

Entertainment Briefs

DISNEY CREATES 'THAT'S SO RAVEN' SPINOFF

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Disney Channel is betting that "That's So Raven," its most successful series, can be the source of another winning show. "Cory in the House," the channel's first series spinoff, will feature characters Cory and Victor Baxter from "That's So Raven" and will be set in the White House, the channel said Thursday. A November premiere is planned. "Raven" stars Kyle Massey and Rondell Sheridan will reprise their roles as the son and father, now adjusting to life in Washington after dad Victor is chosen as personal chef to the newly elected president, Richard Martinez. The role of President Martinez has yet to be cast. Living in the staff quarters of the White House with his father, teenager Cory has to contend with the antics of the president's 8-year-old daughter and adjust to life at an exclusive Washington school. Marc Warren and Dennis Rinsler, executive producers for "That's So Raven," are in charge of "Cory in the House." "That's So Raven," which debuted in 2003 and stars actress-singer Raven-Symone ("The Cosby Show"), has wrapped production but will continue to air new episodes in which Raven pursues her dream of becoming a fashion designer. The series was the channel's most-watched and had the most episodes produced, 100. It also spawned a merchandising wave of DVDs, video games, clothing, dolls and books. Raven-Symone, who begins a concert tour next week, just completed filming on the Disney Channel movie "The Cheetah Girls 2," about four friends aspiring to be pop stars. The TV movie will debut in August.

PRINCE VOTED 'WORLD'S SEXIEST VEGETARIAN'

NEW YORK (AP) - Prince has been voted the "world's sexiest vegetarian" in PETA's annual online poll, the animal rights group announced Monday. A strict vegan, Prince, 47, wrote in the liner notes of his 1999 album, "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic," about the ills behind wool production. He closed the disc with a quote from Mohandas Gandhi: "2 my mind, the life of a lamb is no less precious than that of a human being." Prince released his latest album, "3121," in March. He shares the honor with Kristen Bell, the 25-year-old star of "Veronica Mars," which is being carried over from UPN to the new CW network this fall. Bell, in a statement, said of her vegetarianism: "I had a hard time disassociating the animals I cuddled with — dogs and cats, for example — from the animals on my plate, and I never really cared for the taste of meat. I always loved my brussels sprouts!" Runners-up in the poll, which PETA said Monday received over 40,000 votes, include Natalie Portman, Nicollette Sheridan and Joaquin Phoenix. Last year, Coldplay singer Chris Martin and "American Idol" Carrie Underwood were picked as the two "sexiest vegetarians." Other previous winners include Andre 3000, Tobey Maguire, Josh Hartnett, Alicia Silverstone, Lauren Bush and Shania Twain.

CHRIS ROCK POKES FUN AT CBS CHIEF

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS Corp. chief executive Leslie Moonves is the most powerful executive in television, but he's still involved in some of the smallest programming decisions. Chris Rock said it was Moonves who picked the young actor who portrays the comic as a boy in the UPN sitcom "Everybody Hates Chris," vetoing the person who had been first choice. "Les said, 'I know how to pick Black kids,'" the 41-year-old actor-comedian said. "He's picking them for Angelina Jolie now." Rock spoke at Thursday's sales presentation to advertisers by the new CW network, where "Everybody Hates Chris" will air on Sunday nights this fall after UPN shuts down. Shows from both UPN and the WB will be used on the CW, a joint venture between CBS and Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. Rock also took some pointed jabs at the CW's two-hour block of Sunday night comedies with primarily Black casts, where his show has landed. CW executives noted that one-third of their target audience of 18- to 34-year-olds identify themselves as minorities. The two-hour block aimed at minorities is the only one on the five biggest broadcast networks. "Chris is going to be played by a White girl" next season, Rock said. He promised advertisers the shows will have "more White girls than you've ever seen before. They'll just walk by and say, 'hi.'"

Berry feuds with disc jockey

LONDON (AP) - What was meant to be a friendly chat to promote the new "X-Men" movie turned into a frosty discussion about race on a popular morning radio program, but the British Broadcasting Corp. defended its disc jockey.

Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry appeared on Chris Moyles' Radio One breakfast show Thursday and clashed with her host after he impersonated what he described as a "big, fat, Black guy."

