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## Biggest real estate deals broke records in 2019



Darrell Hofheinz

Real estate reporters who weren't paying close attention to Palm Beach in 2019 might have been surprised when it came time to tally the nation's biggest residential property sales for year-end wrap-up stories.

Of the island's highest-dollar deals, a trio of transactions made national headlines, with the two highest recording at \$105 million and \$104.99 million. The three deals, which included another documented at \$99.13 million, also landed among the country's six biggest sales last year, based on widely reported data compiled by analyst Jonathan Miller of Miller Samuel Inc. in New York City.

Even so, the year in Palm Beach got off to a sluggish start, real-estate wise, said Jim McCann, immediate past president of the Palm Beach Board of Realtors and an agent with Premier Estate properties. But, he added, the market certainly picked up steam by mid-summer.

"We're still finalizing the numbers, but it looks like in 2019, we hit \$1.2 billion for the first time in single-family sales," said McCann. "We first broke the \$1 billion mark in 2014. So from a dollar-value standpoint, we're expecting 2019 to be the best year ever in Palm Beach."

Among those island deals, the year's biggest set a record as the most

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## Gun supporters rally on middle bridge, at Green Market



Holding fishing poles and flags, Florida Carry members gather during the Palm Beach Second Amendment Fishing Gathering on the West Palm Beach side of the Royal Park Bridge on Saturday. [MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

## Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America also rallies

By Eliot Kleinberg and Adriana Delgado  
Daily News Staff Writers

Members of the gun-rights group Florida Carry came through the Green Market Saturday, passing stalls of fresh tomatoes and cold-brewed coffee, and bearing flags reading "Don't Tread on Me" and

"CNN is Fake News." And fishing poles. And assault rifles.

Members of the group, who also gathered Saturday on the Royal Park Bridge, nodded as they passed women in red T-shirts who are fighting to ban them from doing that.

The volunteers with "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in

America," were working market-goers on the downtown West Palm Beach waterfront with petitions for a constitutional amendment that would ban private citizens from possessing assault weapons.

Two women, possibly a mother and daughter, didn't wait for the

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## Police: Singer Rod Stewart struck Breakers security guard

By Julius Whigham  
Daily News Staff Writer



Stewart

Singer Rod Stewart and his eldest son, Sean, were ordered to appear in court after they allegedly got into an altercation with a hotel security guard during a New Year's Eve party in Palm Beach.

Both face a charge of simple battery and are scheduled to have an arraignment hearing

on Feb. 5 before Circuit Judge Ted Booras, court records show. Attempts to reach the talent management company that represents Rod Stewart were unsuccessful Friday night.

According to a Palm Beach police report, the altercation

occurred at about 11 p.m. Tuesday at The Breakers. A 33-year-old security guard told police he was working a private event at the hotel in a children's area that night when he observed a group of people causing a scene after they were denied entry.

The security guard said that a man later identified as Sean Stewart, 39, got about "nose to nose" distance from his

face. The security guard put the back of his right hand on the younger Stewart's chest and told him he needed to back up to create some space, the police report said.

Sean Stewart allegedly responded by shoving the security guard backward. Police say that Rod Stewart, 74, then approached and threw a punch, striking the security guard in his left rib

cage area.

Two Breakers employees told police they saw Sean Stewart push the security guard and Rod Stewart punch the guard in the chest. Video surveillance showed the Stewarts to be the primary aggressors, police said.

Both Rod and Sean Stewart acknowledged that they

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## Another Trump wedding? Not so fast



President Donald Trump, right, attends Easter services with first lady Melania Trump, second from right; his daughter, Tiffany; and her boyfriend, Michael Boulos, at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in April. [RICHARD GRAULICH/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]



Shannon Donnelly

Just when we thought there would be a genuine billionaire in the Trump family, Mr. Moneybags popped our balloon.

Breathless rumors that Tiffany Trump, fourth child and second daughter of President Donald Trump,

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# Sculpture gardens to launch residency with rising star

**Steve Hash has been creating sculptures for just a few years**

By Jan Sjostrom  
Daily News Staff Writer

Up until three years ago Steve Hash was creative director for Warner Music Group. His job included overseeing merchandise, product development, album covers and videos.

It was creative work, but it wasn't enough.

