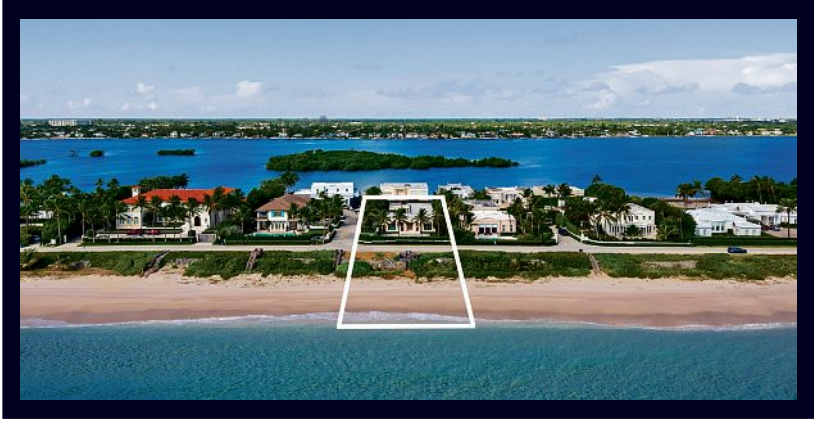


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‘Ham and cheese house’ lands under contract

Landmarked mansion has been asking \$105 million

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One of Palm Beach’s most recognizable oceanfront estates, known to locals as the “ham-and-cheese house,” is under contract with an asking price of \$105

million after spending fewer than two months on the market, according to the multiple listing service. Built in the late 1920s at 920 S. Ocean Blvd., the house is known for its distinctive horizontal alternating bands of coral Key stone and red brick that create stripes and give the home its quirky nickname. The landmarked mansion was designed in the Italian Romanesque style by noted society architect Maurice Fatio. The lot measures a little more than an acre on the

northwest corner of South Ocean and Via Bellaria in the Estate Section. The house has seven bedrooms and 22,754 square feet of living space, inside and out, of which 13,171 square feet is under air conditioning. The property lies about a half-mile north of The Mar-a-Lago Club within the area of Palm Beach that becomes a security zone each time President Donald Trump visits his home. The neighborhood closes to See HOUSE, Page 6A

RIDING THE WAVES



As rough seas batter the coast, a surfer takes advantage of unusually big waves north of Midtown Beach on Wednesday in Palm Beach. MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

Niblack’s Chinese art collection a highlight of Norton’s new season

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A longtime Palm Beach couple will team up with the Norton Museum of Art for an exhibition centered on their collection of Chinese Art. The exhibit is part of a busy season of exhibitions at the West Palm Beach institution. “Journey to the East: Chinese Art from the John and Heidi Niblack Collection” will feature a combined 30 works, including porcelain pieces and large intricate painted scrolls. Divided into two parts, the exhibition will run from Dec. 19 to May 16 before returning with a

new lineup of pieces from May 29 to Nov. 7. Works from the Niblack’s collection include “Hundred Birds Paying Homage to the Phoenix” a set of 16th century hanging scrolls measuring roughly 9 feet by 7.5 feet that depicts white and black birds flocking around the mystical bird of rebirth. The exhibition honors John Niblack’s more than 20 years of service as a trustee of the Norton, according to an announcement provided to the Palm Beach Daily News about the exhibit. He is a retired pharmaceutical executive. See ART, Page 9A

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