SOAP WORLD

Improvements made on 'Another World'

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It was a year ago when the NBC soap "Santa Barbara" was taken off the air, and it was rumored that "Another World" would soon follow. NBC and Proctor & Gamble were quick to defend "AW" and its position in the NBC daytime lineup.

Executives at both NBC and P&G said the rumors were unfounded and they would do everything in their power to make "AW" succeed. While "AW" is still a cellar-dweller in the ratings, it is no longer because the quality of the show.

In fact, "AW" is arguably one of the best soaps on daytime television. Viewers would be hard-pressed to find more powerful scenes than those played by Linda Dano (Felicia).

Dano's realistic portrayal of Felicia's troubles with alcoholism was positively heart-wrenching. It is no wonder Dano won an Emmy for her performance.

But Dano is only one of the many actors who make up this ensemble cast. There is the wonderful Charles Keating, who portrays the always manipulative and sometimes evil Carl. Victoria Wyndam (Rachel) has finally been given a story line she deserves (the break with the Cory empire and children), and she has done wonders with it.

The list of talented cast members goes on, but it doesn't end there. The story lines have improved dramatically this past year. The characters have more depth and are much more interesting to watch than in the past.

Of course no show is perfect, and "AW" does have a tendency to draw out the stories too long. There are several actors who are terribly underused, but this happens with such a large cast. "AW" doesn't always seem to be aware of its strength.

Terri Guarnieri recently joined "AW" as the executive producer. Guarnieri has an extensive background in accounting, and it will be interesting to see if she scales down the show to make it more profitable or brings a new creative edge to the program.

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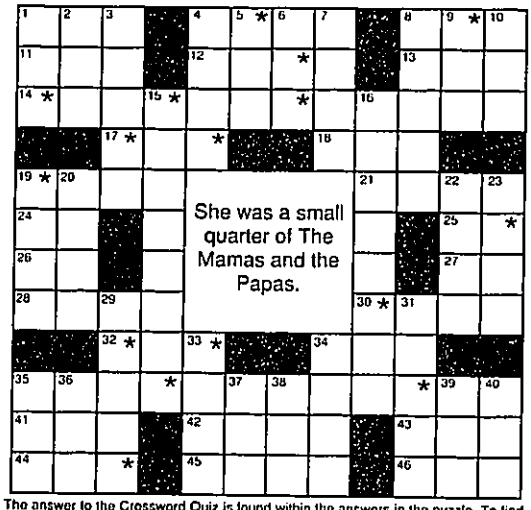
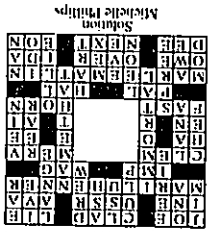
TV CROSSWORD



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. Daly's role on *Wings*
4. Dressed
8. Be less than honest
11. Ending for Paul or Max
12. Yakov Smirnoff's birthplace: abbr.
13. *Evening Shade* role
14. Portrayer of 13 Across (2)
17. Mischievous child
18. Comedian; joker
19. One of Skelton's roles
21. *Mr. Griffin*
24. Laughter's syllable
25. Initials for Estevez
26. Suffix for soft or silk
27. Initials for Laura's brother on *Little House on the Prairie*
28. __ *Friends*; 1979 TV movie
30. Dinah's instrument?
32. Buddy
34. Barney Miller's star
35. Actress on *Reasonable Doubts* (2)
41. Have obligations
42. *The __-the-Hill Gang*; 1969 TV movie
43. __ Lupino
44. B. Williams middle name
45. Bank teller's word
46. Long, long time

DOWN
1. Kimbrough's role on *Murphy Brown*
2. *Out __ __ Limb*; 1987 TV movie
3. __, *Indiana*; '91 series
4. Actor Robert
5. Baton Rouge Univ.
6. Shade tree
7. __ Barrymore
8. Hope or Jessica
9. __ *Got a Secret*
10. Word with ring or wax
15. *The __* ;1970-71 show
16. __ __ *Tune*
19. Position for Cheech on *The Golden Palace*
20. Turner
22. __ *Window*; 1954 Hitchcock thriller
23. Blood carrier
29. Fling
31. Hardy, to Stan
33. Uris or Spinks
34. Last name for Wagner & Powers on their series
35. *The __ Squad* (1968-73)
36. Reverent wonder
37. Star of *Our Miss Brooks*
38. Ricardo Montalban's birthplace: abbr.
39. Wedding words (2)
40. Mrs. Reagan, for short

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