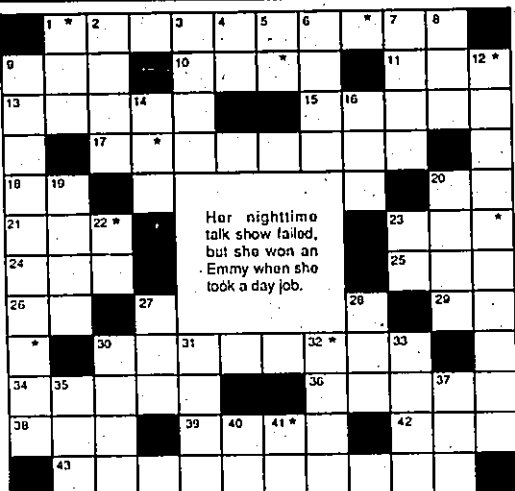


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK



Her nighttime
talk show failed,
but she won an
Emmy when she
took a day job.

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

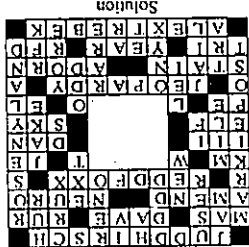
1. Star of a comedy about a singles' club (2)
9. Kettle and Barker
10. Mr. Garroway
11. Famous robot play
13. Make corrections on
15. Prefix for surgeon or muscular
17. Fred Sanford's portrayer (2)
18. McNeichols' ingame
20. Monogram for Eikenberry
21. Part of My Three Sons, in old Rome
23. Roseanne's hubby
24. Wee one
25. Heaven
26. Gym class, familiarly
29. Dorado, 1967 movie
30. Popular game show
34. Blomish
36. Decalate
38. Prefix for section or angle
39. 1492 or 1776
42. Rural addr. letters
43. Host of 30 Across (2)

DOWN

1. Toast topper
2. Consumer
3. Terrible report card
4. Hall a laugh?
5. # of daughters for Chili and Clair Huxtable
6. Gambler's destination
7. Essential point
8. Ben — : 1959 film
9. Christie's portrayer on Night Court (2)
12. Friend for Blanche, Dorothy & Sophia (2)
14. The — Leave It To Beaver
16. Internals opp.

19. 63,360 inches
20. Role for Joe Penny
22. Famous poem by Kipling
23. Initials for Tommy Smother's brother
27. Island accessory
28. The — Couple
30. Slammer
31. Semiprobous stone
32. Sloak or dorer's word
33. Time past
35. "The flowers that bloom in the spring, —"
37. Wash., D. C. stadium
40. Move alien
41. State of birth for Johnny Cash: abbr.

Solution

Gordon Thomson's
nobody's fool

By Candace Havens

"My favorite part of the holidays is the anticipation on Christmas Eve ... the moment before the presents are opened ... the moment before the first bottle of champagne is uncorked ... the moment before the living room becomes a mad house. I think anticipation is better than actual fulfillment," says debonair Gordon Thomson, who plays Mason Capwell on NBC's *Santa Barbara*.

Unfortunately for Thomson, nowadays his life is in a constant state of anticipation, but there is nothing festive about it, for instead of mounds of shredded gift-wrapping paper to contend with, he must wade through paper imprinted with legalese. You see, Thomson is in the middle of a million-dollar lawsuit against Aaron Spelling Productions.

This past May, Thomson was set to reprise his role as Adam Carrington in *Dynasty: The Miniseries*. Contracts were signed and everybody was happy, the only real stipulation was for the Spelling production office to notify *Santa Barbara* in time for them to write Thomson out for a few weeks. Problem is, somebody forgot to call and Thomson missed out on the role. Now he feels he must sue the *Dynasty* producers for breach of contract, a boat-rocking move that evidences the actor's courage and determination to maintain his professional integrity.

"There is a tremendous amount of stress that goes along with all this. I hate doing it. Everybody who ever appeared on *Dynasty* owes a great deal to the show. I'm a pragmatic person, and I've been in the business for 27 years and I'm not a fool. Personally, I have nothing against Aaron Spelling. I have a great deal of respect for him ... but someone in his office screwed up. I had to do it to protect myself. I had to let people know that it wasn't my fault."

While the lawsuit causes him a great deal of stress, he also has much joy in his life. He loves working on *Santa Barbara* and with the cast of the show. "I have to say I am very happy to be doing *Santa Barbara*, and from what I can gather from my other friends in daytime, this is about one of the nicest sets to work on."

Send your questions to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, P.O. Box 961009, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-1009.