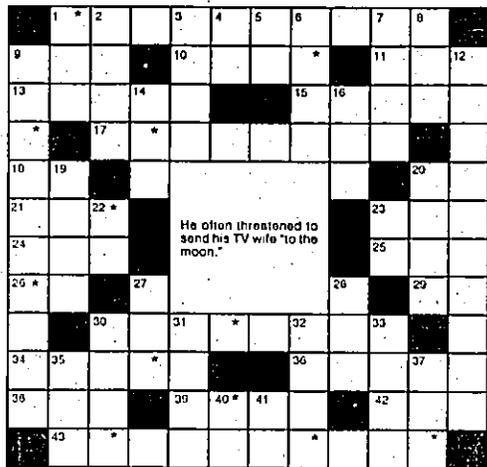


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK



Looking for favorite soaps and stars

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: You're always telling us about the folks on the daytime soaps and I was wondering which ones you like the best. Also, is there a particular show you like more than the other ones? --T.M., Conroe, Texas.

Dear Reader: I try to be as objective as possible about the actors and actresses on the soaps, but I do have a few that I enjoy watching. I've found the people I like the best are the ones who give good performances on a consistent basis. I have to warn you, my favorites are not necessarily the most popular soap stars.

Stephen Schnetzer (who plays Cass Winthrop on *Another World*) is fun to watch and he works hard to make his character interesting for the viewers. He's at his best when paired with Alice Barrett, who plays Frankie Frame.

While Schnetzer is the best good guy, Michael Zaslow (who plays Roger Thorpe on *Guiding Light*) is great at being evil. I liked him on *One Life to Live*, but his character on *GL* was good as it gets.

One Life to Live's Robert S. Woods (the Buchanan) is unassuming as the show's hero, and he portrays his character effortlessly. I hate to see his co-star Jessica Tuck, who plays Megan Gordon, leave the show. *OLTL* was Tuck's first acting job, and she has come a long way in a few years.

But I'd have to say my favorite female on the soaps is Jeanne Cooper (who plays Katherine Chancellor Sterling on *The Young and the Restless*). She can be kind-hearted and loving, or she can be the meanest witch alive, and she can do it all in one scene. She is the greatest. Occasionally she gets stuck in stupid story lines, but she always makes the best of it and gives her all to whatever the writers come up with.

I can't say that I have a favorite soap. My tastes are much like my readers'. If there is a good story line going, then the soap is worth watching; if there isn't, then it's not.

I'd like to invite you all to write in about your favorite soaps and soap stars. We have good interviews set up for this next year and I'd like you to send in questions to ask your favorite star.

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

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. Across on A Different World (2)
 - 9. Indicate ascent
 - 10. Business mgr.
 - 11. Bubble
 - 13. Mother Teresa's unkept land
 - 15. Pre-game event
 - 17. Jessica Fletcher's portrayer
 - 18. Hail a laugh?
 - 20. Word from the bard of hearing
 - 21. *The flowers that bloom in the spring
 - 23. Actress MacGraw
 - 24. Xc quadruplet
 - 25. *Vib 12 Down, Senal (3)
 - 26. Ms. Oyl's insigno
 - 29. Lou Grant's portrayer
 - 30. Soup
 - 34. Hump animal, for short
 - 36. *Hovs fight
 - 38. King
 - 39. Late star of The Royal Family
 - 42. *Suits for volval cr eight
 - 43. Role for Andy Griffin (2)
- DOWN**
- 1. Provost of Laszlo
 - 2. Exive, abbr.
 - 3. Cruel
 - 4. Total # of kids for the Waltons and the Simpsons
 - 5. Dancion: abbr.
 - 6. Light color
 - 7. The ___ American, 1963 Brando film
 - 8. Star of The King and I
 - 9. Comedy with a character named Bull (2)
 - 12. Sno 25 Across
 - 14. Ending for part or tator
 - 16. Original Jeopardy host
 - 19. Woody Guthrie's boy

