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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Commissioners in Florida's Seminole County (near Orlando) and Manatee County (Bradenton) passed ordinances in 1999 prohibiting public nudity by requiring women to cover at least 25 percent of the area of their breasts and at least 33 percent of the buttocks, with highly detailed instructions as to the points from which each coverage must be measured. (News of the Weird includes this refresher for law enforcement personnel: The formula for the lateral area of a cone is pi times radius times slant height; for the surface area of a sphere, it's pi times radius-squared; and, alas, for a flat surface, its length times width.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON AUG. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of half a million dollars had made it possible.
■ **In 1809**, Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain. In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state. In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.
■ **In 1921**, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Some people think that doctors and nurses can put scrambled eggs back into the shell."
— DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1879-1958)

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Ballot shrinks in City Council race

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The race for four open seats on the Santa Monica City Council shrank to 19 people on Monday, the last day for hopefuls to submit their paperwork and land on the November ballot.

Some 16 of the 35 residents who pulled nomination papers have since quit the race, including Pico residents Don Gray and Peter Tigler, and regular public speakers Jerry Peace Activist Rubin and Pro Se.

Of the 19 now in the running, four were qualified for the ballot. The other 15 were waiting to have signatures and other campaign documents verified by election officials — a process that can take several days.

All four incumbents whose

terms will expire plan to run for re-election — Mayor Richard Bloom, City Councilmen Michael Feinstein, Ken Genser and Herb Katz. Bloom and Genser will be backed by Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, City Hall's ruling party for 19 of the past 26 years.

Also endorsed by SMRR were Pico neighborhood activist Maria Loya and former school board president Patricia Hoffman. Backed by SMRR in his previous campaign, Feinstein lost his bid for an endorsement by the group this year.

Challenging SMRR for the first time will be the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which has formed a political action committee and will choose candidates to endorse later this fall. The chamber

was expected to endorse the incumbent Katz, as well as local doctor Mat Dinolfo and Tom Viscount of the Red Cross.

Local resident and hedge activist Bobby Shriver also formally joined the race on Monday, though he said he would not seek

endorsements. (See related story below).

Additionally, a group calling itself the "Team for Change" is expected to announce its slate of candidates at a press conference in

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Shriver reverses course, joins City Council race

Kennedy descendant expected to shake up local election

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A member of the Kennedy family on Monday formally entered the world of Santa Monica politics.

After pulling nomination papers last week but announcing he wouldn't run, Bobby Shriver reversed course and joined the campaign to win one of four open seats on the City Council this November.

Shriver, 50, a resident of Santa Monica for nearly three decades, is the son of Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy, and is brother-in-law to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

He said he's frustrated by Santa Monica City Hall's poor customer service and the volatile relation-

ship between many elected leaders and local merchants.

What's more, Shriver, who's dedicated his efforts to fundraising for the Special Olympics and Aids victims in Africa, said he looks forward to affecting change in his own backyard.

"The more I listen to people talking to me, the more I realize a lot of the work I've done I don't get to see the people I'm working for," said Shriver, who recently spearheaded a fight against City Hall over how tall residents should be allowed to grow their hedges. "And when I see the lady at the coffee shop that says, 'Oh I'm so grateful to you ... I was terrified I was going to have to cut down my hedge and lose all my privacy — and be

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At attention



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica Police Explorer Post 709 Capt. Chris Villa instructs a recruit on how his collar should look during routine inspection in front of City Hall on Monday.

Don't blink: G. W. Bush, Kerry visiting this week

By staff and wire reports

President Bush and John Kerry will both be in Santa Monica this week, raising money and garnering support in their bid for the White House.

Kerry is expected to arrive on Wednesday as part of his "Believe in America" cross country tour and end the road trip here on Thursday.

And while Bush will fly into LAX on Thursday, his final destination will be the Santa Monica Airport, where a private fundraiser will be held in a hangar on the airport's north side, which is only

accessible for airport users who have prior clearance. But from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., no one except White House officials and invited guests will be granted access to that side of the airport. No flights will be allowed in or out of the airport, officials said. However, the airport will be open to the public on the south side, where the public viewing platform and the Typhoon restaurant are located, airport officials said.

Local police are working with Kerry organizers and White House Secret Service to finalize details on the visits.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fiery nature could be plugged in to your work and health. Start a health kick. Think about a diet or exercise. Do something physical for yourself. You also might get another perspective on work. Plans could change rapidly. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Deal with finances head-on. You can be sure that an associate sees a money issue in a different light. You have an unusual bout of creativity, which emerges today and continues for a while. Let your mind wander. You imagination flourishes. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Others continue to be difficult, especially on the home front. In the next few weeks, a roommate decides to create an uproar. You might be better off re-arranging furniture in order to release stress. Don't test limits. Tonight: Hang out at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You want to reach out for those around you. You don't want to stand on ceremony, but someone might be out of sorts, or others in general could be unusually aggressive. Keep that in mind while driving. Be a defensive driver. Use care. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You know what you want, but others could give their share of flak, making sure you know. You might want to revise your thinking about spending. Just how much do you need to invest? Study and look at that issue and the risk. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You have unusually high energy, which easily could be misdirected. Be careful with bosses and public appearances. A family member challenges you. Rethink your approach. Play it cool, calm and collected. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Curb a tendency to suppress your anger, because in the next month this behavior could backfire on you. You could either blow up at the slightest thing (having held your feelings in for too long), or you could get sick. Release your feelings as they come on. Tonight: Relax at a movie, or answer e-mail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ A partner has a lot to share. Learn to work and develop projects together. You need to look at the long-term course of action rather than act immediately. Take some time to plan. Evaluate a financial commitment as well. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You could react strongly to another's nudginess and bossy manner. Pull back some and decide not to get involved. Others want you and keep seeking you out. You need to screen calls. Tonight: Observe the whirlwind around you. Work late if possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be making mountains out of molehills. Detach and observe. You'll accomplish a lot by just hanging out, doing your work and observing. A call might involve a trip or workshop. Tonight: Take a long walk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ A friend disappoints you. Perhaps you are too open and vulnerable. Romance will develop if you are willing to reveal the real Water Bearer. You might find this difficult. Tonight: Be more playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others act up, and you might want to run away. Actually, taking some time for yourself might be perfect. Partners could be difficult and full of criticism. Your domestic life could be transforming right under your nose. Tonight: Let the child in you out.

