

ABC climbs to second in Neilsons

NEW YORK (AP) — Fortune is smiling on ABC for its decision to shake the late-summer doldrums with a throwback to the early days of television: a prime-time game show.

The Regis Philbin-hosted "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" has run 13 out of 14 evenings this month.

The quiz show has been a surprise hit among viewers entranced by its boom-or-bust format. ABC is already asking for more.

Four episodes of the quiz show were ranked in Nielsen Media Research's top 10 shows last week.

With the quiz show's help, ABC moved ahead to a strong second-place showing in the ratings.

ABC also placed first among total viewers and adults aged 18-49.

"When you look at the ratings, you can see the broad appeal," said Michael Davies, the show's executive producer.

"Families are watching this together and young people are throwing parties to watch it."

In the recreation of a British TV game show, participants build bankrolls by answering questions that steadily grow more difficult.

Contestants have a chance to win big money.

However, at each point players risk losing much of what they've already earned if they answer incorrectly.

ABC has already asked for additional episodes, Davies said.

It's not clear when they would be ready to air or whether they would run as a weekly series or several nights in a row as it was this time.

The ratings performance buoyed ABC, which has routinely run a distant third during most of the past year.

Even more encouraging, "Millionaire" picked up viewers as the week went on, with the exception of the traditionally slow Saturday night.

BOOKS

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"Used books go fast because they're 25 percent cheaper than new ones," Schleter said.

"The best advice I can give to students is beat the rush.

"A lot of people don't like to buy their books until they've gone to the class and confirmed exactly what they need, but all the bookstores offer very liberal returning policies, so books can easily be brought back."

Unfortunately, many professors always request the newest edition of a text book for a class.

This means there is no way to beat the high prices by buying a book.

Brad Dumas, a senior accounting major, said this is the most frustrating part of his major.

"Like with income tax classes, the tax code changes every year," Dumas said. "So, the books have to change accordingly."

"I guess my library will look pretty impressive with all my stacks of worthless books."

As for what can be done to help all the students bearing the financial cross of textbook buying, Dumas said this year he is considering buying his books online.

"Well, I heard that even after shipping costs, it is still like 30 percent cheaper," Dumas said.

"So, you know, if I can't get any money back off of them, at least I can do something to make them cheaper."

Schleter suggested buying expensive books from someone whose already taken the class and is looking to sell them.

"There are signs up all the time for people who are selling their history books, or whatever," Schleter said.

"If it's too expensive for you to buy from a book store, you could buy the books from them."

"That way, they'll get more money back for it, and you'll still probably end up spending less."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Oliver Stone sent to drug rehab

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — Oliver Stone will enter drug rehab and plead no contest to drunken driving and drug possession as part of a plea bargain that will keep him out of jail, a prosecutor said.

The Oscar-winning filmmaker was scheduled to enter his plea and be sentenced Sept. 13.

Stone, 52, was not in court yesterday when details of the agreement were presented.

The *JFK* director, Stone, was arrested June 9 after being spotted driving erratically.

A search of his car turned up a small amount of hashish, and prosecutors said his blood alcohol level was above the legal limit.

Guitar owned by Lennon to be sold

LONDON (AP) — The guitar that a 16-year-old John Lennon was playing with the Quarrymen the day he met Paul McCartney will be auctioned next month.

The meeting on July 6, 1957, resulted in the 15-year-old McCartney being asked to join the band, which evolved into the Beatles.

The Gallotone Champion is expected to fetch up to \$160,000

when it is sold Sept. 14. Lennon bought the black-and-red guitar by mail for about \$28 one month before playing at a church picnic near Liverpool.

McCartney approached Lennon later that evening as the group set up for another session at the church hall.

He impressed Lennon by teaching him the chords and words to Eddie Cochran's "Twenty Flight Rock."

A few days later, Lennon asked McCartney to join the group.

Lennon was shot to death in New York in 1980.

Kaelin wins tabloid lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kato Kaelin won a round in his \$15 million lawsuit against a tabloid over the headline: "Cops Think Kato Did It!"

A federal judge Monday rejected the National Examiner's argument that the headline was not malicious because its lawyers approved it.

A declaration of malice would open the tabloid to punitive damages.

"Simply because an attorney approves of it does not mean that actual malice does not exist," said U.S. District Judge Dickran Tevri-

ian Jr. Kaelin was O.J. Simpson's houseguest when Simpson's ex-wife and a friend were killed in 1994.

Simpson was acquitted of murder but found responsible for the slayings in a civil case.

Kaelin testified about thumps on the wall the night of the slayings.

The Examiner story itself did not accuse Kaelin of killing Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

The tabloid's news editor said the headline referred to perjury, not murder.

Tevrizian dismissed the lawsuit, but an appeals court reinstated it.

The court said a jury should decide whether the story neutralized the headline.

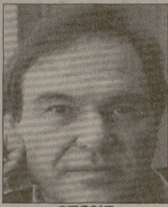
Utah halts movie "Mission"

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The next *Mission Impossible* movie may have to do without a parachuting sequence off Utah's Dead Horse Point.

The state Parks and Recreation Board rejected a request from the producers of *Mission Impossible 2* to film a parachute drop which was to take place off the redrock promontory overlooking the Colorado River.

Paramount is urging the state to change its mind.

Filming at Dead Horse Point is set for October.



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