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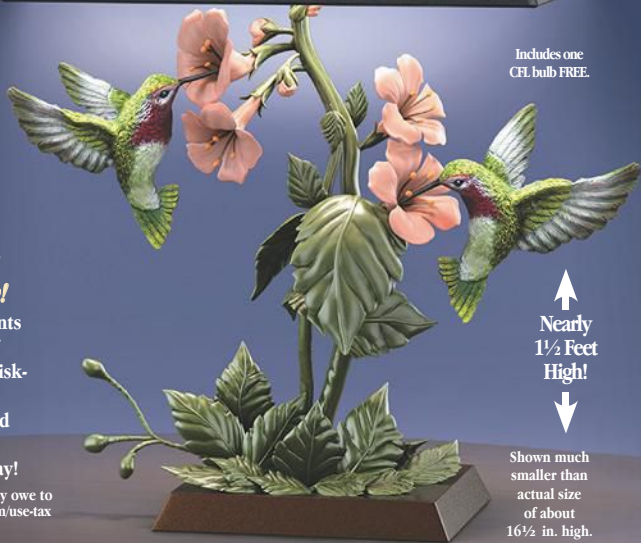
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DAYS: NADIA BJORLIN ON BREAK

Chloe leaves town on January 19, which marks the beginning of Nadia Bjorlin's maternity leave. The actress, who gave birth to a second son, Viggo, on September 1, reports that her absence will be brief.

"He was born September 1 and I went back to work September 25," she shares. "It was a three-week turnaround." Because of *DAYS*'s production schedule — the show shoots five months in advance of air — Bjorlin had to guesstimate last summer when her son would be born. "I had to give them a date back in July. It was an approximation but then Viggo was a bit late. It was like, 'Come on, Baby. Any day now. Mom's gotta get back to work.' But it's okay. I felt fine. Also, the way the schedule is, you're not really there every day. Even my first week back, I worked one day and it was actually good because I was eased back into it. It was also nice to have somewhere to go to feel like a human being again and have a reason to shower and get dressed."

Bjorlin points out that Chloe



was in and out of Salem so often, it didn't seem like a big shift for her. "I felt like I kept leaving. That was sort of the joke," she says. "I would get a script and be like, 'Oh, I'm going to New York. I'm going to Vienna.' But I also felt fortunate. Because I didn't work that much, it gave me time to be home with [first-born] Torin [20 months] and enjoy being pregnant. I really enjoyed being pregnant. I was a good pregnant person. I didn't get sick. I felt good. I loved dressing for it. I loved having a big old belly. It was kind of fun. The second time around, because the turnaround was so quick, I was definitely more tired and everything was hurting more than the first time around, but I was fine."

Having two boys under 2 "is still surreal," she admits. "It's

Kyler Pettis Out At DAYS



HOWARD WISE/UP!

■ January 17 marks Kyler Pettis's last day in Salem as Theo leaves town to get treatment. The actor's on-screen sister, Sal Stowers (Lani), was very sad to see him go.

"Lani and Theo built a very close bond and in real life, I adore Kyler so much," she shares. "We started at the same time and I watched him kind of grow up a little bit. He was just always so pleasant to work with. We look like a real brother and sister, which is crazy, and we got along so well, which made it really easy to work with him. I remember our first episode together. Even though we both didn't know what we were doing because we were still so new on the show, it was just a really sweet, innocent scene, two characters finding their love for each other because they just found out they're brother and sister. So we kind of grew together on the show and off the show."

Filming his final scenes, she reports, was "devastating. I couldn't even look at him without crying. It broke my heart; I didn't want him to go. I wanted him still here, so it was hard both for Lani and myself to deal with that."

Stowers and Pettis have kept in touch since he wrapped filming five months ago. "This was one of his first jobs and he's still

"It broke my heart; I didn't want him to go."

new and I just want him to know that I'm here for him and I like checking in on him and making sure he's good," Stowers explains. "You meet so many people in this industry and you work with so many people and it's really important that you stay connected and you grow a love and a friendship. I have that same relationship with James [Reynolds, Abe]. I was just talking to him in his dressing room and I really look at him like a father figure. Lani and Abe have such a good father/daughter relationship and it kind of goes off camera, as well. He makes me cry in all my scenes. He's just so wonderful."

Stowers feels the real-life bond that the Carver family formed was key to its success on-screen. "You don't want to feel like you're acting playing with your brother or your father; you want it to feel like, 'This is my father, this is my brother, you are in my life and I love you and we share something deep together,'" she says.

so weird that I have children. Not child, but children. My sons. It feels really grown-up. Second time around you feel way more confident, like, 'Okay, I got this.' It's not *as* scary and daunting; you just kind of do it. It's a life-changer but it's incredible. You kind of realize what life is really all about. All

the things you thought were important are so not important. It's great."

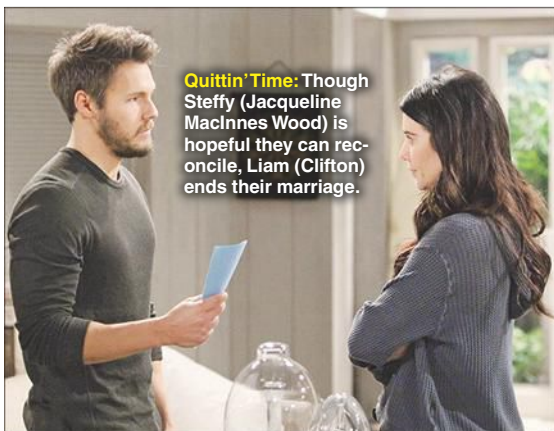
Before Chloe heads out of Salem, Lucas asks her on a date. "I remember being like, 'That's interesting. I didn't think they would go there,'" Bjorlin recalls. And she appreciates how the writers have woven her

alter ego into the canvas. "I think because I've been so pregnant for so long, they're like, 'What are we going to do with her?' They've been giving me these friendships, and Chloe has been working on those friendships, as opposed to having a lot of emotional drama. So that's kind of been a nice change."

B&B: LIAM DUMPS STEFFY!

■ Steffy desperately struggles to convince Liam that they can overcome the latest obstacle in their marriage. “This whole situation is just insult, and injury, and any other ‘I’ word I can come up with,” chuckles portrayed Scott Clifton. “At this moment, her pleas are falling on deaf ears. If Liam ever has it in him to forgive Steffy, it is not going to be now. It’s not going to be while he’s still processing this devastating information.”

The fact that Steffy is expecting makes things even harder. “It’s a bigger decision than either of them because of the fact that she’s pregnant and they have a baby coming,” sighs Clifton. “They’re going to have a biological son or daughter who is going to have to be cared for in some way or another. The one thing that Liam wanted to give this child is what he never had growing up, which was a home with two loving, caring, biological parents living together under the same roof. Liam never had that. Neither did Wyatt. Neither



Quittin' Time: Though Steffy (Jacqueline MaclInnes Wood) is hopeful they can reconcile, Liam (Clifton) ends their marriage.

HOWARD WISE/UP!

does Will, for that matter. Bill certainly didn't have a good relationship with his father, and Liam always believed he was the prodigal Spencer son who was going to turn all that around. He was the Spencer who was going to break the curse.”

“He just can't do this anymore.”

That said, Liam makes his decision: He takes off his wedding ring and hands Steffy annulment papers. “That just shows you the depth of the hurt and betrayal that Liam’s feeling right now,” Clifton continues. “The fact that Liam is taking off his wedding ring and saying, ‘I can’t do this,’ just proves that he is so far past the point of no return that he can’t even suck it up in order

to give his child what he, himself, always wanted. It’s just a sad situation.”

But not one that the couple hasn’t been in before: They had annulment papers drawn up in 2012, but reconciled and tore them up in Aspen. Clifton warns not to expect a happy ending this time. “Him taking off his ring and serving the annulment papers is his way of admitting defeat,” the actor points out. “He is not the knight in shining armor that he thought he was, and he can’t always see the goodness in everyone, which he constantly tries to do. It’s a very self-revelatory moment for Liam, where I think he comes to recognize that for as much as a hero complex that he has, he’s only human and he just can’t do this anymore.”

Y&R'S CANE AND LILY REUNITE

Victoria sends Abby and Lily to Paris on business, and Cane is bummed that he didn't have the chance to say good-bye to his estranged wife before she left. Billy, not exactly Cane's biggest fan, offers some surprising advice. "Billy suggests that Cane go after Lily," says Daniel Goddard (Cane). "Billy genuinely sees that the relationship Cane and Lily have is something that can be saved. I think Billy feels that way because he has gone through similar situations with Phyllis and Victoria."

Because things are going okay at Chancellor Industries, Cane is willing to consider leaving the country. "Cane and Billy have found this common ground at Chancellor and they actually make a good team," notes Goddard. "They're both on the same page for once. Cane is in a good place, which is why he ultimately changes his mind. He then tells Billy and J.T. that he's going to Paris, after all."

When Cane informs the twins that he's heading out of town, Mattie quickly deduces that her dad is planning a trip to Paris.



Stating His Case: Cane's (Goddard) grand gesture wins back Lily's (Christel Khalil) heart.

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While Charlie is optimistic about the outcome of the journey, Mattie fears that more turmoil is headed their way. "Cane wants to give them the hope that their family can be brought back together," Goddard explains. "He knows that

"Paris is such a special city for them."

deep down inside that his daughter wants her mom and dad to be together but at the same time, Mattie is hurt over what happened with Juliet and it's going to take time for her to get over it."

Cane takes off, then arrives in Paris, but has trouble tracking down Lily. "It's kind of cute," Goddard smiles. "They

come close a few times, but they keep missing each other. Finally, he calls Victoria because she would know Lily's schedule. Cane tells Victoria that he's done everything he can but he asks for her help. She seems to understand what's at stake, so it's a nice, humanizing moment between Cane and Victoria, as well."

After finding out the locale of Lily's modeling shoot, Cane heads over, hoping his efforts will make a big impression on Lily. "Paris is such a special city for them, so once they're finally in the same place together, will they feel the magic again and get back together?"

The answer is yes, which leads to a very romantic reunion.

GH PREVIEW: ALL ABOUT AVA

■ On January 17, GH will air a special episode focused on Ava as she undergoes surgery to heal her remaining facial scars.

When Co-Head Writers Shelly Altman and Chris Van Etten shared their concept with Nathan Varni, ABC's manager of current series, "I thought it was an interesting idea to do virtually a stand-alone episode that is all about Ava and her past," he says. "It's a break from the day in and day out of multiple stories about the citizens of Port Charles, and Maura [West, Ava] can do absolutely anything; she's amazing and her talent is so incredible that I knew she could pull off something like this."

As for what viewers can expect from the hour, Varni teases, "It's not necessarily 100 percent a redemption story, but there's a lot for Ava to think about. She has really done so many people wrong over the past years. There is some [present-day] reality in the episode, but it sticks a little bit to what happens to Ava once she goes under anesthesia," and characters from the show's past could well pop up. "Anything and anybody can show up in this special



Dream Girl: GH's Ava (Maura West, r.)-centric episode will also feature Griffin (Matt Cohen) and Kiki (Hayley Erin).

XI JOHNSON/JUPITER

episode," Varni nods.

The script was written by Dan O'Connor, who Varni praises for his "ability to tell stories in a captivating and gratifying way. He is amazing at these types of episodes; he also wrote the Luke flashback episode three years ago. The script is really great, really

"Anything and anybody can show up in this special episode."

emotional. From the minute the show starts, it really sucks you in. You feel for the people that she has wronged and you feel for Ava. We shot it right before Christmas and the scenes I saw being done were so fantastic — and of course, Maura kicks it out of the park. I think it's going to be a

really special episode for all GH fans, whether you love Ava or hate Ava."

According to Varni, the show also intends to flesh out what drew pious Griffin to Ava in the first place. "The writers and Frank [Valentini, executive producer] and I have had big discussions about, 'What makes him fall for someone like Ava? What is it about Ava that he sparks to? What is Griffin's POV and when do we get to see that?' I think a regular human being would just give Ava a hard pass because she has had such a rocky past. This isn't an episode that will cement that relationship one way or another, but it's going to be an interesting story to unfold, getting into the head of Griffin. We will be exploring that in the months ahead."

DAYS: LANI MAKES A LIFE- CHANGING DECISION

■ Lani suspects that the baby is most likely Eli's and wants to terminate, but a clueless JJ thinks he's the father and implores her to keep it. "She hasn't even been able to process for herself that she's pregnant and she's not making decisions for herself," explains Sal Stowers (Lani). "She's making decisions basically for JJ."

JJ takes her to his grandparents' plaque in Horton Square and says that he wants to have a love and family like Alice and Tom did. He promises to treat Lani and their baby right. "He's saying everything she needs to hear, but she's still not sure if this is his baby," sighs Stowers. "She wants it to be his baby, so she's battling with that. She also doesn't want to break him at all, so it's like she's walking on eggshells. If she tells JJ that she slept with Eli, that could ruin things, and now that she's pregnant, that's a whole other can of worms that she has to deal with with him. She's too afraid



Pop Secret: Lani (Stowers, r.) confides in Kayla (Mary Beth Evans).

XJ JOHNSON/JPI

to tell him the truth because she doesn't know if he can handle the truth."

Lani and JJ run into Gabi and Eli, and once Lani sees how happy they are, she decides to commit to a future with JJ and the baby. "She kind of goes into this place of where she is so in love with JJ and this is what she wants," says the actress. "This is where her heart is at. So she's

"Lani is still in such denial."

like, 'You know what? The timing isn't that far off; I can just pass the baby off as JJ's. And it will be fine.'"

Lani visits Kayla at the hospital, comes clean about her daddy dilemma and shares her decision to let JJ believe it's his. Kayla warns Lani about the long-term consequences if her lie is ever discovered. "Kayla talks about how Eli is biracial and Lani is not, so there is this little problem: The

baby is going to be black. But Lani is still in such denial that she's like, 'Well, we're both on the lighter side so maybe we'll have a lighter baby and he'll never know,' which is possible. It could happen. So she goes down that route and she truly starts to believe her lie. You can't tell her anything different. She is going to do this with JJ. She doesn't care what it does to anyone else."

JJ shares the happy news with Theo, and Abe overhears, as well. "After her dad hears and JJ also tells Theo, she's stuck," notes Stowers. "She knows she can't terminate it now. Everyone's excited. At first, her father's reaction is, 'This is not the way I wanted my daughter to get pregnant,' but he's happy for her. And he wants the best. But now she's in a deeper hole because she's lying to her family and you can only imagine what that does to a person. When you have a lie so dark, where do you go?"

EARLY EDITIONS!

A preview of next week's stories.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

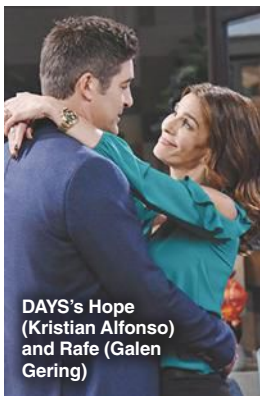
■ Furious upon learning of Bill's night with Steffy, Ridge confronts Bill, accusing him of taking advantage of his daughter.

■ Liam finds comfort in Hope's presence as she fills him in on how she's changed during her time in Europe.



B&B's Bill (Don Diamont, l.) and Ridge (Thorsten Kaye)

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DAYS's Hope (Kristian Alfonso) and Rafe (Galen Gering)

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

■ Hope and Rafe set a wedding date.

■ A shocking death rocks Salem.

■ Sonny comes home from London.

■ Paul has a new neighbor at the Martin House.



GH's Ned (Wally Kurth)

CHRIS D'UPEL

GENERAL HOSPITAL

■ Ned feels confident.

■ Jason receives a visit from an old friend.

■ Anna has nothing to offer.

■ Kiki is betrayed.

■ Peter gets in the way.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

■ Ashley receives a surprising offer.

■ Mariah stands her ground.

■ J.T. keeps a secret.

■ Phyllis plots to help Hilary.



