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### 'SHARK TALE'



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Who do you think won the first Presidential debate, Such or Kerry?

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### Whale of a ride

The swell a surfer was riding-mix recourt trip turned out to be more than just a wore - it was a whale. Spyron Vanyan, a 60-year-old San-Gresorie thorspire, full the scene swirt under him and was lifted upby the ginet conversal. Vogerous had no idea how hig the whale was. Others on the beach guessed. between 15 feet to 30 feet long. ravaning it was likely a javenile.



Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry (L) and Republican incurrient President George Bush faced off in the first Presidental debate last right in Fluida.

## Battle over Iraq

### Heated exchange over war is focus of first debate

By Aug Strongerous and less link follow in Chief

Ses. John Keery scrawd Presideat George Bush last night of committing a "coloural series to Judgment" for diverting American troops to go offer Soldon Planels rather than offer Overso Sin Lodon. "Subben Housein-dale Lettack as, Overso Rin Laden etterhod us." Kerry sold.

Bunk retaliated: "What proappropriat wants you to forget is that he voted to authorize the use of force and now says, it's the severy war at the severy time at the wrong place. I don't see how you

can lead this country to succeed in Iraq If you say wrong war, wrong tion, wrong place. What message diwn that send our troops?

The Republican President said. Kery keeps "sharping his position on the wor," and that "the only thing consistent about my opponext's position is that he has been Incomplement."

Keery replied, "I have had one consistent position on loss, that Salden was a firest und that there was a right way and a wrong way to dissers him, and the president dose the worsy way."

The Democratic challenger pointed out that the President's father, former President Seals. wrote in his book that he did not wend U.S. teverpo into Baghdad. sharing the first Gulf War because "flow was as out strategy."

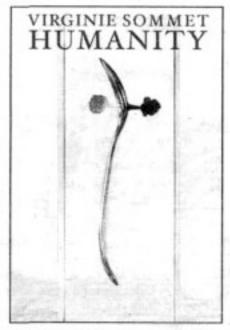
Keery said, "Iraq was not even close to the conter of the war on better before the president is raded It. The president made the beliemost to divor forces from under General Tommy Franks from Alghanistan ... He maked the war in Iron without a plan to win the peak

The debates are crucial for Keers, selecte trailing by several potent to the pulls less than five weeks before the election.

Bush and Kerry buttled for C9 minutes over Iraq and other Internotional policy.

More than 1,000 Americans have been killed in Iraq since the U.S., and yesterday's debate took place on the sums day that bombings in Bigfelad killed 35 children.

Clubside the closed-off University of Miori campas, where the debate was held, bendends of protestors marched, some carrying flag-droped coffirm, and others with signs that read, "What's to diobate? Bush lind, fire him." The protestors carried 76 coffins. which they said represented such soldier killed in true this excett."



By ALEXANDRA MORRA Special to amNewYork

In this time of political activism, "Humanity" is sure to get your banner waving.

World Food Day is Oct. 5 and artist Virginie Sommet has risen to the occasion. She created the prestigious Spoon Award that will be presented to President Nelson Mandela honoring his work with Action Against Hunger, which helps 4 million severely malnourished people in 40 countries every year. The World Food

# Art for the hungry

Day gala will also benefit the fight against hunger.

Sommet's pro-bono generosity in designing the Spoon Award inspired her upcoming exhibit "Humanity." Beneath the surface of kitchen utensils, sequin gongs, dime store toys, faux birds and Indian foodstuffs, critical social themes such as child exploitation, hunger, politics, and the power of money tell a story of humanity.

### "Humanity"

NEXUS Projects Gallery, Oct. 7-29. The gallery will donate 25% of art sale proceeds to Action Against Hunger. 24 W 57th St

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Dine at participating Restaurants Against Hunger on Oct. 19. Up to 20% of sales go to children, women and men suffering in areas of war or natural disaster. Visit www.actionagainsthunger.org for details.