

TV CROSSWORD

SOAP WORLD

Readers give
'Loving' responses

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In true soap opera fashion, just when things were getting good on "Loving," ABC brass decided to bring in a new executive producer, Jo Ann Emmerich, replacing Haydee Grainger. Emmerich takes over on Nov. 1, so it will be a while before we see any drastic changes.

A few weeks ago we asked readers to take a look at "Loving" and tell us what they thought. The letters printed below are representative of the mail we received about the show. Here is what some readers had to say:

Dear Candace: I read your column and decided to give "Loving" a try, and now I am hooked. I can't believe I have been missing such a great show. I already have some favorite characters: Trucker, Dinah Lee and Ava. Thanks for turning me on to my new favorite soap. —Debbie D. in Pa.

Dear Candace: I have been watching "Loving" since it began. It is a wonderful, funny soap, with great story lines. I will continue to watch the show for as long as it is on. I only hope it will survive the competition. —Suzie McLean, Lehighton, Pa.

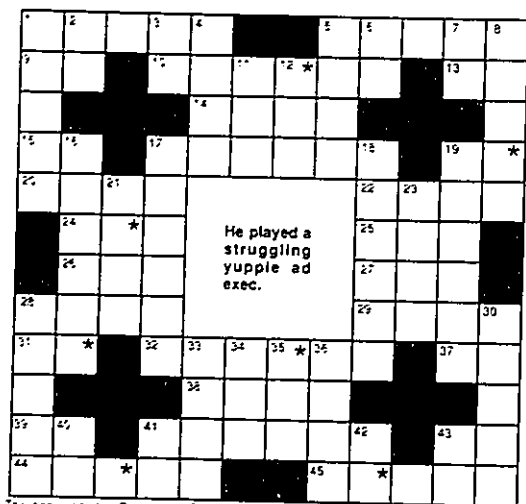
Dear Candace: I have been watching "Loving" since it was first aired and have watched every episode since. The show has vastly improved over the last few months.

The story line with Ava, Jeremy and Alex is funny, a pleasant change from the usual doom and gloom of soaps. I think Ava would make a great Scarlett for "Gone With the Wind."

I am glad Curtis is gone; he added nothing to the show. Shana's and Stacey's characters are much more appealing since the writers have given them a sense of humor. The music is also terrific. Louie was a great loss, and I'm glad they didn't replace his character. —Barbara Fraser, Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Candace: "Loving" is the best soap. It has a great cast. I really miss Louie; he was one of my favorites. My only complaint is that I would like it to be an hour-long show. I haven't missed an episode since I retired. Tell them to keep up the good work. —Mildred Polzer, Clinton, N.J.

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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. Hole in Empty Nest
 5. Brother
 9. Actor in the title of Cecil Hoffmann's series
 10. Coleman
 12. Public prosecutor; abbr.
 14. High ... 1952 Gary Cooper/Kelly film
 15. Monogram for John Boy Walton's portrayer
 17. Our Lives
 19. Initials for an actor turned Carmel mayor
 20. Woody Guthrie's boy
 22. Gardner & namesakes
 24. Zwi + zwi
 25. Delude
 26. Undergarment
 27. Ending for balloon or cartoon
 28. Actress Patricia
 29. Reel backwards
 31. Ron Howard's state of birth; abbr.
 32. Comedy for Moore
 37. Van Johnson's state of birth; abbr.
 38. Bring up
 39. Coffee, Tea or ?
 41. Workplace for Jack on Three's Company
 43. Berlin's initials
 44. Ms. Moorehead
 45. Father of Chastity

7. Linear meas.
8. Evans and others
11. George
12. Words to Hapette
16. Game show host
17. Duck or Trump
18. Matters
19. Actress on
21. 100 centesimos
23. Bud holder
28. Late actress Talmadge
30. Gymnast Cathy
33. Author Leon
34. Start of the name of a U.S. capital
35. Language; abbr.
36. Makes a boner
40. 1st two initials for Robinson
41. My Guest 1965
42. Jerry Lee Lewis film
43. Double goose egg
43. Fashionable



- DOWN**
1. Barton or Bow
 2. Monogram for Alda
 3. Drug liturgy, for short
 4. Ms. Turner
 5. Funny host
 6. Adverb ending