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OUTTAKES

"All I remember is Shrek and the donkey helping me up, and Liza [Minnelli] giving me a towel." Polston singer BRET MICHAELS' recollection of getting hit in the head by scenery after singing in Sunday's Tony Awards, according to his publicist.

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Billy Ray gets his way

Daughter Miley splits with boyfriend, almost 5 years older

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Kindergarten grad walks across stage after gunshot partially paralyzed

4-YEAR-OLD SHOT



'MY SON DIDN'T DESERVE THIS'

Martrell Stevens' mom had just buckled him into her car late Friday

Martrell was shot May 23, 2008. His story was reported on Page 1 of the Sun-Times.

The Jane A. Neil Elementary class practiced again for the ceremony, from opening diplomas, so every night was perfect.

Fifteen minutes before Tuesday's ceremony, 4-year-old Martrell Stevens squeezed into the aisle for a private rehearsal.

Dressed in a new white suit, Martrell nimbly powered his wheelchair up the ramp, switched to a walker and walked to the stage before his classmates joined him.

An hour later, his name was called for the third time to three rounds of applause and camera flashes and cheers from his crying mother.

His diploma in hand, he paused on the stage, smiling broadly, just as he had practiced.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: Funnyman and "Law & Order" star Anthony Anderson was raving about Manolis Alpopogianis' red hots, and Stedman Graham called the America Dogs' owner "the hot dog king" at the Athlete's Against Drugs golf outing Monday. ... Yes, that was "The Bachelor" Jason Mesnick and girlfriend/"winner" Molly Malaney spied hangin' with Billy Dec at Rokit Bar & Grill and the Underground.

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Martrell Stevens walks up to accept his diploma Tuesday. | BRIAN JACKSON/SUN-TIMES