"Are we having a racist moment here?" Berry, the first Black actress to win an Academy Award for a lead role, asked Moyles after she took exception to his impersonation. Moyles, who is



Academy Award winner Halle Berry poses during a photo call for "X-Men: The Last Stand," at the 59th International film festival in Cannes in the south of France on Monday.

White, said he just couldn't do American accents.

Moyles made it clear on air that there was nothing racist in what he said, a BBC spokesman said Friday on

condition of anonymity, in line with the corporation's policy.

The exchange began when Hugh Jackman, Berry's "X-Men: The Last

Stand" co-star, jokingly suggested that Moyles might take the role of his body double if he ever landed the part of James Bond.

"I could definitely do that," Moyles said before adding, "Put your hands in the air!"

A somewhat puzzled Jackman replied, "Are you some kind of Brooklyn Bond?"

Moyles replied: "I'm a Black American guy. A big, fat, Black guy. Put your hands up in the air!"

The interview continued, though the DJ later said Berry was "ratty" — British slang for grouchy.

Berry won an Oscar in 2002 for her role in "Monster's Ball."

Man charged in Babyface extortion

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A man claiming to be Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds' son born out of wedlock allegedly tried to extort \$9 million from the Grammy-winning singer-producer by threatening to go public with the story, authorities said Monday.

John T. Clark, 23, of Indianapolis, was arrested Friday after accepting a bogus \$9 million check from one of Edmonds' attorneys and signing what turned out to be fake nondisclosure agreement.

Clark, who faces one count each of felony theft and misdemeanor intimidation, is accused of contacting attorney William Briggs and demanding millions of dollars from Edmonds to "keep his mouth shut," according to court documents.

"The story was that he was going to ruin Babyface's reputation by claiming to be Babyface's illegitimate baby," Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said.

Clark was being held without bond at the Marion County Jail pending an initial hearing Tuesday. Brizzi said Clark recently had been released from jail after completing a sentence for robbery.

Brizzi said Clark made several calls to Briggs at his Los Angeles office. In the first, on May 1, he allegedly requested \$20 million from Edmonds, who was born and raised in Indianapolis.

He threatened to go to the media with his allegations that Edmonds, 48, had an affair with his mother and that he was their child, Brizzi

pletely and utterly false."

"The key for us is that this individual has a criminal background and the statements that he made were perceived by us to be a credible and a real threat to Kenny and his family," he said.

Briggs, after contacting Brizzi's office, offered to meet Clark in Indianapolis. On May 11, Clark lowered his demand to \$9 million and agreed to meet Briggs in Indianapolis on last Friday, according to a probable cause affidavit.

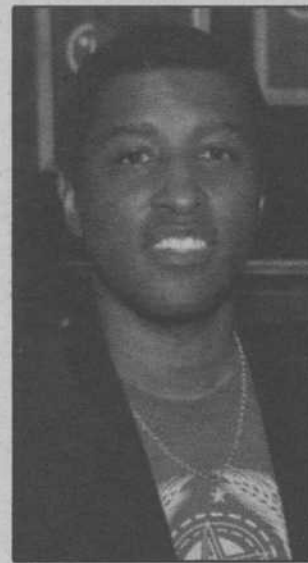
During their meeting at a restaurant, Clark read and signed a fake, but detailed 8-page nondisclosure statement the attorney had drawn up.

He then accepted a bogus check for \$9 million and was arrested as he left, Brizzi said.

Although Briggs maintains that he is Edmonds' son and claimed to have documents proving his parentage, Brizzi said the man has not produced such documents.

Even if Clark were the singer's son, Brizzi said attempted extortion is illegal.

Besides his career as the top-selling singer, with hits like "Whip Appeal" and "Change the World," Edmonds has also written hits for fellow superstars such as Whitney Houston, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Bobby Brown and others.



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said. Edmonds' business partner, Ken Christmas, called the allegations "com-

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This Sunday Night

Pastor Terry B. Cox, Sr.

La Quinta Hotel (Summerlin)

7101 Cascade Valley

360-1200 (Hotel info)

(Off Tenaya, down the Street from Mountain View Hospital)

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Date: Sunday May 28th

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