TV Tonight: 'Bachelorette, 'Moby Dick,' 'Shark Week'

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Critic's Corner

William Hurt stars as the relentless Captain Ahab in a film adaptation of Herman Melville's "Moby Dick."

•Here's something you don't expect to see dropped into a TV schedule in the dead of summer: a two-part adaptation of Moby Dick (Encore, 8 ET/PT). Produced by a German TV company, the movie stars William Hurt as Capt. Ahab and Ethan Hawke as Starbuck.
•Who can concentrate on old whales when we're surrounded by new sharks, in the return of Discovery's ever-popular Shark Week? Tonight's edition kicks off with the repeat Jaws of the Pacific, then swims into new specials Rogue Sharks (9 ET/PT) and Summer of the Shark (10 ET/PT). Andy Samberg serves as the human host, but let's face it, folks are there for the fins.
•Faux love is in the air tonight as ABC's Bachelorette (8 ET/PT) comes to a happy, or more likely unhappy, husband-hunting end. You can think of the about-to-conclude run as an odds-are-unsuccessful search for true love, or as
a no-doubt successful season-long search for the next Bachelor. Or you can not think of it at all, which is by far the better choice.

• Back on the human front, the cops on Rizzoli & Isles (TNT, 10 ET/PT) try to rescue a kidnapped child. On shows like this, they usually succeed.