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Art, pinball brought together for a cause

The Arc of Palm Beach is calling out to fans of pinball, photography and other vintage games for a night of fun today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Silverball Museum, 19 NE 3rd Ave.

The museum created by Rob Ilvento is a space not only created for aficionados of retro arcade games, but also for the purpose of hosting charitable events such as this one hosted by The Arc, an organization that assists children and adults with developmental disabilities.

For \$15, guests will be able to play as much pinball as they want, while also enjoying a photo exhibition titled Pinball Wizardry. The exhibit created by photographer Craig Gordon, is a collection of abstract photographs. Gordon will donate 10 percent of purchases from the Pinball Wizardry series, and the Silverball Museum will donate a portion of the proceeds to The Arc of Palm Beach. For information, call 561-266-3294.

— ADRIANA DELGADO

PALM BEACH

Decision delayed on plastic bag ban

Officials who want a plastic bags ban say they will have to wait a little longer.

The Town Council again decided to postpone a decision on a ban during its meeting last Tuesday, citing a pending court case involving Coral Gables and the 3rd District Court of Appeal.

In early 2016, Coral Gables banned the use of Styrofoam products at special events and for use in takeout food containers, and later pursued a ban on all plastic bags. Coral Gables was sued by the Florida Retail Federation in July 2016 for the city's Styrofoam ban, and after a judge upheld the ban, the federation appealed the decision.

— IAN COHEN

LAKE WORTH

Performers needed for season's new musical

The Lake Worth Playhouse is calling out to local dancers, actors and performers to participate in the auditions for "Flashdance, The Musical," which will be on stage at the Playhouse from July 5 to 22. For information, contact Daniel Eilola at daniel@lake-worthplayhouse.org.

— ADRIANA DELGADO

FORT PIERCE

Bomb team offers beeping eggs for hunt

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Team partners with Westside Church and St. Lucie Public Schools to offer the "beeping" Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. today at the Westside Church, 3361 S. Jenkins Rd..

This Easter Egg Hunt is specifically offered for students who are seeing-impaired and will feature specially designed eggs that beep to help locate them. After the hunt, participants will be given special goodie bags of treats to enjoy when they return home.

For information about the event, call 772-462-3308.

— STAFF REPORT

IN FOCUS: BOYNTON BEACH

WOMEN GOLFERS TRIUMPH



The Links at Boynton Beach Golf Course women players pose for a photo with Mayor Steven Grant. Front row (kneeling, from left): Karen Krug, Mary Aller, Abbye Dorn, Ellen Rich and Amber Hoyer. Back row (standing, from left): Kris Leone, Phyllis Longhi, Linda Berger, Joyce Martin, Sue Lieber, Gail Wagman, Joan Madonna, Candy DeBlasio and Brenda Schneider. CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH

Links players win interclub title 2nd year in row

For the second consecutive year, the women players of The Links at Boynton Beach Golf Course took first place in Palm Beach County's Interclub Match Play League.

That means they beat the teams in Atlantis, Cypress Creek, Delray Beach, Lake Worth, PGA National Resort, North Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. Atlantis and PGA tied for second, said Boynton's team captain, Brenda Schneider.

The teams in the match league play from October through February and gather points at each game. Whichever team gathers the most points at the end wins. Boynton, which is composed of about 14 women, had 103.5. The next team had 97.

"It's just a great group," said Schneider.

Boynton has been in the league since 2006. Schneider joined about six years ago and started to play at the Links

course about 11 years ago.

The women in the match league are chosen from a different group that plays at the golf course. They have the lowest handicap.

Schneider said the new green at the course make playing at The Links even better.

As for the match league, the women were given a trophy, and possibly more importantly, "bragging rights," Schneider said.

— ALEXANDRA SELTZER

THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHIE

Couple opens second outlet of their drinks business in Boynton.

A couple who own a successful smoothie shop in West Palm Beach have expanded the business and opened a second location in Boynton.

Charlie and Renee Thornton opened Smoothie Whirl'd on Saturday at the southeast corner of Old Boynton Road and Military Trail. They'll host a grand opening Saturday, April 21.

"Smoothie Whirl'd's 'bread and butter' is fruit and green smoothies," said Charlie Thornton. (You won't find any bread or butter here.)

"We have fantastic ingredients. All natural fruit. A lot of fresh squeezing. We do wheat-grass shots sourced locally, ginger shots, acai bowls," Charlie said while rattling off the menu.

