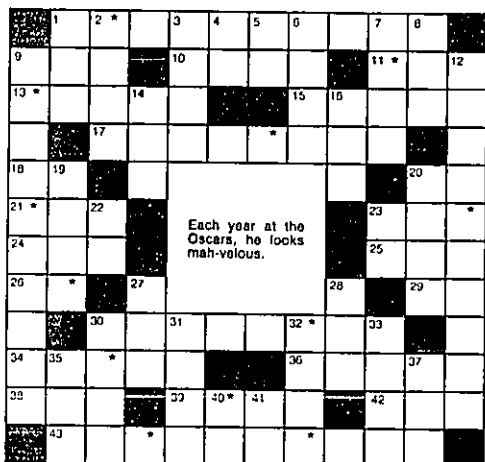


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK



Each year at the
Oscars, he looks
mah-velous.

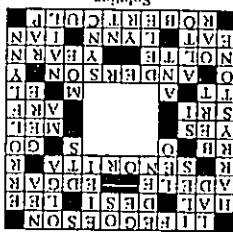
The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

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1. Chad Lowe's series (3)
9. Star of Barney Miller
10. Half of a late funny pair
11. Majors
13. Fred Astaire's sister
15. Ventriloquist Bergen
17. Miss from Madrid
18. Insigne for Perry Mason's portrayer
20. Monopoly board square
21. Out, in New Mexico
23. Dinner eaten on Alice
24. _____ I am
25. Word from Little Orphan Annie's dog
26. Monogram for Jane Fonda's hubby
29. ... C'd, Huston movie
30. Receptionist on WKRP
34. Nick
35. Long
38. Break one's fast
39. Singer Loreta
42. Winter Flamingo
43. Actor on I Spy (2)

20. Actor Richard
22. Out, in Mexico
23. Kettle or Barker
27. Colony resident
28. Name for a stooge
30. Voice range
31. Cross out
32. Out of ... incompatible
33. Tack
35. Word whose homonym has no a
37. Modern music style
40. 6,700 hrs.
41. Sleep time, for most: abbr.

Solution
Billy Crystal

Reader defends
sex on soaps

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: I recently read your response to a letter from a *Days* fan. The fan's name was John Haskins and he was complaining about the sex scenes in soaps.

I'm sorry, but sex sells and it helps the ratings. And it's only a show on television. I wish I could be as naive as Haskins about what goes on in the world, but this stuff happens in real life here in my hometown. —Sharon Cooper, Morehead, Ky.

Dear Reader: Thanks for your comment.

Dear Candace: I love to watch Jack (Matthew Ashford) and Jennifer (Melissa Reeves) on *Days of Our Lives*. I heard that Reeves is pregnant and also that Ashford's wife is pregnant. What I want to know is if they are the same person in real life; are Reeves and Ashford married to each other?

—Tracy K., N.M.

Dear Reader: I can see where you might be a little confused. Reeves is pregnant, but she is married to Scott Reeves (Ryan, *The Young and the Restless*). Their baby was due in June. On the show, Jennifer won't actually have her baby until September.

Dear Candace: I've watched *As the World Turns* since it began 35 years ago. I've never missed an episode. But lately I've been upset about how bad the show has become. I've always enjoyed the scenes with Emma on the farm. It all seemed so real and cozy. It was the best part of the show. I couldn't believe it when Cal went to bed with that crazy Lucinda a while back. I liked the show because it always seemed to have morals, unlike some of the others. But now it is just as bad as the rest of them. I'm 88 years old and I want to see more of the wholesome scenes with Emma on the farm. —Isabelle Pfeiffer, Mauston, Wis.

Dear Reader: What an incredible viewing record! Thank you for your comment.

Dear Candace: I'm writing to ask if Tad Martin is returning to *All My Children*. We miss him. —Elinor Wells, New Braunfels, Texas.

Dear Reader: I wouldn't be surprised to see Michael Knight (Tad) show up in Pine Valley some day soon. For the moment, Knight is busy planning his wedding to actress Catherine Hickland.