on the island upward from \$103.5 million to \$120 million.

Town Manager Kirk Blouin told the Town Council Tuesday that labor and

material costs have risen because of the robust economy and construction market in South Florida.

"Labor and material costs have gone up substantially," he said. There have also been additional difficulties such as acquiring easements from private property owners and tariff issues with the utilities,

he said.

"This is a nine-year project," Councilwoman Bobbie Lindsay said. "I'm not surprised."

Blouin said he will explain the details of the cost overrun to the council at its meeting next month.

The burial of all overhead power, cable television and

phone lines is being performed in phases under a nine-year plan that began in 2017. The town is wrapping up the first phase, and the second phase is under way.

The nation is now in the 11th year of an economic recovery. The cost of the utility undergrounding program could be revised downward if there is

a recession, Blouin said.

"That [\$120 million] can go up or that can go down during the length of this project," he said. "I'm not hoping for a recession to occur anytime soon ... but that could change the dynamics of what the long-term costs might be."

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Kick-start the holiday at Garden Club's boutique



Jennifer Lazzara, left, and Katie Alexander, chairwomen of this year's Garden Club of Palm Beach annual Christmas Boutique, stand behind hostess gifts, ornaments and table decor Wednesday. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Friday at The Society of the Four Arts. (PHOTOS BY DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM)

RIGHT: Salt and pepper shakers, vases and other porcelain ceramic items will be on sale.



OUTER RIGHT: A choo-choo train engine that plays eight holiday songs is available from The Kemble Shop.



GateHouse, Gannett merger vote today

New Media's \$1.2B purchase of Gannett would create nation's largest newspaper chain

By Bob Sechler
GateHouse Media

The newspaper industry mega deal in which GateHouse Media's parent company plans to buy USA Today parent Gannett Co., combining the two largest newspaper chains in the country, faces its final hurdle today when shareholders vote on the \$1.2 billion pact.

GateHouse Media last year paid Cox Enterprises \$49 million for The Palm Beach Post and Palm Beach Daily News.

New Media Investment Group's acquisition with Gannett would create a nation-blanketing print and digital giant, with more than 260 daily newspapers and hundreds more websites and community and weekly newspapers across 47 states. The new company, to be called Gannett even though New Media is the acquirer, would have a daily print circulation of 8.7 million, dwarfing the next largest chain, McClatchy, with daily circulation of 1.7 million.

The companies say the advantages of size and reach will attract more digital advertisers and save expenses by eliminating operations deemed redundant or expendable, helping to offset a two-decade

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Classic car show motors into Ann Norton on Saturday

By Jan Sjostrom
Daily News Staff Writer

It's not unusual to see a head-swiveling classic car tooling around Palm Beach. But most of us wouldn't have the temerity to flag down the owner for a better look.

That won't be necessary at Sculpture in Motion — The Art of Pre- and Post-War Automobiles Saturday at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach, when 18 rare vintage cars will be parked for the public's inspection.

"When people come to this event they're going to see

some really rare cars," said resident Jeffrey Fisher, who helped select the cars. "This isn't a run-of-the-mill car show."

He should know. He owns a stable of classic cars, including a one-of-a-kind 1938 Delahaye 135 MS Torpedo Grand Sport that's in the show.

It's because of him that Sculpture in Motion got started three years ago. Fisher's wife, Frances, is the Ann Norton's board chairwoman.

How rare are these cars?

Consider these examples:
* 1929 Duesenberg Model J LeBaron Dual Cowl Phaeton. "Big Red" is one of the most

famous examples of the LeBaron "sweep panel" phaeton. Only 18 dual-cowl phaetons were produced. The car has won Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, considered the World Series of the classic car community.

* 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Figoni Cabriolet. The fluid and elegant body designed by Joseph Figoni in Paris is the only such body ever made for an Alfa Romeo. The Pebble Beach award winner combines style with the power of the 8C Alfa engine.

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This one-of-a-kind 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Figoni Cabriolet features the only body renowned car designer Joseph Figoni created for an Alfa Romeo. (PHOTO BY TIM SCOTT)

MOVIE LISTINGS

**WEST PALM BEACH
AMC CityPlace 20**

545 Hibiscus St., 833-2310
The Addams Family (PG) Thu. 2:30, 4:45, 7
Black and Blue (R) Thu. 2, 4:30
Countdown (PG-13) Thu. 2:15
Doctor Sleep (R) Thu. 6
Harriet (PG-13) Thu. 2:10, 5:05, 8
Joker (R) Thu. 2, 4:50, 7:45
Last Christmas (PG-13) Thu. 7
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) Thu. 2, 4:40, 7:25
Midway (PG-13) Thu. 7
Terminator: Dark Fate (R) Thu. 1:50, 4:45, 7:45
Zombieland: Double Tap (R) Thu. 2:25
**LAKE WORTH
Stonzek Theatre**
713 Lake Ave., 296-9382
Greener Grass (Not Rated) Thu. 6
**PALM BEACH GARDENS
Cobb Downtown 16**
11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Ave., 253-1444

