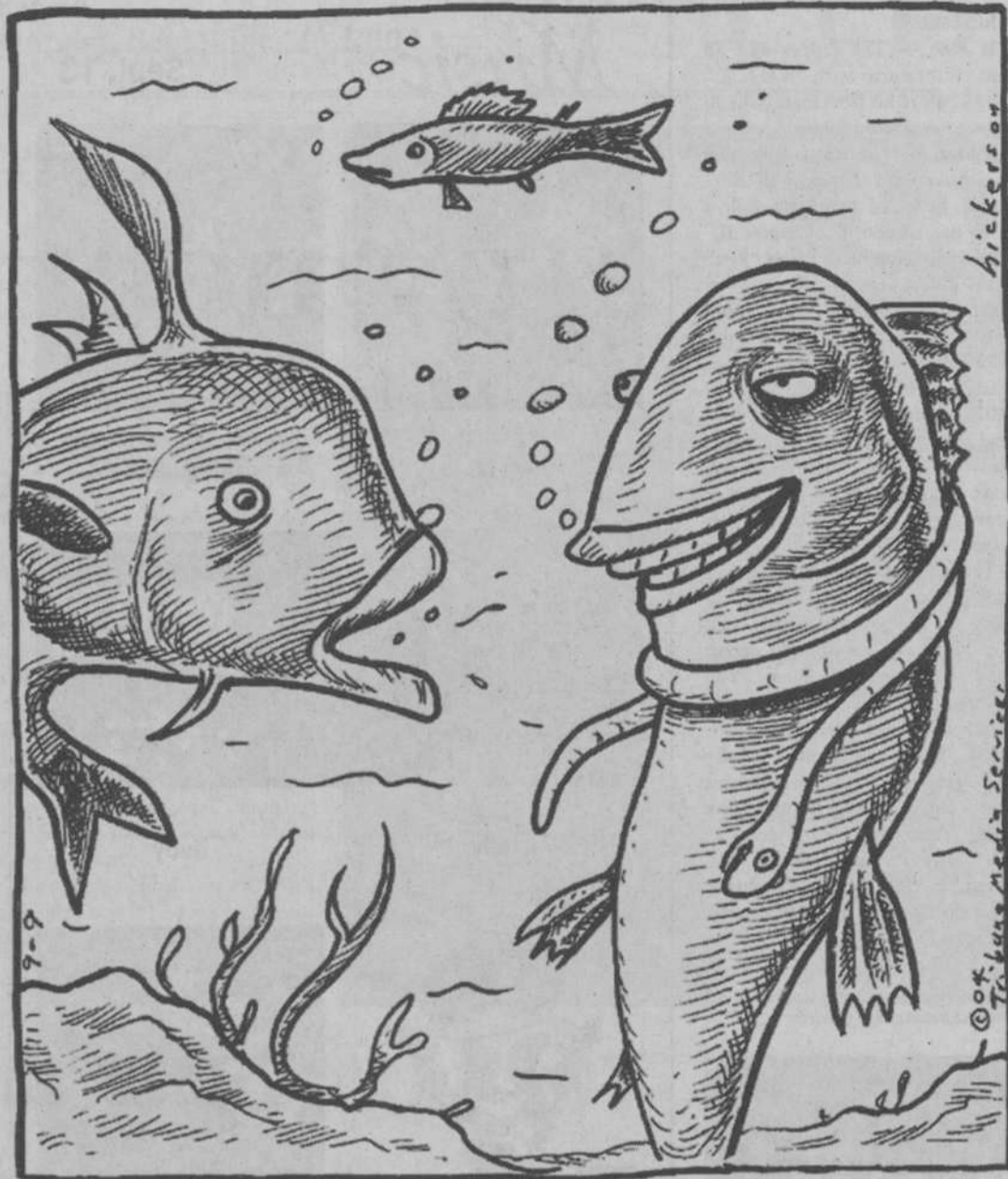
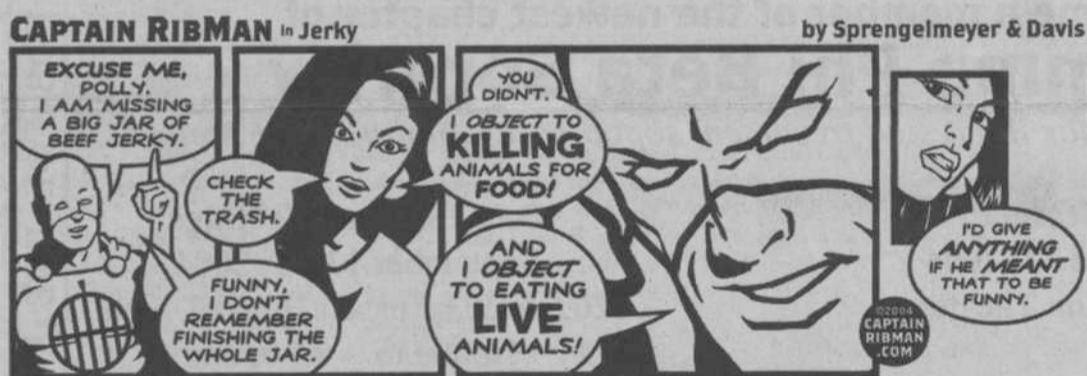


Quigmans ♦ By Buddy Hickerson



"Dude! That scarf is off the hook!"

