

A Current Affair investigation leads to audit of aged care facility

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An independent audit triggered by an [A Current Affair investigation](#) into the standard of care at a [Melbourne nursing home](#) has found the facility non-compliant in half of the required government standards.

The Commonwealth Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission sprung the surprise audit on Jewish Care Victoria's Gary Smorgon House in February, five months after the *A Current Affair* program aired.

The auditors official report rated the home non-compliant in half of the eight required government standards, including personal and clinical care.

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Jewish Care Victoria CEO Bill Appleby. (A Current Affair)

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Auditors found the facility to be lacking in effective management of post fall care and choking risks.

And it was unable to demonstrate that elders receiving anti-psychotic medication - to manage **dementia** - were monitored effectively.

The report put a black mark against Jewish Care's organisational governance and recommended a number of areas of improvement before the accreditation of the facility expires next year.

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Raphael Sztrochlic. (A Current Affair)



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The report is seen as vindication by Raphael Sztrochlic who aired his concerns over the care of his late father in *A Current Affair's* expose on the nursing home last September.

Mr Sztrochliz's relentless campaign of complaints to Jewish Care Victoria CEO Bill Appleby saw police take the extraordinary step of charging Mr Sztrochliz with stalking.



Raphael Sztrochlic's late father Ephraim Sztrochlic. (A Current Affair)

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In the wake of *A Current Affair's* program, Jewish Care responded by saying all its homes were compliant with Commonwealth Government aged care standards.

However, in the following months families resorted to installing covert video cameras in their loved ones' rooms at the Smorgon home to monitor them.

"That just shows you the distrust people have to Jewish Care," Mr Sztrochliz said.

Mr Sztrochliz, who was arrested in front of his wife and children, will contest the stalking charge in court on June 3.



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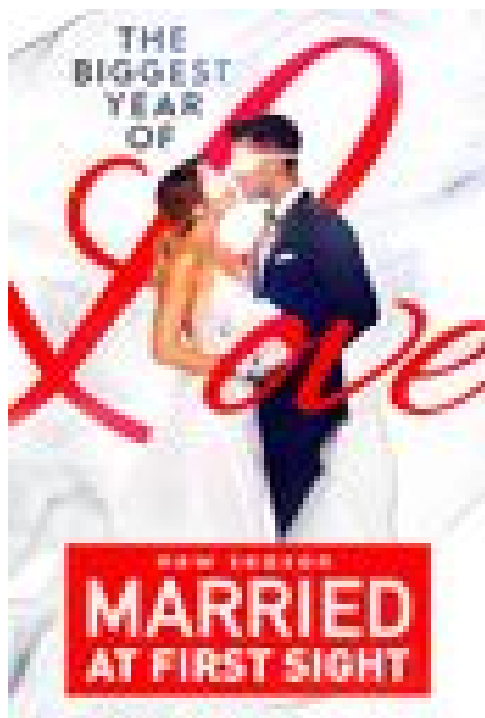
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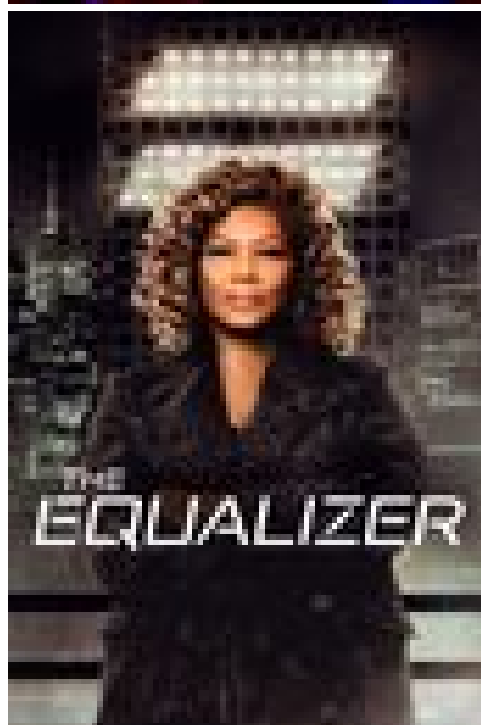
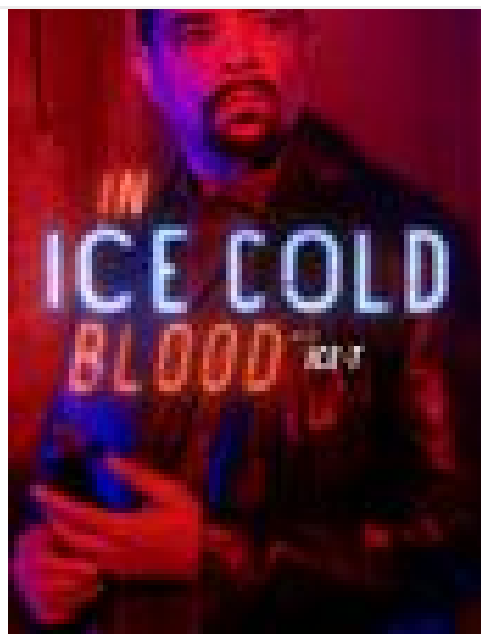
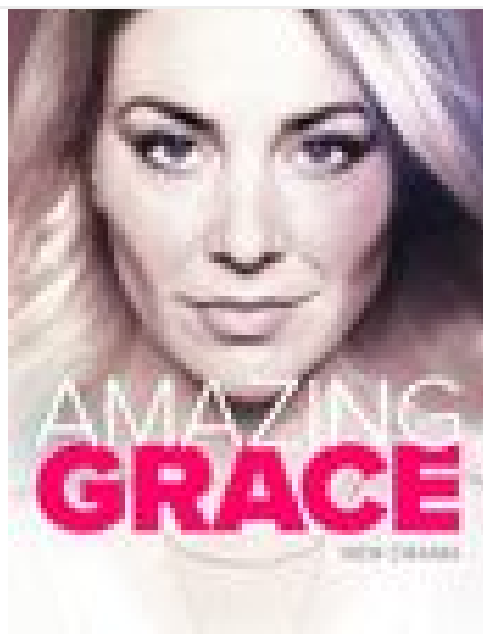
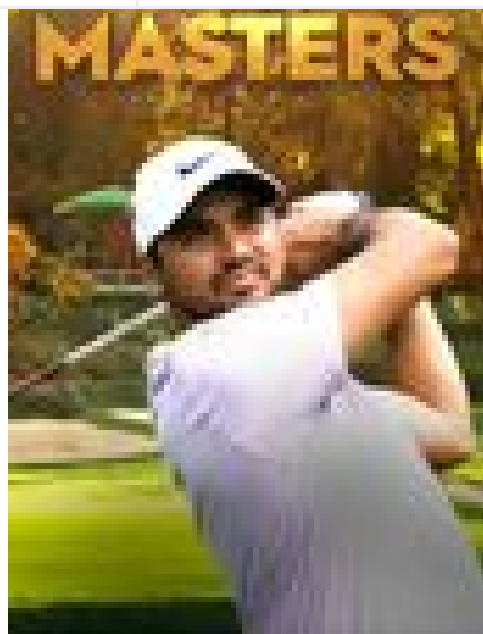
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