The Thorntons opened the West Palm Beach location, also on Military Trail, in the summer of 2012.

Charlie Thornton managed several local businesses, such as Jamba Juice and HoneyBaked Ham, and the company he was last at downsized when the economy crashed.

"I said, 'If I could do it for somebody else, I could do it for me,'" he recalled.

He spent his life savings to open the West Palm Beach store.

It wasn't easy at first. Charlie Thornton had to work about 110 hours per week for about



Charlie and Renee Thornton pose with Mark, their first customer at the Boynton Beach location of their beverage business, Smoothie Whirl'd. CHARLIE AND RENEE THORNTON

two years to keep afloat. And in 2015, Renee Thornton was diagnosed with Diffuse large B cell lymphoma, stage 4.

The good news? She's been cancer-free since August 2015, Charlie Thornton said.

And, the couple bounced

back.

They found an investor to help open the Boynton location, which is near a YMCA and Planet Fitness whose customers — the fitness crowd — are Smoothie Whirl'd's target demographic.

— ALEXANDRA SELTZER

THINGS TO DO

1. Meet the Easter Bunny: Saturday is the last day to meet the Easter Bunny at the Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress Ave. The Easter Bunny will be in the Center Court from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For information, call (561) 736-7902.

2. Boynton Beach Reggae Fest: This free event is Saturday from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 129 E. Ocean Ave. Musical guests include ARTIKal Sound, Reggae Brew, Teacha and Adrian Acuna.

For information, visit boyntonbeachreggaefest.com

3. Egg-Stravaganza: Boynton Beach is hosting this free event Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd.

The event includes an Easter egg hunt, crafts and face painting. The child who finds the golden egg will receive a basket of treats. For information, call (561) 742-6624 or email DegraffenM@bbfl.us

GOOD TO KNOW
Boynton phone numbers

- POLICE** (non-emergency): 561-742-6100
- FIRE:** 561-732-8116
- WATER UTILITIES:** 561-742-6400
- BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** 561-742-6350
- STREET REPAIRS:** 561-742-6200
- CODE ENFORCEMENT:** 561-742-6120
- PARKS:** 561-742-6200
- GARBAGE PICKUP:** 561-742-6200

LAKE WORTH

Lake Worth Starbucks delayed

By Kevin D. Thompson
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

LAKE WORTH — The new Starbucks at Downtown Lake Worth, the \$2 million North Dixie Highway shopping center, will open in early summer, not late April, the company said.

"Choosing a site for a new Starbucks location is a key element in providing customers with the Starbucks experience and we carefully consider many factors when opening a new store," the company said in an email to The Palm Beach Post Monday night.

Starbucks said all employees from the Lake Avenue location in downtown Lake Worth will be transferring to the new location.

Norman Weinstein, president of Stateside Partners, the Boca Raton company behind the venture, told The Post last week Starbucks would open in late April.

Weinstein did not return a call for an additional comment.

He told The Post last week Starbucks would be a great store for any retail center. "They're a great complement with other tenants because they do generate a lot of interest," he said.

Weinstein has said T-Mobile, a nail spa and Dr. G's Urgent Care also will open at the site. He said T-Mobile will move in late April, while the nail spa and the urgent care center should be ready by May.

The project started last year when City Hall Coin Laundry was demolished to make way for the 8,750-square-foot center.

For many years, residents have complained that the Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency has neglected developing the Dixie Highway corridor.

Last year, Joan Oliva, the CRA's executive director, told The Post it's always a struggle to get properties on Dixie Highway because of the cost and 30-foot height limit.

"It hampers what you can put on the site," she said.

The city is also battling the issue of crime and prostitution along Dixie Highway. But Weinstein has said he has been "proactive" in dealing with those problems and that he didn't have any problems investing in Lake Worth.

"We'll be looking for another project as soon as we finish this one," Weinstein said. "We'd like to do something in Lake Worth, but we do stuff in other places, too."

FORT PIERCE

28 arrested in immigration raid at business

By Julius Whigham II
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

FORT PIERCE — Immigration authorities took 28 people into custody following a raid at a Fort Pierce tent-rental business Wednesday.

Those taken into custody were "administratively arrested," Homeland Security spokesman Nestor Yglesias said. That means they could face deportation hearings. Authorities believe all are in the country illegally.

The raid took place at Tent-Logix, a special-event rental company on DiGiorgio Road, west of U.S. 1.