Buttercup Festival ♦ By Elliot G. Garbauskas



■ SURREAL

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will eventually cycle around. Family sitcoms will have their heyday again."

Nobody in the house has more at stake than Flava Flav. Still wearing the gold teeth, still donning the oversized clock around his neck, but now sporting streaks of white hair through his malleable Afro,

Flav has been out of sight for a while, but he wants to be back in a big way.

"I see myself transitioning into the next Flavzel Washington," he declared boldly.

Although he still hints that one of these days he'll release the solo album he's been teasing for more than a decade, Flav wants to act.

"I didn't really know what the show was about, but my main motive of moving to California was

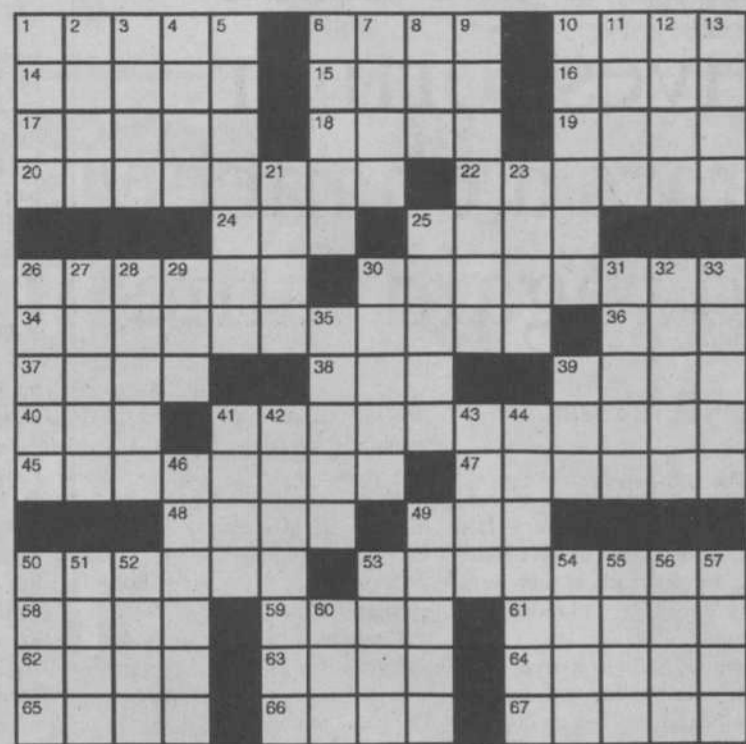
to cross over from music into television and movies so when they asked me to do this show, I said to myself, 'Hey, well, this is what I came out here for, so why not give it a whirl?'" he cackled.

"The Surreal Life" airs Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT on VH1.

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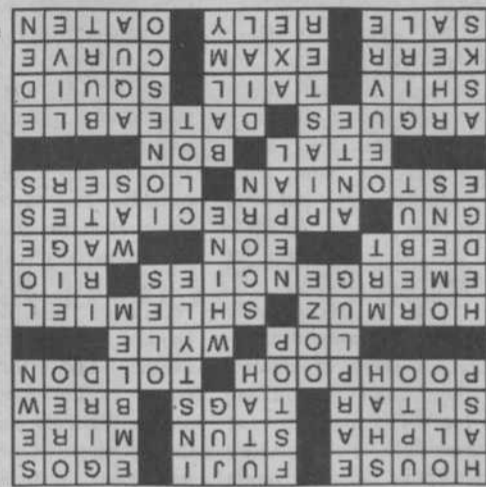
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES There are times when it's appropriate to lodge your comments and complaints. Although others may be doing that now, don't join in unless you're invited. Instead, take notes.
TAURUS A person who loves you and has your best interests at heart would like to reorganize your life. You'd be wise to accept the offer.
GEMINI You might as well go along with a perfectionist's suggestions. He or she will not be dissuaded, and besides, the irritatingly nitpicky person is probably right.
CANCER You're intelligent now. You're curious, and you remember just about everything you see, hear or do. It's a fabulous learning phase.

