

Starr Report

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Sims in the 'Zone' for UPN remake



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Former "House of Style" host and pinup model **Molly Sims** is up in Vancouver this week shooting an episode for UPN's "Twilight Zone," which is reprising a classic from its Rod Serling progenitor. This time around it's "Eye of the Beholder," which spooked many people the first time around. In that episode, a woman undergoes plastic surgery on her "horrific" face. As her bandages are removed, she's revealed to be absolutely stunning — to us. But she's considered hideous to her doctors and nurse who, it's revealed, have pig-like snouts.

In the UPN version, Sims plays the woman, who is banished to a village where "others of her kind" are segregated. It will air in May.

Jackson action: 'Idol' talk from Randy

"American Idol" judges **Randy Jackson** and **Simon "Mr. Nasty" Cowell** nearly came to blows last season — but now they're the best of friends. Jackson tells the March 24th issue of People magazine that he, Cowell and "AI" host **Ryan Seacrest** regularly hang out in a West Hollywood restaurant.

"We call it the mini-boys club," says Jackson, who calls his near-fight with Cowell — after Cowell was excessively harsh on a young hopeful — "fairly intimidating" (they shook hands shortly thereafter and called a truce). And here's some Randy Jackson trivia courtesy of People: He's played bass on albums by **Bruce Springsteen, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Justin Timberlake** and **Bob Dylan**.

Life begins at 80 for Don and Bob

So what's **Don Hewitt's** secret to looking so sharp at 80? The Hampton Sheet's **Joan Jedell** ran into Hewitt the other night at the 18th Annual Guild Hall Academy of the Arts Awards Gala at the Rainbow Room. When she told Hewitt he looked very fit, Don replied, "I'm 80 years old and I just signed a new 10-year contract with CBS!"

And happy birthday to soon-to-be octogenarian **Bob Elliott**, half of the "Bob & Ray" comedy team. He turns 80 on March 26. He's also actor **Chris Elliott's** dad.