The operation began at about 9 a.m. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection were on the scene, with local law-enforcement agencies assisting.

In an unrelated enforcement operation conducted last week, immigration officials arrested more than 200 people in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including 17 in Palm Beach County. Those people also face deportation.

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WHAT IS OPEN, CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY

Friday is Good Friday.
Government: Federal, state, county and most municipal offices are open Friday. Offices in Gulf Stream, Lake Park and Riviera Beach are closed. Post offices and banks are open. Courts are closed.
Transportation: Palm Tran operates on a regular schedule Friday, but there is no bus service on Easter Sunday. Tri-Rail has no schedule changes.
Schools: Public schools are closed Friday in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties.
Libraries: Libraries in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties are open Friday, closed Sunday.

LIBRARY LIFE

Boca Raton Library

400 NW Second Ave., Boca Raton
561-393-7852

Civic engagement: Learn about the ways in which the Florida Constitution can be revised. Pre-register. 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Apple info: Find out about the latest changes in iOS 11, including new apps, possible bugs and fixes. Adults. Pre-register. 11 a.m. April 6.

Spanish River Library

1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton
561-393-7852

Do drop in: Enrollment is not required for this Spanish bilingual story time. Children. 10 a.m. Monday.

Who are you? Discover your family history with tools for genealogical research. Adults. 1 p.m. April 7.

Highland Beach Library

3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland

Beach

561-278-5455

Free concert: Listen to Tony Abbott and Terry Cooper perform a tribute to Neil Diamond. 5 p.m. April 5.

Hagen Ranch Road Branch

14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach
561-894-7500

All about you: Join storyteller Vera Friend and share your own stories. Adults. 4 p.m. Monday.

Rhyme time: Celebrate National Poetry Month with songs and poems, rhyming bingo and a craft. Ages 5 to 8. Pre-register. 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Writers workshop: Sign up for this six-session course facilitated by poet Stacie M. Kiner. Adults. 4 p.m. Wednesday and April 18; May 2, 16 and 30; June 6.

West Boca Branch

18685 State Road 7, Boca

Raton

561-470-1600

Colorful time: Adults can enjoy a relaxing afternoon coloring. Ages 18 and older. 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Origami fun: Learn the art of paper folding. Ages 8 to 12. Pre-register. 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Good cents: Make a plan to save money, then decorate a wooden bank for your savings. Grades six to 12. Pre-register. 2:30 p.m. April 7.

West Boynton Branch

9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach
561-734-5556

Lego fun: Build, imagine and play with the library's Lego bricks. Ages 5 to 10. Pre-register. 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Amazing origami: An introduction to the Japanese art of paper folding. Materials provided. Ages 8 and older. Preregister. 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Pinball Wizardry, 6 to 9 p.m., Silverball Museum, 19 NE 3rd Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy a fun game of pinball hosted by the Arc of Palm Beach County. \$15. Call 561-842-3213.

Somewhere Over the Fairway, 2 p.m., Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 Lake Shore Drive, Delray Beach. This Interactive Studio Theatre play is a clever matinee performance that provides the audience with the opportunity to participate with the actors on stage. \$25. Call 561-272-1281.

Michael F. Roizen book discussion, 2:30 p.m., Beifield Auditorium at the Levis JCC Sandler Center, 21050 95th Ave. S., Boca Raton. Dr. Roizen will discuss his book "AgeProof: Living Longer Without Running Out of

Money or Breaking a Hip," which he co-wrote with Jean Chatzky of NBC's The Today Show. \$18. Call 561-558-2520.

SATURDAY

Easter Bonnet Pet Parade, 9 a.m., Old School Square Park, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy this canine fashion carnival with dogs of all sizes showing off their spring attire. \$5 suggested registration fee. Call 561-276-7511.

SUNDAY

Intracoastal Adventures Kayaking, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Gumbo Limbo Nature Center 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Beautiful scenery, fresh air and exercise will be part of this kayak tour as participants learn about the

wildlife that calls the intra-coastal home. Must have kayaking experience and be able to get in and out of a kayak without assistance. \$20 members, \$30 for non-members. Call 561-544-8605.

TUESDAY

Boca Raton Garden Club, 1 p.m., BRGC clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd. Ave., Boca Raton. Lorraine Conover, President of the Boca Raton Orchid Society, will present the hands-on workshop, "Still Scared to Mount Your Orchid?" Free. For more information, call 561-395-9376 or visit www.bocaratongardenclub.org

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