LEO You want just about everything you can imagine, but only if it's the highest quality. Keep your eye out for really good deals.
VIRGO You've spent a great deal of your time thinking only of others. For the next day or two, set aside extra time to think only of yourself.
LIBRA There's a sense of urgency, no more procrastination. Make sure the numbers add up. Technical assistance is recommended.
SCORPIO Go along with what the others want for the next two days. Or at least let them think you are. Your guidance will be solicited, so have a good plan in mind.
SAGITTARIUS Stand up straight, and click your heels with military

precision. Look like you know what you're talking about, and be ready to prove it. If you don't know the answer, just tell the truth, and you'll still command respect.
CAPRICORN Travel and adventure look excellent right now. If you can't get away, at least go buy your ticket.
AQUARIUS The urge to get your finances straightened out could be overwhelming. Even the otherwise tedious check-balancing chores are fun. Take advantage of this opportunity.
PISCES You may be feeling kind of jittery and somewhat unsure of which direction you should head off in next. Let a wise partner decide.

CALENDAR

'Riding Giants' TODAY



Today, 8 p.m. Russell House Theater. Free.

Tony Roebuck DMA Trumpet Recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music Recital Hall, Rm. 206. Free.
"The Triplets of Belleville": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater. Free.
"Riding Giants": 7 and 9:15 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 931 Main St. Build a Bridge CD release party with Upon a Tragic

Ending, Chasing August: 7 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$7.

TUESDAY

"The Triplets of Belleville": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater. Free.
"Lost Boys of Sudan": 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre.
Poetry & Prose Night featuring Signal, The Sinators and Fling: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$3.

Right-leaning celebrities garnering attention

By PAT CRAIG
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Take it back to that generations-old rock tune, or to Jimi Hendrix making the National Anthem cry at Woodstock, or even to Roseanne Barr's crotch-grabbing version of "The Star Spangled Banner": Politics has danced its way around arts and entertainment for years.

Lately, however, that gentle political minuet has turned into a full-tilt, frontal assault, marching toward the left and leaving those with more conservative viewpoints without much of a tune to whistle. Plays with titles like "Laura's Bush," movies like "Fahrenheit 9/11" and anti-Bush rock tours like "Vote For Change," are getting the

attention, while more conservative efforts, where they exist, are more moderate and lower in profile — for now, anyway.

Some in Hollywood's under-30 crowd, inspired by the success of Arnold Schwarzenegger, are proudly beginning to wave their conservative colors, according to Democrat and documentary filmmaker Jesse Moss, whose "Rated R: Republicans in Hollywood" airs on AMC at 10 p.m. EDT Sept. 14.

"It's a growing voice in the entertainment community," he said. "Arnold has opened the door for young Republicans in Hollywood by proving they can be proud of their views and still succeed in the entertainment

business."

The entertainment industry's conservative A-list doesn't sparkle as brightly as that of the liberal side. Those who have come out solidly for re-electing George Bush include Ben Stein, Jessica Simpson, Ted Nugent, Gene Simmons and Greg Kihn.

But more names are coming to the front in the areas of production and writing, along with performers such as Patricia Heaton, Pat Sajak, Chuck Norris and Drew Carey, who styles himself a libertarian, "someone who can support the war and get high," is how he puts it in Moss' film.

What's an artistic young conservative to do? Conservatives — who, in Moss' documentary,

sound much more like moderates in the Schwarzenegger mold — used the term "closeted" to describe their feeling about working in the arts.

Essentially, you keep quiet about your political beliefs if you want to work, they said.

Screenwriter and longtime conservative Lionel Chetwynd describes the process as being "whitelisted," the opposite of being on the old Hollywood Blacklist of the '50s. If you are whitelisted, you have a better chance to be involved with projects.

In the film, Sajak said work goes to those best able to do it, liberal or conservative. The problem is more social — much of the networking in Hollywood is done at parties, which

typically don't include many conservatives. Now, however, the Hollywood conservative element is large and public enough to begin its own networking.

Country singer Toby Keith, a strong supporter of the Iraq war and many of the current Bush Administration policies, discussed the idea of forming assessment of people based entirely on their politics in an interview with the Boston Globe in July.

"I just laugh at those people and I wear that as a badge of honor," he said. "I'm thinking, 'Where do you draw the line on that?' If your kid gets his toe cut off with a lawn mower and you rush him to the hospital and you get in there and find out the surgeon is a

Republican, do you delay the frigg'n' surgery? You know what I mean? Where do you pick and choose on my right to be an American? What cracks them up is the look on their faces when they find out that I'm a registered Democrat. That kills them."

Like media outlets grasping for the "right demographic," political parties have started touting the personalities supporting their causes. For example, the Republican Party has attracted the support of several major Christian musical groups, including the Grammy-winning Third Day, which appeared at the Republican national convention last week, in the same session as Vice President Dick Cheney.