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The Associated Press

ROCKIN

Florida offers more than sunshine and beaches. It's a hotbed for creative musicians, past and present.

Did you know that . . .

Lynyrd Skynyrd, a hard-rocking band from Jacksonville, took its name from a high school gym teacher, Leonard Skinner, infamous for his discipline of longhaired students.

■ Gloria Estefan was already a hit in Central and South America when she and the Miami Sound Machine hit the charts with "Conga" in the mid-

Roving exhibit chronicles links

to popular music

■ Jim Morrison — during a 1969 Doors concert at Dinner Key Auditorlum (now Coconut Grove Exhibition Center) - was accused of going ohso-public with his most private part. Indecent exposure, said a judge, hitting him with a little jail time. The wannabe poet's eloquent reaction: "Jail - that's a bad place."

■ Tom Petty's uncle, working as an assistant prop man for the 1961 Elvis Presley movie "Follow that Dream," being filmed in Ocala, took Tom to see Elvis in action. And young Tom was hooked. As the story is told, one of his next acquisitions was a guitar.



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R&B icon Ray Charles grew up in North Florida and attended the State School for the Blind in St. Augustine. Top: Glorla Estefan may be the most successful contemporary singer to meld Latin and American sounds.

For sheer quirkiness, nothing tops the exhibit better than bits of Morrison's eclectic history in Tallahassee. There's a police mug shot and a 1963 arrest record for drunk and disorderly behavior. And the door, of course, with peeling pink paint.

"It wasn't a house, it was a shack," says Daniell Revenaugh, the landlord who salvaged the door when he razed the house in the late '80s. Morrison is most memorable to

Revenaugh, who now lives in Berkeley, Calif., for his bounced checks.

The man in charge of collecting all this stuff is Bob McNeil,

senior curator for the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee. The collection opened in Tallahassee in October and moves to Orlando after its Miami gig.

Before McNeil's search was over, he'd scavenged around Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia,

Ohio and all over Florida. McNeil ate collard greens with Bo Diddley at his Archer home and left with a handmade

A curator by profession, McNeil turned detective trying to authenticate items that didn't come directly from the artists.

"We used photographs, including Sam and Dave's first newspaper clippings and books to check things out," he says. "Sometimes I called reputable people who had known connections, but sometimes you have to take things at face value."

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By LIZ DOUP

t's only rock 'n' roll, but you like it. So much, in fact, you hang onto anything that ever got near a rock legend.

The belt Elvis wore at a 1956 St. Petersburg concert.

A shirt worn by guitar genius Duane Allman.

And, get this, the Doors' door. That is, the door to a rundown Tallahassee rental house briefly inhabited by the Doors' mercurial singer, former Florida State University student and hopeless alcoholic Jim Morrison.

It's all here in "Florida's Rock & Roll Legends," a potpourri of 400 items including concert posters and programs, musical instruments, gold records, stage outfits and high school photos.

The exhibit, culled from hard-core fans, avid collectors, Museum of Southern Florida in

For those who think Florida's best-known exports are orange juice and Elian Gonzalez, get with the beat. This place is

In the past 50 years, the Sunshine State has filled the world with sweet, sweet music: gospel and rock, rhythm and blues and, yes, disco, too.

We claim R&B icon Ray



FYI: IF YOU GO

- What: "Florida's Rock & Roll Legends" exhibit.
- Where: Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 W. Flagler
- When: Through Jan. 20. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; to 9 p.m. Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- Admission: Adults \$5; children 6-12 \$2; younger than 6
- Information: 305-375-1492; www.historical-museum.org

former band members and, on Charles, who grew up in Greenselves, is at the Historical attended the State School for started their groundbreaking Southern rock band in Jackson- street Boys. ville in the late '60s.

Don't forget KC and the Sunshine Band, the Miami group forever linked to '70s disco, and Jimmy Buffett, the musician/ mogul who now calls Palm Beach home.

Estefan, who may be the most at Miami's Criteria Studio for

occasion, the musicians them- ville in North Florida and successful contemporary singer to meld Latin and American the Blind in St. Augustine. And sounds. Plus, the pop parade the Allman Brothers, who marching out of Orlando, from Britney Spears to the Back-

Tom Petty grew up in Gainesville, where a Gainesville High School

yearbook contains pictures of him in his band, The Epics.

Ready to boogie through the exhibit?

Let's start with the seven-foot black Baldwin piano, a little worn about the edges from hard use.

Aretha Franklin pounded And let's not ignore Gloria those keys when she recorded

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Tom Dowd, a legendary producer for Atlantic Records, who also recorded the Allman Brothers and Eric Clapton.

Fans of Tom Petty, whose roots are in Gainesville, can see pictures of young Tom and his family at the beach in the mid-'50s. Gainesville High School supplied a yearbook picture of a somber Tom with his high school band, the Epics.

Miamian Jeffrey Lemlich, author of "Savage Lost," a book about Florida's garage bands, lent dozens of items, album on Roulette, made in 1964. The album didn't offer up any hits. In fact, the Liberty City duo didn't have a major hit

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