

Overheard

by Keith Uhlich

Did you know that...

Actor Alec Baldwin was on Long Island earlier this month, appearing at fundraising events in East Hampton and Massapequa. Mr. Baldwin grew up and attended school in Massapequa, and has returned several times, most recently to help rebuild the high school auditorium.

On her talk show recently, Oprah Winfrey had a special screening of the movie, *Interview With The Vampire*, for her studio audience. About thirty members of the audience, including Ms. Winfrey, walked out thirty minutes into the screening because they were disgusted by the film.

Seventy-four year old cartoonist Hank Ketcham announced that he will stop drawing his brainchild, *Dennis the Menace*, as of year's end. The strip will continue under an assistant of Ketcham's.

The third film in the *Die Hard* trilogy is nearing completion. Entitled *Die Hard: With A Vengeance* it stars Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jeremy Irons. The director is the first *Die Hard's* John McTiernan

Oliver Stone's controversial film, *Natural Born Killers* was banned in Ireland by Irish film censor, Sheamus Smith. His reason, he says, is the Irish media's playing up of the similarities between the film and a three state crime spree committed by two men in the US this summer.

The independent record company, Rykodisc, bought the entire music collection of Frank Zappa. They now own all the rights to his work and plan to release a compilation album along with some previously unreleased songs.

Rapper Ice Cube is being sued by six men who claim they wrote a song with him but were never compensated for their efforts.

Ricki Lake was arrested a few weeks ago. She and several others were charged with breaking and entering into a furriers protesting the killing of animals for their fur.

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