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LOCAL



Ghostbusters on screen tonight at the SM Pier

By Daily Press staff

Who you gonna call?
The Santa Monica Drive-in at the Pier will show "Ghostbusters" on a giant screen under the stars tonight.
Admission is free but tickets will be required for entry. Free tickets can be picked up between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at any Santa Monica Visitors Center location: Santa Monica Place Mall, second floor west; the visitor kiosk at 1400 Ocean Ave.; and the new visitor information cart on the Third Street Promenade between Arizona Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Check www.smff.com

<<http://www.smff.com/>> or call (310) 458-8901 for additional outlets. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.
The Deep Ellum, Film, Music, Arts and Noise (DEFMAN) organization and the Santa Monica Film Festival also are presenting the first Santa Monica Shortfest which will be held every Tuesday night in August and September. One short film will be selected each week to be shown in front of a crowd of more than 4,000 film lovers before the feature film during the Santa Monica Drive-in at the Pier. All proceeds go to benefit Cinema Fighting Cancer programs, including The Cancer Relief Fund. There will be juried prizes and an audience award.

Students go global in St. Joe's Center program

By Daily Press staff

A dozen school-aged children this summer traveled across five continents without even leaving their backyards.
Twelve children, aged 6-11, were involved in St. Joseph Center's Summer Club Program, which had the around-the-world theme: "Where In The world Is Carmen San Diego?" North America, South America, Africa, Europe and Asia were studied.
Every summer the center's program for children from low-income families explores the international world of culture, art, and nature with field trips, presentations and stage plays. The first stop for the children in July was the Cabrillo Aquarium in San Pedro, where campers

got a first-hand look at sea urchins, anemones and starfish. They also gazed with microscopes at bacteria and baby shrimp.
"It was a wonderful experience to watch these 12 individuals grow, discover new things and tap into their gifts and strengths," said Yesenia Mejia, co-coordinator of the program, along with Melissa Langdell.
Thanks to the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation, the summer campers also visited the Museum of Natural History in Exposition Park, where they purchased Mayan-Incan-Aztec informational coloring books and made a pit stop to the Butterfly Pavilion. At the J. Paul Getty Museum, the children studied European

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PHOTO REMAINS A MYSTERY

No one has accurately described where this photo was taken. The first to describe its location will win a free prize. E-mail answers to sack@smdp.com.

CORRECTION — In the Aug. 7 edition, the votes of Santa Monica College Board Trustees relating to the \$175 million bond proposal at their Aug. 2 meeting were incorrect. Annette Shamey voted "no" and Carole Currey abstained.



SURF REPORT

Tuesday will see mostly NW wind swell with some slowly building SE swell. Northern LA county will see weak waves mainly in the knee-high and below range, while best NW/combo breaks are a touch better. South Bay breaks will pick up the wind swell for knee-high surf at many breaks and sets up to waist-high at best exposed locations. Look for mostly light wind in the morning with building W winds in the 8-10 knot range through the afternoon.

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HIGH TIDES

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SUNDAY	9:23	2.6	—	—	5:30	3.0	4:34	5.0
MONDAY	12:31	1.1	(10:44	3.0)	7:33	3.2	5:35	5.1
TUESDAY	1:27	0.6	12:04	3.1	8:31	3.5	6:28	5.3
WEDNESDAY	2:09	0.3	1:01	3.0	9:04	3.7	7:14	5.6
THURSDAY	2:43	0.0	1:44	2.8	9:28	3.8	7:53	5.8
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The Q Line

A group of Malibu residents is spearheading a formal push to break away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. What it boils down to, supporters of the breakup say, is Malibu isn't connected to Santa Monica by land, and there's no longer any need for the two cities to share their schools. They also point out that if the district did split, Santa Monica wouldn't have to share a \$6 million annual contribution from City Hall.

A similar attempt to form a separate

district was made in 1990, but apparently the plan lacked enough students or a sound economic plan.

So this week, Q-line wants to know "Is it time for Malibu to have its own school district? Why or why not?"