The Addams Family (PG) Thu. 12:20, 2:40, 5, 10:30
Arctic Dogs (PG) Thu. 12, 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
Black and Blue (R) Thu. 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 10:10
Countdown (PG-13) Thu. 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8
The Current War: Director's Cut (PG-13) Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Doctor Sleep (R) Thu. 6:15, 9:30
Downton Abbey (PG) Thu. 3:30, 6:30
Harriet (PG-13) Thu. 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
Jojo Rabbit (PG-13) Thu. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 9:50
Joker (R) Thu. 1:20, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
Judy (PG-13) Thu. 11:35, 2:25
Last Christmas (PG-13) Thu. 7:50, 10:20, 10:30
The Lighthouse (R) Thu. 12:50, 3:35, 10:05
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) Thu. 1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

Midway (PG-13) Thu. 7:20
Motherless Brooklyn (R) Thu. 12:30, 3:45, 7:05, 10:20
Parasite (R) Thu. 12:40, 3:50, 6:55, 9:55
Playing With Fire (PG) Thu. 7:35
Terminator: Dark Fate (R) Thu. 11:30, 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30, 10
Western Stars (PG) Thu. 1:15
**ROYAL PALM BEACH
Regal Royal Palm Stadium 18**
1003 State Road 7, 795-0022
Abominable (PG) Thu. 11:05, 1:45, 4:15
The Addams Family (PG) Thu. 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:05
Arctic Dogs (PG) Thu. 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7, 9:45
Black and Blue (R) Thu. 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
Countdown (PG-13) Thu. 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
The Current War: Director's Cut (PG-13) Thu. 11:35, 2:20, 5, 7:45
Doctor Sleep (R) Thu. 6, 7,

9:35, 10:30
Gemini Man (PG-13) Thu. 1, 4:15, 7:15
Harriet (PG-13) Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 7, 10
Housefull 4 (Not Rated) Thu. 11:45, 3:05, 10:05
Jexi (R) Thu. 11, 1:30
Joker (R) Thu. 1, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
Last Christmas (PG-13) Thu. 7, 9:50
Lynnyrd Skynnyrd: Last of the Street Survivors Farewell Tour (Not Rated) Thu. 7
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) Thu. 11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45, 6:45, 7:20, 9:45, 10:15
Midway (PG-13) Thu. 7:15, 10:45
Motherless Brooklyn (R) Thu. 12:30, 4, 7:25, 10:50
Playing With Fire (PG) Thu. 4, 6:45, 9:30
Terminator: Dark Fate (R) Thu. 11:25, 1:30, 2:40, 7, 10:30
Western Stars (PG) Thu. 12:05, 2:45, 10:10
Zombieland: Double Tap (R) Thu. 11:20, 2, 4:40, 10:20

SHOW

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* 1934 Chrysler Airflow CV-8. Regarded as the most important mass-produced vehicle of the 1930s, the "Airflow" led the way with its low-to-the-ground aerodynamics and advanced lightweight construction.

* 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster. First exhibited in Geneva in May 1957, the Roadster was an immediate hit with the jet set. This car was the first example imported to the United States. Its more than 60 unique features make it a one-of-a-kind car.

The car show is one of the Ann Norton's most popular events. Attendance topped 1,000 last year. It's also a successful fundraiser, as the public hours are followed at 5:30 p.m. by a VIP reception and awards ceremony. (Visitors vote on the awards.)

Eighteen cars made from 1929 to 1988 will be on view — up from last year's 15. John Barnes, organizer of The Palm Beach Cavallino Classic, the annual top-of-the-line Ferrari and classic car show held in January in Palm Beach, curated the event, as he has since its inception.

Barnes chooses the cars based on their sculptural quality, rarity and historic significance, Fisher said. The show is curated for a discerning audience.

"Some of the most renowned collectors in the world live in Palm Beach," Fisher said. All but two of the 16 lenders to the show have homes on the island, he said.

Donald Osborne, a car historian, appraiser and contributor to CNBC Primetime's weekly show Jay Leno's Garage, will be the grand marshal.

He will sign copies of his book "Transatlantic Style — A Romance of Fins and Chrome" from 11:15 a.m.



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This 1934 Chrysler Airflow CV-8 is one of the few CV coupes known to survive. The Airflow's low-slung aerodynamics and advanced lightweight design were groundbreaking. This car is one of more than 100 classic cars from the collection of renowned car enthusiast Miles Collier. [PHOTO BY PETER HARHOLDT, COMPLIMENTS OF REVS INSTITUTE]



The sweep panel of the 1929 Duesenberg Model J LeBaron Dual Cowl Phaeton is an iconic design. This car's awards include Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, considered the world series of classic car shows. [PHOTO BY CAPEHART]

If you go

What: Sculpture in Motion — The Art of Pre and Post-War Automobiles
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VIP reception: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Ann Norton

to 12:15 p.m. A portion of proceeds from sales benefits the Ann Norton.

He'll also be available to talk about the cars. A 1958 Fiat 1200 Vignale "Wonderful" and a 1957 Bill Frick Cadillac Special GT featured in the book

Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach

For information: Call 561-832-5328 or visit ansg.org
Admission during public hours is \$25 for adults, \$15 for members and \$8 for children. Tickets to the VIP cocktail reception cost \$200 for members and \$275 for nonmembers.

will be on display.

Other car experts will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions as well.

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