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At tennis-themed benefit, foundation wins the match

It was another successful weekend for the All-Star Children's Foundation. Most notable was the dramatic entrance made by tennis great **Jim Courier** before the pro exhibition match with **Petr Korda**. As partygoers enjoyed the alfresco barbecue extravaganza at the Longboat Key Club, Courier flew overhead in a helicopter and landed on the golf course, delighting and exciting the crowd.

After the match, lucky ladies **Graci McGillicuddy** and **Nancy Martin** took to the court to play mixed doubles with Courier and Korda — having successfully bid on the opportunity the night before at the swanky kickoff, “Tinis, Tapas, and Tennis.”

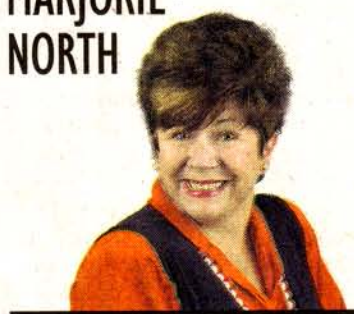
Despite Graci joking that “I can't believe I paid good money to humiliate myself in front of such a large crowd,” to the nearly 400 spectators, both women played like pros.

The gala was chaired by **Lisa Meshad** and **Julie Warren**, who welcomed such fans as **Ellen** and **Matt Drews**, **Chuck** and **Deby Vollmer**, **Michael Welly** and **Mary-Grace Gentry**.

On the runway

Just in time for Miami Fashion Week, international designer **Arefeh Mansouri** of Sarasota is unveiling her new collection of evening and cocktail dresses. The new line of gowns, made of silk, chiffon

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and satin in vibrant spring colors, “is my best work so far,” Arefeh says. For more, visit arefeh-fashion.com.

Filming on Casey Key

Nice meeting of minds and talent among Premier Properties here, Fandango Films of Cologne, Germany, and VOX Television — one of Europe's largest media conglomerates — to produce a segment of the popular TV show “Traumhaus am Meer” or “Dream House on the Sea” on Casey Key, filming this week.

This is the first house for the show filmed in the U.S., and the marketing coup is credited to **Karin Stephan** of Premier. “Traumhaus am Meer” is viewed by 150 million German speakers in the EU each week.

People watching

■ **Steve Carroll**, a New York actor who relocated to Venice in 2006, is putting on a one-man show, “Charles Lind-

bergh: The Lone Eagle,” but he may be more familiar to soap fans as Dr. Matt Rawlins on ABC's “One Life to Live” for four years. Steve developed his Lindbergh show in 2001 and can be seen at Lemon Bay Playhouse in Englewood tonight through Sunday. Call 475-6756.

■ **Lisa Daily** just published her first novel, “Fifteen Minutes of Shame,” about a dating expert who finds out, on national TV, that her husband is cheating. Lisa is a relationship expert (she penned “Stop Getting Dumped!” five years ago), but the rest is fiction, she said yesterday.

■ Tony and Grammy Award-winning singer **Jennifer Holliday**, who originated the role of Effie in Broadway's “Dreamgirls,” will be here to wow locals at a West Coast Black Theatre Troupe fundraiser Monday at the Asolo Rep's Cook Theatre.

■ Recently back from New York, Broadway actress **Annie Morrison** returned to The Players to direct and choreograph “Hair,” which opened last night and continues through April 6.

■ **Susan Palmer** has donated a Mercedes SmartCar to Ringling College of Art and Design to raffle at tonight's Avant-Garde. Tickets are \$100 with proceeds going to scholarships. You do not need to attend the event to win. To buy a chance, call 359-7673.



CELEBRITY BITES

"I spend most of the day chasing my kids around the house. Their needs define my schedule every day."

— **KEVIN FEDERLINE**, on being a full-time dad to his two toddler sons. The aspiring rapper has had sole custody of Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 18 months, since early this year after months of bizarre behavior by his ex-wife, Britney Spears



Members of the Roberti family were major sponsors for the All-Star Children's Foundation. From left are Paul, Joanne, Trisha, Jeffrey and mama Alice Roberti.



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Ellen and Matt Drews.



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Trish Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Flower.



Debby and Chuck Vollmer, Trish Fitzgerald, Michael Welly and Mary-Grace Gentry.