



It's Kismet!

STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC CARLSON

Haji the Poet, played by Kenneth Campbell, chastises orange merchant George Alexander for mistreating the poet's daughter during rehearsal for the Brunswick Little Theater presentation of "Kismet." Named for the Arabic concept of fate and fortune, the romantic musical is set in ancient Baghdad in the age that inspired the legendary Tales of Arabian Nights. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock in the new Odell Williamson Auditorium at Brunswick Community College.

Ruark Foundation Announces Annual Chili Cookoff Winners

"Ray's Blue Ribbon Special" chili lived up to its name this weekend as winner of the Fifth Annual Chili Cookoff in Franklin Square Park.

Ray Carstens of Southport received a check for \$500 and a miniature black kettle to be engraved and mounted on a stand in recognition of his expertise. A panel of five judges picked his "Blue Ribbon" recipe over 13 entries in the annual event sponsored by the Robert Ruark Foundation and the City of Southport.

A second-place prize of \$250 was awarded Pattie Sykes, sponsored by Hawk's Drywall & Painting, and the People's Choice award of \$100 went to Gene Hagood for his "Nacha Mama's Black Dog."

Ted Gable, sponsored by the Pelican Post, won \$100 for having the best decorated booth. Second place, People's Choice and Best Booth winners also received engraved plaques.

Judges for the event were George A. Saffo of Wilmington, John McCloskey, Jim Brown, Eleanor and Joe Loughlin, all of Southport.

Other entries this year included Jim B. Howle of Southport Concrete Contractors; Carl V. Gregory of Barrier Island Bait and Tackle; Connie Rice of Dorothy Essey and Associates; Bob Koon with his "Chef Bubba's Chili;" David Midgett's "Dr. Travel" chili, sponsored by Midgett & Associates Travel and Cruises; Marion Martin's Red Hot Express; Al Pucket's "Sanjo's 8-Bean Chili;" Richard J. Varga's "Homework's Not Just For Breakfast Anymore Chili;" and Chuck Reagan's "Dragon's Breath," sponsored by J&L Cycles.

Foundation president Bette Leggett said an estimated crowd of 5,000 Easter weekend visitors and local area residents attended the event which featured arts and crafts booths, an Easter egg hunt for children, "Mud

Puddle the Magnificent," and a Civil War military camp exhibit. Proceeds from the chili cookoff are used to sponsor annual short story and poetry contests.

The short story contest commemorates Wilmington native and well-known writer-journalist Robert Ruark who spent boyhood summers in Southport with his grandparents and used that experience in many of his writings.

Established in 1989, the Robert Ruark Foundation seeks to promote the visual, literary and performing arts through sponsorship of several special events. In addition to the fiction and poetry contest, the foundation will sponsor an art exhibit and awards program in the fall.

Festival Wants Contestants

The 13th annual Blue Crab Festival is accepting applications for the 1994 Queens Pageant to be held May 14 and 15 in Little River, S.C.

Applications for the 2-4-year-olds and the 5-7-year-olds will be accepted, as well as for 17-22-year-olds until Friday, April 29.

For applications and further information, contact the Little River Chamber of Commerce at (803)249-6604 Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For information about the 17-22-year-old division only, call Roy Bullard at (803)449-4609.

Union Alumni To Plan Meeting

The Union High School Alumni Association will meet Saturday, April 16, at the home of Edna Gause.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. On the agenda is planning for the annual banquet. Gause said all alumni members are being urged to attend.

Pilots Ready To Order Beach Chairs

A year-long effort to make local beaches more accessible to the physically handicapped will soon become a reality for the Pilot Club of South Brunswick Islands.

By the start of the summer season, or soon after, club members expect to make available at each of the three local beaches a balloon-wheeled beachchair for use by the handicapped, disabled and elderly—anyone who can't get to the beach strand without assistance.

Custom-made in Florida, each chair will cost \$1,025, including shipping costs and accessories—a

tilt umbrella, carryall, extra strapping and a fishing rod holder, says Wendy Milazzo, club fund-raising coordinator. The chairs are crafted of PVC pipe and fabric and are equipped with big, inflatable tires that make it easier to roll the chair on the beach.

A majority of the funds was raised by a recent shopping spree ticket sale held in conjunction with Wal Mart. Store employees raised \$1,345.50 from ticket sales, while Pilots raised \$1,368.90. Top in-store salespersons were Marie Garvin, Leslie Scoggins and Jan Carroll. Bodley Howard of Pensacola,

Fl., won the shopping spree, while Karen Thompson of Shallotte received a Pilot Club cookbook.

The store is chipping in \$125 to accessorize one chair, while one Pilot member's children are accessorizing another as a memorial to their father.

With other businesses and individuals also supporting the project, said Milazzo, "We hope to be able to order right away."

Fest Meeting Set

A Fourth of July festival meeting will be held Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the festival headquarters.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time to the festival is welcome, said spokesman Lisa Tutor.

Festival headquarters in on West Moore Street, next to the Southport library.

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VFW's Easter Egg Hunt A Big Success

Ladies VFW Auxiliary Post 7288 members visited Cardinal Care in Shallotte Monday, March 28, and delivered 45 Easter baskets filled with various candies to the residents.

The baskets were made and filled by auxiliarians.

At the group's egg hunt April 2, Tyler Faulk found the most eggs in the 2-5 age group, and Carla Daniels found the most in the 6-8 age group. Both received Easter baskets filled with candy. Nancy Davidson, winning in the 9-12 age group, was awarded a large plastic egg with \$5 tucked inside.

Refreshments were served to the parents and children.

The auxiliary is also sponsoring a girls' softball team, known as "The Ladies," in Shallotte for the third year.

The next meeting is Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Officers will meet at 6:30.

Lodge Banquet

Winnabee Masonic Lodge 786 will hold its annual banquet April 30 at the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building in Bolivia.

Awards to be given include recognition of some members with life memberships.

To order tickets, call Joe Stevenson at 842-2367.

Rotary Speaker

Gerry Shaver, assistant to the president of Brunswick Community College, was guest speaker at the South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club weekly breakfast meeting April 8.

Shaver talked about programs offered at the college, from continuing education to non-credit courses, the Small Business Center and occupational training and retraining. She also discussed future programs being planned and about the college's role in the information highway.

WAVES In Parade

The Azalea Anchors, Unit 102, Wilmington Chapter of WAVES



EGG HUNT WINNERS in the Calabash VFW Auxiliary Post 7288 event were (from left) Nancy Davidson, Carla Daniels and Tyler Faulk. Behind them is Cathy Sommers, auxiliary president.

National, will participate in Wilmington's annual Azalea Festival parade April 16.

After the parade there will be a monthly meeting at the Cypress Garden Club, College Acres Drive, Wilmington.

All former, retired and active Navy, Marines and Coast Guard women are invited. For more information, call (910)392-6033.

Bake Sale Set

The Calabash Extension Homemakers Club will hold a bake sale

April 20 beginning at 10 a.m. in front of Revco in Little River, S.C., for the benefit of the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service.

Writers To Meet

Romance Writers of America, Lower Cape Fear Chapter, will meet Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. at Oak Island Presbyterian Church, 1503 E. Oak Island Drive, Long Beach.

Guest speaker will be Suzanne Osborne. Potential members are welcome.

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Band Sets Spring Concert

The Brunswick Concert Band will present its sixth annual spring concert on Sunday, May 1.

Featured on the program will be selections from the opera "Carmen," a rock number, "Sticky Fingers," with George Schneider on electric

guitar will be performed by the band. Rounding out the program will be jazz and big band selections and marches.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the Centennial Center, 8th and Lord Streets, Southport.

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