Y&R's Phyllis (Gina Tognoni, r.) and Hilary (Michael Morgan)

Quick Take

with **Emme Rylan**
(Lulu, GH)



It's been so much fun to see Lulu interacting with Maxie more. "I love

it, too! We got to wear Hazmat suits and on top of that, we ended up in jail? In jail in Hazmat suits — what could be more fun? That whole thing reminded me of when Lulu and Maxie went to the ob/gyn's office and she was pretending to need an exam so that we could get Charlotte's birth records, and that was so fun. I loved that; Kirsten [Storms, Maxie] and I both did."

Did the two of you have trouble getting through those scenes without giggling? "In the Hazmat suits, yes! I didn't have trouble with the ob/gyn scenes because I was throwing up at the time, when I was pregnant with Dakota. That was super-fun for me."

A lot of fans are loving Lulu's new career as a reporter. "I'm really excited about it. I've been working a lot and I am really liking the story. I think this career choice is really well-suited for her because [it comes with] a sense of adventure and danger. That's a side of Lulu that we haven't seen in a really long time. The idea of helping people and maybe catching Faison, and also the

danger of going after him — I think she's found something that feels like this is what she's supposed to be doing, which is huge."

And not entirely comfortable for Dante. "Yeah,

which Lulu understands, but at the same time, her feeling is, 'You're a cop. I love you and I'm scared every time you walk out the door.' She's not trying to terrorize him or be like, 'I can do whatever I want!' It's more like, 'You're a cop, you're great at it, and I think I'm really good at this [career].' "

What are your first impressions of Wes Ramsey (Peter)? "Great! I haven't worked with him a ton, just a couple of days, but I love when someone new comes on the show — not new to the industry, but new to our show. Whenever we get a new character, I think, since most of us have been playing these same

characters for years, part of the struggle is trying to fight against getting lazy, losing that fire you have when you're walking into a new job. You have to try to keep it fresh and new for yourself and when someone new comes in, it gives a surge of that energy. And he's great, super-professional, knows all his lines, and really fun. We're all really liking working with him. Love it."

RATINGS RACE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

The numbers listed after each show are ratings points. Each ratings point represents 1,196,000 homes. These numbers now reflect DVR playback within the same day.

- **YOUNG AND RESTLESS 3.1**
- **BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL 2.5**
- **GENERAL HOSPITAL 1.9**
- **DAYS OF OUR LIVES 1.7**

NIELSEN MEDIA RESEARCH



Bethany and Matthew appear on GREY'S ANATOMY.

Comings and Goings

the latest cast changes

who's coming

GENERAL HOSPITAL Greg Evigan (Jim Harvey):

The actor, best known for prime-time series like B.J. AND THE BEAR and MY TWO DADS, debuted on January 9 as Charles Street's would-be real estate developer. He is the father of Vanessa Evigan, who played Y&R's Brittany from 1999-2000.



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GREY'S ANATOMY

Bethany Joy Lenz (Jenny): The GUIDING LIGHT alum (ex-Michelle) guest-stars on the series on January 18.

Matthew Morrison (Paul Stadler): The former AS

THE WORLD TURNS actor (ex-Adam) is back on January 18 as Jo's (Camilla Luddington) abusive ex.

who's going

DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Nadia Bjorlin (Chloe Lane): The actress will take a short break for her maternity leave, beginning on January 19. See page 4 for more.

PRIME-TIME PREVIEW!

Here's a look at where you can find soap alums as TV's mid-season kicks off:

Now that The CW has given DYNASTY a full, 22-episode season order, expect even more sudsy goodness. With the announcement of **Nicollette Sheridan** (ex-Paige, KNOTS LANDING; ex-Edie, DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES) joining the cast in the iconic role of Alexis, **Elizabeth Gillies**

(Fallon) predicts lots of mother/daughter clashes in the future. "Fallon is as feisty as ever and I think we'll see that she has a bit more Alexis in her than the original Fallon," notes the actress. Also, expect to see more Colbys in the coming weeks and Steven's slide from earnest activist to recovering addict will take greater precedence.

B&B alum **Kim Matula** (ex-Hope, I.) is already flying high



STEVEN BERGMAN

ONE LIFE Alum Meets Bruce Springsteen

■ **Eddie Alderson** (ex-Matthew, ONE LIFE TO LIVE), who has been very public with his battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma, saw *Springsteen on Broadway* over the holidays and tweeted The Boss, a.k.a. **Bruce Springsteen**, for a very special favor. "Hey @springsteen! 'No Surrender' has been my motto and go-to song throughout my current fight against Cancer. I'm seeing your #BruceOnBroadway show Dec. 27, and would LOVE to get you to write No Surrender on my arm, for my first tattoo! Thank you for being my inspiration!" Alderson posted. His former co-stars added their support and pleas to the singer on social media. **Renée Elise Goldsberry** (ex-Evangeline) tweeted, "Thank you @Eddie_Alderson for inspiring me since our days on #OLTL! I stand with u! #NoSurrender @springsteen!" **Melissa Fumero** (ex-Adriana) wrote, "Eddie, you're the best and you inspire me with your strength and bravery! Please, @springsteen give my friend the Xmas present he deserves. Sign his arm!! #nosurrender." **Josh Kelly** (ex-Cutter) added, "When I grow up I wanna be @Eddie_Alderson ... just my thoughts for the day. #NoSurrender ... oh and @springsteen ... please sign his arm." After the show, The Boss indeed signed Alderson's arm and Alderson posted the video of their meeting on social media, enthusing, "Well guys...here is THE moment. It happened. I couldn't be more amazed by how kind and generous @springsteen was. Thank you all for helping this dream become reality. Truly a night I will treasure forever." The next day, he had the "No Surrender" tattoo inked on his arm.



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Melissa takes a baby break from Y&R.

Kyler Pettis (Theo Carver): Pettis, who joined the show in 2015, last airs on January 17. See page 5 for more.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Melissa Ordway (Abby Newman): Abby heads to Paris and will be off the canvas — save for a pre-taped phone call here and there — while Ordway is on maternity leave. The actress welcomed daughter **Sophie** on December 9.

on Fox's new sitcom, **LA TO VEGAS**, which premiered on January 2. Matula says she has always wanted to do comedy. "I loved when we could sneak in those comedic moments," she recalls of her **B&B** tenure as drama queen Hope. "Those moments didn't come all that often, but when they did, we always made the most of it."

GH alum **Ricky Martin** (ex-Miguel) returns to his dramatic



ORLANDO GARCIA/JPI

roots in **THE ASSASSINATION OF GIANNI VERSACE: AMERICAN CRIME STORY**, which debuts on FX on January 17. "I'm very happy to be able to live this," says Martin of his role as Versace's lover, Antonio D'Amico. "It affected me in a very personal way, and I love it."

GUIDING LIGHT fave **Melina Kanakaredes** (ex-Eleni) stars as Dr. Lane Hunter in the new medical drama **THE RESIDENT**, debuting on Fox on January 21.

Hot Plots Pr

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Gabi And Eli Make Love

Gabi and Eli celebrate the success of Gabi Chic. He suggests they take their relationship to the next level, and they make love. “I think with JJ and Chad, she fell head over heels pretty quickly and there was just a strong, strong connection, whereas with Eli, even from the beginning, it’s been pretty open and honest and fun,” observes Camila Banus (Gabi). “Now, Gabi wants to spend time with him. He makes her forget about other things and it’s the kind of relationship that you want, that just takes you away from everything that’s bad in your world.”

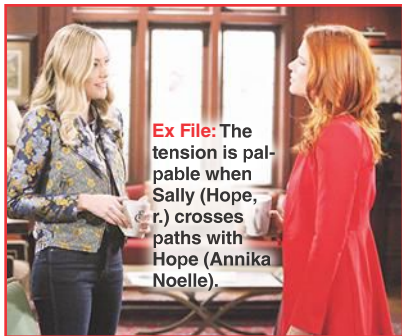
The next morning, Gabi finds an earring on the floor of Eli’s room, which he reveals to be Lani’s. “He mentions that it’s Lani’s and that she dropped it when she was there talking to him about something,” says Banus. “And she trusts him and she opens her heart to that response and believes him and just hopes that he’s telling the truth.”

Gabi’s world comes crashing down by week’s end, however, when Andre fires her from DiMera.



Sheet Stirrers: Gabi (Banus) and Eli (Lamon Archey) make a deeper connection.

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Ex File: The tension is palpable when Sally (Hope, r.) crosses paths with Hope (Annika Noelle).

HOWARD WISE/UP

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

When Hope Meets Sally

Hope runs into Sally, and the ladies instantly find themselves at odds over Liam. “Sally has gotten very protective of Liam,” explains Courtney Hope (Sally). “She can’t help but feel partly to blame for the trouble in his marriage. It was their kiss that started it all. Liam has been very kind to Sally, so when Hope starts asking questions, her guard is definitely up.”

As Hope presses for intel, Sally reveals little, admitting that she has done her homework where Hope is concerned. “Sally knows all about Hope’s history with Liam,” notes the actress. “Obviously, she knows of her professionally due to her Hope For The Future line. It’s tense because, obviously, their common denominator is Liam. Sally is not going to interfere in what’s going on between Liam and Steffy but yes, in the back of her mind, she wouldn’t mind seeing their friendship grow under the right circumstances — and Sally certainly doesn’t want Hope to stand in the way of that.”

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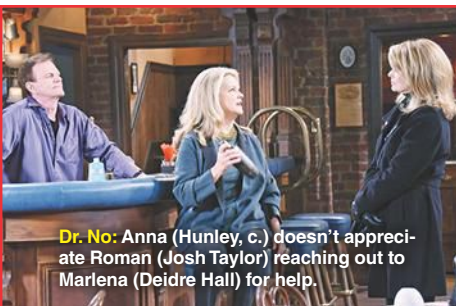
What Will Happen

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Roman Sets Up Anna

Anna happens upon Andre and Kate at Doug's Place and she warns Kate that Andre hasn't changed a bit. "She has so much bottled-up hatred and emotion for Andre and Stefano and that family," notes Leann Hunley (Anna). The awkward moment intensifies when Roman shows up and ushers Anna away.

Hoping to help Anna resolve her feelings about Tony, Roman later sets up a "chance" meeting for Anna and Marlena at the pub. Anna quickly figures out what's going on and is not pleased. "She's not crazy," insists Hunley. "She knows Tony is gone, she knows he's dead, but she's very trapped in her pain. Roman is hoping that Anna would be able to talk to Marlena, doctor to patient, and Anna doesn't take that well. She doesn't want to be psychoanalyzed without her permission, so she doesn't respond well to Marlena. She likes Marlena but once somebody tries to sandbag you that way, you lose a little trust."

Anna storms out, where she happens upon a mysterious letter....



Dr. No: Anna (Hunley, c.) doesn't appreciate Roman (Josh Taylor) reaching out to Marlena (Deidre Hall) for help.



Suspicious Mind: Ashley (Davidson) is convinced that Graham (Max Shippee) is up to something else with Dina.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS Ashley Challenges Graham

Ashley is surprised when Graham invites her to visit Dina at her hotel suite. When Ash arrives at the room, she wonders what Graham is after. "Graham always has an agenda, so Ashley knows that something must be up," says her portrayal, Eileen Davidson. "She still thinks Dina is just a meal ticket to him."

Dina emerges from the other room and appears lucid, then mentions that she and Graham are taking a cruise. "Ashley is immediately concerned that Graham is going to take Dina away," Davidson notes. "However, he says that there is no cruise and it's just part of her Alzheimer's."

Dina slips back into her dementia, which causes Ashley to choke up. She notices Graham dabbing at his eyes. too. "As far as Ashley is concerned, they're just crocodile tears," scoffs Davidson. "There's nothing sincere about him. Ashley only has one point of view and that's to get her mother away from him. For now, Ashley is going to play along."

1st *sneak peek* LOOK photos

A glimpse of what's coming up in the week ahead!



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Ridge (Thorsten Kaye) and Brooke (Katherine Kelly Lang) enjoy breakfast in bed on B&B.

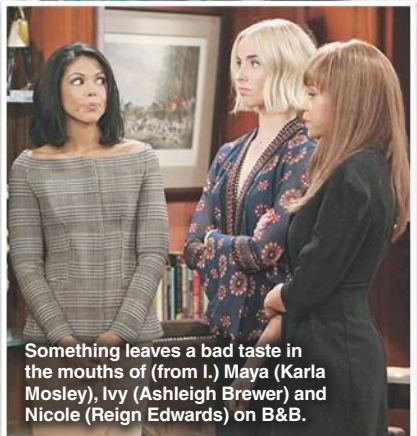


Carter (Lawrence Saint-Victor, l.) and Justin (Aaron D. Spears, c.) confer with Bill (Don Diamont) on B&B.

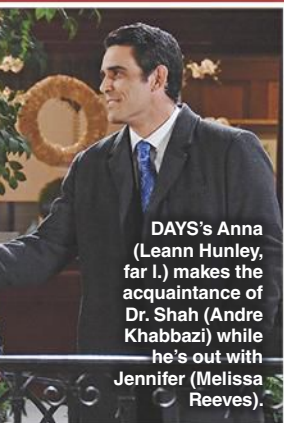
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GH's Ned (Wally Kurth, r.) chats with Harvey (Greg Evigan).



Something leaves a bad taste in the mouths of (from l.) Maya (Karla Mosley), Ivy (Ashleigh Brewer) and Nicole (Reign Edwards) on B&B.



DAYS's Anna (Leann Hunley, far l.) makes the acquaintance of Dr. Shah (Andre Khabbazi) while he's out with Jennifer (Melissa Reeves).

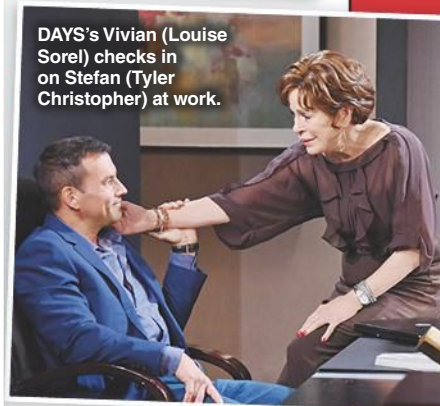
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Y&R's Esther (Kate Linder, l.) and Hilary (Mishaal Morgan) take care of baby Sam.



Y&R's Sharon (Sharon Case) has a reassuring hug for Mariah (Camryn Grimes).



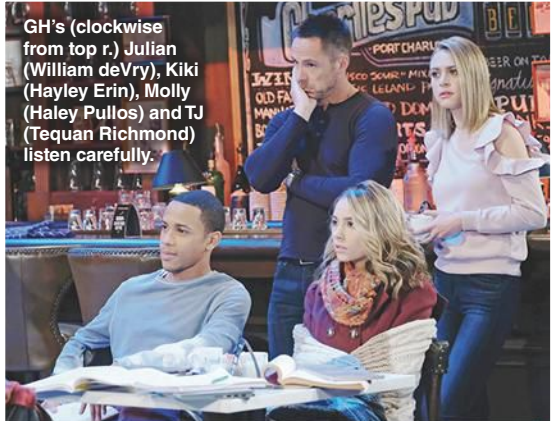
DAYS's Vivian (Louise Sorel) checks in on Stefan (Tyler Christopher) at work.

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GH's Laura (Genie Francis) gets a concerning call.

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GH's (clockwise from top r.) Julian (William deVry), Kiki (Hayley Erin), Molly (Haley Pullos) and TJ (Tequan Richmond) listen carefully.

CHRIS DUJPI

EXTRA! EXTRA!

SNAP POLL

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weigh in.

Are GH's Griffin and Ava right for each other?

.....
**Opposites
Attract:** GH
fans aren't
convinced that
Ava (Maura
West) has met
her match in
Griffin (Matt
Cohen).

