

TV CROSSWORD

SOAP WORLD

Barbara Crampton shines as new Mindy

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There is a trend this year with West Coast actresses moving to the East Coast to accept soap roles. Colleen Dion (Brett, "Another World") and Glynnis O'Connor (Margo, "As the World Turns") were among the first to make the move, and now Barbara Crampton has joined them as the new Mindy Lewis on "Guiding Light."

Crampton turned down the opportunity to take a screen test for the part last year when Kimberly Simms vacated the role. Ann Hamilton was cast in the role and life went on, until Crampton saw Jill Farren Phelps and told the executive producer she had changed her mind. Phelps told Crampton the role was hers, if she wanted it. No screen test, no audition — goodbye Hamilton.

"I turned down the role because I didn't want to move to New York," says Crampton. "I don't know what I was thinking. Even though I was raised on the East Coast (Vermont), I had lived in Los Angeles for the last 10 years and had really gotten used to that laid-back way of life. I didn't think I would be happy in New York. Boy, was I wrong! I am so happy here, I don't care if I ever go back."

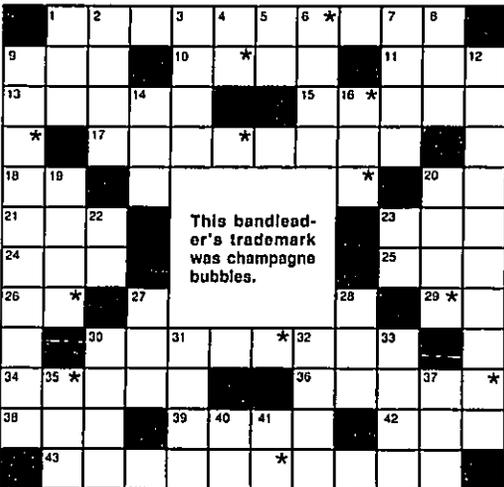
Crampton has been accepted by critics and fans alike for her portrayal of Mindy, and that fact pleases the actress immensely. "The writers are making Mindy a stronger person," she says. "For the last 10 years the character has been kind of a spoiled brat. She came from a rich family and had a great deal of personal problems. Now she has her own successful design business and the confidence and maturity that goes along with that kind of responsibility."

The big question is will Nick (Vincent Izzary) and Mindy ever get back together? "Mindy has made a decision that Nick is her man. They have always had this thing together. I think the writers are going to put the characters together for a while."

Fans of "The Young and the Restless" may remember Crampton as the vivacious Leanna Love. The actress has also portrayed Trista Evans on "Days of Our Lives" and has starred in several feature films.

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This bandleader's trademark was champagne bubbles.



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**
- Julia ___; *Designing Women* role
 - Tub
 - CXXXI times V
 - Ms. Mason, to friends
 - Refrigerator maker
 - Actress Verdugo
 - Matthew Perry's series (2)
 - Continent: abbr.
 - Rue McClanahan's state of birth: abbr.
 - ___ of Love, 1990 Ron Howard TV movie
 - Limb
 - The ___; rock group
 - Mr. Davis
 - ___ *Laughed Last*, 1956 Frankie Laine film
 - French article
 - Word in the title of Marlon Ross' series
 - F
 - Fred Astaire's sister
 - Lengthy period
 - Blonde sister and her namesakes
 - Jim-Bob Walton's brother
 - One who used to play Suzanne Pleshette's hubby (2)
- DOWN**
- Scott Bakula's role
 - Marie Osmond's birthplace
 - Wylie of *Picket Fences*
 - Cup's initials
 - Monogram for the Cowardly Lion's portrayer
 - Declare
 - Fence's sword
 - They ___ *For Their Lives*; 1969 John Payne film
 - Game show
 - Personality (2)
 - Host of *Wanna Be!* (2)
 - Here and ___
 - Mr. Ayres
 - Word with head or heart
 - Roberts
 - Hart-Hart* connector
 - Early hours, for short
 - Major leaguer
 - Actress Charisse
 - Singer turned mayor
 - Opposite of close
 - Facial hair
 - Nick Nolte's state of birth: abbr.
 - Mike Stivic's portrayer
 - ___ *It Began*; 70 Bonafide film
 - Day; 5/8/45
 - Stuuck's forerunner

