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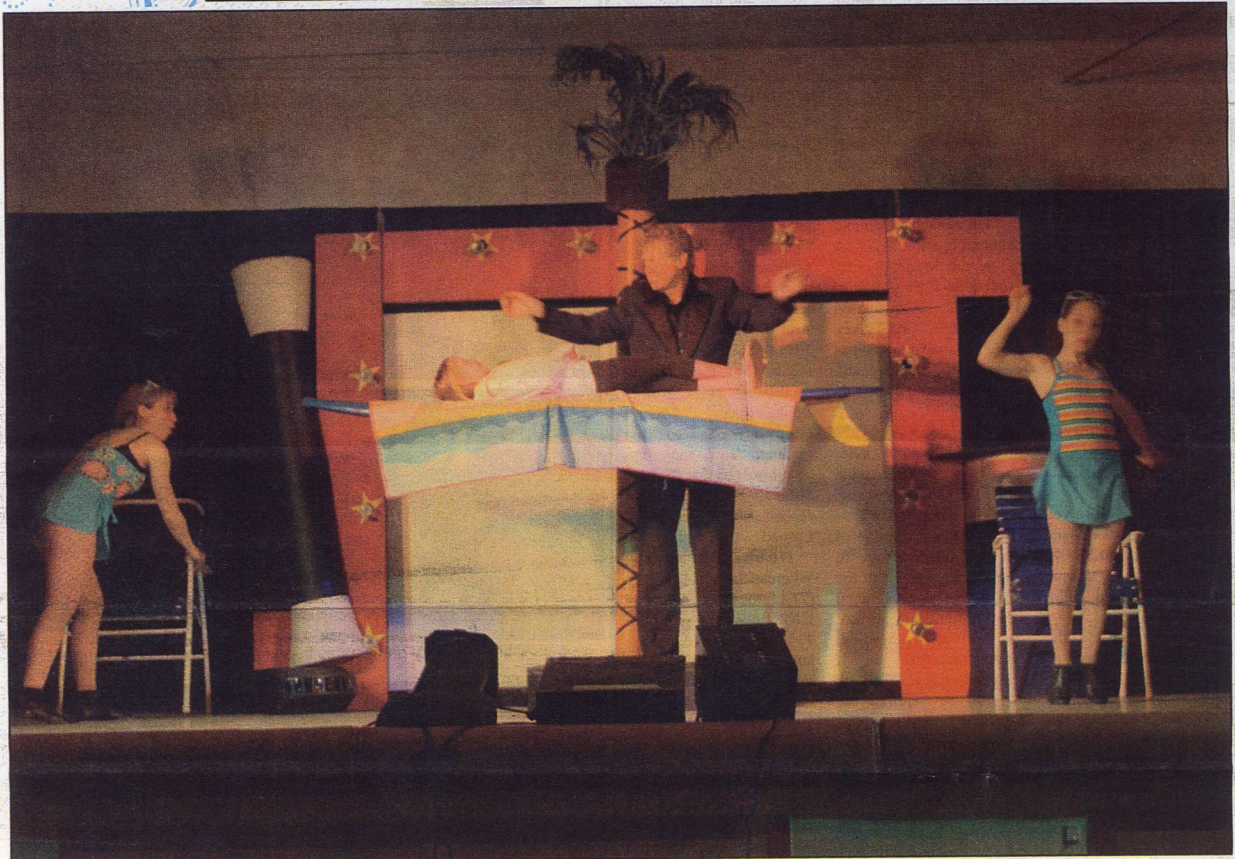
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A magical experience

The Reston Memorial Theatre hosted AbracaDAZZLE, starring John Kaplan, Thursday, May 12, 2011 for 90 minutes of eye-popping, spellbinding entertainment. John Kaplan transported 97 adults and 46 children into a world of wonder, laughter and mystery. *Shown: 8-year-old, Emma Ray of Reston being levitated.* PHOTO/AMANDA COOK

Reston Memorial Theatre brings a little magic to town

by Dolores Caldwell
As part of a fundraising campaign, Reston Memorial Theatre decided to ask John Kaplan and his AbracaDAZZLE show to Reston on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

There were 97 adults and 46 students who enjoyed 90 minutes as Kaplan transported them

into a spellbinding world of wonder, laughter and mystery.

Along with his assistants, Kaplan was able to captivate the audience to full amazement with his many magic tricks. Audience member, 8-year-old Emma Ray, was levitated in the air while laying on a surf board.

"It felt like I was float-

ing," said Ray.

During intermission, while audience members replenished their drinks and confectionary snacks, Ian Milliken, Reston Memorial Theatre Chair and Kalah Mitchell, Pipestone-Albert Recreation Director made a draw for keys to open a hidden trunk. Camryn Raimbault was the lucky

winner of the door prize of \$200. The Board is grateful to the many sponsors that helped with the evening.

The second half of the show was just as spellbinding as the first as Kaplan kept the audience on the edge of their seats in astonishment. Reston Theatre Board Member, Chris Flannery vol-

unteered to have spikes drilled through him and lived to tell about it. Wyatt Ramsey was on stage as a first hand witness.

John Kaplan told the Recorder that he was very pleased with how the show went on in Reston.

"The volunteers were great, we couldn't have done it without them and

we really appreciate the two rooms provided by the Rest'n Inn, they are quaint and comfortable," said Kaplan.

The Theatre Board was very grateful to the army of volunteers that helped set up and take down the equipment showing once again that volunteers in Reston can make "magic" happen.

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