

Entertainment in brief

ABC celebrities go to Disneyland; Ted Williams photos on demand

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Celebrity sightings will be taken to a new level this weekend as entire casts from ABC Television's fall primetime lineup descend on the Disneyland Resort for a two-day campaign to attract viewers to the ailing network.

More than 70 stars, from John Ritter and Eric Roberts to Drew Carey and Dylan McDermott, will ride in parades, answer questions from park guests and, in the case of actor/musician Jim Belushi, sing the blues.

Pilot episodes for some of the new shows on ABC's schedule also will play for guests at Disney's California Adventure.

The unprecedented gathering is part of a companywide effort mounted by The Walt Disney Co. to drive viewers to its sagging ABC network this fall.

Primetime ratings have slipped badly at the network, which just two years ago was riding the success of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

ABC often has been called upon to help promote the release of a new Disney feature film or the opening of a theme park, but since the entertainment giant acquired ABC in 1996, the network has never needed Disney to return the favor until now.

The promotional effort also involves Disney stores, its ESPN Zone restaurants, record labels and even Disney-branded cereals and juices.

WINCHESTER, Mass. (AP) — Soon after the death of Ted Williams, it seemed photographs of him were everywhere.

There was "The Kid," shot when he really was a kid, a 19-year-old rookie outfielder following through on his famously sweet swing at Fenway Park on a sum-

mer day in 1939.

The occasion? Eastman Kodak Co. had sent Boston Globe photographer Arthur Griffin a roll of the company's new color film. Williams was willing to take a few practice cuts while Griffin snapped away.

Those photos, which Griffin forgot for more than 50 years, are on display through Sept. 8 at the Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art in Winchester, a few miles north of Boston.

"The phone was ringing off the hook," executive director Blake Fitch said recently of requests to use the pictures, the first color photos ever taken of Williams, one of baseball's greatest hitters, who died last month at 83.

And when the images of Williams appeared in local papers, the number of museum visitors swelled.

"One person came in here already crying," Fitch said.

Griffin, who died last year at 97, was one of the first photojournalists to work entirely with 35-millimeter cameras and film instead of the larger, heavier Speed Graphic camera, which was the industry standard.

He shot news photos for the Globe, magazine features and covers for the Saturday Evening Post, Yankee and Life magazines, as well as stock and commercial photographs.

Griffin established the museum in 1992.

"He wanted a place to exhibit his work," Fitch explained. "That came to serve as a venue for others."

Recent shows have included photos from Afghanistan by Simon Norfolk and Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Crowley, and an exhibit exploring the pastoral and whimsical sides of golf.



Dirty Duo

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Freshmen Lauren Spencer and Megan Mudd wrestle in a mud pit within the Dobson Hall courtyard Monday while students watch and some wait for their turn. It was Mudd's idea to convert the original dirt pit into a wrestling forum because the dirt was being paved over the next day.

Weird News

OAK PARK, Mich. (AP) — A man who police say castrated another man on a kitchen table was charged Friday with a felony count of practicing medicine without a license.

In June, police found the apparently willing victim, a 48-year-old Birmingham man, sitting on a curb in bloodstained blue jeans.

Officers later found a pair of severed testicles in a Tupperware container in a refrigerator at the home of the suspect, Shuo-Shan Wang, a 29-year-old from Oak Park.

Wang also is charged with unlawful dispensing of a prescription drug, a 90-day misdemeanor.

The charge of practicing medicine without a license is punishable by four years in jail.

The victim later underwent three hours of surgery at an area hospital.

The victim met Wang through the Internet, police said. The pair chatted online before meeting in person.

Police said Wang removed the testicles with a scalpel while the man was on the kitchen table. Afterward, the victim started bleeding uncontrollably.

But the bleeding didn't start immediately. Police said Wang first stitched the wound, and the two sat and ate pie.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — They came in with beer stains, cigarette burns, frayed upholstery and broken legs.

About 130 couches, upholstered chairs and mattresses rounded up

Saturday during Boulder's second sofa swap will be buried in a landfill.

Since Aug. 1, indoor furniture on front porches has been banned in the University Hill neighborhood near the University of Colorado campus.

The ban is an attempt to discourage residents from using sofas as fuel for bonfires in the neighborhood, which has experienced more than 80 furniture fires since 1997.

In exchange for turning in old couches Saturday, many students and others in the neighborhood got gift certificates or mugs in return.

"They're worth \$20 dead, that sums it up," said David DiGiacomo, 23, a civil engineering student who dropped off a multicolored couch, earning him and a friend \$20 in gift certificates to a bar.

Boulder police and a van from Cricket Comfortable Wireless, which used the event to promote

its business, picked up couches for students who couldn't drag their sofas to two drop-off locations on the Hill.

Furniture brought in good condition was set aside for students to pick up for their living rooms.

Jaisy Jardine, the liaison between the city of Boulder and the University of Colorado, said two tickets have been issued since the ban went into effect. She said most students are complying with the law.

Hollie Brakken, 21, gave up on her plush, blue, tattered and torn sofa because "it sat outside in the rain for days and days and it smelled bad."

"That couch was there for every party we've had," she said. "It was there for homeless people to sleep on. It had a lot of beer spilled on it. It was the couch everyone used."



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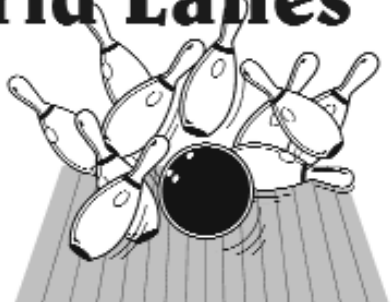
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