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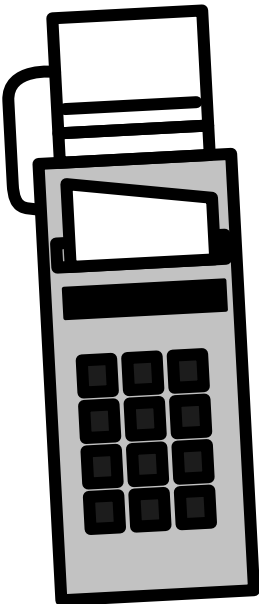
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A claws for concern

Editor:

I am a Santa Monica veterinarian. I urge the Santa Monica City Council to adopt an ordinance, as proposed at a recent City Council meeting, to ban declawing of cats and other animals. Declawing is a surgical procedure in which the animal’s toes are amputated at the last joint. Most people do not realize that a portion of the bone — not just the nail-is removed. Declawing may result in permanent lameness, arthritis, and other long-term complications. It is illegal in many countries and considered unethical by veterinarians in most other nations of the civilized world.

The Veterinarian’s Oath can be distilled into one simple idea: Above all, do no harm. My interpretation of the oath is that, as a veterinarian, I am responsible for my patients’ welfare and am accountable for my actions. Veterinarians have an obligation to do what is best for the animals, not what is convenient for their owners.

Routine declawing (unlike sterilization) is never performed for the sake of the animal. It is done primarily to protect sofas and furnishings. There is no evidence that declawing provides protection from abandonment or euthanasia for the cat population as a whole. Scientific evidence suggests that declawed cats are actually at a higher risk for relinquishment to pounds (where 70 percent of them will be euthanized). This is likely due to unwanted behavioral problems, such as biting and litterbox avoidance, which have been shown to be associated with declawing.

Another widely perpetuated myth is the misconception that veterinarians must declaw cats to protect immunocompromised persons. However, the CDC, the U.S. Public Health Service, and leading infectious diseases specialists state that declawing is neither necessary nor effective in preventing the spread of diseases from cats to humans.

It is unfortunately common for some of our local veterinary clinics to agree to declaw a cat without adequately offering alternatives or client education. This is in contradiction to AVMA guidelines, and speaks to the fact that there are some practitioners who hold their own agendas over the well-being of animals. We as veterinarians must serve as our patients’ advocates and teach clients safe and humane alternatives, such as routine nail trimming and the use of nail caps, sticky tape and scratching posts.

Jennifer Conrad
Santa Monica

Bush will hear us soon

Editor:

What do Charleston, West Va.; Springfield, MO.; Mankato, MN.; Rio Rancho, NM.; and Dubuque, IA. have in common? They are all cities in this free nation where, in the past few months, citizens from all walks of life have been denied or limited their basic rights — freedom of speech, freedom to assemble and freedom to see and hear a sitting president or vice president speak because of their ideology or some other unknown reason. Could your city or town be next?

As a resident of Duluth, Minnesota, I, my wife and two young children were fortunate to be able to peacefully protest (along with 1,500 other people) a recent President Bush visit thanks to cooperation from local law enforcement officials. But many communities have not fared as well.

In Charleston, because Nicole and Jeff Rank were wearing anti-Bush T-shirts, they were taken out of the crowd seeing the president speak and handcuffed. Both Jeff and Nicole have advanced biology degrees. It turns out the locals were following the wishes of federal law enforcement officials — placing the blame squarely on White House staff. The charges were later dropped and the city issued a formal apology to the ranks.

In Springfield, certain folks were allowed into a Bush rally because they would shout his praises at appropriate times. Other ordinary citizens were pushed, shoved, “taken down” and charged with trespassing. Afterward, many who were denied entry

were heard chanting: “This is what democracy looks like!”

Ticket holders in Mankato, Minnesota, were denied entry to a Bush appearance on Aug. 4, 2004, including a Mankato West High School teacher because he defended two of his students who were commenting on the president’s policies. Another teacher was admitted but told he would be arrested and escorted out if he made any attempt to protest during the rally.

In Rio Rancho, if you didn’t sign an endorsement form ala, “ I _____ do hereby endorse George W. Bush for reelection ...” you couldn’t attend a Dick Cheney rally.

And a Dubuque, event even excluded a World War II veteran and former commander of the local American Legion chapter because he said he wasn’t a Bush backer but wanted to hear the president speak. The man was told to “get out.”

It is obvious that Bush/Cheney campaign events are only open to select persons even though they are touted as “public outreach events” and paid for by taxpayer dollars. I hope that the voting public takes this into account when Nov. 2 rolls around.

Mike Nordin
Duluth, MN.

Declawing is inhumane

Editor:

I write in strong support of the rapid passage of an ordinance banning the declawing of pets in the city of Santa Monica, as a long overdue step in the eradication of an archaic, cruelly inhumane and socially unjustifiable practice.

I am a long-time practicing lawyer, an adjunct professor of law (at Pepperdine), a former officer in the paratroops, and a dedicated lover of nature, in general, and both domestic and wild animals, in particular. I also have insights gained representing business interests in the field of environmental regulation and appreciate the delicate balance that sometimes must be struck between serving legitimate human needs and the impact serving those needs might have on our environment and our fellow creatures. There is no such balance to be struck here.

In my opinion, the maiming of animals solely to feed the egos and serve the convenience of their all-powerful owner/guardians serves no legitimate human need whatsoever and simply cannot be justified, although those who perform such mutilations admittedly would be deprived of a small source of income were such an ordinance to be passed.

I have long been a responsible, loving pet-owner and strongly believe that those who are willing to maim their animals for the sake of their own vanity or convenience do not deserve the love, loyalty and companionship of such animals.