Yes **38%**

No **62%**

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trend temperature



**Vivian's Accomplice
(DAYS)**

**Nina's Crime
(GH)**

**Called Off
Divorce**

HOT

Andre

Attacking
Cassandra

Y&R's Cane
and Lily

WARM

Gus

Kidnapping Avery

B&B's Eric
and Quinn

COLD

Ivan

Drugging Ava

GH's Carly
and Sonny

STAR SHOTS OF THE WEEK

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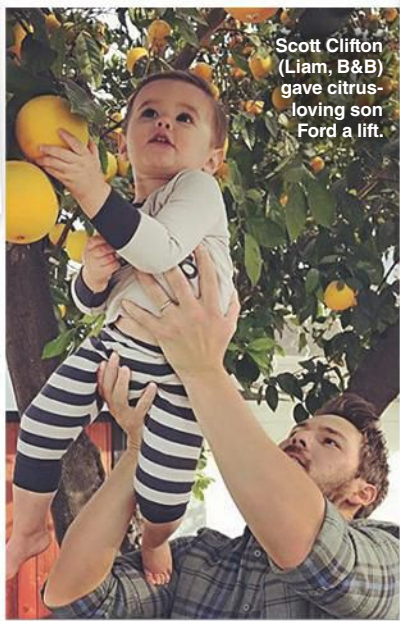
Jack Wagner (ex-Frisco, GH) shared this snap of his sons with Kristina Wagner (Felicia, GH), Harrison (c.) and Peter.

INSTAGRAM/PENGHLIS



"Spending time in #Australia with #family & my great nephew Emmanuel," reported Thao Penghlis (Andre, DAYS).

INSTAGRAM/CLIFTON



Scott Clifton (Liam, B&B) gave citrus-loving son Ford a lift.

INSTAGRAM/FERNANDEZ



"You know what the best part of being a child actor is? Meeting other actors and becoming lifelong friends!" trilled Scarlett Fernandez (Charlotte, GH, r.), who enjoyed a play date with Brooklyn Rae Silzer (Emma).

INSTAGRAM/STORMS



Teased Kirsten Storms (Maxie, GH), with her daughter, "Smile Harper! or eat my hair, whatever works for you."

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Bold And Beautiful We've Got A Secret

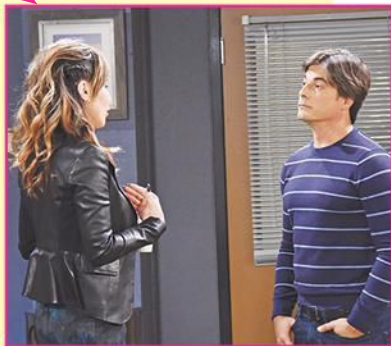
On **Tuesday, January 16**, Thorne and Rick (both l.) team up to oust Ridge from Forrester Creations.... On **Thursday, January 18**, Maya breaks the news to Thorne that Brooke and Ridge are moving forward with their wedding plans.... Steffy prepares to tell her father the truth about her affair with Bill on **Friday, January 19**.



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Days Of Our Lives Ins And Outs

Roman urges Eric to fight for Jennifer on **Monday, January 15**.... On **Tuesday, January 16**, Abe tells Valerie that he's thinking of leaving Salem.... Stefan asks Gabi out on a date on **Wednesday, January 17**. "He's very flirtatious to the point that he's overly-confident and slightly egotistical, and these are turn-offs," says Camila Banus (Gabi).... Vivian eavesdrops on Chad and John, and Andre declares his love for Kate on **Thursday, January 18**.... Lucas comes out of rehab and reconnects with Kate (both r.) on **Friday, January 19**.



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General Hospital Come Closer

Jason gets one step closer to the truth; Maxie is desperate; and Anna grows more frustrated on **Monday, January 15**.... Michael seeks out Nelle for answers on **Tuesday, January 16**, while Jason grows impatient and Josslyn gets the support she needs.... On **Wednesday, January 17**, Julian offers his support; Sonny receives a mysterious text message; and Kiki is a bundle of nerves.... Maxie tries not to worry; Franco (l.) is caught off-guard; and Ned tries to convince Alexis to help him on **Thursday, January 18**.



CHRIS DUJFI

Young And Restless

Now Hear This

On **Monday, January 15**, sparks fly between J.T. and Victoria (both r.), and Billy interrogates J.T. ... Nikki and Nick join forces on **Tuesday, January 16**.... On **Wednesday, January 17**, Tessa resorts to extreme measures.... Dina makes a confession on **Thursday, January 18**.... On **Friday, January 19**, Victoria makes an important decision.



PRIME TIME

On **Wednesday, January 17**, on RIVERDALE, tensions mount when the sudden shutdown of Southside High forces Jughead and his fellow Serpents to transfer to Riverdale High; Veronica assures Hiram and Hermione (both r.) that she's still on board with their plans for SoDale; Archie is conflicted when he is asked to gather some information on Hiram's suspicious business dealings; and Betty sets out on a quest to find her long-lost brother, Chic. On DYNASTY, Cristal's efforts to mend her fractured marriage are complicated when a dangerous newcomer threatens to destroy everything she and Blake (both below l.) hold dear; and Fallon celebrates her golden birthday



and gains control of her trust, forcing her to think about more than just what size champagne bottles to serve at her party.... On **Thursday, January 18**, GREY'S ANATOMY returns as Jo finally faces her estranged, abusive husband, while Grey Sloan continues to work with the FBI after a hacker has compromised the hospital's computer system. SCANDAL is back for the final 11 episodes of the series, where the fallout from Rowan's desperate act affects all of Quinn's loved ones, including a guilt-ridden Olivia.



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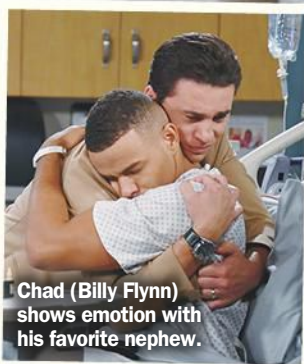
**DAYS PHOTO
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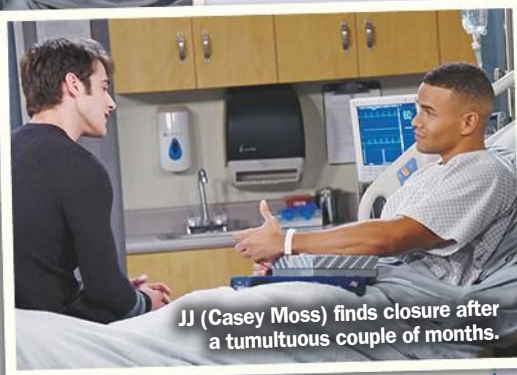
A look at Theo's (Kyler Pettis) last moments in Salem.



Theo plays a game of chess with his uncle Stefan (Tyler Christopher).



Chad (Billy Flynn) shows emotion with his favorite nephew.



JJ (Casey Moss) finds closure after a tumultuous couple of months.

Claire (Olivia Rose Keegan) can't hold back the tears.



Abe (James Reynolds) wheels his son out of the hospital.

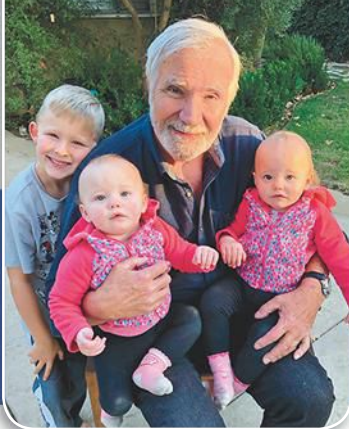


so tweet



@JohnMcCook44
(Eric, B&B)

Picked up a bunch of McCook kids in the back yard..Shaemus, Remy, and Riley...



TWITTER/MCCOOK

@billymflynn (Chad, DAYS)

Proud sounds like a weird thing to say... because he's always good. Always believable. But I am super proud of my buddy @1CaseyMoss [JJ] for this storyline. This kid has talent. But more importantly has heart. I stand in awe of my peers. Well done mate

@davidagreg (ex-Ford, ONE LIFE TO LIVE)

I love seeing dogs GET THE IDEA that they want to chase something. The utter joy sprinkled with perfect stupidity

@karlamosley (Maya, B&B)

When you're recording a voice over audition and have to edit out your stomach grumbling... #Lunchtime

@TheRealStafford (Nina, GH)

When you miss the school bus to go to the ballet field trip and you drive your crying daughter 20 miles to the theatre to make the show... #motherhood

@jen_lilley (Theresa, DAYS)

I swear, half of parenting is just wiping things down.

@caitfairbanks (Tessa, Y&R)

Found a ketchup packet in my Chanel

check it out!

@alexwyse (Saul, B&B)

Whoops, just saw #LadyBird for the third time.

@ChrisLMcKenna
(ex-Joey, OLTL et al)

Holy crap, I'm halfway through @ChrisGethard #CareerSuicide and I'm floored. Thank you

@_Brytni (Valerie, GH)

The #impossible burger at @Fatburger is quite possibly one the best veggie burgers I've had... and I've had a lot of veggie burgers. #getchuone



JILL JOHNSON/JPI

star style

what they're wearing...wh information station

PHOTOS: HOWARD WISE/JPI



Q Over the holidays, Maya [Karla Mosley] wore the prettiest dress on B&B and I'd love to find it for Valentine's Day this year. Can you help me locate it? Thanks so much.

G.K., via email

A We sure can! Maya donned a black Maje Russia Holiday Fit & Flare Dress. The design boasts sparkling floral sequins and a delicately scalloped hem. It is available at Bloomingdale's for \$495.

JACE DOWNS/THE CW



Q On Y&R's Christmas episode, Sharon [Sharon Case] wore a pink sweater that I loved. Who makes it? Thank you!

Lisa D., via email

A The Italian Metallic Fringe Sweater by Milly is available at Saks Fifth Avenue for \$395.

XJ JOHNSON/JPI



Q Who makes that hot pink outfit Eve [Kassie DePaiva] wore recently on DAYS?

Samantha L., via email

A The Clair knit jacket and dress are by St. John.

Q Can you tell me about that funky jacket Fallon [Elizabeth Gillies] wore on DYNASTY? I'm sure it had to be faux fur and I love it! Thanks.

Michelle, via email

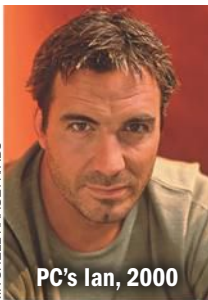
A Fallon's Belted Faux Fur Patrice Jacket is by Rodebjer.

ere they're going...what they're doing

hair's the thing



OLTL's Patrick, 1996



PC's Ian, 2000



AMC's Zach



B&B's Ridge

■ Thorsten Kaye has sported many a hairstyle over the years in his roles as ONE LIFE TO LIVE's Patrick (1995-97), PORT CHARLES's Ian (2000-03), ALL MY CHILDREN's Zach (2004-09, 2010, 2011, 2013) and now as Ridge on B&B, and he doesn't miss his longer locks days. "Not even a little," he says. "First of all, I don't spend much time looking at myself in the mirror, which shows, I think. It just doesn't mean that much to me. I just remember it being a pain in the ass and these days, in the summer, I prefer to take it all off. I liked it short on PORT CHARLES. It was just easy to take care of. Zach was kind of in between. Depending on the time frame, it was either short or long. And I'm too busy flying across the country [from his home in CT to the B&B studio in CA] to do anything with it!"

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dare to bare *Who cares if it's winter? It's still cold-shoulder season on DAYS.*



Abigail (Marci Miller)



Gabi (Camila Banus)



Hope (Kristian Alfonso)

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editor's note



Dear Readers,

Tyler Christopher came roaring into Salem as Stefan O. DiMera on January 2, and I recently interviewed the actor about his time so far on DAYS. He's really loving his job, and on page 42, Tyler talks about his new co-stars, commuting to work from Indiana, what he misses about GH and more. Two DAYS stars are exiting this week. Nadia Bjorlin's Chloe is off the canvas for a few weeks while the actress was on maternity leave after giving birth to a second son, Viggo, on September 1. On page 4, Nadia opens up about how life has changed for her since becoming a mom again. Kyler Pettis is out as Theo, which was devastating news to his on-screen sister, Sal Stowers (Lani). On page 5, Sal shares her feelings about the write-out, and her special relationship with the young actor. What do you think of the casting changes at DAYS? Let us know at SODsound@soapoperadigest.com.

Y&R's "Lane" fans will want to tune in this week to see their favorite couple reunite in Paris. We have the scoop about the romantic reconnection on page 7. On page 8, ABC exec Nathan Varni previews a very special Ava episode on GH that you won't want to miss. On page 46, stars share what tops their list of favorite things. And in the Roundup on page 36, your faves reveal their irrational fears.

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STARTING OVER

How your favorite stars rang in the new year.



"Party time," enthused Emme Rylan (Lulu, GH), with baby Dakota.

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"pretty bummed mr. franklin won't be my new year's kiss at midnight," lamented GH's Haley Pullos (Molly)



INSTAGRAM/PULLOS



"Practicing my New Year's Eve toast with @davidmairabc," shared Kelly Ripa (ex-Hayley, ALL MY CHILDREN) with the WORLD NEWS TONIGHT anchorman.



"Happy new year everyone!" posted Ingo Rademacher (Thorne, B&B), with wife Ehiku and sons Peanut and Pohaku. "Let's all be kind to each other in 2018 and yes I love this shirt so you'll be seeing a lot more of it this winter."

Happy New Year!

INSTAGRAM/RADEMACHER

"Our #NYE kisses this year," shared Melissa Ordway (Abby, Y&R), with hubby Justin Gaston (ex-Ben, DAYS) and daughters Olivia and Sophie. "Ringing in 2018 in our pjs watching Dick Clark's Rockin' NYE and having a dance party! 2017 you were so good to us but excited for what 2018 will bring!"



INSTAGRAM/ORDWAY

INSTAGRAM/LARUE



Eva La Rue (ex-Maria, AMC) and daughter Kaya Callahan were ready to welcome 2018.



Steve Burton (Jason, GH) and wife Sheree got gussied up to attend the wedding of Scott Reeves (ex-Steven, GH et al) and Melissa Reeves's (Jennifer, DAYS) son, Larry. "Got to go out with this beauty tonight," Burton wrote.

INSTAGRAM/BURTON

Billy Flynn (Chad, DAYS) posted a tribute to wife Gina: "that woman is my hero! @gina comparetto you're beautiful. You're kind. You're forgiving (haha). But most importantly... You. Are. Strong. I love you hard. I'll love you harder in 2018! Happy New Year Mrs. Flynn."



INSTAGRAM/FLYNN

"New Year Celebrations with my baby!! #2018 #happynewyear!!!" is how Rena Sofer (Quinn, B&B) captioned this shot with firstborn Rosabel Kurth.



INSTAGRAM/SOFER



INSTAGRAM/UNDERWOOD

Brittany Underwood (ex-Langston, ONE LIFE TO LIVE, c.) spent her New Year's Eve bowling with fellow Llanview vet Kristen Alderson (ex-Starr, top far r.), Alderson's mom, Kathy, and Sylwia Pracon, who dates Kristen's brother, Eddie.

editors' choice

Digest Salutes The Best In Soaps

Forgive And Regret, DAYS OF OUR LIVES

In a series of great, character-driven moments, DAYS both wrapped up one of its best tales of 2017 and set the stage for more soapy drama.

The overwhelming guilt that JJ felt after shooting Theo was explored in a powerful stand-alone episode as he prepared to commit suicide. The sense of loss and hopelessness that JJ felt was evident in Casey Moss's heartbreaking performance, and as JJ looked back on his life choices, Matthew Ashford (Jack) made a welcome return in newly-created flashback scenes from the past. After Gabi stopped by and figured out what JJ was doing, she refused to leave his side. Camila Banus played all the right beats, first as Gabi frantically, almost angrily, tried to reason with her friend, then as she physically blocked the door to prevent him from carrying out his



Awakenings: It was a true Christmas miracle for Abe (James Reynolds, c.) and his family and friends when Theo (Tyler Pettis) came out of his coma.

XI JOHNSON/JPI

mission. She agreed to stay the night, and as they platonically got into bed together, Lani chose that moment to check in on her ex and spotted them together.

