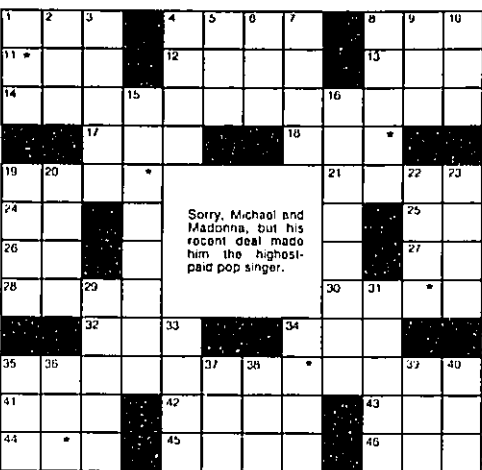


## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## SOAP TALK



## "Oklahoma girls" love their soap

By Candace Havens

Dear Candace: A group of friends of mine and I have enjoyed watching *All My Children* for years. Most of us work during the day, but we tape the show and get together every couple of weeks for an AMC marathon.

We would like to know about the actress who replaced Kate Collins as Natalie. We think she is beautiful. I know this is mean, but we like her better than Collins. Would you please tell us what other shows she has been on? Also, why did Collins leave? We heard she and the actor who plays Trevor didn't get along. — "The Girls" in Oklahoma.

Dear Readers: Melody Anderson stepped into the role of Natalie when Collins decided it was time to move on. Collins felt she had done everything she could with the role. Reportedly, she didn't leave because of problems with James Kiberd (Trevor).

Anderson is best known for her work in the television series *Jake and the Fatman*. She had a recurring role in *St. Elsewhere* and appeared in the cable series *Philip Marlowe* and *The Hitchhiker*.

Anderson is happy to have the role and plans to bring a new perspective to it.

Dear Candace: I began watching *General Hospital* last April because a friend of mine, Frank Runyon, joined the show as Simon Romero. From what I understand, *GH* had been trying to get him on the show for about three years.

Now he is off the show and I don't understand why. Did they get rid of him because of money? I met him a few years ago and have corresponded with him since and I am concerned about his welfare. He treated me so kindly and he is just incredibly nice. Can you please tell me what he is doing now and if he has another job? — Debra Sermons, Greenville, N.C.

Dear Reader: Runyon knew that his story line was a short-term one, so he wasn't really surprised when he received the news. There is the possibility he could return to the show at a later date and he would consider that possibility. He has moved back to his home in Connecticut, but is still interested in pursuing work in L.A.

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. *The Price is Right* host
4. Ms. Fitzgerald
8. Mischievous lot
11. \_\_\_\_\_ *Lonely Place*, 1950 Bogart film
12. Word in the title of Judd Hirsch's series
13. Actress Charlotte
14. Show in which people are caught off guard (2)
17. Prior to
18. Furbid
19. Complicated for fun or shiny
21. "\_\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
24. First word in a soap opera title
25. *Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Hart*
26. Phonoun
27. Indefinite article
28. Colombia's neighbor
30. A \_\_\_\_\_ *Missing Person*, 1972 Eve Arden TV movie
32. Ending for count or poet
34. \_\_\_\_\_ the romantics we watched ...
35. Character on *Cheers* (2)
41. First \_\_\_\_\_
42. Opening
43. Deep
44. \_\_\_\_\_ *Cosby/Culp* show
45. Hubbies for Mame and Tina, once
46. Liz Taylor's birthplace: abbr.

## DOWN

1. Pen name?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *Clear Day*
3. Causes of distress
4. Actress Adams
5. \_\_\_\_\_ *Three Lives*
6. Varnish ingredient
7. One from the Midast
8. Castle or Dunno
9. Run

10. Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ character on *Popeye*
15. Dog on *Empty Nest*
16. Series for Richard Dean Anderson
19. Freeway entrance
20. "Compendio" (2)
22. Anyone with a lead role
23. Co-star with Kluge in *The Old Guard*
29. Prepared
31. Wipe out
33. "Out" out" in 28 Across
34. Months: abbr.
35. Helix of the scale
36. Actor Tom
37. Club member
38. Cavar
39. Fictional Drew, for short
40. Cake ingredient

