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Customs faux pas

Florida's first lady said she made an "awful mistake" when she failed to declare $19,000 worth of clothes and jewelry she bought from Paris last month.

Columba Bush, the wife of Gov. **Jeb Bush**, was fined $4,100 by U.S. Customs officials in Atlanta and became the subject of jokes by **Jay Leno** and others after the incident made headlines across the nation.

"The embarrassment I brought on myself made me ashamed to face my family and friends," Bush said.

"Jeb has been wonderful. He has been very supportive, very loving and he says 'C'mon, we have to keep on going,'" she said.

Broadway at Vegas

David Cassidy has signed a multi-year contract to perform at the Rio Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The former teen idol will produce a new show at the resort, opening in January.

"I will do a hybrid Broadway musical," Cassidy said. "It will appeal to a large demographic audience. I will not be playing David Cassidy. I will be playing a character with a lot of similarities"

Cassidy began his career as a sibling in the '70s television series "The Partridge Family." He moved to Las Vegas three years ago to headline the $75 million "EFX" stage spectacular at the MGM Grand Hotel and

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Entertainer David Cassidy is escorted into the Voodoo Lounge at the Rio Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas for a news conference announcing his new show.

Casino, leaving the show in December.

Traveling dresses

Fans of **Princess Diana** can admire some of her famous dresses at her former home this fall, for a $15 fee.

The Historic Royal Palaces announced that 14 gowns, by designers such as **Catherine Walker** and **Bruce Oldfield**, will be included in Kensington Palace's Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection until March 31, 2000.

All of the dresses belong to **Maureen Rorech-Dunkel**, an American collector, who bought them at Christie's auction in June 1997. After Diana's death two months later in a Paris car crash, Rorech-Dunkel set up a charity to raise funds for causes the princess supported.

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