While that drama was playing out, Jennifer reached out to Abe, whose anger at JJ was still at full force. Jennifer tried to make Abe see how distraught JJ was over what happened, and then, to drive her point home, gently reminded Abe that he had shot an innocent Brady years ago, mistaking his toy gun for a real one. Jennifer implored Abe to see that her son was hurting as much as Abe had been back then and asked him to forgive JJ. This clever use of history was a satisfying moment for viewers who have been wondering when

Brady's shooting would be mentioned, and an organic way to bring the story full circle.

After agreeing to think about it, Abe went to JJ's apartment, and in stirring scenes, Abe forgave JJ. James Reynolds (Abe) and Moss were brilliant as they examined the dynamics that had led them to this moment, and Moss's tear-stained face showed signs of relief and hope for the first time in weeks as Abe admitted that he had known all along how JJ was suffering and still punished him because of his own pain.

But it wasn't all about closure and coming together. An angry, hurt Lani showed up at Eli's doorstep and reported that she saw JJ and Gabi in bed together. After a few too

many drinks, Eli and Lani hit the sheets themselves. While not exactly romantic, their interaction was charged with chemistry between portrayers Sal Stowers and Lamon Archey.

The next morning, Lani immediately regretted her impulsive decision but Eli was still bitter at what he thought was Gabi's betrayal. His tone changed later when Gabi explained what had really happened with JJ on Christmas Eve. A guilt-ridden Eli filled Lani in on JJ's mental state and Gabi's role in helping him. Lani was crushed. "Last night never happened," Eli insisted, hoping to bury their mistake in the past.

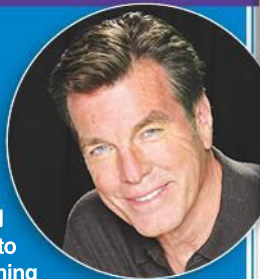
Later, Abe and JJ arrived at the hospital to be at Theo's side. "You're surrounded by Christmas, Theo," Abe whispered to his son as his loved ones looked on. Abe took Lani's hand, then JJ's, and JJ embraced Abe, who reciprocated. Then, as Abe tearfully promised his comatose boy that his friends and family would always love him, Theo's eyes flickered open.

This was a carefully crafted umbrella tale that hit all the right emotional beats and roped in most of the cast. It also demonstrated how well Head Writer Ron Carlivati and Co. do grounded and thematically rich storytelling, flush with moving resolutions and tantalizing setup that will now drive story for months. □

performer of the week

Peter Bergman

(JACK, Y&R)



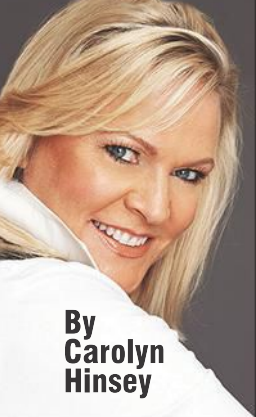
■ When it comes to business, Jack revels in control, but after Ashley convinced Jabot's board members to yank his CEO title, the charming rogue went, well, rogue, to regain the upper hand. In bringing his character's darker side to light, Peter Bergman commanded the screen.

Despite the workplace dissension, Ashley was intent on celebrating the holidays with a drama-free family dinner. Bergman sauntered in, telegraphing his alter's festering annoyance by biting his lower lip, hands stuffed in his pockets. Jack picked up his name card at the head of the table and arched his eyebrows in surprise. "You sure you don't want this seat?" he asked Ashley, his voice dripping with pointed sarcasm. "I mean, tradition has it that it's mine, but things are changing so quickly."

Having succeeded in getting his sister's dander up, a smug Jack grinned slightly as Ashley defended her professional decision. While she welcomed their guests, Bergman fidgeted with a water glass and cuff links, not a trace of holiday cheer to be found. When asked to share memories of holidays past, he intoned with mocking gusto, "Well, I, for one, will remember this Christmas season for a long time to come."

Later, Jack went in for the kill, presenting Ashley with a copy of the Jabot bylaws, which stipulate that only a blood Abbott can be CEO. She reeled at his cruelty; he was unmoved. "It is 100 percent legitimate," he gloated of the clause. "Unlike you." A devastated Ashley was reduced to tears as her brother casually walked away, the twinkle in his eye never fading.

This was Jack at his most sardonic, calculating and unrepentant — and Bergman made it clear that he was relishing every moment — buoyed by a determination to preserve his place in the world.



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■ All four shows got better last year, but here are some soap opera traps to avoid in 2018.

■ **Rewriting history.** Fans know when soaps dishonor the past because they, um, *watch*. “I love you more than I’ve ever loved anyone, and I can’t wait to be your wife,” gushed GH’s Liz to Franco. Was Lucky a fever dream? Did she imagine her love affair with Jason? Did her marriage(s) to Ric Lansing not count? Here’s how that should have gone:

Liz: “I’ve loved some amazing men in my life. Lucky ... Jason ... Ric ... and now you. You are the perfect man for me and my boys *now*.”

The same goes for B&B’s Brooke and Thorne, who were the farthest thing from soul mates 17 years ago. Why change the past when it aggravates fans and could add valuable layers to the present?

■ **Recasting teens and making them snotty.** It’s hard enough to see DAYS’s Hope embrace a new Ciara at the holidays without having Ciara

get dirt on Rafe and be nasty to her fellow rapidly-aged kids.

Claire (after *Ciara nosed around about Tripp*): “Nobody knows how long Theo’s going to be in this coma and you’re talking to me about boyfriends? Wow.”

Wow is right — Ciara is Claire’s *aunt*. Y&R’s Mattie, Charlie and Reed came on with a clunk, and GH’s

And, as cited above, the fact that DAYS’s Claire is Ciara’s niece, as well as the daughter of Belle and Shawn (rarely mentioned) and Hope’s granddaughter (no scenes) is just preposterous. If you’re not going to play kids with their parents, don’t age them.

■ **Rushing stories.** This one really gets me because the whole point of soaps is to

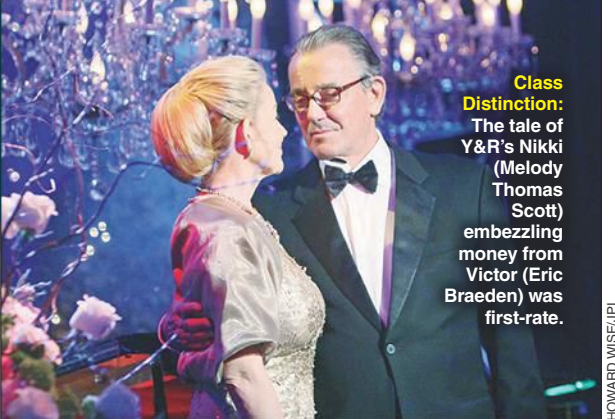
Sorry, but teens being jerks are a big fast-forward.

Josslyn was snippy till Oscar humanized her. Sorry, but teens being jerks are a big fast-forward.

■ **Playing newbies in vacuums.** Y&R’s Scott shared few scenes with popular mom Lauren and stepdad Michael before being paired with cougar Sharon, who has adult children and six ex-husbands (four from the same family: Nick, Victor, Adam, Dylan). Lauren should have gone mental over that, but they dropped the ball.

play all the beats. Brooke and Ridge got engaged with *zero* drama from her current husband, Bill. Huh? Having Thorne as the thorn in their plans (ha) isn’t half as good as Bill fighting it, never mind Quinn toasting them all Stepford-like after she risked her marriage to Eric a few months ago to smooch Ridge. That’s a solid year of story and B&B told it in a few weeks.

Look at how Y&R milked Nikki embezzling from



Class Distinction: The tale of Y&R's Nikki (Melody Thomas Scott) embezzling money from Victor (Eric Braeden) was first-rate.

HOWARD WISE/JPT

Victor, showing us the crime, investigation, feds moving in (J.T.!) and then Victor inviting Nikki to a romantic dinner just to bust her.

Victor (reviewing their life together): "We chose not to be ordinary ... unless you have taken up needlepoint?"

Nikki: "What if I said I have?"

Victor: "That will come in handy. In prison."

Checkmate.

■ **Dopey stories.** Farfetched is one thing, like Jason/Drew on GH because that sparked a great arc for two good actors and it's possible. "To those we love, those we lost, and those who came back," toasted Sonny to Jason and Carly over the holidays. I'll drink to that.

Absurd is another, like Drew's memories being stored on a flash drive hidden inside a Christmas ornament. Or DAYS having two sets of doppelgängers (Adrienne/Bonnie, Marlena/Hattie) in one story. Or a sex ring in Wisconsin being busted by the local coffee shop owner (Y&R's Sharon). And is B&B's Maya still transgen-

der? It's not enough to tell the story just long enough to get accolades from the LGBT community. Maya takes no hormones or medication and has zero issues with discrimination. That's not possible.

■ **Cardboard villains.** GH's Cassandra is a drug-dealing bitch. Y&R's Zack was a murderous sex-ring operator. DAYS's Deimos drugged an entire party to get his hands on an amulet. B&B's Sheila, who used to be the model of a soap bad-die, sent a masseur in to do her dirty work with Eric and Quinn. We need reasons for why new characters are bad for them to have real impact.

■ **Keep business tales light.** On the bright side, some of the best stories in 2017 were based in the boardroom instead of the bedroom and when done right, their stock surges. (See what I did there?)

The Forresters are fighting amongst themselves which is okay, but I'd rather see Sally blackmail Bill into supporting her in a fashion

battle, making it Forrester vs. Spectra/Spencer. Talk about a showstopper!

That Jabot board meeting on Y&R was fantastic, with Jack appointing Phyllis to the board five minutes before they were going to vote on Jack's fitness as CEO. "What R U doing?" texted an angry Billy to Phyllis across the table. They differed on Jack's "no confidence" vote but I'm confident this will be a big winner for Y&R in 2018.

GH is setting the stage for the Quartermaines to have a big showdown over ELQ now that a whole pocket of Qs have popped up (Drew, Kim, Oscar). Bring back a recast Dillon, Brook Lynn and maybe an offspring of Jimmy Lee Holt and watch the fireworks.

And nothing is better than Victor presiding over the Titan shenanigans on DAYS. "Maybe it's time to accept the things you cannot change," snarked Eve to alcoholic Brady. "Oh, that's right — you don't go to meetings anymore." Hic!

Eve and Kate battling for Gabi Chic, Justin reviewing contracts for Basic Black, Kate and Andre's unholy alliance — it all works. Especially when Brady and Victor stage a fake fight to vanquish Eve.

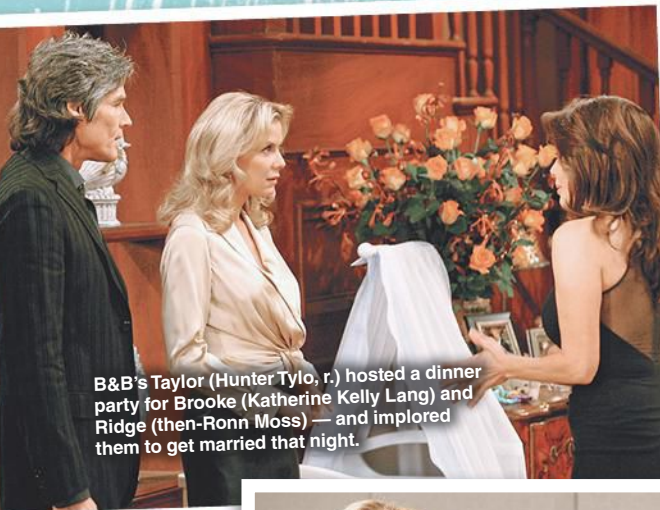
Brady: "That bitch is about to fall right into our trap."

Okay, that's one soaps should never avoid — the bitch trap!

■ Hey. It's only my opinion. □

TIME TRAVEL

A Look Back At What Some Of Your Favorite Characters Were Doing 10 Years Ago, In January 2008.



B&B's Taylor (Hunter Tylo, r.) hosted a dinner party for Brooke (Katherine Kelly Lang) and Ridge (then-Ronn Moss) — and implored them to get married that night.

PAUL SKIPPER/JPI



DAYS's Lucas (Bryan R. Dattilo) was behind bars for shooting E.J.

AARON MONTGOMERY/JPI



PAUL SKIPPER/JPI

Marlena (Deidre Hall) tried to help a brainwashed, amnesiac John (Drake Hogestyn) recall their life together on DAYS.



On GH, Liz (Rebecca Herbst) escaped a house fire with baby Jake.

MICHAEL YARISH/ABC; RON TOM/ABC



GH's Sam (Kelly Monaco) helped Alexis (Nancy Lee Grahn) survive an attack by the Text Message Killer, later revealed to be Diego.



Future Y&R spouses Cane (Daniel Goddard) and Lily (Christel Khalil) shared their first kiss.

BRIAN LOWE/JPI; AARON MONTGOMERY/JPI



On Y&R, J.T. (Thad Luckinbill) introduced baby Reed to his comatose mama, Victoria (Amelia Heinle), who finally woke up.

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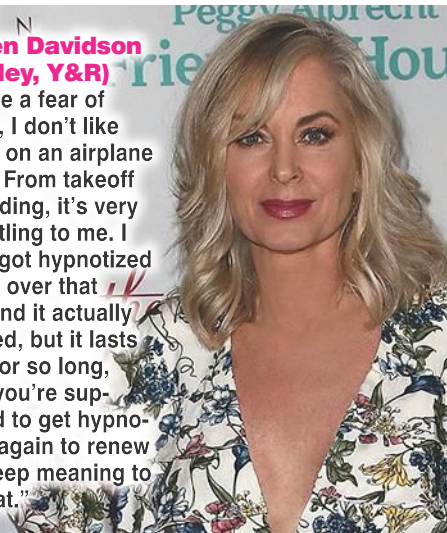
roundup

What irrational fear

**Eileen Davidson
(Ashley, Y&R)**

"I have a fear of flying, I don't like being on an airplane at all. From takeoff to landing, it's very unsettling to me. I once got hypnotized to get over that fear and it actually worked, but it lasts only for so long, then you're supposed to get hypnotized again to renew it. I keep meaning to do that."

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**Patrika Darbo
(Shirley, B&B)**

"That I'll suddenly become very thin and fat will be in [laughs].

Isn't that the most irrational thing you could ever think of?

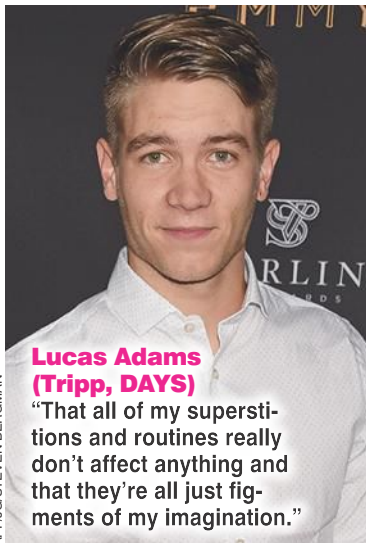
I'm afraid that, 'You lose your weight and suddenly everybody wants you to be heavy.' Here I am dieting and suddenly

Melissa McCarthy is a star and Chrissy Metz from THIS IS US is a star. That's my fear!"

**Lucas Adams
(Tripp, DAYS)**

"That all of my superstitions and routines really don't affect anything and that they're all just figments of my imagination."

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do you have?

Courtney Hope (Sally, B&B)

"There is a Christmas song, and I'm not going to say the name of it because I know people would play it for me, but I just start crying every time I hear it. My entire spine feels like creepy crawlies are running all up and down it. It came on when I was younger and I was in my mom's arms and I just wailed. Even now when I hear it, I have to run in the other direction."

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Emme Rylan (Lulu, GH)

"I have an irrational fear that there are sharks in my swimming pool. I only feel scared about that when I'm swimming alone. Then I know something is going to eat me!"



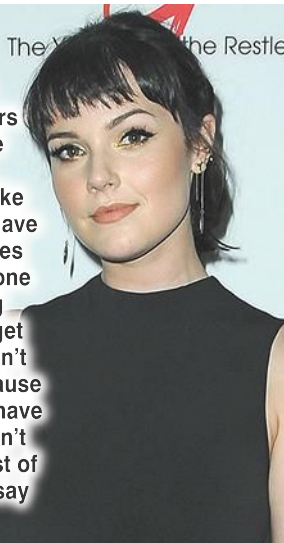
Chloe Lanier (Nelle, GH)

"I have an irrational fear of guys with really long fingernails. I don't know why that has always freaked me out, but when I see guys with long nails, I instantly get knots in my stomach."



