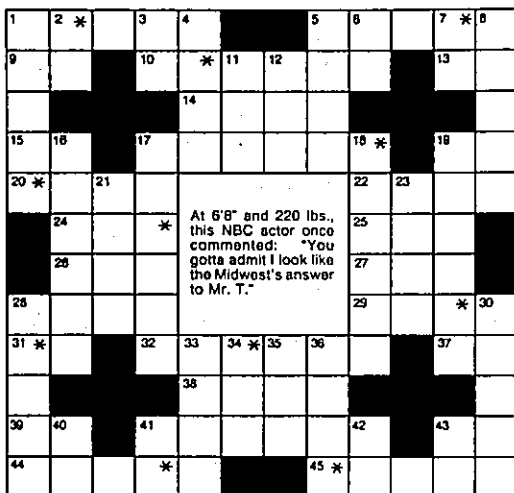


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK



The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Nest
5. Role on *Jake and the Fatman*
9. Suffix for grim or dim
10. Sami Malone's portrayer
13. Time for *Sargeants*
14. Easy stride
15. Initials for Zsa Zsa's sis
17. McRaney of *Major Dad*
19. Employer of *Cheers*: Cliff Clavin
20. Item taken back by the seller
22. Gold and silver
24. Mid-east export
25. No runs, no hits, no errors
26. Skelton or Buttons
27. Space
28. Mesnie
29. Not working
31. Pronoun
32. Young actress Dubuc
37. Dorado; 1967 John Wayne film
38. Scandinavian
39. Prefix for pay or act
41. M*A*S*H's Colonel
43. Far, up to now
44. Part of every year
45. Olivia (for short) of *The Cosby Show*

DOWN

1. Fudd of cartoon fame
2. All Children
3. L. A. Rams' goal
4. Ivy League school
5. Singer Billy
6. Apple a day...
7. New Kids the Block
8. Forbidden things
11. Eur. nation
12. Whirlpool

16. Louise Jefferson's hubby
17. The Girls
18. Neil Patrick Harris' role
19. Married
21. Landing spot
23. Word in 7 Hope/Crosby titles
28. Last name in *Gone With the Wind*
30. Singer/pianist John
33. False deity
34. Morns or Garfield
35. Canadian prov.
36. Piled upwards
40. Elvis' monogram
41. x
42. Insignia for Acuff
43. Wind dir.

Richard Moll



'All My Children's' Jack Montgomery: hero or sleaze?

By Candace Havens

Nothing on soaps makes viewers madder than a love affair gone wrong. This week, I heard from two readers who've had it up to here with a couple of daytime Romeos.

Dear Candace: That Jack Montgomery on *All My Children* is getting rather sickening. We've seen enough of Jack to last a lifetime. If he's not with the woman he loves, he loves the woman he's with. I'm also sick of the way Brooke is being treated. —Mrs. Florence Ess.

Dear Florence: *All My Children* seems to be suffering an identity crisis lately. The writers don't seem to be able to decide which way certain characters' personalities should go. One minute Jack is the hero of the town, the next minute he's a sleaze.

The soap is also famous for portraying some of the strongest female characters on television, only to later portray them as weak, sniveling idiots. I'd say it's about time for *All My Children* to get its act together or risk slipping even further down in the ratings.

Dear Candace: I love *The Young and the Restless*, but I am disgusted with the way Victor has let his spoiled daughter come between himself and Ashley. They were so happy before she showed up. I really hate her. Why doesn't Victor see through that sweet smile and that soft voice? He knew Victoria was never happy about her parents divorcing.

Ashley should leave Victor and go to Brad. After all, he loves her. Let Victor and Victoria have each other. No two people deserve each other more. —L.N.

Dear L.N.: The character of Victoria is one that you are supposed to love to hate, and that certainly has happened. She is certainly determined; she makes some of the witches on other soaps seem like kittens. This young lady is definitely a star in the making.

I want to hear from you! If you have a favorite soap scenario you would like to sound off about, or a question about the soaps, write to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, P.O. Box 961009, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-1009.