

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK

'Santa Barbara' tops reader's list

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: By accident, I started watching *Santa Barbara* a few months ago. After 22 years, I was fed up with *Another World*, *Days*, *Young and the Restless* and *Guiding Light*. They all used to be my favorites, but I got so tired of the long, drawn-out tales of changing actors I stopped watching.

I do hope they leave *SB* alone. Honestly, this show has made me forget my own problems. I have laughed and been on the edge of my seat. This is a real show about real problems like abortion, child abuse, spouse abuse, etc. Please tell me what I can do to save the show. —Ann Barnard, Blaine, Tenn.

Dear Reader: *SB* is a wonderful show and has one of the most talented casts on the air. It is more like a theater ensemble rather than a soap. There are actors and actresses who left great jobs on other soaps just to work on *SB*.

Manhattan Lives, the *Days of Our Lives* spin-off, is expected to be picked up by NBC. Diedra Hall (Martina, *Days*) will be a pivotal character on the soap, as will Wayne Northrop (Roman). If the soap is picked up it will take the place of *SB*, which has suffered the fate of terrible time slots and audience erosion.

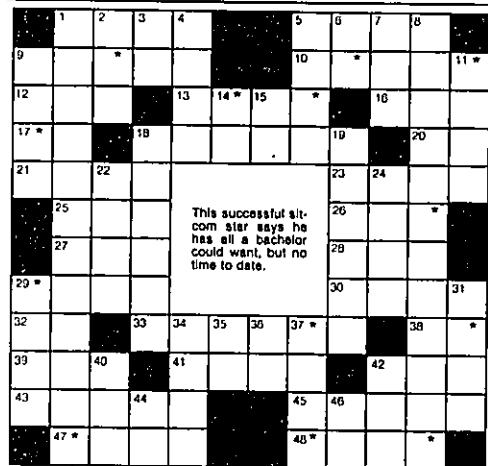
Dear Candace: Who are the gentlemen who play Hugo and Alfred on *All My Children*? They both look very familiar.

I would also like to know if the actor who plays Carter Jones also portrayed Doug Cummings on *As the World Turns*. I used to watch that soap all the time. —T.M., Mich.

Dear Reader: Fritz Weaver portrays Hugo Marrick, Dimitri's father. He appeared in the films *Marathon Man* and *Day of the Dolphin*. Steven Keats plays Alfred Gresham, Edmund's father ... at least we thought he was Edmund's father until recently, when we found out that Edmund and Dimitri were fathered by Marrick. Keating was in the television series *Our Family Honor* and the films *Turk 182* and *Black Sunday*.

John Wesley Shipp (Carter) did indeed portray Doug Cummings. He also appeared on *Santa Barbara* as Martin Ellis and *Guiding Light* as Kelly Nelson.

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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. Fern or Conner
5. Singer of A Boy Named Sue
9. Rigoletto or Lohengrin
10. Frequency
12. Darney Fife's portrayal
13. Fenner
16. Motionists' org.
17. Title for Harry Weston or Cln
18. Hustable: abbr.
19. Type of TV show
20. Initials for Mario's dad
21. ASAP, on Nurses
23. Shakespeare's ... Well That Ends Well
25. Season: abbr.
26. CCLT: clouded
27. So so grade
28. The Brady Bunch's Davis
29. Kirk's portrayal on Dear John
30. ... the Press
32. Prelia for old or told
33. Olive lover?
38. Wind direction: abbr.
39. McKenney & others: abbr.
41. Patient's complaint
42. Mr. Motock
43. ... four
45. ... Without Pay
47. Babe or Butz
48. Barbecue favorites

DOWN

1. ESPN broadcast for batgame fans
2. Suffix for velvet or ogel
3. Glen Campbell's state of birth: abbr.
4. Despicable party member
5. Nib's neighbor
6. Annette's initials
7. Depot: abbr.
8. Cable info channel (2)
9. Likelihood

11. Cole and namesakes
14. Delayed alien
15. Carney's monogram
18. Best Actress of 1962
19. ... Buttery
22. Copycat
24. Whimsy ... ?
29. 21 ... Street
31. Graceland's loc.
34. Promise
35. Mac or DM, familiar
36. "Say what?"
37. Period of time
40. Old actor Irwin
42. Darker
44. Tag game designee
46. Musical note



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