As responsible citizens of one of the wealthiest and most influential jurisdictions in the world, and members of the world’s most destructive species, we must assume a leadership role in protecting helpless animals from further abuse and depredation. Passage of an ordinance by the city of Santa Monica preventing the mutilation of house pets for non-medical reasons would clearly be a step in the right direction.

Animal declawing is outlawed by most industrialized nations and considered both inhumane and unnecessary by many experts like the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR), the Humane Society of the United States, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, In Defense of Animals, Animal Protection Institute, and Last Chance for Animals.

In addition to these well-known American organizations, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of Great Britain has gone on record, declaring that, “declawing is an unnecessary mutilation.” Removing the first digits from the feet of victimized animals is, indeed, “unnecessary mutilation” of the most despicable order.

Robert K. Wrede
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN MARCIANO

Liberals must end their abusive relationship with Democrats

In the 2000 election, 195,000,000 people were eligible to vote. The final tally was Gore: 50,996,039; Bush: 50,445,739; and Nader: 2,781,109. Tens of millions who were eligible did not exercise that right.

In the article “Left Comes Full Circle From Chicago ‘68” (“New York Times, July 28), Michael Moore is reported to have said that “the Nader campaign had helped Mr. Bush win” in 2000. He is profoundly and totally wrong. As many as 7 million Democrats voted for Bush in 2000, including hundreds of thousands in Florida — nearly three times the 2.7 million who voted for Nader. Tens of millions of Democrats stayed home in 2000:

They and the Bush Democrats, not Nader, the Green Party or the Supreme Court, are responsible for GW’s “victory.” Liberals and leftists like Moore refuse to condemn the Democrats, choosing instead to engage in an intolerable Nader/Green baiting — a 2004 version of the red-baiting of the 1940s and 1950s.

Rather than attacking Nader, Greens and others who challenge our bankrupt one-party, two-wing political system that is owned by the rich and powerful, Moore could use his marvelous skills to attack the Democrats who have moved to the right and betrayed the progressive Rainbow Coalition campaigns of 1984 and 1988 — in effect negating the fine

sentiments that moved 10 million voters in those primaries to vote for Jesse Jackson and a platform of peace and social justice.

This betrayal shows that those on the left did not abandon the Democratic Party: It abandoned them. Efforts to move the Democrats in a progressive direction have reached a dead end: The party has moved so far to the right as to make Rainbow and New Deal politics a dogmatic, sectarian fringe.

As Democrats gather in Boston and Howard Dean, Tom Hayden, Jackson and Moore urge progressives to support Kerry — a candidate who voted for war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Patriot Act,

and massive Pentagon and CIA funds — they have ended up with someone with the views of Joseph Lieberman, who was totally rejected by primary voters.

The continued support of the AFL-CIO (as a union member this is especially galling) and other progressives for the Democrats is like spousal abuse: Always hoping they will change, that they really care.

If women can courageously end their cycle of oppression, those on the liberal/left can do the same and end their abusive relationship with the Democrats.

(John Marciano is a Santa Monica resident).

LOCAL

College and school board races still open

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front of City Hall this morning. Included are former newspaper columnist Bill Bauer, a vocal critic of City Hall; David Cole, former co-chair of the Mid-cities Neighbors group; and Kathryn Morea, who has worked to improve the cramped parking situation around Santa Monica High School.

Other challengers include nurse Leticia Anderson; systems analyst Brian Andrus; data entry operator Linda Armstrong; flight attendant Jonathan Mann; hedge activist Leah Mendelsohn; resident Stephen Siberkraus and engineer Mike Smith.

Several of the hopefuls filed into the City Clerk's office just before closing on Monday, turning in their paperwork at the last minute to qualify for the ballot.

Besides the chamber's political action committee, this year's election also will see the premier of a group representing City Hall workers and another group

designed to represent hotel worker unions. Endorsements have been handed out by the hotel union group, which backed the same four candidates SMRR later did.

The race for three open seats on both the local school and college board were left open until later this week. As of Monday, school board contenders included incumbents Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vazquez, and challengers Ana M. Jara and Kathy Wisnicki. Escarce, Jara and Leon-Vazquez will be backed by SMRR.

For the open seats on the Santa Monica College board of trustees, contenders included incumbent Margaret Quinones; professors Susan Aminoff and Charles Donaldson; Malibu businesswoman Tonja McCoy; studio executive Rob Rader and economist Susanne Trimbath. Despite receiving the SMRR endorsement, along with Aminoff and Rader, resident Doug Willis had not filed his nomination papers as of Monday, according to City Clerk Maria Stewart.

Announcing the next stop for SM's Big Blue Bus

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the city council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — As upgraded buses hit the streets of Santa Monica, City Hall is expected to spend \$140,200 tonight to ensure the Big Blue Bus is properly connected to its customers.

The money will allow for the Big Blue Bus to lease more land and provide more power for three new antennas over the next five years.

The communication systems expansion stems from a mid-2003 contract that will upgrade Big Blue's operating systems to provide a more rider-friendly

experience for bus patrons.

"The antennas enable us to expand our channels from one channel to three channels," said Dan Dawson, Big Blue Bus spokesman. "It allows us to communicate better between the offices, the buses and the satellites, and for customers it means better safety and better customer service."

