

# LOCAL NEWS

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEK:

### TUESDAY

#### Jobless benefits at stake

Tuesday is the deadline for Congress to extend unemployment benefits. The House failed to pass a three-month extension Nov. 18, voting 258-154 in favor — short of the necessary two-thirds majority. Twenty-one Republicans voted for the measure; 11 Democrats opposed it. Republican leaders don't want the \$12.5 billion tab added to the national debt.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Happy Hanukkah

The eight-day Jewish holiday begins Wednesday at sundown.

#### World AIDS Day ceremony

In recognition of World AIDS Day, there will be an AIDS quilt opening ceremony and candlelight vigil starting at 6 p.m. at Compass Inc., 201 N. Dixie Highway in Lake Worth. Other events are scheduled throughout the week. For more information, contact the Palm Beach County Health Department or Compass.

### THURSDAY

#### Tequesta considers proposal for drug treatment center

A special Tequesta council workshop will focus on a proposal from Pennsylvania-based GMH Capital Partners to turn an abandoned three-story building into a new Betty Ford-style treatment center for drug and alcohol abuse.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY

#### FAU theater's grand opening

A new movie house at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus will have its grand opening this week with \$2 tickets. The \$19 million complex has four screens of independent, foreign and classic films as well as a European-style cafe offering gourmet food, beer, wine and coffee. For more information, visit [fau.livingroomtheaters.com](http://fau.livingroomtheaters.com).

### SUNDAY

#### Runners take over downtown

The Palm Beaches Marathon Festival kicks off at 6 a.m. The 26.2-mile loop begins in downtown West Palm Beach at the Meyer Amphitheatre.

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#### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**Palm Beach County's own Woodstock:** On Nov. 28, 1969, the three-day Palm Beach International Music and Arts Festival attracted 40,000 people to the Palm Beach International Speedway northwest of West Palm Beach. Freezing rain turned the site into a muddy quagmire the first day, but the sun came out before Janis Joplin's performance the next day. The Rolling Stones closed the festival, coming on stage near dawn on the 30th. **Read more at [HistoricPalmBeach.com](http://HistoricPalmBeach.com).**

# Boyfriend charged in slaying

After the shooting near Greenacres, his story unravels, detectives say.

By KIMBERLY MILLER and SONJA ISGER  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

The boyfriend of a 33-year-old woman told a detective she accidentally shot herself with a gun she held in her left hand, according to a sheriff's report. The tragic tale made in-

vestigators pause — family members said she was right-handed.

Claudia Moreno died Saturday night at Delray Medical Center from a single gunshot to the left side of her torso. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested her longtime boyfriend, Angel A. Montalvan-Oliva, 27, on charges of manslaughter and discharging a firearm in a



Montalvan-Oliva

home, an arrest report shows.

Several 911 calls alerted sheriff's dispatchers to trouble about 4:05 p.m. Saturday at a home near Greenacres. Callers reported a woman had been shot and needed paramedics in the 4700 block of Melaleuca Lane. Witnesses later said they

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were driving the woman to the hospital.

Moreno, whose home address is listed on Gulfstream Road west of Lake Worth, was taken to JFK Medical Center and was later moved to Delray  
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## NEWSMAKER OF THE WEEK

HORACE REEVES: WELLINGTON MAINTENANCE WORKER

# 'HE'S THE BEST PR WE HAVE'

Wellington honors a worker for 15 years of dedicated service and a ready wave for everyone.

By MITRA MALEK  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

WELLINGTON — They know him, the drivers and bikers and walkers who pass over the same ground day after day in Wellington.

He's alongside them, trash tongs in one hand, 40 hours a week, picking up scraps of paper, abandoned bottles and the wayward naughty toy or stinky pile of horse poop.

The other hand, it waves. To everyone. Big white construction mitt, darkened at the palm from keeping the streets clean.

"Ya can't miss him — he'll be the guy waving," resident Suellen Mucci said.

Actually, plenty of people search for the Waver, eyes squinted in anticipation as they cruise through the village trying to spot him on a green Kawasaki cart.

"It's like their cup of coffee in the morning," said Terry Foley, 50, who lives in Palm Beach Ranchettes near Wellington. "It perks them up."

Waving comes easily to Wellington maintenance worker Horace Reeves,  
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LANNIS WATERS/Staff Photographer

**Good morning!** Horace Reeves, who picks up trash along the village's roads, waves to all passersby. The father of six travels to his job from Pahokee.



