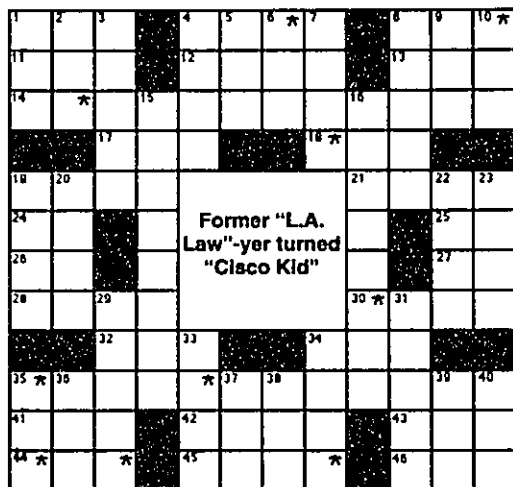


## TV CROSSWORD



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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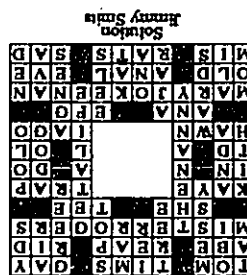
1. Magnum's portrayer
4. Alien and Daly
8. The \_\_\_ Divorcee, 1934 Astaire/Rogers movie
11. Presidential nickname
12. Gather
13. \_\_\_ of, free from
14. Children's show host (2)
17. Word in the title of Angela Lansbury's series
18. Item for Hecklaus
19. Leslie Denny
21. The Parent \_\_\_; 1961 Hayley Mills film
24. Word in the title of Carroll O'Connor's series
25. Let's \_\_\_ It Again! 1975 Potter/Cosby movie
26. Steelers' goal, for short
27. Levant's monogram
28. Laugh-in regular
30. Shakespearean villain
32. Santa \_\_\_, California
35. Hi's forerunners
36. Julie's portrayer on Nurses (3)
41. Dracula, 1974 film
42. Comparison: abba
43. Miss Brooks' portrayer
44. Profit for deed or spell
45. Algernon and his kin
46. Blue

## DOWN

1. Beppie's accessory
2. Bash
3. Like a kid's room, often
4. A \_\_\_ Grows in Brooklyn; 1974 TV remake
5. Suits for boss or bulk
6. Spoil
7. Dick & Jane's pet
8. Ma. Carson
9. Breather's need

## 10. Linear measures: abbr.

15. Series whose main character is named Fran (2)
16. Comedy of the '90s for Chris Elliott (3)
19. Relations
20. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ partridge in a pear tree.
22. \_\_\_ of Flanders
23. 1958 David Ladd film
23. Sport with a mallet
29. Beaver's dad & others
31. Moonhead
33. Unclosed
34. Sargasso Sea dwellers
36. Anni Romano, to Barbara on *One Day at a Time*
36. Ken Norton's nemesis
37. \_\_\_ pedestal, adored
38. Crazy \_\_\_; old cartoon
39. Gardner
40. Beatty



## SOAP WORLD

## Time for Nikki to grow up on 'Y&amp;R'

BY CANDACE HAVENS

Dear Candace: I am a fan of "The Young and the Restless," but I am really getting tired of Nikki Newman Abbott's (Melody Thomas Scott) intrusions into everyone else's lives. Why doesn't she grow up and get a life of her own? She has been divorced from Victor for years, and now all of the sudden she just can't live without him? Why doesn't she do something useful besides causing trouble for Victor and Hope? Victor doesn't want her, and she should just accept that. —J.L. in Idaho

Dear Reader: It is kind of strange how everything has worked out for Nikki on "Y&R." After she came out of her alcoholic daze, she didn't want any men in her life. She told both Victor and Jack to take a hike, and they did. Now both men are involved with someone else, and Nikki doesn't understand why she is suddenly all alone in the world.

The worst part is that she is still pining after her daughter Victoria's (Heather Tom) husband, Cole (J. Eddie Peck). While Nikki has always been a manipulative character, now she is mean and vindictive. To wish harm on your own child is going a bit too far.

And after all of this, what happened to Jed Sanders (Josh Taylor)? It looked like he was going to be Nikki's last hope, but we haven't seen much of him around either.

There doesn't seem to be much continuity with the Nikki character, and the writers need to take a second look at her past. Nikki has overcome a great deal of adversity. Her father molested her, she became a stripper at a very young age, and she married one of the most powerful and difficult men in Genoa City, Victor.

Nikki worked hard after becoming Victor's wife to be the woman that she was expected to be. The one factor that has carried through all of these trying times is that she always cared for her children. They meant the world to her.

It doesn't make sense that she would turn on her daughter the way she has, even though Victoria is a spoiled brat. The Nikki of the past would have loved her children no matter what.

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