One of the three channels will work with a satellite tracking system to automatically announce every approaching bus stop for passengers. The new data management system will make travel easier for tourists and the visually impaired who have trouble seeing street signs, Dawson said.

The other two channels will connect the bus headquarters to every bus driver and keep them updated on daily routes, deal with specific problems and even direct the drivers in emergency situations.

The three additional antennas are scheduled to be set up sometime between now and December.

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LOCAL

Shriver hopes to bridge divide amongst Santa Monicans

SHRIVER, from page 1

terrified, because I have a first-floor bedroom.' I thought, 'Wow, that was really nice.'"

Shriver, who late last week had decided not to run until 2006, said he changed his mind because he realized he wanted to personally champion the issues and because he was able to delegate to others much of his work for philanthropic groups and the California Parks Commission, which he chairs.

City Councilman Bob Holbrook, who is campaigning for Shriver, said Shriver was fed up.

"I think he was tired of being told by the political pundits of the other side that he should not be a candidate for City Council," Holbrook said on Monday. "I think he finally decided that when so many people keep telling him not to do something, there's something wrong with that as well."

A DEVELOPING STANCE

As to his campaign platform, Shriver, who on Monday was in Boston with family, said specifics will unfold in coming weeks. Key issues he raised were developing the old Marion Davies estate at 415

Pacific Coast Highway, improving traffic flow throughout the city, addressing concerns surrounding the growing local homeless population and increasing the amount of park space in Santa Monica.

Shriver added he would fight for an off-leash dog area on the beach and would push for a new park at the old Pioneer Boulangerie site at Main and Bay streets.

Central to his developing campaign will be a theme of unity, said Shriver, who added he was turned off by the increasingly sharp dialogue between Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, long Santa Monica's ruling party, and the local chamber of commerce, which will be endorsing council candidates for the first time this year. An ongoing debate over homelessness has highlighted that divide, Shriver added.

"The whole thing about SMRR wants the homeless to move into your house versus the chamber that wants to send them all to a concentration camp, that's not really true," he said. "Part of the real reason, honestly, that I wanted to run was that I found, after spending a lot of time with SMRR people, is that they're pretty reasonable. And I've spent a little time with the chamber people, and they're not unreasonable ... It's a place where, if we put all our minds together, we could work together — and there's a lot of very serious work to do."

As to his specific stance on the hot-button issue of homelessness, Shriver said he would encourage neighboring cities to contribute more resources, and also seek more state and federal resources.

"Nobody wants to not feed people," he said. "I certainly would not be part of anything that in any way — even any little way — would (not feed people). I'm a good Catholic boy. How to handle people is the bigger question ... It's not down to Santa Monica to solve the worldwide homeless problem. I think it's an issue that exists all over the world and it will not be solved in a year. But it can be helped, and people can be helped."

THE INDEPENDENT WAY

Partly because endorsements carry political ramifications, Shriver said he will run as an independent. He said he won't pursue backing from the chamber

or other political groups.

Shriver's late addition to a field of experienced and savvy council hopefuls has many community leaders excited. Holbrook and fellow City Councilman Herb Katz, who is running for re-election, both back Shriver's bid. Holbrook even helped gather the 100 signatures needed to qualify Shriver for the ballot. Candidates had until Monday to turn in signatures, campaign statements, financial disclosure forms and other election documents.

"He's going to win," Holbrook said. "Bobby Shriver is the best thing to come to Santa Monica since sliced bread. He is charismatic, he's a wonderful person. The voters, when they get to know him, are going to fall in love with Bobby Shriver. If I were running, I'd be right beside him, that's where I'd want to be."

Still, Holbrook acknowledged Shriver's bid for a council seat likely wouldn't weaken SMRR's grasp on City Hall. SMRR has endorsed a majority of council members for 19 of the past 26 years.

"SMRR is a potent political machine," Holbrook said. "They know how to campaign, they know how to run campaigns and they're well financed. Believe me, anyone who thinks that SMRR is going to be knocked on their butt better volunteer and get to work for us ... They have all the vital ingredients. They work, they go out there, going door to door, telling people they're going to lose rent control unless they support SMRR."

Denny Zane, a co-founder of SMRR and the current co-chair, welcomed Shriver's addition to the race.

"I don't think it will have that big an effect," Zane said. "I think the chamber's side is much more focused on famous names and we're much more focused on, kind of, organized contact with voters. It's hard to tell. I like Bobby Shriver, he's a good guy. He was at the SMRR convention and ... he works on Aids in Africa, so he probably would like the city's commitment to social services."

Asked if he thinks Shriver will win one of the four open seats, Zane replied, "I don't know. I don't have any prediction. SMRR will do fine. He'll probably beat Herb Katz."

Kids learn new cultures

PROGRAM, from page 3

tapestries and were given the hands-on opportunity to create their own tapestry. Funding also was received from the Dwight Stuart Youth Foundation and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

The National Charity League's Ticktockers showed up to help the children put on their own version of "The Wizard of Oz," complete with costumes, makeup, set designs, and two performances.

"It was an incredible learning experience for administrators, summer clubbers, parents, and volunteers," Mejia said.

One-on-one tutoring was provided for those children who were getting out of summer school, so they could complete their homework. The international theme helped break misconceptions about other cultures,

and the "English only" rule encouraged a common form of communication.

Officers from the Police Activities League came to talk about law enforcement, stereotyping, racial consciousness, and problems arising from alcohol, drugs, and gang-related activities.

