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Norton to start charging for parking

Nonmembers will pay \$5 a day for parking in the museum's lot on Dixie Highway

By Jan Sjostrom Daily News Staff Writer

The days of free parking for all at the Norton Museum are drawing to a close.

As early as this month, the Norton plans to start charging nonmembers \$5 a day for parking in its lot on Dixie Highway across the street from the museum in West Palm Beach.

The timing depends on how quickly the request makes its way through the city approval process, Chief Operating Officer Sam Ankerson said.

"It's intended as a new source of revenue to help fund the nonprofit museum,"

Parking revenue is expected to generate \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year to help defray the Norton's \$15 million annual operating expenses.

The prospect of paying for parking didn't phase the visitors we spoke to on Thursday.

"We're from Washington, D.C., where parking is \$20," said Judith Zassenhaus, who

was touring the museum with her husband, Harold.

Their only complaint was that they couldn't find the lot because there aren't signs directing drivers to its location. Ankerson said the Norton is aware of the problem and plans to improve

Savannah, Ga., resident Dennis Weber, who was visiting the museum with his wife, Barbara, said, "if the museum needs that to continue its work, I think that's not an unreasonable fee. Wherever you go these days, there's no free parking."

The Norton considered whether charging for parking would keep some people from visiting the museum, Ankerson said.

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Council: 'Run for Justice' on last leg here

Members agree to let race run once more on island but it would not be approved again

By William Kelly

Daily News Staff Writer

At least one member of the Town Council isn't keen on having 100-or-so running enthusiasts from across the Intracoastal Waterway dashing up the Lake Trail - even if they're doing it for a laudable cause and the runners are judges, lawyers and the like.

Council members contend it disturbs the neighbors and one, Lew Crampton, said the event co-opts the Palm Beach brand.

Still, the 5th annual Run for Justice in Palm Beach, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, got a conditional 3-1 nod from the council to host its 5k run/walk on the island with the understanding that this will be the last time.

Proceeds from the April 4 event will go to the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. Town Manager Kirk Blouin offered up the compromise when it appeared the council was going to turn the group away.

Council members said they were driven to protect the peace and quiet of residents who live along the route. They also said they're wary of encouraging more requests from out-of-town organizations, however respectable their causes

Crampton said he prefers to limit approvals to community-based events with strong local participation.

"I really don't like where outsiders come

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After-school fun at the rec center





Palm Beach Recreation Department counselor David Marotiere supervises children on the new playground Friday at the Morton and Barbara Mandel Recreation Center. The K-5th grade after-school program included crafts and indoor and outdoor games.

From left, Charlie Simpson, 9; Fox Platt, 10; Olivia Hallinan, 10; and Ari Darrow, 9, play dodge ball in the gymnasium. [PHOTOS BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

What's fame? Being a \$600 clue



Shannon Donnelly

o, **Pete Dawkins** is a pretty accomplished guy. Rhodes Scholar. West Point grad. Heisman Trophy winner. Brigadier general. White House adviser. Recently married to Amb. Mary Ourisman.

He might think any of those things would be the highlight of his curriculum vitae. But he would be wrong.

Dawkins is now certifiably famous because he was a clue in one of the G.O.A.T. championship games on "Jeopardy."

The category was College Football and the \$600 clue was "Nickname of the team that was led to an undefeated 1958 season by future brigadier general Pete Dawkins."

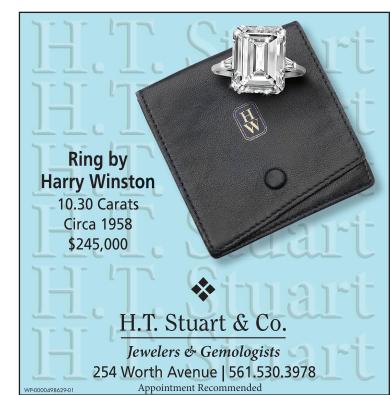
Since he went to West Point, we jumped up and screamed "Army!" Wrong.

The answer was "What is the Black Knights." Good thing we were only playing with TV money and not actual dough.

Hugs and kisses: Word is that the new squeeze of Brooklyn Beckham, son of Victoria and David Beckham, is none other than Palm Beach kid-turnedactress Nicola Peltz, the leggy blonde daughter of Claudia and Nelson Peltz.

The romance is reportedly serious. She's already met his parents, and the pair spent some holiday time in Palm Beach with her folks.

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