"There was still something missing," he said Friday from his home in Los Angeles. "I wasn't making the work that was really my work. I was working with other people helping to realize their vision."

He quit his job to start making his own art.

He was met with success almost at once. The debut show of his sculptural work in 2018 at Hilde Gallery in Los Angeles was a critic's pick review in Artforum magazine. His 2019 show dialoguing with works by Andy Warhol at Chase Contemporary in New York was featured in Forbes Magazine.

He's shown at Art Miami, where his exhibit was a Director's Choice. His work is collected by contemporary art collector and West Palm Beach resident Beth Rudin DeWoody.

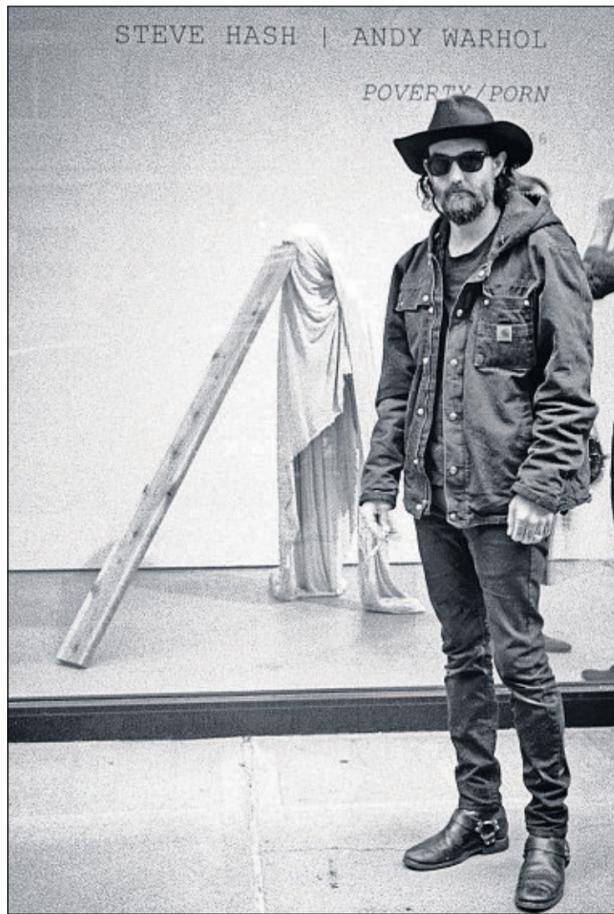
Starting today, he will become the first artist in residence at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach. He'll be working in the late Ann Norton's studio through Jan. 12.

Hash, who is 37, is married to Ally Hilfiger, daughter of fashion mogul and entrepreneur Tommy Hilfiger. He grew up poor in an isolated fundamentalist Christian community in the De Soto National Forest in southern Mississippi.

His upbringing had a profound effect on his art.

"I grew up in the woods disconnected from society," he said. "I realized that the thing I've wanted my whole life had to do with connecting with other humans."

He uses common materials,



**Steve Hash, who grew up poor in an isolated fundamentalist Christian community in Mississippi, creates sculptures from commonplace materials such as concrete and concrete-infused terry cloth towels that remind him of his past.** (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTIST)

such as concrete and concrete-infused terry cloth towels, and familiar shapes, such as water jugs, beer cans and cigarette packs, to build white shroud-like figures and totems.

The ghost-like figures have no race, gender or class. "It's about the connected human condition we all share," he said.

His commonplace materials serve a similar purpose. "Concrete is something most humans deal with on a daily basis," he said. "It's a material we all connect with and don't really consider."

Hash connected with the Ann Norton through the organization's partnership with the Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary art fair, which

opens Thursday and continues through Jan. 12 in a temporary pavilion at 825 S. Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach.

Works by artists Jim Rennert and Federico Uribe also are on view at the Ann Norton through a collaboration with fair exhibitor Adelson Cavalier Galleries of Palm Beach.