"Providing the children with a safe place where they could learn and build their self-confidence was our aim," Mejia said. "It was amazing to watch their growth within a short five weeks."

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LOCAL



California not likely to see a lot of presidential stumping

VISIT, from page 1

An organization called, "Act Now to Stop War and End Racism" plans to hold a war protest at the Santa Monica Airport at 4 p.m. — when Bush is expected to arrive. The group will gather at the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and 31st Street.

Kerry and John Edwards left for Boston on July 30 for a speed tour of 21 states in two weeks. Kerry and Edwards have traveled 3,500 miles by bus, boat and train from Boston to Arizona, taking their plan directly to American families and communities.

It's likely Bush and Kerry may cross paths while they're away from the so-called battleground states and campaigning in California — home to 36 million people, roughly one in seven Americans.

But given the persistent political realities of the state — the latest Field Poll showed Kerry maintaining a double-digit lead over Bush — don't expect many more visits or advertising dollars to be squandered here in the final months of the campaign. At this point, tiny New Hampshire will see more of both candidates, in person and in television ads, than will California.

When Al Gore trounced Bush here by 12 points in 2000, California was painted solid blue, with its 55 electoral votes the key to the Democrats' strategy for winning the White House for the known future.

Meanwhile, it seems undisputed that the election will be won or lost in 17 closely-contested states, and neither cam-

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— **MAYOR JIM HAHN**
Los Angeles

paign is likely to be receptive to California political activists who complain about being left out. With limited time and money, the obvious strategy is for Bush and Kerry to marshal their resources in places like Michigan, Iowa and Oregon, where they are running neck and neck.

But there is something amiss in a system that has voters in the nation's most populous state getting so little attention from candidates, except of course for the persistent pleas to open up their wallets. Because of its size and economic scope, California's issues are national issues, resonating far beyond the state's borders.

California dutifully provides more campaign cash than any other state — John Kerry has raised over \$23 million here, President Bush nearly \$17 million — but its combustible mix of challenges does not factor on either candidate's agenda right now.

When, for example, will voters hear a serious dialogue about the myriad social and economic challenges posed by illegal immigration? Does Bush or Kerry have a plan to ease the air pollution choking the Central Valley, America's agricultural epicenter? In an age of terrorism, how

should the state protect its ports and 840 miles of coastline?

Absent a real campaign in California, national party leaders are gamely trying to come up with a positive spin on the state's role in election 2004, beyond being being the nation's political cash cow.

"California's economic power, its technology, has reverberations around the country, and a lot of Western states follow California's example," said New Mexico governor Bill Richardson, whose own state, with just 5 electoral votes, is being actively wooed by both Bush and Kerry.

Richardson and others are urging Californians to turn out in large numbers, in order to have a major impact on the overall popular vote. But such an impact is potentially meaningless, since Gore lost the electoral vote count and thus the presidential election in 2000 even after winning the national popular vote.

"I think it's important that if Kerry and Edwards win, they win in cutting-edge states like California," said Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn. "It gives them the mandate to govern, and says people vote in overwhelming numbers to change the direction of this country."

If they cared to, both parties could use

this election to make a real investment in California's political future. Far from being a permanent fixture on the Democratic side, the state has shown volatility in recent years, most notably in last year's recall election. That volatility could signal an opportunity for Democrats to cement their status as the majority party in the state, or for Republicans to improve their prospects.

The California Republican Party held a press conference last week to tout a large boost in GOP voter registration and fundraising this year, largely due to the recall which produced a Republican governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Not to be discounted, strategists say, are California's shifting population patterns. Republican areas like San Bernardino and Riverside are growing rapidly while Democratic coastal areas, like the San Francisco Bay area, are bleeding population.

If you removed the Bay Area from California, it would be pretty much a dead heat" between Kerry and Bush, said Field Poll director Mark DiCamillo.

But until Republicans can make serious inroads among Hispanic voters — the fastest growing population in the state, and for now, a solidly Democratic voting bloc — their prospects for significant growth are slim.

Meanwhile, Democrats risk becoming too content with the status quo and missing signs of California returning to its days as the Republican presidential stronghold it was throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

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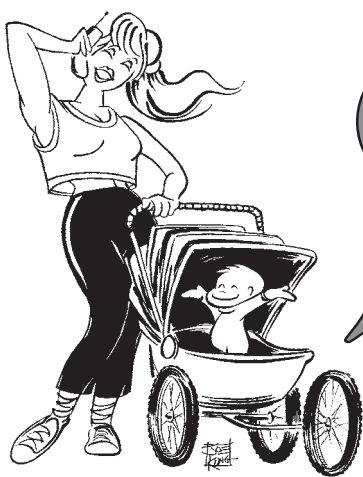
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Baby abduction warded off at Saint John's

By Daily Press staff

No one wants to think about infant abduction, known as "code pink," but the possibility is a frightening and tragic fact of life for many parents.

In the new Inpatient Pavilion at Saint John's, precautions have been taken to prevent an abduction from happening and to terminate such an attempt.

"Saint John's has always had specific policies in place to minimize the risk of an abduction," said Glenn Thompson, director of security. "We educate parents, medical staff and security staff about safety. Security staff is trained in profiling possible abductors to eliminate risk as early as possible. Regular drills keep team members ready for any event."