Cait Fairbanks (Tessa, Y&R)

"Oh, so many and I'm serious. Glass elevators freak me out, so I have to sit down and close my eyes. I also don't like escalators because I have had so many nightmares that I'm on an infinite one and it just keeps going on and on. I can also get claustrophobic and don't go into the ocean because I'm afraid of sharks. I have so many more but I don't want to take up the rest of your day. Suffice it to say that I'm Ms. Phobia."



crossword

BY DONNA HOKE

ONE OF A KIND

ACROSS

1. Y&R'S PRE-SUMED-DEAD BARBER

7. GH's ___ Paevey (Nathan)

10. City ride

11. First name in cosmetics

13. KATIE'S LATE BROTHER WHOSE HEART SHE HAS (B&B)

15. B&B'S JONES WAS MARRIED TO BROOKE

16. GL's Sloan (ex-Lillian)

17. Cruz's soul mate (SANTA BARBARA)

18. GUIDING LIGHT family name

20. Remove, as a cassette tape

25. Blue

27. ONE LIFE TO LIVE'S DISAVOY

28. '80S DAYS MADAM (two words)

34. "Need You Tonight" band

35. "Whole Lotta Love" band, for short

36. Michael's ex (GH)

38. ANTONIO SABATO, JR. PLAYED THIS GH ROLE

43. "Bad Romance" Lady

46. Y&R'S SHAPUR

47. DAYS'S THE PHOENIX

50. Added to the piggy bank

51. DAYS's Jones (ex-Lexie)

52. Words used twice in two CBS soap titles

53. Jason's late dad (GH)

54. ALL MY CHILDREN ROLE FOR REBECCA BUDIG

DOWN

1. Does a cleaning job

2. Big East team, for short

3. 100 points, to a jeweler

4. "Think" sloganeer

5. Bawdy

6. *Days of Grace* author/athlete

7. Ad salesperson, informally

8. "Sure"

9. Born, in bios

12. Fork part

14. Spanish aunt

17. "Cunning hunter" in Genesis

19. ___ Kosh B'gosh (kids'

clothing line)

21. Nickname for Abigail's mom (DAYS)

22. Arrhythmia detector, briefly

23. *Evita* narrator

24. Craggy peak

26. Area between the two

Koreas, briefly

28. Flipper

29. Part of OLT L

30. Huge shirt size

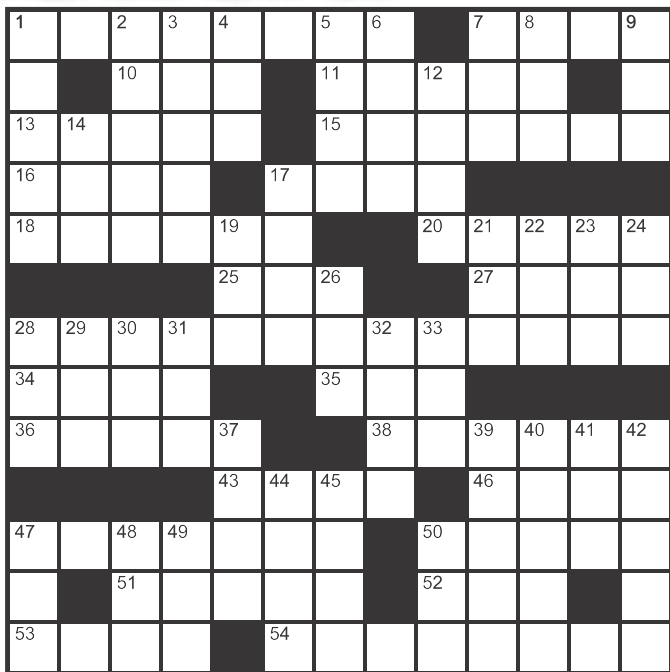
31. Armani competitor, briefly

32. ___ vu

33. Artisanal beer letters

37. Y&R's Melissa Claire (Chelsea)

39. GH's Nancy Lee (Alexis)



sudoku

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ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

- 40. JUDGE JUDY set prop
- 41. Kassie DePaiva's DAYS role
- 42. MASSIMO'S SON (B&B)
- 44. Certain blood type, briefly
- 45. Attendee
- 47. "Me time" resort
- 48. Victorian, for one
- 49. One of Lauren's sons (Y&R)
- 50. Abbr. before an office number

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**BEHIND the
SCENES!**

Scene Heard

HAVING A BRAWL

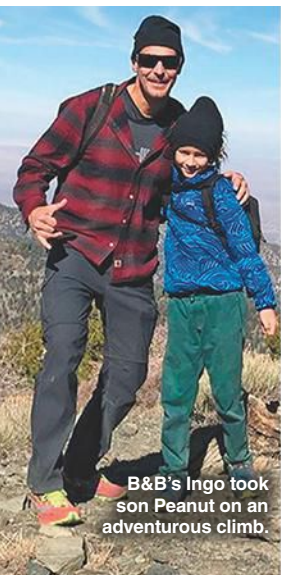
Jessica Tuck enjoyed getting down and dirty with Michelle Stafford (Nina) when Cassandra and Nina had a nasty catfight on GH. “We had a lot of fun together,” Tuck reports. “She’s so game. I just love that she is so beautiful and wears these amazing clothes but she is just such a girl’s girl. We had a stunt coordinator who showed us the choreography of how it was supposed to go but, you know, it’s never as exact as it’s supposed to be. She was, like, grabbing my hair and we were beating the crap out of each other and we were very careful to check in

XJ JOHNSON/IFP



Jessica (l.) enjoyed working with GH’s Michelle.

with each other to make sure that we were both comfortable. Poor Michelle was so sick that day; her kids had been sick and then she got sick, too, but on camera you never see any of that because she continued to show up and was just incredibly professional. There we were, throwing each other around, and she wasn’t feeling well. I was very impressed by her.”



B&B’s Ingo took son Peanut on an adventurous climb.

PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM/RADEMACHER



NATURE BOYS

It’s no secret that B&B’s Ingo Rademacher (Thorne) is a rugged outdoorsman, and son Peanut, 9, is following in his father’s hiking boots — literally, in the case of one treacherous trek in the California wilderness. “We’ve climbed Mount Baldy twice, in the snow, but I really wanted to hike from Wrightwood over to the other side of the valley,” explains Rademacher. “I knew it was possible to do but I had no clue

what to expect. But now with Google Earth and reading up on a few things, I was able to zoom in and get a feel for the path. There were cliffs on either side — major drop-offs. A hundred percent chance of dying if you slip, so I had him tied up and it got a little bit emotional in some spots for him. But one of the reasons I wanted to do it was because I wanted to be in the middle of nowhere with him — and we also ran a lot of it, too. It was brutal: Twelve miles in seven hours, but he did great! I was the one who was feeling it, especially in my knees, and he was like, ‘It’s okay, Dad [laughs].’ ”

FOR THE AGES

Having played roles on GH, CAPITOL, GENERATIONS, B&B and DAYS, **Marla Adams** (Dina, Y&R) is a bonafide daytime veteran, but her very first soap job was on SECRET STORM, where she portrayed the not-so-nice Belle. “Before I read for the role, I went to Saks Fifth Avenue and had my hair done in a double bun,” recounts the actress. “When I went in front of [Creator] Roy Winson, he said, ‘I found my Belle.’ She was only supposed to be on for six months and then die, but I told myself, ‘Well, we’ll just see about that.’ They decided to keep me around and my character survived. I was paid all of 175 bucks a show and that was big money then.” In those days, there were no studio hairstylists. “You were expected to do your own hair,” notes Adams. “So, I paid for my own stylist to come to the studio. Not long after that, the show hired a hairstylist, so I like to think that I was responsible for that happening. I was on the show for six years and loved it. I was the bitch of daytime and now I’m the old broad.” However, Adams is embracing her golden years. “I’ve never had any [cosmetic] work done,” she boasts. “I’d rather work on my inside than get an injection or something pulled. People applaud me for that but others write in and say, ‘Tell that old lady to get a facelift! She’s ugly!’ There are people who always want to tear you down, which only makes me believe I’m more famous than I thought!”

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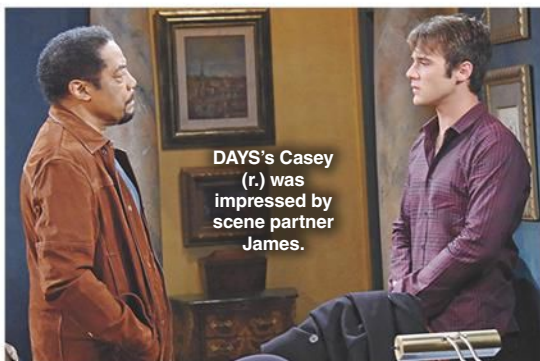
Y&R's Marla prefers a natural look.

HEAVY LIFTING

DAYS's **Casey Moss** (JJ) is proud of the performances that his co-stars gave during the Theo shooting story. “Everyone’s been incredible,” he raves. “While I was watching **Sal** [Stowers, Lani] or **James** [Reynolds, Abe] shooting the scenes, it didn’t impact me as much in

person as it did watching it after. When I was there in person, I had all my own thoughts and I had all these other feelings going on, but then when I’m watching it, I’ve been absolutely blown away by Sal and James’s performances. They were absolutely heartbreaking. The scenes that James and I shared were incredible. He’s

really, really powerful, watching him on-screen. All of them are, and I’m so glad that it all came together so well. It’s really hard, it’s really heavy, but I’m glad we did it. I’m hoping we do other stuff like this, too. Actually, there’s a storyline that **Marci** [Miller, Abigail] is doing right now, and she is killing it. She is incredible. It’s just one heavy story after another, man. **Ron** [Carlivati, head writer] is doing such a good job.”



DAYS's Casey (r.) was impressed by scene partner James.

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HAPPY DAYS

Tyler Christopher couldn't be more thrilled with his role as DAYS's newest DiMera

Though he had been in daytime for over 20 years, Tyler Christopher (ex-Nikolas, GH)

By Stephanie Sloane

admits that when the news broke that he was joining DAYS as Stefan DiMera, "I didn't know how the fans would react," he recalls. "GENERAL HOSPITAL fans are GENERAL HOSPITAL fans and DAYS fans are DAYS fans. That's the way it's always been and when someone comes in invading their territory, you don't know how they're going to take it." Fortunately, he relays, "Everyone has been welcoming me with open arms, like, 'We loved you over there, but we love having you in Salem,' so it's been very well-received."

Christopher understands that there are viewers who would prefer to see him in Port Charles, and he was near to inking a deal to go back to the soap before he moved on to DAYS. "I'm sorry that we weren't able to work it out when we were attempting to work it out," he shares. "I was very close to coming back for a minute there. I've been gone before and come back, but this is my home now and I'm happy where I'm at and I'm happy with the story I've been given. But they still talk about Nikolas, so as long as his name is still being mentioned, I'm still alive in some way."

The actor is pleased to report that his new gig has exceeded his expectations. "It's a joyful experience that's akin to when I first started in 1996," he raves. "I'm not saying that where I was wasn't, but you have to make comparisons. We all do. You never know what kind of set you're walking into, especially one that's been around for 52 years. You wonder, 'Are people tired? Are they angry? Have they had enough?' And when you come here, it's just the opposite. It's like we started a new series and we just got picked up for the first time; everyone's attitude is amazing. I didn't expect that. It would be okay if it wasn't like that. I get it. We're forced to turn out a product so fast and there's reason and room to



(Stefan O.
DiMera)

JUST THE FACTS

Birthday: November 11

Hails From: Born in Joliet, IL; raised in Delaware, OH

Family Man: Christopher married Brienne Pedigo on September 27, 2008. The couple welcomed son Greysun on October 2, 2009, and daughter Bohème on May 3, 2015.

Otherwise Known As: The actor began his daytime career in 1996 as GH's Nikolas Cassadine.

Trophy Case: Christopher won the *Soap Opera Digest* Award for Outstanding Male Newcomer in 1997, and the Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in 2016.

HOSPITAL Cornered: "I see Steve Burton [Jason, GH] on the regular. He and I are both here and don't live here and both commute here, and he and I have been friends since the mid-'90s, so we stayed close. When I first started, Steve was still the old Jason Quartermaine, wearing reindeer sweaters before he had amnesia and became Jason Bourne. And Rick Hearst [ex-Ric] on occasion, Natalia Livingston [ex-Emily]. The list goes on."

New Guy: Of Stefan, Christopher says, "It's so fresh. I had been playing the same guy for so long. He is extremely shrewd and arrogant and he doesn't apologize for it and I like that about him. Of course, he does have a weak side as all male characters do in daytime, and that's a woman."



Better Half: Christopher married wife Brieanna Pedigo in 2008.

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All Together Now: When the actor is at home, his prime focus is on his children, son Greysun, 8, and daughter Bohème, 2.

PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM/CHRISTOPHER

“This is my home now.”

complain about that, but nobody does.”

Though Christopher was familiar with many of his new castmates — “I had known everybody here just from running in the circles” — he was especially happy to be reunited with Stephen Nichols (Steve) and Mary Beth Evans (Kayla), who he worked closely with when they were playing GH’s Stefan and Katherine. “It goes back to my first day of acting ever, 22 years ago,” Christopher muses. “To be able to come full circle with that and still be here and still working with them? It’s very surreal and I appreciate it so much. And Greg [Vaughan, Eric; ex-Lucky, GH]? He and I had a good thing going there for a few years as brothers on GENERAL HOSPITAL. We have not crossed paths yet [on-screen], so that would be nice. Thaaao [Penghlis, Andre] played my uncle [Victor] on GH, brother on DAYS OF OUR LIVES. We went right back into it and it was

just like old times.”

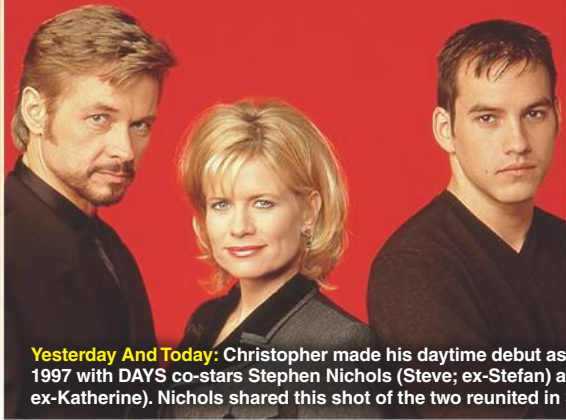
There are aspects of his former workplace that he misses, however. “I do miss the relationships,” he says. “The friendships that I acquired while I was there. Back when I first started, we would be there all day, 50 weeks a year, with two weeks off for Christmas and we were shooting constantly. You arguably spend more time with [your co-workers] than you do with your own family. So when I look back on that time, and coming on the set and asking everyone how their break was, how their families are, and intimate details about each other, I don’t take that lightly or for granted. I miss that part and I’m happy now that I have the opportunity to get to know a new group of people.”

Christopher is already impressed with his castmates at DAYS. “We’ve got a great group here,” he praises. “Everyone works so fast. We do more per hour than GENERAL HOSPITAL does, if you can imagine getting faster, and we do that here. The amount of rehearsal that needs to be done outside of the actual taping is ungodly, and everyone from the new people on down to Deidre [Hall, Marlana] and anyone else that’s been here for decades, are like, ‘Let’s rehearse, let’s run these, let’s get it done, let’s figure it out.’ That’s pretty special because when it comes to taping, there’s no time to really figure it out then. Top to bottom, everyone here is on it and comes prepared and I really appreciate that.”

The actor, who relocated his family to Indiana post-GH, is traveling to work, which,

DID YOU KNOW?

- He briefly appeared on DAYS at Greta’s coronation in 2001 as Signore Christofero.
- He worked with his cousins, Drew Cheetwood (Milo) and Derk Cheetwood (Max), on GH.
- The tattoo on his right arm is a cross, a gift from former GH co-star Jonathan Jackson (ex-Lucky).



