

FAMILY FARE

SOAP TALK

Kids go back to future with 'Reading Rainbow'

By Sherry Jones

The magical blending of books and the creative use of public television help introduce children to 10 new and exciting adventures premiering this fall on *Reading Rainbow*. Host LeVar Burton, also known for his role as Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge on the syndicated show *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, hopes each half-hour episode of *Reading Rainbow* will encourage young viewers to find out more about the things that interest them.

Starting Monday, Sept. 16, Burton takes children to see a wacky female inventor from the Stone Age, Thomas Edison and a machine from the future that is full of surprises. Also, read along as a boy tries to build his own time-traveling apparatus in *Alistair's Time Machine*.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, follow *The Adventures of Taxi Dog*, taking kids behind the wheel in York City.

New Mexico's Pueblo Indians use the earth to help them with their art. Wednesday, Sept. 18, Burton meets three Indian artists as he visits Taos Pueblo in Taos, N.M. Follow the journeys of a young Indian boy as he tries to find a special gift to give his people in *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*.

These, and more adventures, await children as they open their eyes to what books have to offer on *Reading Rainbow*.

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Wednesday, Lifetime offers a retrospective of an unforgettable screen idol in *James Dean Forever*.

What would you do if you could be a TV soap writer?

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: I am an avid fan of *The Young and the Restless*, but sometimes I get so mad. How long is this thing with Sheila (stealing Lauren's baby) going to last? Let Scott find out what she did and let him and Lauren get back together with their own baby. Put Sheila in jail where she belongs.

And David — let's expose him, too, throw his butt in jail and let Nina get on with her life. Leanna Love — that story line is so sick. If she wants a baby so much, let her meet a man, fall in love and then get pregnant, the way it is supposed to happen.

Poor Rex and Katherine. Can't they be a loving couple again along with Brad and Tracey? And when is Paul going to open his eyes where his secretary is concerned. She loves him. Why can't he see this?

Boy, I wish they would let me write this show for a couple of weeks. I would clean house, and when the dust settled, a lot of people would be happy. I didn't even want to say what I think about

wicked little Victoria. —Innocent Pasley, Williams, Calif.

Dear Reader: I'm with you. It is time to clean house on *The Young and the Restless*, and I think you are just the woman for the job. But I do have to say, without the bad guys and the turbulent relationships, the show would be pretty boring. Thanks for writing in.

Dear Candace: I started watching *My Children* a few years ago, and my favorite couple from the beginning was Dixie and Tad Martin. I'd like to know when Michael E. Knight is coming back to the show, and why he had to leave in the first place. —Nature Riney, Pilot Point, Texas.

Dear Nature: Knight left the show to pursue other interests, namely, crime time and movies. He left the show in good terms, so if he doesn't find the kind of work he is looking for, there's always the possibility he must return. The first time he left the show to move to Los Angeles, but this time he has opted to work out in his home in New York.

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 941009, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-1009.

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