

SOAP TALK

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Reader wants 'Days' without Vivian

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: I've been a big fan of *Days of Our Lives* for a long time. I know all about the families and characters and so on. I just want to say that the character of Vivian Alamain should not be a part of it. The actress who plays Vivian is terrible. I don't

understand why she had to come help Lawrence. Could you please explain why she is in Salem and what she is supposed to be doing?

I'd also like to know why, when Carly came to ask Lawrence for help in finding Bo and collapsed, did Vivian want to keep Carly all? —Jody Young, Portland, Ore.

Dear Reader: Louise Sorel must be doing a great job as Vivian if you already dislike her so much. Vivian's sole purpose in life is to wreak havoc in other people's lives. In the coming weeks her devious scheming will ruin the lives of some of your favorite Salemites. Stay tuned.

Dear Candace: I've been watching *Guiding Light* for about 12 years and I love it. I'm so glad Mallet finally showed Harley how he feels about her. I'd also like to see Frank punch out Alan-Michael!

I'd like to know what happened to Mallet's leg. Did he really hurt it? He's been on crutches for a long time now! —Jennifer Compton, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

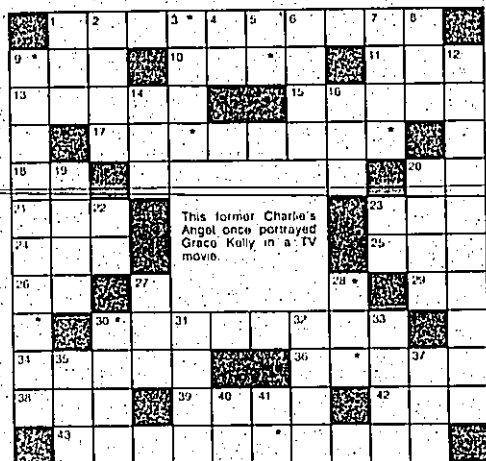
Dear Reader: Mark Derwin (Mallet) really did break his ankle and it required surgery. He is going through physical therapy and will be trading his crutches in for a cane very soon.

Dear Candace: I heard that *Santa Barbara* may be going off the air. Is this true? I hope not. I really like Jack Wagner, who plays Warren. He is a terrific singer. Could you tell me where I could write to him? —Tammy N., Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Reader: It looks like *Santa Barbara* may be headed for soap opera heaven. There are some last ditch efforts going on to save the show, but it doesn't look promising. NBC is already gearing up to bring some new soaps on board.

You can write to Wagner in care of Jack Wagner Fan Club, P.O. Box 1608, St. Louis, Mo., 63188.

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. Drama starring Michael Chiklis (2)

9. Actor's surname

10. Jeopardy host

11. Pumpkin

13. Lick one

15. Attached dwelling

17. Walter

18. Harbinger of action on *The Golden Girls*20. *Blade's* (3) Request, 1987 movie21. Tony's daughter on *Who's the Boss?*23. One of the girls on *Little Women*

24. Get out, alternate

26. Name for a dog

28. Pick a head or tail

29. One on *Knight Rider*

32. Reckoning from show (2)

34. Clean the slate

36. Heavyweight

38. Mr. Men

39. Review a manuscript

42. Name

43. The TV family

DOWN

1. Pick a type of dog

2. Island dance

3. Queen to King

4. Plan from song title

5. One identity

6. 901 years (2)

7. TV manufacture

8. Person's name

9. Comedy for Jonathan Winters (2)

12. Hours

14. Ten-minute

16. Yeager, Disney's first film

19. Greek god

20. Host of a comedy piece of old

22. Professor for Harry on *Empty Nest*23. *Blade's* (3) Request, 1987 movie

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