Yesterday And Today: Christopher made his daytime debut as Nikolas on GH. Here he is in 1997 with DAYS co-stars Stephen Nichols (Steve; ex-Stefan) and Mary Beth Evans (Kayla; ex-Katherine). Nichols shared this shot of the two reunited in Salem 20 years later.



he admits, can be a challenge. "I've been cross-country commuting, as does Steve Burton [Jason, GH] and Missy Reeves [Jennifer, DAYS]," he says. "It is difficult having two young children who don't understand why I'm not there all the time, and I try to explain it to them, but they don't get it. So it's difficult. I do miss my family, but this is what I signed up for."

When he is with them, though, they get his full attention in a way that wasn't possible when they were in California. "It just makes the time I do have with them when I go home all the better because I have no responsibilities when I'm there other than just to be with them," he explains. "Whereas when we lived here in Los Angeles, it was a long commute and by the time I got home, I had to study for the next day and I didn't get to see them then, either, so when I am present, I get to be with them and them only, which is super-cool."

His kids, Greysun, 8, and Bohème, 2, are "amazing," he reports. "Greysun is settling into school there. It's a different pace in Indiana than it is in California. But he's adjusting. Her personality is changing daily. She's much more aware. It seems every time I come home, she's growing into a completely different person."

Christopher can say the same about himself, though there has been one constant: his work. "There have been so many chapters in my life, personally, professionally," he reflects. "The one thing that sticks out is that I'm grateful that I'm still around. So many people come and go

Family Dynamics

■ Christopher has enjoyed forming connections with his new soap clan. "What a charming woman Louise Sorel [Vivian] is," he raves. "I think she's so funny and she's such a pro. I really jelled with her right away. We just took a liking to each other and I think you'll see that on-screen, sort of like Constance Towers [ex-Helena, GH] and myself. Same sort of relationship and dynamic between the two characters, both personally and professionally. What a perfect pick to play Mother." As for Marci Miller (Abigail) and Billy Flynn (Chad), he says, "I had not known either one of them before and I had not met them. I am so thankful that I was introduced on the show with them and the bulk of my story is with them. It's very difficult story that we're trying to navigate and I can't think of two better actors that I could have opened up with. They're so prepared and so professional and they deliver and you don't always get that."

and I've just been so blessed to be able to call daytime really my home. Retrospect has given me the opportunity to look back on what is becoming a lifelong career for me. I was 22 years old when I started and I'm 45 now and I look back on some of those old scenes and I was playing a teenager and I can't believe I am still here." □

Playing FAVORITES

Eight stars share their preferred picks for everything from sitcoms to singers.

Favorite Shampoo: “New, because I have to get all new ones for my new blonde hair.”

Favorite Jeans Brand: “Madewell.”

Favorite Phone App: “Instagram.”

Favorite Type Of Cuisine: “Italian.”

Favorite Sports Team: “The [New England] Patriots.”

Favorite Breakfast Item: “Bacon.”

Favorite Coffee Drink: “Almond milk vanilla latte.”

Favorite Adult Beverage: “A nice cabernet or Malbec.”

Favorite Sweet Treat: “Everything. I have a bad sweet tooth.”

Favorite Healthy Snack: “Berries.”

Favorite Color: “Black.”

Favorite Magazine: “Yours!”

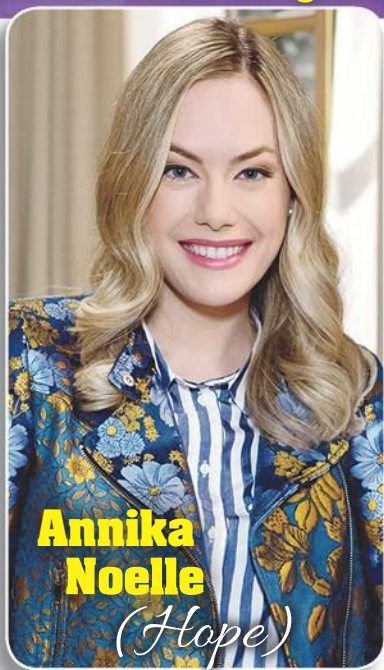
Favorite Book: “*The Great Gatsby*.”

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe: “I just bought this huge, grandpa pea-coat that is totally inappropriate for L.A. weather.”

Favorite Room In Your Home: “My bedroom.”

Favorite Sitcom: “I am obsessed with GLOW right now. It’s a must.”

Favorite Prime-Time Drama: “STRANGER THINGS.”



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Favorite TV Host: “Tom Bergeron.”

Favorite Comedian: “Dana Carvey and Tina Fey.”

Favorite Singer Or Band: “The National.”

Favorite Place To Learn Lines: “On the couch or in bed with my cat.”

Favorite Kitchen Appliance: “My cookie tray.”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “Bali.”



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sheer gray.”

Favorite Healthy Snack:

“Homemade kale chips.”

Favorite Sweet Treat: “Apple pie.”

Favorite Magazine: “*Soap Opera Digest*.”

Favorite Book: “The James Baldwin memoir [*Remember This House*], which the documentary *I Am Not Your Negro* is based on.”

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe:

“My crop top hoodie.”

Favorite Room In Your Home:

“My bedroom.”

Favorite Sitcom: “A DIFFERENT WORLD.”

Favorite Prime-Time Drama:

“THIS IS US and THE GOOD DOCTOR.”

Favorite TV Host: “Tracee Ellis

Ross did the American Music Awards and she was amazing.”

Favorite Comedian: “Kevin Hart.”

Favorite Place To Learn Lines: “I guess I learn in the bathroom looking in the mirror.”

Favorite Kitchen Appliance: “My mom says the spoon because I’m always eating.”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “Puerto Vallarta and Cabo [Mexico].”

Favorite Shampoo: “Whatever I pick up.”

Favorite Jeans Brand: “Don’t have any. It’s hard for me to shop for jeans because of the fit. I dread it.”

Favorite Phone App:

“GamePigeon.”

Favorite Sports Team: “The [Baltimore] Orioles and the [Los Angeles] Dodgers.”

Favorite Breakfast Item:

“French toast.”

Favorite Coffee Drink: “Iced coffee.”

Favorite Juice: “Orange juice.”

Favorite Color: “I’m liking light,

Days Of Our Lives

Favorite Shampoo: "It's my wife's and I use it, Lush [Curly Wurly] coconut shampoo. It smells like Hawaii."

Favorite Jeans Brand: "Seven."

Favorite Phone App: "Instagram."

Favorite Type Of Cuisine:
"Chinese."

Favorite Sports Team: "Pittsburgh Steelers."

Favorite Breakfast Item:
"Omelette."

Favorite Coffee Drink: "I don't drink coffee. I'm a green tea guy."

Favorite Adult Beverage: "A dirty Chopin martini with two blue cheese olives."

Favorite Sweet Treat: "Dark chocolate."

Favorite Healthy Snack:
"Edamame beans."

Favorite Color: "Black."

Favorite Magazine: "*Soap Opera Digest*."

Favorite Book: "*The Catcher in the Rye*."

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe:
"Black T-shirts."

Favorite Room In Your Home:
"Bedroom."

Favorite Sitcom: "FRIENDS."

Favorite Prime-Time Drama:
"THIS IS US."



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Favorite TV Host: "LAST WEEK TONIGHT WITH JOHN OLIVER. I like his show."

Favorite Comedian: "Chris Rock."

Favorite Singer Or Band:
"Led Zeppelin."

Favorite Place To Learn Lines: "My car."

Favorite Kitchen Appliance:
"Vitamix blender."

Favorite Vacation Spot:
"Hawaii."

Days Of Our Lives

Favorite Shampoo: "Paul Mitchell Original."

Favorite Jeans Brand: "Diesel."

Favorite Phone App: "Instagram."

Favorite Type Of Cuisine:
"Japanese."

Favorite Sports Team: "Cleveland Cavs."

Favorite Breakfast Item:
"Coffee."

Favorite Coffee Drink: "Iced caramel macchiato."

Favorite Adult Beverage:
"Sober."

Favorite Sweet Treat: "KitKats."

Favorite Healthy Snack: "Protein bars."

Favorite Color: "Blue."

Favorite Magazine: "Game Informer."

Favorite Book: "Ender's Game/
The Art of War."

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe:
"Sweatpants."

Favorite Room In Your Home:
"Bedroom."

Favorite Sitcom: "RICK AND MORTY."

Favorite Prime-Time Drama:
"THE GOOD DOCTOR."

Favorite TV Host: "Shane and Ryan from BUZZFEED UNSOLVED."



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Favorite Comedian: "Kevin Hart."

Favorite Singer Or Band: "Elvis and My Chemical Romance."

Favorite Place To Learn Lines:
"Anywhere I can pace."

Favorite Kitchen Appliance:
"Refrigerator ... stores my happiness."

Favorite Vacation Spot:
"Hawaii."

General Hospital

Favorite Shampoo: "Dove."

Favorite Jeans Brand: "Guess and G-Star."

Favorite Phone App: "Postmates."

Favorite Type Of Cuisine: "Breakfast food."

Favorite Sports Team: "The Golden State Warriors."

Favorite Breakfast Item: "Waffles! Waffles are my weakness."

Favorite Coffee Drink: "An iced, sugar-free vanilla almond milk latte with an added espresso shot."

Favorite Adult Beverage: "I'm a scotch dude. No less than 18 years old."

Favorite Sweet Treat: "I don't have a sweet tooth. Never have."

Favorite Healthy Snack: "I like my plant-based organic protein drink. I put strawberries and bananas and different seeds in it and I love it."

Favorite Color: "Shades of red, like crimson and magenta."

Favorite Magazine: "I used to really like *Ebony* and *Jet*. *Jet* was my joint because they had the *Jet* Beauty of the Week. And I like *Vibe*."

Favorite Book: "I enjoy biographies of people I admire. *The Iron Circle* by Dominique Vandenberg was amazing, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* was amazing for me, and there's a book called *Dreams Into Action* by Milton Katselas that I really love and believe in."

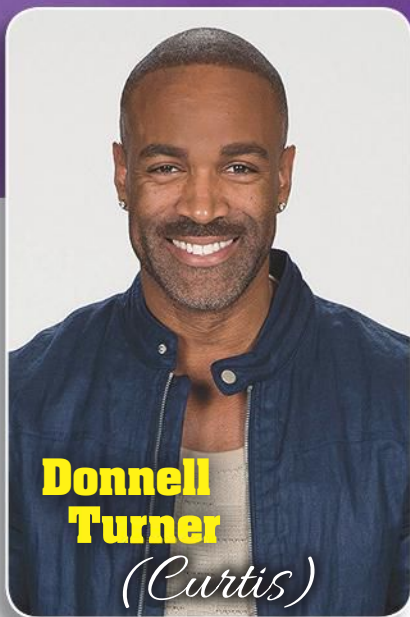


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Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe:

"I'm not going to lie: I love my silk underwear. It's a party whenever I take a step."

Favorite Room In Your Home: "I just got a huge, big screen and theater seats, so it's got to be my living room."

Favorite Sitcom: "It's an even split between *MARTIN* and *SEINFELD*."

Favorite Prime-Time Drama: "*HOW TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER*."

Favorite TV Host: "Snoop Dogg."

Favorite Comedian: "Chris Rock."

Favorite Singer Or Band: "My favorite singer is my brother."

Favorite Place To Learn Lines: "My living room."

Favorite Kitchen Appliance: "My Vitamix."

Favorite Vacation Spot: "Thailand."

General Hospital



**Marc
Anthony
Samuel**
(Felix)

STEVEN BERGMAN

Favorite Shampoo: “Dr. Bronner’s soap.”

Favorite Jeans Brand: “RRL.”

Favorite Phone App: “Shazam.”

Favorite Type Of Cuisine:

“Japanese/Jamaican/Italian.”

Favorite Sports Team: “Chicago anything.”

Favorite Breakfast Item: “Waffles.”

Favorite Coffee Drink: “Almond milk mocha.”

Favorite Adult Beverage:

“Caipirinhas [Brazilian cocktail].”

Favorite Sweet Treat: “Chocolate cake.”

Favorite Healthy Snack: “Fuji apples.”

Favorite Color: “That weird color in between dark violet and blue.”

Favorite Magazine: “*The Fader* and *Soap Opera Digest*, of course.”

Favorite Book: “*A Lesson Before Dying*.”

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe:

“My hats.”

Favorite Room In Your Home:

“Living room.”

Favorite Sitcom: “THE

CARMICHAEL SHOW, even though it’s gone.”

Favorite Prime-Time Drama:

“SEARCH PARTY.”

Favorite TV Host: “[Stephen] Colbert

and [Jimmy] Fallon.”

Favorite Comedian: “Janelle James, Retta, and Richard Pryor.”

Favorite Singer Or Band:

“Toss-up between Stevie Wonder and the late Donny Hathaway.”

Favorite Place To Learn

Lines: “At home.”

Favorite Kitchen Appliance:

“Stove. Gotta cook, so you can grub!”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “It’s

a tie between Sydney, Rio de Janeiro, and Madrid.”

Young & Restless

Favorite Shampoo: “Marco Pelusi.”

Favorite Jeans Brand: “AG legging jeans.”

Favorite Phone App: “OpenTable and Instagram.”

Favorite Type Of Cuisine: “Vegan.”

Favorite Sports Team: “Hahahaha! Okay, the [Los Angeles] Lakers.”

Favorite Breakfast Item: “Gluten-free bread from SRSLY.”

Favorite Coffee Drink: “Espresso.”

Favorite Adult Beverage: “Mojito.”

Favorite Sweet Treat: “Cookies.”

Favorite Healthy Snack: “Apple.”

Favorite Color: “Periwinkle, but I won’t wear it.”

Favorite Magazine: “*Vanity Fair*.”

Favorite Book: “*Beach Music*.”

Favorite Item In Your Wardrobe: “Leather biker jacket.”

Favorite Room In Your Home: “My bedroom.”

Favorite Sitcom: “FRIENDS. I’m still not over that it’s off the air. And MODERN FAMILY.”

Favorite Prime-Time Drama: “I watch ODD MOM OUT and BETTER THINGS. Just finished THE SINNER



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and NARCOS, now onto GODLESS.”

Favorite TV Host: “The ladies of THE TALK.”

Favorite Comedian: “Larry David and Jerry Seinfeld.”

Favorite Singer Or Band: “Pink.”

Favorite Place To Learn Lines: “I’m learning them right now while doing Pilates.”

Favorite Kitchen Appliance: “My Nespresso machine.”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “That’s yet to be determined, but I loved Costa Rica and Tahiti.”

Young & Restless

Favorite Shampoo: “No-Poo by DevaCurl.”

Favorite Jeans Brand: “Loft or Abercrombie & Fitch.”

Favorite Phone App: “Instagram.”

Favorite Type Of Cuisine: “French.”

Favorite Sports Team: “New England Patriots.”

Favorite Breakfast Item: “Smoked salmon or waffles.”

Favorite Coffee Drink: “Peppermint mocha latte with nine pumps of peppermint.”

Favorite Juice: “Cranberry.”

Favorite Sweet Treat: “Butter cake from Mastro’s.”

Favorite Healthy Snack: “Soft & Juicy Mandarins from Trader Joe’s.”

Favorite Color: “Pink.”

Favorite Magazine: “*Vogue*.”

Favorite Book: “*Nice is Just a Place in France: How to Win at Basically Everything* by The Betches.”

Favorite Item In Your

Wardrobe: “My huge yellow sweater from H&M.”

Favorite Room In Your Home: “My bedroom.”



AFF/JG/STEVEN BERGMAN

Favorite Sitcom: “THE OFFICE, RICK AND MORTY, and FAMILY GUY.”

Favorite Prime-Time Drama: “VAMPIRE DIARIES.”

Favorite TV Host: “Chris Harrison.”

Favorite Comedian: “Steve Carell and Seth Rogen.”

Favorite Singer Or Band: “Khalid.”

Favorite Place To Learn

Lines: “Anywhere by the water.”