George Bennett  
Politics

## Punishment follows snub of Aaronson

Palm Beach County Democratic Chairman **Mark Alan Siegel** says he has suspended a pair of party precinct organizers after they publicly snubbed Democratic County Commissioner **Burt Aaronson**.



Siegel

It's the latest reminder that while the Dems' Nov. 2 midterm beatdown is over, the bruises are still sore.



Aaronson

When Aaronson spoke at a recent meeting of the nonpartisan Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, audience members and county Democratic "zone

leaders" **Nate** and **Harriet Smith** turned their chairs around to protest Aaronson's endorsement of Republican-turned-independent **Charlie Crist** over Democratic nominee **Kendrick Meek** in the U.S. Senate race.

"We're just dissatisfied with Burt's action in the recent elections," said Nate Smith, who said he and his wife turned their backs on Aaronson because "he turned on the Democratic Party."

The Smiths oversee Democratic get-out-the-vote efforts in about 90 south-county precincts. Siegel called them valuable workers for the party, but said he had to take the "very painful" action of suspending them "because I wanted to be clear to everybody that rudeness is never appropriate."

Siegel didn't say how long the suspension will last.

Many grass-roots Dems were irked that Aaronson, Democratic County Commissioner **Shelley Yana**, Democratic

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ALLEN EYESTONE/Staff file photo

The cameras aren't costing Royal Palm any money, so officials haven't pushed their operators to remove them.

## Smile: Red-light cameras still clicking despite repeal

But deputies no longer check the Royal Palm photos.

By JASON SCHULTZ  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

ROYAL PALM BEACH — More than a month after Royal Palm Beach council members unanimously repealed the village's red-light camera ordinance, a bright flash in the night still marks the remnants of the village's abandoned experiment.

The red-light cameras on Royal Palm Beach Boulevard at Okeechobee Boulevard and Crestwood Boulevard are still

in place and could still be seen flashing last week.

But Palm Beach County sheriff's Capt. Eric Coleman, who commands the Royal Palm Beach substation, said the sheriff's office is no longer issuing warnings to people who run afoul of the cameras, as it had been before the ordinance was repealed. Coleman said deputies hadn't logged on to the computer system to look

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# Worker 'waving since he's been here,' supervisor says

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who has dispensed the to-and-fro since he was a small child in Jamaica.

"My mom always told me, 'Say hi to people,'" said Reeves, 53. "She didn't make no trouble to no one."

It's that simple for Reeves, a married father of six who treks to Wellington, where Tommy Lee Jones and Bruce Springsteen have second homes, all the way from Pahokee, where it's a feat for the city to find enough money to festoon the town Christmas tree with twinkling lights.

Reeves has been tending to the village's streets and swales for three years and handled other public works assignments for a dozen years before that.

"He's been waving since he's been here," said Dennis Flaherty, Wellington's roads supervisor. "I think a lot of people see how much credit he does get. It either makes them jealous and bites them in the rear end or makes them want to go out and do the same thing."

Reeves is a big fellow, tall and sturdy. He wears black-rimmed glasses that darken as the sky brightens. A white-and-gray goatee and mustache frame his steady smile.

**When Reeves was honored, everyone in the audience of 250 waved both hands.**

His wave is more royalty greeting, wrist twisting side to side, than that of a frenzied fan with flailing arms. If he's holding the trash pickup stick, he'll wave mid-pluck, awkwardly. If the road is busy with traffic, the wave is tentative, perhaps two fingers, like he's suggesting peace despite the mad rush.

"One day I was driving and I was distracted thinking about how awful the world is," Mucci said. "I was feeling very discouraged. And I drive past this man, and he waves. And he doesn't just wave to me — he waves to everyone. And he doesn't even care if you don't wave back. He waves anyway."

Reeves calls out to people, too: "Hello my friend! Goodbye my friend! You are my friend!"

"He is happy as a clam," said Susan Foley, 49, who bikes through Wellington with her husband, Terry. "Guys who seem to have everything are unhappy, and guys who seem to have nothing are happy."

Last month, Wellington honored Reeves for 15 years of work. Everyone in the audience of roughly 250 people waved both hands when his name was called.

"He's the best PR we have," Mayor Darell Bowen said. "And poor guy, all he's doing is picking up trash."