In the new Inpatient Pavilion, which will open this fall, the Women's Health Center has a multi-tiered security system that offers redundancies to ensure a code pink can be short-circuited immediately.

"This is a state-of-the-art system," Thompson said. "We have excellent control of the area."

To ensure maximum security, each newborn at Saint John's is issued an electronic monitoring device. If a baby and the monitoring device leave the Women's Health Center, or if the device is tampered with, security team members and maternity nurses are immediately and simultaneously alerted via monitoring stations throughout the hospital and an alarm sounds at the point of exit, hospital officials said. In addition, the monitoring device itself emits an audible alarm if tampered with. Corresponding, non-monitored identification devices are issued to mothers. Monitoring devices are deactivated and removed when the infant is released from the hospital.

When an alarm is activated, it is possible to close off specific areas of the Women's Health Center as needed. It also is possible to lock down the entire fourth floor by sealing stairwells and disabling elevators.

Video cameras are located at key entry and exit points throughout the floor. Footage of visitor traffic is retained for a period of time.

"In the event something did happen, we can go back for a length of time and see who was in the area," Thompson said.

Alarms, video cameras and monitoring systems are checked on a regular basis, and security staff participates in quarterly emergency drills.

"You hear about babies being taken on television programs, but you never think of it as a reality," said Phillipa Shields, a new mother who recently delivered at Saint John's. "Now that I have a baby, the idea of an abduction just breaks my heart. I am so glad to have delivered at Saint John's. I never worried about my baby. The security systems in place are so good and everyone is so friendly — the nurses knew my name and recognized my children and husband on sight — I think it would be almost impossible for something like that to happen."



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Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult.
Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, June 22 – Aug. 10. Six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Programs.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
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Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Avenue, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., June 23 – Aug. 11; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-2.
Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds. .
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
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Storytelling
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.
Main Library – Reed Park
Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 a.m.; thru Aug. 19th. For 2 year olds with adult.
Preschool Story Time at Reed Park; 10:30 a.m.; thru Aug. 19th. For ages 3-5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; June 24 – Aug. 12; for ages 2 –3.
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Other
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August 12th - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute)
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MONDAY

Storytelling
Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park is on break. Check back here for the next session dates.
"Family Connections" is on summer break. Check back here for the fall start-up date.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.
"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m., thru August 16.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

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Associated Press Writer

President Bush has the clear advantage of incumbency — as he showed last week with attention-grabbing anti-terrorism initiatives. Yet being in charge can become a liability when things go badly.

“As a political strategist, I’d always rather have the incumbency, but it does bring baggage with it,” said Democratic consultant and former Clinton spokesman Joe Lockhart. “People have to want to rehire the president, to think that the country’s going in the right direction.”

For instance, an attack close to the November election could help to unite the nation behind Bush. A serious setback in Iraq could work against him and to the political advantage of Democrat John Kerry.

Carter was stymied by his inability to free U.S.

“The downside for the incumbent president is the big unknown in Iraq, and it will continue to be right up to Election Day,” Reed said.

Associated Press Writer

Two adults and two juveniles survived. They were with six others who became stranded in rugged terrain Sunday.

“Since we have found four people in this group alive there is hope that we still will find this person alive,” said Andrea Zortman, a spokeswoman for the Border Patrol’s Tucson Sector, which covers most of the Arizona-

More than 115 illegal immigrants have been found dead since Oct. 1 in the Arizona desert.

The government is now sending hundreds of agents to Arizona and adding more technology in the area to try to stem the tide.

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U.S. officials believe terror attack planning has been warded off

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The FBI is warning that al-Qaida could attempt to commandeer helicopters, limousines and other rental vehicles to launch attacks inside the United States.

Helicopters are more maneuverable than fixed-wing airplanes, especially in urban areas such as New York, and the FBI said they also have a “non-threatening appearance” that might allow them to fly undetected and be crashed into buildings.

“Al-Qaida has apparently considered the use of helicopters as an alternative to recruiting operatives for fixed-wing aircraft,” said the bulletin, sent Friday night to police and other government officials nationwide and obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The second bulletin, also sent Friday night, said that terrorists could use a variety of rental vehicles to conceal powerful bombs, including limousines that have a larger storage capacity than rental cars.

In addition, the FBI said, limousines might be able to gain access to locations in a building — such as a parking garage — that would be denied to other vehicles because “they often convey an impression of authority or prestige.”

Both bulletins urge extra vigilance by people who operate car and truck rental businesses and those who handle airport security. The FBI repeated the government’s concern that al-Qaida intends to attack the United States in the next few months, prior to the Nov. 2 election.

Still, White House officials are optimistic that the recent arrests of suspected terrorists and the seizure of detailed surveillance of financial buildings has undermined plans to attack the United States.

And they suggested, in television talk shows Sunday, some of the potential plots uncovered in the past week may have been part of a broader effort to strike the country before the November election.

“I certainly think that by our actions now that we have disrupted it,” Frances Fragos Townsend, President Bush’s homeland security adviser, said on “Fox News Sunday.” “The question is, have we disrupted all of it or a part of it? And we’re working through an investigation to uncover that.”

In cooperation with U.S. intelligence agencies, authorities in Pakistan and Britain have detained suspected al-Qaida

operatives, while computer files uncovered in Pakistan contained surveillance information of five prominent financial sites in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J. The administration issued a terror alert based on that information.

