

TV CROSSWORD

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Davidson loves new role on 'Days'

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Viewers loved her as Ashley on "The Young and the Restless" and Kelly on "Santa Barbara," and now they can see popular daytime actress Eileen Davidson as Kristen on "Days of Our Lives."

"It all happened out of the blue," says Davidson. "One Tuesday my agent called and said 'Days' wanted me to start on Thursday. There was no audition, no interview, it was great. The people here are wonderful."

Davidson's character interacts most closely with John Black, who's portrayed by Drake Hogestyn. The actress didn't have an opportunity to make a screen test with Hogestyn before her first day of work, but she says it didn't really matter. "I love Drake," Davidson says. "He's funny and very professional, and he knows everything about everything. It's like I'm getting an education every day. He knows all about science, animals, gardening and baseball. He has more stories ... every day is like a new adventure. He's amazing."

For her own part, Davidson surprised fans and fellow actors when she walked away from the popular role of Ashley on "Y&R," but she says it was something she had to do.

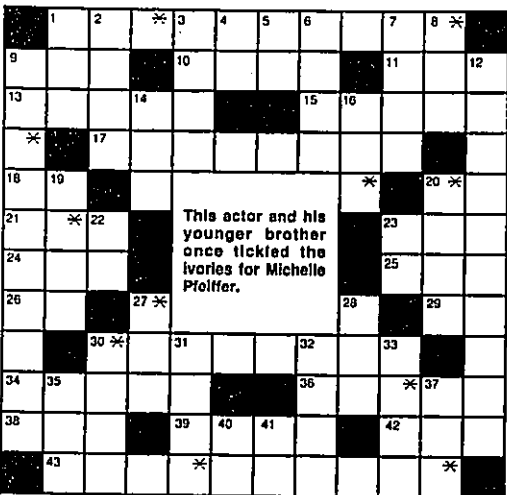
"I started on 'Y&R' when I was 22, and I was feeling stifled after six-and-a-half years," says the actress. "At the time I needed to do something different, even if it was nothing. I did worry that I might never work again."

"I needed to face certain things in my life about who I am and what really makes me happy. I've done that in the last four years, and it has been a learning experience that is priceless."

"Now I've done prime time and movies, and I'm more appreciative of the daytime [television scene]. A Martinez ('SB', 'L.A. Law') and I have talked about this a lot, and you get so much more out of daytime than the other mediums."

"This character has so many levels, and there are more dimensions to her than what I've done in the past. Kristen is interesting and challenging. We'll have to see how things go."

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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. Helen Hunt's co-star (2)
- 9. Prefix for angle or cycle
- 10. Jamie Farr's birthplace
- 11. ___ Mahal
- 13. ___ Daily, long-running Broadway play
- 15. "The Gem State"
- 17. Homer and Marge
- 18. Initials for Rob Reiner's dad
- 20. Monogram for one who plays a cartoonist
- 21. ___ (the ramparts...)
- 23. Word in the title of Susan Day's songs
- 24. Character on *Afco*
- 25. Clay, today
- 26. Abbr. for Harry Weston or Cliff Huxtable
- 29. Cl x V
- 30. Star of *Almost Home*
- 34. Role for Harry Anderson
- 36. Word in the title of Monahan's songs
- 38. Layer
- 39. Dillon of *GunsMoke*
- 42. Not-so-popular govt. agcy.
- 43. Actress on *Designing Women* (2)

- 14. Diamond ___; Mae West play
- 16. Genetic material: abbr.
- 19. Polly MacGills's portrayor
- 20. Like Kojak
- 22. Loppa's monogram
- 23. Bob Barker's state of birth: abbr.
- 27. Have ___ Will Travel
- 28. Middle: abbr.
- 30. Former European capital
- 31. Do-la connection (2)
- 32. Oz visitor
- 33. Upward-moving tide
- 35. Deborah Kerr movie
- 37. Words for the hesitant
- 40. Start of a vowel list
- 41. Insigne for Poston

DOWN

- 1. Prefix for view or pay
- 2. Is under the weather
- 3. Weaving device
- 4. Rock's insigna
- 5. ... had a farm, ...
- 6. 983 years ago
- 7. Greek letters
- 8. Stadium cry
- 9. Series for Michael Chiklis (2)
- 12. One with a talk show (2)