Reeves and Bruce Gordon, the village's other affable trash-collecting maintenance worker, fill nearly 50 55-gallon bags a week. That doesn't include recyclables or items too big for a Hefty sack — 2-by-4 planks, bumpers.

Once, Reeves found a 9mm gun at the edge of Southshore Boulevard inside some bushes. Often he buries animals that have been hit by cars.

"I just got to stop my breath and get it done," Reeves said.

Sometimes residents want their pet's collar back. Once, a woman asked for her pet's remains, and he obliged.

He finds lots of bikinis, but can't figure out why.

"All kind of stuff I pick up and put in the garbage," Reeves said.

What makes it worthwhile are the people who beep and wave back.

"People," Reeves said, "got love for me on the road."

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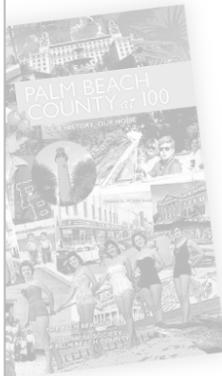


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**Above:** Interstate 95 has been widened since its early days. This aerial photo — view is to the south — shows I-95 as it passes through Lake Worth. (Lake Worth Road runs under the lighter-colored section of I-95, toward top of photo.) On Dec. 19, 1987, the 34-mile 'missing link' — Palm Beach Gardens north to Stuart — opened, creating an 1,894-mile highway from Miami to Maine.

**Below:** This March 1975 photo shows construction of I-95 just south of Lake Worth Road (foreground). The first part of I-95 in Palm Beach County opened in 1966 (Okeechobee Boulevard to 45th Street in West Palm Beach). In 1976, I-95 was completed between Palm Beach Gardens and Miami. However, the 'missing link' to Stuart would not open until 1987. View is to the south.



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## Haverhill cameras also still up

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at pictures of motorists in weeks and had no plans to do so.

Arizona-based American Traffic Solutions owns the cameras and paid to install and operate them, Village Manager Ray Liggins said. The cameras are not in the way and do not cost the village any money, so officials have not pushed the company to remove them.

Liggins said he has not had contact with the company in weeks, so he does not know if it plans to

remove the cameras.

Bethany Leytham, the company's Florida spokeswoman, said the company does not have a timeline yet for taking down the cameras. Without an ordinance, no fines could be issued against drivers caught on camera running a red light, so there is no way the company could make money off the cameras.

The nearby town of Haverhill has not repealed its red-light ordinance, but Mayor Jim Woods said last month that the town has

decided not to enforce the ordinance because officials did not want to have to pay sheriff's deputies to review photos from the cameras.

Those cameras at the intersection of Haverhill and Belvedere roads also are still up, Woods said, but the town is not reviewing pictures and no warnings have been issued in months.

"At some point, if they are not being used by anybody, the cameras will have to come down," Woods said.

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## Dinerstein boasts absentee-ballot boon

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state Sen. **Maria Sachs** and Democratic former U.S. Rep. **Robert Wexler** endorsed Crist over Meek.

"People are very upset with each other. Emotions run high during campaigns," Siegel said. But Siegel, who's up for reelection as county chairman this week, said the defectors are "all good Democrats" who shouldn't be ostracized.

One potential peacemaking step: Democratic Committeewoman **Bunny Steinman**, who's also president of the Democratic Club of Greater Boynton, says Sachs and other Crist backers are welcome to attend meetings of her club. The club declared Sachs persona non grata in September after she endorsed Crist. But Steinman said Sachs was unwelcome for only "one particular meeting, and that was for her benefit also."

Sachs said the fact that Crist got more than twice as many votes as Meek in heavily Democratic Palm Beach County shows that the county Democratic Ex-

ecutive Committee is out of touch with ordinary Democratic voters. "We need new leadership in the DEC," Sachs said. But she said she's not getting involved in this week's party elections.

Palm Beach County GOP Chairman **Sid Dinerstein**, who's running for state party chairman, boasts that stats compiled by the local party show 35,387 county Republican voters requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 election and 27,701 returned them — a 78.3 percent return rate. The statewide GOP return rate was 72.2 percent, according to the county GOP's calculations.

That suggests Dinerstein runs a more effective ballot-chasing operation than most of his peers. But according to Dinerstein's own numbers, he's no match for Sarasota County GOP Chairman **Joe Gruters**, who's also running for state chairman and is considered close to Gov.-elect **Rick Scott**. Sarasota's absentee ballot return rate was 86.5 percent.

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