Besides the financial sites, counterterrorism officials have said other places have been mentioned as possible targets. Asked whether they included the Capitol and members of Congress, Townsend replied: “Yes, in the past and as part of this continuing threat stream.”

Included in information obtained on three laptop computers and 51 discs seized in a July 24 raid in Pakistan were details of how al-Qaida operatives thought of using speed boats and divers to carry out attacks in New York harbor before the November election, Time magazine reported, quoted an unidentified U.S. law enforcement official.

A senior Pakistani al-Qaida operative who formerly ran one of the terror group’s training camps in Afghanistan was arrested in the UAE and has been handed over to Pakistani officials.

Condoleezza Rice, Bush’s national security adviser, defended the administration’s decision to issue the terror warnings and tighten security in the three cities even though some of the surveillance intelligence on which the government acted dated from four years ago. Some have questioned whether the warnings were politically motivated.

“The idea that you would somehow play politics with the security of the American people — that you would not go out and warn if you have casing reports on buildings that are highly specific,” Rice said. “Are you really supposed to not tell?”

To act quickly on recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California has urged Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to call a special session of Congress. Hastert said House committees are working on the recommendations, with hearings this week.

“I hope that, when we come back in September and October, we have the recommendations and we can move forward,” he said. Legislation to overhaul intelligence agencies could pass this year, he added.

Pelosi has called House Democrats to a meeting Tuesday with commission members.



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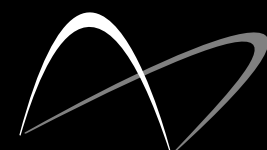
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Julie Andrews finds her way back to 'The Boy Friend'

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Julie Andrews is coming back to "The Boy Friend."

The actress made her Broadway debut in 1954 in Sandy Wilson's spoof of the giddy 1920s musical comedy, and now she is directing a revival of the show.

Andrews is overseeing a production that will open next summer at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn., and then travel the country. In the original New York production, she played Polly Browne, an English heiress who falls in love with a delivery boy who turns out to be the son of a wealthy nobleman.

The Goodspeed version will play July 15-Sept. 24, 2005, in Connecticut and then tour, beginning in Wilmington, Del., followed by Boston; Greenville, S.C.; Hershey, Pa.; East Lansing, Mich.; Chicago; Green Bay, Wis.; and St. Paul, Minn. More cities will be announced later.

Andrews, best known for starring on Broadway in "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot" as well as in movie musicals such as "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," first directed "The Boy Friend" last summer in Sag Harbor, N.Y., at the Bay Street Theater, which is run by her daughter, Emma Walton.

Sets and costumes for the new production of "The Boy Friend" will be designed by Andrews' ex-husband, Tony Walton.

NEW YORK — Surf's up! "Good Vibrations," a new musical using more than 30 Beach Boys songs, will open on Broadway in January.

The show, which doesn't tell the story of the famous '60s singing group, will begin preview performances in early December at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre. An

opening date will be announced shortly.

"Good Vibrations" has a book by Richard Dresser and concerns a group of small-town teens who come to Southern California. It will be directed and choreographed by John Carrafa, who created the dance sequences for "Urinetown" and the Vanessa Williams revival of "Into the Woods."

Among the songs expected to be used in the show are Beach Boys classics such as "Good Vibrations," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "California Girls," "Help Me, Rhonda," "Surf City," "Surfer Girl" and "Surfin' Safari."

The show had a recent workshop production at a summer festival on the campus of Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

ST. LOUIS — Tents and long lines marked the landscape outside the Edward Jones Dome as some 10,000 "American Idol" hopefuls showed up to audition for the Fox television show.

Contestants began lining up Friday, though producers had told singers not to arrive until 6 a.m. Saturday.

St. Louis police Sgt. Ronald Klier said the crowd was orderly — and talented.

"A lot of them brought their guitars. Some of them sang. I'd say they are pretty good," Klier said. "It takes a lot of guts to get in front of people and sing. I admire that."

On Sunday, contestants processed Saturday were to perform for about 30 seconds. From that pool, about 360 singers were expected to go before executive producers Monday. From there, the field will be cut to about 120.

Celebrity judges Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson will pick about 30 singers Wednesday to compete against other finalists in California.

The fourth season of "American Idol" will debut in

January.

Auditions will be held in the coming months in Washington; Orlando, Fla.; New Orleans; Las Vegas; Anchorage, Alaska; and San Francisco.

BURBANK, Calif. — Former Eagles bassist Randy Meisner, who co-wrote and sang the rock group's classic "Take It to the Limit," has been hospitalized for chest pains, his manager said.

Meisner, 58, was taken to Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank Friday morning, his manager, Kevin White, told The Associated Press.

"He's resting comfortably. He's not experiencing any pain," White said Sunday. "He's doing well."

White said Meisner's wife was at his side and doctors were running a series of tests. Hospital spokesman Brian Greene said he couldn't release any details about Meisner's condition.

Meisner left the Eagles in 1977. He now performs with The World Classic Rockers.

ATLANTA — Teen star Hilary Duff's show at Gwinnett Arena was halted for nearly an hour after an overhead speaker caught fire.

Duff was six songs into her set Sunday afternoon when the speaker short-circuited, sending her band off-stage and prompting some front-row audience members to take cover.

Event planners said no one was hurt.

"This is by far the craziest show ever," the 16-year-old singer-actress told the audience of 10,000 after staffers had replaced the speaker.

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