Favorite Kitchen Appliance: “My oven.”

Favorite Vacation Spot: “Paris or Iceland.”

classic lines

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BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

(Ridge taunts Thorne for standing up to him.)

Ridge: " 'Dear Diary, I pushed down my big brother. I have become a man today.' How's that feel? Good?"

Thorne: "Well, it's physics. Your head is too big for your body, so you're gonna fall over."

(Liam explains to Bill how he was able to get over his resentment.)

Liam: "I was so obsessed with our differences, you know, trying to find fault in you, I even took pleasure in it. And I'm not proud to admit that. But Steffy made me realize I was overlooking your best quality. No! Not your hair."

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Will: "I'm sorry that I hurt you."

Sami: "I'm sorry that I sicced a serial killer on you."

(Sami admits that she was wrong for ignoring Marlena's advice to give Will space.)

Sami: "You were right."

Marlena: "Wow! I was right? May I get that in writing?"

DYNASTY

(Fallon suggests a litany of expensive gifts to schmooze their client list.)

Jeff: "I think we need to dial it back. We're a start-up. Keep it to three figures per client."

Fallon: "Three figures?"

My haircut costs more than that."

(Sammy Jo weighs in.)

Sammy Jo: "Here's a pitch. You can never go wrong with tequila."

Fallon: "Yeah? Tell that to your parents."

(Anders discovers Cristal is being blackmailed.)

Anders: "I kept your secret because I thought I was dealing with a harmless gold digger, but when the gold digger has gold diggers, I think it's time to come clean."

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

(Gloria isn't happy with Ashley, who's filling in for Jack, for pulling rank.)

Gloria: "She's hopeless! 'Temporary CEO'."

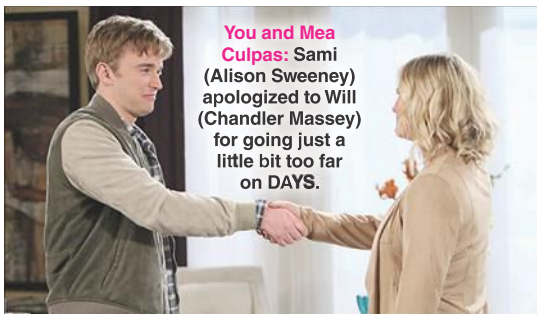
Kevin: "So you've mentioned 20, 30 times."

Gloria: "Yeah, because Jack should have appointed me instead of Ashley because I would have done a better job. Hell, the janitor would have been more competent."

(Nikki confesses to Nick that she embezzled millions from Victor's personal accounts, then stashed them in offshore accounts.)

Nikki: "You're disappointed in me, I know."

Nick: "Disappointed? I'm impressed!"



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events

Who: GH's Bradford Anderson (Spinelli) and Steve Burton (Jason)

What: Show

When: Sun., Feb. 18

Where: Uncle Vinnie's Comedy Club, 518 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

How: Tickets are \$105.81. Event includes a meet and greet, and Q&A. To purchase, visit www.unclevinniescomedyclub.com.

Who: GH's Billy Miller (Drew) and Kelly Monaco (Sam)

What: Killy Live

When: Sat., Feb. 24

Where: Gerald W. Lynch Theater, 524 W. 59th Street, New York, NY

How: Meet the stars behind the popular couple formerly known as "JaSam"! *Soap Opera Digest* will moderate a special panel with Miller and Monaco, with photo ops, personalized autographs, exclusive video content, surprise giveaways and more. There will be a matinee and evening show. To register, visit tixr.com/pr/soapdigest/7056.

Who: GH's Maurice Benard (Sonny), Matt Cohen (Griffin), William deVry (Julian), Lisa LoCicero (Olivia), Kirsten Storms (Maxie), James Patrick Stuart (Valentin), Donnell Turner (Curtis) and Laura Wright (Carly), with more actors to



"Con" Artists: Meet GH faves Maurice Benard (Sonny) and Lisa LoCicero (Olivia) at the 2nd Annual GENERAL HOSPITAL Fan Convention.



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Comedy Central: GH's Bradford Anderson (Spinelli) laughs it up in New Jersey.

be announced at a later date

What: 2nd Annual GENERAL HOSPITAL Convention

When: Sat.-Sun., March 10-11

Where: Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA

How: Wright and Cohen are the hosts. Gold and Silver packages are currently on sale, ranging from \$379-\$559. Depending on the ticket, the event includes photo ops and autographs. For more information, visit creationent.com.

Who: GH's Anderson, deVry, Finola Hughes (Anna), Wally Kurth (Ned; Justin DAYS), Turner, Maura West (Ava) and Wright

What: GH Fantasy Weekend

When: Sun., March 25

Where: Seattle Marriott Bellevue, 200 110th Avenue Northeast, Bellevue, WA

How: Tickets range from \$84-\$235.

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Jason Morgan and
Samantha Morgan

IN CAHOOTS DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Vivian Alamain, Andre
DiMera and Stefan O.
DiMera

MADE DATE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jennifer Horton and
Dr. Shah



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Hello Again:
DAYS's
Anna (Leann
Hunley)
is back in
Salem.

MOVED OUT DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Will Horton

PATERNITY REVEALED DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Stefan O. DiMera

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Nathan West

PREGNANT DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Lani Price

QUIT JOB BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Liam Spencer

RESIGNED FROM POLICE FORCE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

JJ Deveraux

RUNNING FOR MAYOR GENERAL HOSPITAL

Laura Collins
Ned Quartermaine

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Reed Hellstrom

SET WEDDING DATE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Franco Baldwin
and Elizabeth
Webber

FLASHBACK TRIVIA

Who made the decision to
remove Y&R's Colleen from
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bold *and* beautiful

HERE'S HOPING

Ridge surprises Brooke by bringing Hope to L.A., but Brooke's elation is short-lived when Hope and Rick squabble over their mother's engagement. After, Maya asks Rick when he plans to confront Ridge about his past with Quinn.

MESS HALL

Katie feels badly about keeping Wyatt in the dark about the Liam/ Steffy/ Bill situation.

Steffy is shocked to find Bill at her door and, after revealing that she told Katie the truth, asks him to leave in case Liam comes home. At Spencer, Wyatt is befuddled to find Liam

packing up his office. Bill returns and urges Liam not to turn his back on his wife and child.

BAD MOOD

Liam runs into Sally, who sees that he is clearly upset. Worried, she follows him to his hotel and presses for information. Liam simply tells her that he no longer works for Spencer and cannot help Spectra relocate, but gives up no other intel.

SON DOWN

When Wyatt learns the truth about Bill and Steffy, he expresses his disgust at the havoc that his father has wrought. Shortly after Wyatt's exit, Katie arrives and gives her ex a piece of her mind, too. Back at

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Bill makes a major life decision.
- Brooke tries in vain to comfort a distraught Steffy.
- Bill pays Ridge an unexpected visit.
- Hope visits Liam for the first time since her return.

Katie's, Wyatt makes it clear that he doesn't think Liam will ever be able to get past Steffy and Bill's betrayal.

TOUGH GALS

Pam is thrilled to sit down and catch up with the newly-returned

Hope. Hope then meets Sally for the first time. As they begin to chat, Hope realizes that Sally harbors feelings for Liam. Sally admits to Hope that she and Liam have kissed.

BACK SO SOON?

Liam returns to the cliff house, prompting a hopeful Steffy to believe they'll reconcile. □



Hope Springs Eternal: Hope (then-Kim Matula, 1.) embarked on a battle with Steffy (Jacqueline MacInnes Wood) for Liam's (Scott Clifton) affections, which lasted for years.

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IN OR OUT?

After the DNA test proves Stefan is a DiMera, he asks Abigail and Chad to remain at the mansion and the company. A furious Chad accuses him of being the saboteur, quits and storms out. Abigail follows suit. Kate and Andre reluctantly agree to stay.

Abigail points out to Chad that the only way to oust Stefan is to get close to him and uncover the truth. She decides to smooth things over and heads back to the mansion, where she finds Stefan clad only in a towel.

Andre meets with Vivian. Turns out, he has been secretly helping Vivian and Stefan behind the scenes in exchange for a large role when they take over the company.

Andre confesses his

BABY ON BOARD

JJ feels guilty when he hears Theo has taken a turn for the worse and goes to Eric for counseling.... While visiting Theo, Lani feels dizzy. Kayla checks her out and informs Lani that she is pregnant. Lani confesses to having a one-night stand without revealing it was with Eli.... Eli meets with JJ and returns his gun. JJ assures Eli that he is no longer suicidal.... JJ resigns from the force.... Lani arrives at the station, intent on telling Eli that she's pregnant, but he stops her before she can say anything and asks if they can just keep their one night together a secret. After, Lani calls Kayla, and JJ overhears her discussing her pregnancy.

feelings for Kate and asks her to make a real go of their marriage. They share a passionate kiss.

QUIET TIME

Rafe gets Ciara to confirm the truth, that she knows he had sex with Sami. Ciara blasts him for betraying her mother. When Hope arrives, Rafe is about to come clean, but Ciara

stops him. Ciara apologizes to both Hope and Rafe for her behavior. Hope returns the motorcycle keys.

CRUSHED GROOVE

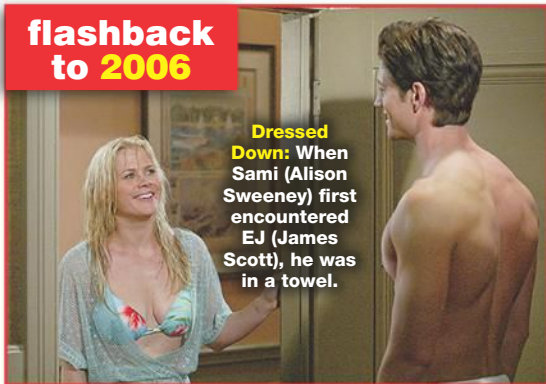
Jennifer and Hope discuss Eric. Jen tells her about the midnight kiss they shared, but adds that Eric didn't kiss her when he dropped her off at home.

Eric catches up with Roman, who spent New Year's Eve with his ex-wife, Anna. Eric reveals that he wants to move forward with Jennifer. Roman asks if he's truly over Nicole. Anna overhears the end of their chat and heads out before Eric insists that he is over Nicole.

Jennifer runs into Anna, and Anna incorrectly shares that Eric is still in love with Nicole. Jennifer is crushed.

flashback to 2006

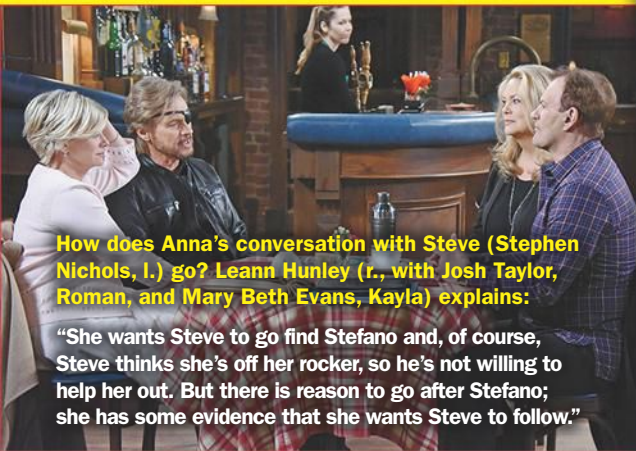
Dressed Down: When Sami (Alison Sweeney) first encountered EJ (James Scott), he was in a towel.



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WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Jennifer moves forward with Dr. Shah.
- Vivian realizes Stefan is attracted to Abigail.
- Abigail walks in on a moment between Chad and Gabi.



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How does Anna's conversation with Steve (Stephen Nichols, I.) go? Leann Hunley (r., with Josh Taylor, Roman, and Mary Beth Evans, Kayla) explains:

"She wants Steve to go find Stefano and, of course, Steve thinks she's off her rocker, so he's not willing to help her out. But there is reason to go after Stefano; she has some evidence that she wants Steve to follow."

BROTHERLY LOVE

Abigail asks Stefan to rehire her and Chad. He insists he wasn't behind the corporate sabotage and agrees to take them back.... Andre and Vivian discuss how Gabi Chic is critical to their plot to take over DiMera.... Chad learns that Stefan exposed himself to Abigail and is peeved. Abby urges him to keep his cool. Chad meets with John and hires Black Patch to dig up dirt on Stefan.

GOING HIS WAY

Claire is distraught that Theo has to go away for treatment if he ever wants to walk again. Tripp tries to comfort her. Ciara later thanks Tripp for his advice to keep mum about Rafe and Sami.

IT'S A BLUR

Steve has a dizzy spell while he's with Paul. He dis-

misses it as too much alcohol the night before but later, Steve has blurred vision and realizes something bigger could be going on. When the problems continue, Steve downplays the issue to John and hides it from Kayla.

Anna wants to hire Steve to go after Stefano, but Roman urges her to let it go. Anna vows to avenge Tony's death.

MIXED SIGNALS

Jennifer is distant with a confused Eric. He asks her to go to dinner but she says she's busy. After, Jen fills in Kayla about what Anna overheard. Later, Jen finds a photo of Nicole on Eric's desk, unaware that he is getting rid of all of his old photos of Nicole. Assuming Eric still loves Nicole, Jennifer decides to accept a dinner invitation from Dr. Shah. Eric overhears and is hurt.

ON THE DEFENSE

Sonny blasts Paul for kissing Will on New Year's Eve, knowing it would break them up. Paul swears he only wants Sonny's happiness. Sonny runs into Will moving out of the mansion. Will asks if they can still be friends, but that won't work for Sonny. Sonny decides to take a business trip to London to get away from the drama.

Chloe takes Eve to task about Brady. Eve thinks Chloe is jealous. Chloe denies it, insisting she's worried about her ex.

Victor is concerned when he hears that Brady seduced Eve. Brady assures him that he has everything under control. Later, Vic and Brady stage another fight for Eve's benefit. Brady defends Eve, who kisses him after to thank him. □

general hospital

THE "F" BOMB

Nathan's DNA test results show that he isn't a Cassadine by blood. In front of Sonny, Spinelli and Jason, Obrecht reluctantly confirms to Nathan that Faison is his father. Sonny and Jason bring Anna up to speed; she is shocked, but agrees that Faison likely has another son, as well. Rocked by the truth, Nathan opens up to Dante. Sonny promises Maxie that he'll keep Nathan's paternity private. Lulu and Nathan fashion a plan to draw Faison out of hiding, which doesn't sit well with Dante.

MOMMY AND ME

Carly fumes when she learns that Nelle is now Ava's assistant and frets that Josslyn may be

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Anna and Finn learn that Cassandra's cohort, Erich, has confessed to attacking the drug lord. At Anna's after Finn is released from the hospital, the sexual tension between them builds. Anna spies a clock that broke the night Cassandra was assaulted, pinpointing the time of the incident — and exonerating Erich. Anna questions Valentin, sensing that he is protecting someone. Valentin (who is indeed covering for Nina) assures his wife that their secret is safe. Back at Anna's, Jordan grills Finn about Cassandra's missing laptop. When Anna returns home, Finn is gone. Later, Jordan asks Valentin about why he visited Erich and doesn't fully buy his explanation. Once alone, Val is poised to delete Claudette's photo from Cassandra's computer when Anna shows up, declaring that she thinks the wrong man is behind bars.

planning to have sex with Oscar.... Ava and Kiki clear the air over Ava's suspicion that Kiki was making a play for Griffin. Ava gets the go-ahead to begin treatment.

SPLIT DECISION

Sam scolds Carly for setting her up to spend New Year's Eve with Jason. Drew overhears Carly comment that she knows something happened between Sam and Jason. Sam tells Drew she wants to get married right away — but first, she must divorce Jason. She meets with Jason, insisting that their kiss only proved to her that she belongs with Drew. He agrees to dissolve their marriage, but she is shaken when he says that he still loves her. Alexis warns Sam that marrying Drew won't erase her love for Jason.

Pop Secret: Obrecht (Kathleen Gati) lied to both Victor (Thao Penghlis) and Nathan when she identified Vic as Nathan's bio dad, and she vehemently denied Victor's suspicion that Faison was Nathan's true daddy.