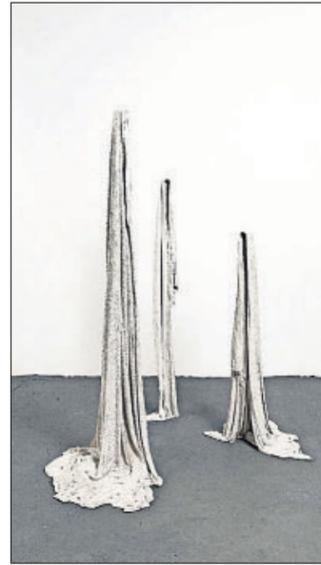
The Ann Norton has wanted to start an artist in residence program for some time, said Palm Beach resident Sally Soter, co-chairwoman of the organization's art committee.

Hash's rapid rise in the art world indicates that he's at "the top of his game," she said.

Part of founder Ann Norton's "mission was to have other artists use her space, just as



**ABOVE: Steve Hash's "Void Figure III" suggests a floating reclining figure whose interior spills objects such as bottles, cans and cigarette packs. Hash will be at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach today through Jan. 12 as the organization's first artist in residence.** [COURTESY OF THE ARTIST]



**LEFT: Artist Steve Hash says that his shrouded figures made of concrete-infused terry cloth towels such as "Three Towels On Floor" have no gender, race or class. Instead, they are about making connections with other people.** (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTIST)

she did, for inspiration and creation of art," said David Miller, co-chairman of the art committee.

Plans call for continuing the residencies.

During his residency, Hash plans to develop ideas for a solo show scheduled to open in July in Salzburg, Austria.

Finished works by Hash will be displayed at the Ann Norton and the fair.

"I'm excited about being in the studio and being around all her work, which is quite beautiful," he said.

Visitors to the Ann Norton will be able to watch him work. On Wednesday evening, he will attend a reception, along with Rennert and Uribe, at the

Ann Norton.

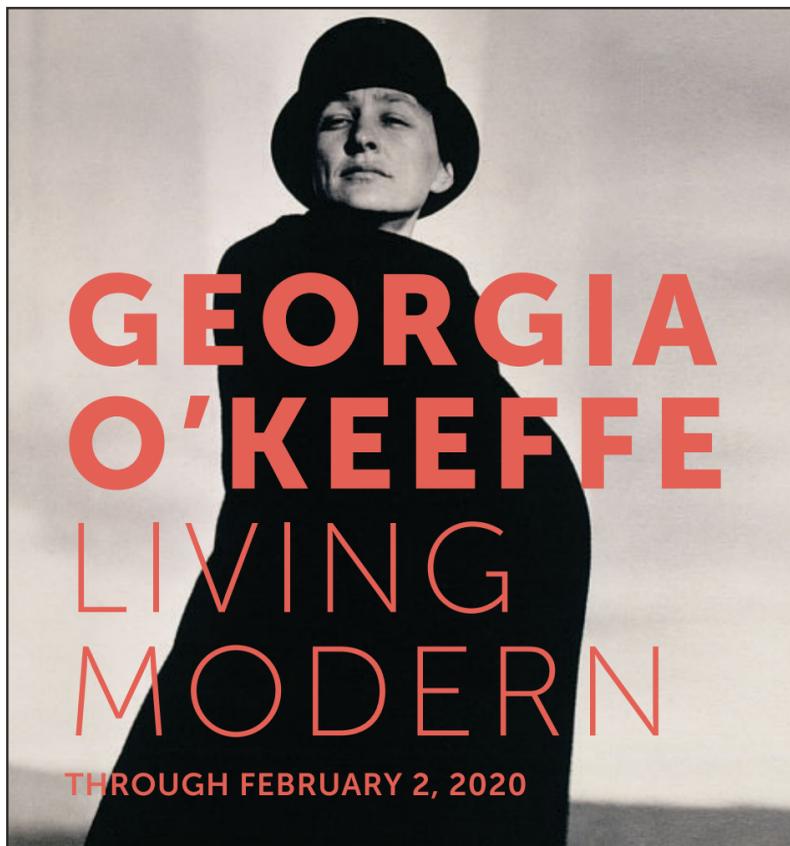
He's most excited about interacting with students from Title 1 elementary schools as part of the Ann Norton's Art & Healthy Hearts program.

"Because I grew up isolated, I like to encourage younger artists to look beyond their woods and think differently," he said.

His trajectory shows what can happen when they do.

Hash will be in residence through Jan. 12 at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach. For more information, call 561-832-5328 or visit [ansg.org](http://ansg.org).

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