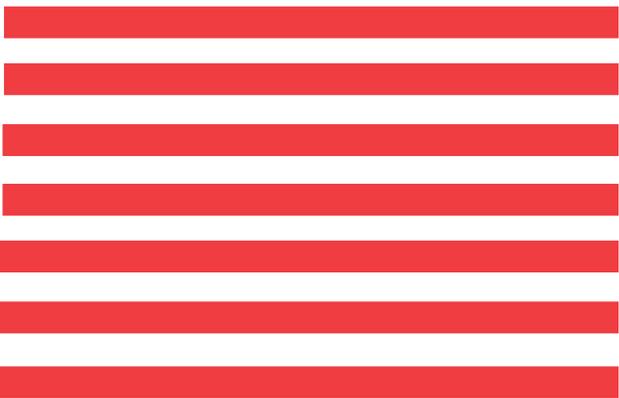


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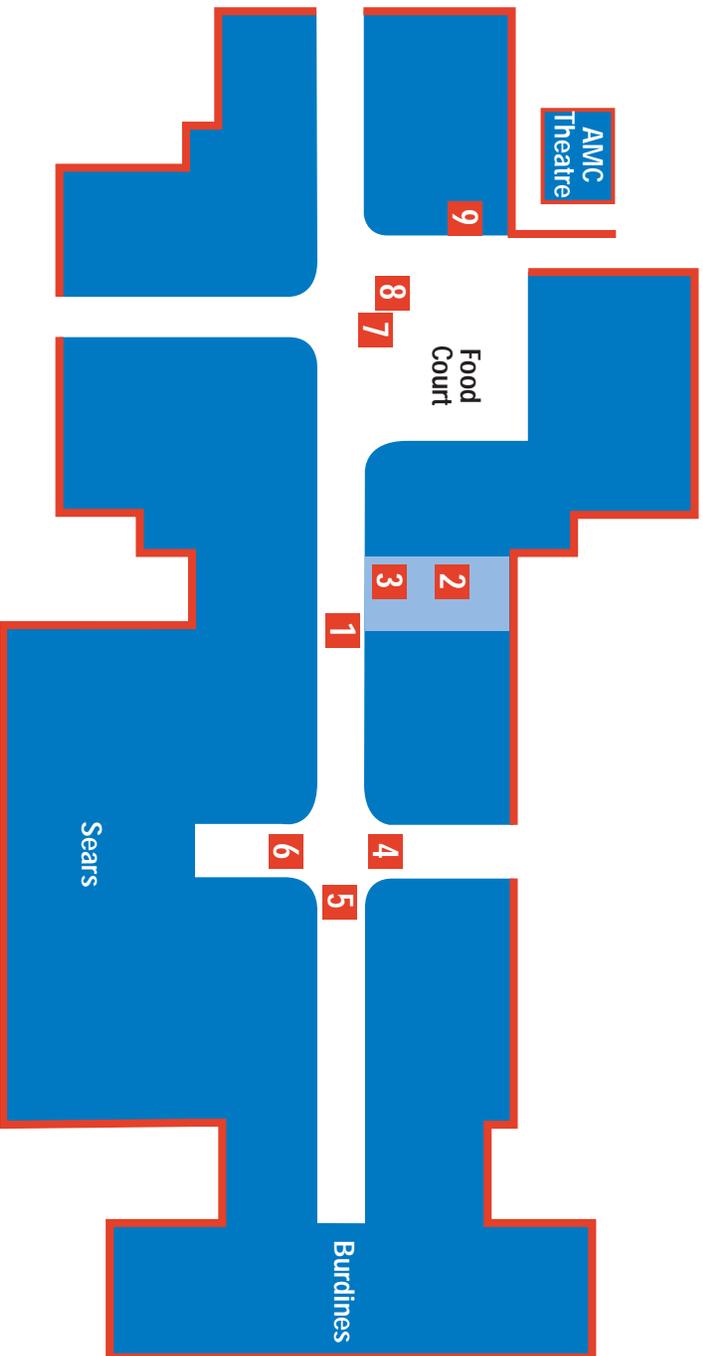
# National Wildlife Refuge System Time Capsule Exhibit Dedication Ceremony

March 13, 2003 / Indian River Mall / Vero Beach, Florida



time capsule *n.*: a container used to store for posterity a selection of objects thought to be representative of life at a particular time

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## Activity Stations

- 1 Tour Tickets & Information
- 2 Time Capsule Tour
- 3 Challenger the Bald Eagle
- 4 Orlando Peabody Ducks
- 5 Pelican Island Preservation Society
- 6 "Let's Go Wild" Multimedia Presentation
- 7 Pelican Island NWR Video
- 8 Kid's Corner
- 9 Book Signings-Waldenbooks



On March 14, 2003, the National Wildlife Refuge System will celebrate 100 years of conserving America's most pristine habitats for fish and wildlife. A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt declared Pelican Island, a five-acre island in the Indian River Lagoon, America's first federal bird reservation. Pelican Island and the reservations that followed became America's National Wildlife Refuge System.

Today, the system that President Roosevelt started has grown to 540 national wildlife refuges, protecting nearly 100 million acres across America. National wildlife refuges conserve land for more than 1,000 species of fish and wildlife. Refuges provide unparalleled recreational activities, including hunting, fishing and wildlife observation. More than 35 million people visit national wildlife refuges each year to enjoy the wonders of nature.

To mark this important milestone in American wildlife conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has created a National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Time Capsule. The items that refuges from across the nation contributed to this time capsule describe the diversity of this vast network of conservation lands.

On the eve of the Centennial, we dedicate this collection of artifacts in a public exhibit. All of the items will remain encapsulated together for the next century of conservation. In one hundred years, these treasured items will give future generations a glimpse into the history of wildlife conservation in America.

#### National Wildlife Refuge System Time Capsule Partners

We'd like to thank the following companies and organizations that have made this display and dedication ceremony possible:

- AMC Indian River 24 Theaters ■ Central Assembly Music Ministries
- Peabody Orlando Hotel ■ Pelican Island Elementary School
- Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge ■ Pelican Island Preservation Society ■ Simon-Indian River Mall ■ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center ■ U.S. Postal Service
- Waldenbooks ■ WGYL - FM 93.7

#### Schedule of Events

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- 12:30 pm** Bald Eagle Demonstration  
*Challenger the Bald Eagle and Al Cecere, American Eagle Foundation*
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- 12:45 pm** Opening Music-Central Assembly Music Ministries  
*Billy McCloud, Music Minister*
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- 1:00 pm**
- ★ Welcome by Paul Tritaik  
Master of Ceremonies
  - ★ Arthur Neuberger  
Indian River County Commissioner
  - ★ Dr. Edmund Skellings, Poet Laureate of Florida  
Introduction of Poetry Reading  
*White Pelican* by Lynne Bama  
Winner of "The Nature of Nature" Poetry Contest
  - ★ Steve Hooks, Manager, Post Office Operations,  
Central Florida District, U.S. Postal Service
  - ★ James Foote as President Theodore Roosevelt
  - ★ Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Craig Manson, Department of the Interior
  - ★ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director  
Steve Williams
  - ★ The March of the Orlando Peabody Ducks
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- 1:30 pm** Unveiling of the Time Capsule Exhibit
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Public tours of the Time Capsule Exhibit will be provided by Dr. Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Historian. Tours begin at 2:00 pm. Please pick up a free tour ticket with a time on it at Tour Tickets & Information **1**.

The public is invited to visit Activity Stations throughout the mall from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. See map on back. Challenger the Bald Eagle **3** and the Orlando Peabody Ducks **4** will be available until 3:30 pm.