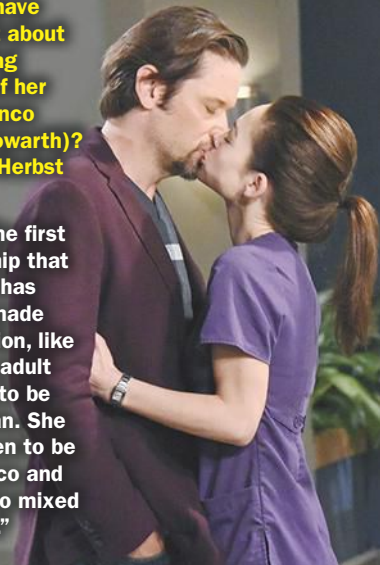


flashback
to 2014

HOWARD WISE/ABC

Does Liz have any doubt about committing the rest of her life to Franco (Roger Howarth)? Rebecca Herbst says:

“This is the first relationship that Elizabeth has actually made the decision, like a logical, adult decision, to be with a man. She has chosen to be with Franco and she has no mixed emotions.”



PROPERTY BOTHER

While Liz and Laura catch up, the twin painting is once again returned to Franco. Intrigued, Kevin volunteers to lend Franco a professional ear. Later, Franco and Liz set a wedding date. He returns home with champagne and finds Liz entertaining Jim Harvey, the Charles Street developer, who claims to have known Franco when he was a boy. Franco tenses; Liz notices. Franco turns down Harvey's offer to buy his art studio.

PUB HUB

Alexis visits with Julian at the pub, where she is meeting Molly. Molly calls her out for wanting to spend time with Julian. Alexis worries about Mol-

ly's planned rent strike; Molly rebuffs Julian's offer of help and urges him to move on the way Alexis has with Dr. Bensch. Also at the pub, Laura becomes upset by Harvey's plans for Charles Street and decides to run for mayor. Ned also resolves to enter the mayoral race. Harvey tells Ned that he is glad they are on the same side. Later, someone throws a brick through the window, which Julian thinks is more than a simple act of vandalism. Sonny pays a visit to Julian, making clear that if he doesn't want any trouble, the pub will now be under Sonny's protection services. Sonny denies having anything to do with the broken window, and later

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Jason leans on an unlikely ally.
- Anna receives a surprise visit.
- Obrecht grows desperate.

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asks Dante for info about the attack.

DANNY BOY

Alexis, Diane, Sam and Jason meet to work out the terms of the divorce. All goes smoothly until Alexis brings up the issue of Danny's custody. Meanwhile, Curtis unearths some new details of Drew's past. Drew asks him to be his best man when he marries Sam; Curtis accepts.

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

After Maxie has a nightmare about Faison killing Nathan and snatching her baby, she gets acquainted with Peter. Maxie expresses her confidence that Lulu's next story will be a hit, unaware that it involves her husband. Lulu later shares the news of Nathan's paternity with Peter and she and Nathan prepare to enact their plan. □

young *and* restless

SEALED WITH A KISS

Billy and Cane attend a meeting at the GCAC and Cane is distracted when he sees Lily eating with Devon. Cane approaches Lily and she suggests that they put aside their divorce proceedings. Cane responds by pulling Lily into a passionate kiss.

Abby decides to take a break from Genoa City and take care of Brash & Sassy business in Paris. Victoria asks Lily to go along so she can do a photo session in Paris.

LONG-TERM CARE

After the incident with Dina and Christian, the Abbott sibs agree that it's time to think about moving Dina to a memory care facility. Traci stays with Dina while

GUILTY PARTY

Mattie tries to connect with Reed but he still holds a grudge because she called the police on him. J.T. witnesses their fight and worries that Reed is out of control. J.T. and Victoria meet with Michael to discuss Reed's case but they clash.... Reed attends his trial and pleads guilty. He is surprised when Mattie shows up and asks the judge if she can address the court. Mattie thinks she is helping but ends up making things worse for Reed's case. He makes a scene in the courtroom, leading the judge to impose a stricter punishment. Reed returns home with J.T. and Victoria. He overhears Victoria asking J.T. if they should send him to boarding school. Reed waits until the coast is clear and sneaks out of the house.

Jack and Ashley visit a facility. Traci is heartbroken when Dina doesn't remember her and asks Traci about her children. Traci is pained thinking about Colleen but does her best to cover. Graham arrives and insists on seeing Dina. Traci orders Graham to leave but he gets

Traci outside and locks her out of the house. Traci calls Jack and Ashley, who rush back. Dina watches in horror as Jack roughs up Graham and tosses him out the door.

FRENCH TWIST

J.T. settles into the Chancellor mansion. Cane is suspicious when J.T. receives a delivery from a messenger. Charlie stops by to visit Cane. Later, Cane is disappointed when Lily announces she is going to Paris on business. Cane asks Lily not to go but Lily tells him that she doesn't have a choice. The duo has a series of near misses as they try to find each other to say good-bye before Lily leaves town.

ABUSE OF POWER

While Michael meets

**flashback
to 2009**



Gone Girl: Traci (Beth Maitland) was devastated when Colleen was declared brain-dead and made the painful decision to take her off of life support.

PAUL SKIPPER/JPI



Why is Reed acting so tough guy now, especially with Mattie (Lexie Stevenson)? Tristan Lake Leabu explains:

“Reed doesn’t want to show that he’s vulnerable because he sees that as a sign of weakness now. Reed is trying to prove that he’s capable of handling things without anybody’s help.”

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with the Abbots to discuss their rights, Graham shows up with a police officer and a court order demanding that Dina be released into his care. Jack and Ashley have a heated argument with Graham. Traci secretly calls Paul, who comes over. Dina is overjoyed to see Graham and agrees to leave with him.

J.T. and Victoria meet at the club to discuss Reed’s upcoming DUI hearing. Graham and Dina arrive and Dina gets upset when Graham tells her that he is bringing her to a facility in the morning. Dina makes a scene and Graham reacts harshly. J.T. and Victoria step in; Victoria informs Graham that she will tell Jack about the incident.

MOVING ON

Scott asks Lauren for a loan to buy #Hashtag. Scott insists it’s about business, but

Lauren realizes he wants to create distance from Abby.

Sharon decides to have a party to prove to everyone that she is okay in the wake of her breakup. She invites Mariah, Chelsea, Tessa and Hilary. Phyllis and Sharon rehash their past and agree to move on. Everyone is shocked when Abby arrives and asks Sharon for forgiveness. Sharon forgives her but warns Abby that they are not friends.

TRUST ISSUES

When Jack tells Ashley that he is renovating the Jabot lab for her, Ashley accuses Jack of doing it to keep her away from the CEO position. Meanwhile, a mysterious person breaks into the Ja-

bot lab and steals chemicals.

Jack and Michael show up at court for the hearing against Graham. Jack is furious that Graham brought Dina, who thinks she’s there to finalize her divorce from John. Devon gives Traci and Ashley access to the Mergeron files in hopes of finding something in Dina’s files to help their case. Jack is in shock when Ashley and Traci arrive at court with Dina’s journal. Michael enters the journal as evidence; it shows Dina wrote extensively about not trusting Graham and having Alzheimer’s disease.

OPEN HOUSE

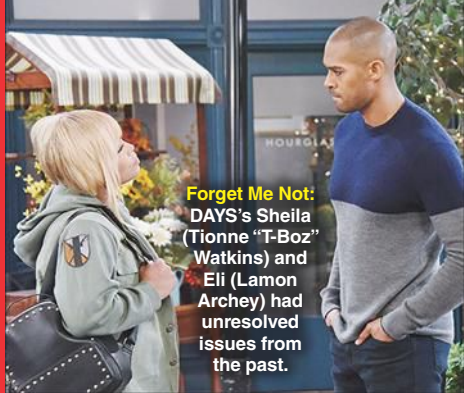
At Crimson Lights, Sharon meets a homeless woman named Kathy who is with her children. Mariah is surprised when Sharon invites Kathy and her family to stay with them for a few days. Nick learns of this and questions Sharon’s motives. □

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ask us

We've got the answers



Forget Me Not: DAYS's Sheila (Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins) and Eli (Lamon Archev) had unresolved issues from the past.

XJ JOHNSON/JPI

Q I have read your magazine for years and I enjoy it very much. I have two questions: I have watched DAYS since day one. How is Justin related to Victor and who are Justin's parents? What was the story with Eli and Sheila? Thank you.

J.D., Portland, OR

A Thank you, J.D. Justin's parents, Alexander and Christina Kiriakis, are dead and were never seen on-screen. Alexander was Victor's brother, which makes Victor Justin's uncle. As for Eli and Sheila, they were childhood friends, along with Sheila's brother, Russell. When the trio got older, they got into trouble for shoplifting and vandalism. The cops scared Eli straight, but Valerie ordered him to stay away from Sheila and Russell. Sheila and Russell began dealing drugs. When Eli later joined the FBI, he went undercover to bust a drug ring in Chicago. He saw Sheila

and Russell's mug shots in the file of the case he was assigned to and kept mum about his connection to them. Eli then used them to advance his own career when he sent them to prison and subsequently got a promotion.

Q On GH, who are the fathers of Liz's three boys?

L.C., via email

A Liz's oldest son, Cameron, was sired by the late Zander Smith. Her middle son, Jake, is the biological child of Jason Morgan, but Lucky Spencer is his legal father. Her youngest, Aiden, is Lucky's biological son.

Q Is Susan Seaforth Hayes the only actress to play Julie on DAYS?

Jane K., via email

A No. Charla Doherty played the role from 1965-66, Catherine Dunn in 1967 and Catherine Ferrar from 1967-68 before

twin peek

I think Lacey Chabert (ex-Bianca, ALL MY CHILDREN) resembles Meghan Markle (ex-Jill, GH), who is engaged to Prince Harry. Thank you!

Joy B., via email

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Chabert

GILBERT CARRASQUILLO/GETTY IMAGES



Markle

Hayes took over in 1968.

Q It was great to see B&B's Donna in the Christmas episode. How long has that actress played the role?

Sarah G., Naples, FL

A Jennifer Gareis has played the role since 2006. Carrie Mitchum was the show's first Donna.

Q I sure hope Y&R's Cane and Lily don't get divorced, but now I'm wondering if they've been married to other people.

D.G., via email

A Lily was the first to tie the knot when she eloped with Daniel in 2006. Their union ended the following year. She then met Cane and they flipped for each other, but a scheming Amber tricked him into believing that they got hitched during a drunken trip to Vegas in 2007. The marriage was proven invalid a few months later when security footage revealed that someone else stood in for the groom. Cane and Lily reunited, but were torn apart again when Chloe claimed that he impregnated her while he was inebriated. They exchanged vows in 2008, but that was annulled less than a year later after it turned out that Billy was the father of Chloe's baby. Cane and Lily finally walked down the aisle in 2009, but his lies led to a split in 2011. They overcame their problems and remarried in 2012.

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What's on your mind?

SIZZLE REAL

I was especially grateful to GH during the holiday season! They finally did it and gave all the weary, frustrated Anna Devane fans the gift of a storyline, a fabulous partner to spar and sizzle with, and some desperately overdue airtime. I really look forward to watching Anna and Finn's bickering in 2018. They are so funny. Finola Hughes and Michael Easton have a great sense of timing, and with it comes their characters' one-liners. The verbal sparring they engage in seems to be hiding some serious underlying heat and

passion. Watching this part of the relationship unfold is going to be a great way to ring in the new year with GH, Finola and Michael. So, thanks GH for finally, finally making something good happen for Anna!

A. Ganer, via email

MIX IT UP

On the December 20 episode of GH, Laura spoke passionately about how Port Charles embraced diversity long before other parts of the country. I found it ironic that the very next day, it seemed every character on the show was wished a

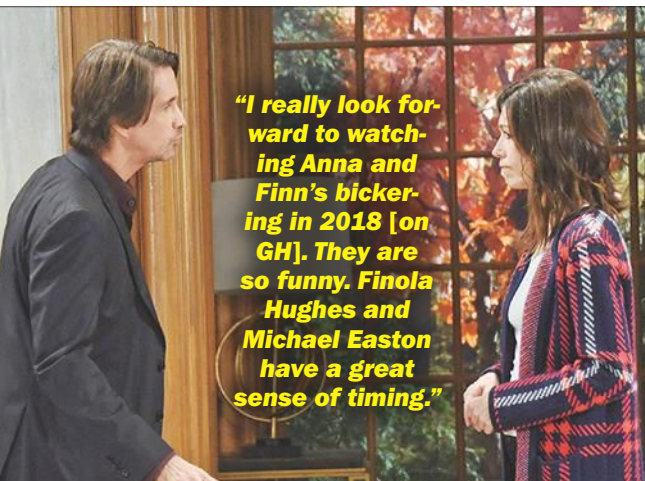
Merry Christmas. Are there no Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc. in the town? For that matter, how about anyone of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indian or Middle Eastern descent? (Dr. Lee seems to have been replaced by Dr. Nero.) It would be nice if in the process of ensuring that persons of different socio-economic status can remain on Charles Street, GH found a way to include individuals with various national origins and religions, as well.

Elizabeth S., Olivette, MO

TOUGH CUTS

As a 30-plus-year fan of DAYS, I've really enjoyed the resurgence under [Head Writer] Ron Carlivati's pen. Sami's return, Will is alive, John and Marlena in the sanitarium, Eric vs. Brady — great stories! They all have one thing in common: John and Marlena. Their family is huge and multi-faceted and diverse. They have a half-Asian child, they have gay offspring, they have a former priest, they have Sami Brady, they have their only [bio] child, who was conceived during

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an affair. They have everything! John and Marlena's love story has been one of DAYS's most fascinating and longest-running stories. Seeing their children take prominent roles is so great but it's hollow when we don't see John and Marlena with them. Recently, scenes between John and Sami, John, Marlena and Belle, as well as John and Marlena's Christmas gift exchange all ended up on the cutting-room floor. They also shared no scenes with Abe, who has been their close friend since the '80s, or their granddaughter Claire during the Theo shooting story. We love this family, DAYS. We want to see them together. We want to see John and Marlena become the Tom and Alice of their family. Every time John and Marlena get a front-burner story, the ratings rise. It isn't an accident. I'm hoping for even more Black family fun in 2018.

Thank you,

Joanne N., via email

MISSING IN ACTION

For the record, I am enjoying DAYS with Ron Carlivati at the helm. His writing is bringing new life and energy to the show and for that, I am truly thankful. One thing I would like to mention, that is a bit of a sore spot, is the fact that the show seems to be cutting scenes that have been part of the spoilers for different storylines. The cuts are, in my opinion, negatively affecting the impact of some storylines and since they are part of "spoilers", viewers know they exist and in some instances, look forward to seeing those scenes. Regardless of the reason, I wish there was a way to see the scenes that were cut. Is there any way DAYS can put them on their website for a week or so? Just so viewers who want to see them have the option to do so? I would happily sit through the ads to view the scenes! Thank you in advance.

Jill in Michigan

NEW PERSPECTIVE

Being a huge Eileen Davidson fan because of her roles on DAYS as Kristen et al, I figured I'd give Y&R a try to see this talented actress more [as Ashley]. Eileen and her character, Kristen, got me hooked on soaps in 1996 and I've been a huge soap fan ever since. Y&R and its writing team won me over with grade A storylines (sex trafficking, corporate drama, weekly cliff-hangers, etc.), a talented ensemble (Ashley, of course, and Christine, Abby, Traci, Lily, Sharon, Mariah, Scott, Hilary, Billy and Phyllis) and a very powerful musical introduction. I look forward to getting to know Y&R more.

Christopher C., via email

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HOLIDAY CHEERS

"I absolutely *loved* the holiday week on DAYS," says Danielle T. in Camarillo, CA. "The annual Horton ornament ceremony was extra-special with Chad, Eli and Rafe getting their own ornaments to hang on the tree. The other storyline with JJ planning to kill himself was so well-written and performed, it made me cry. Kudos to Casey Moss [JJ]. Can't wait to see what is going to happen in 2018." Lou A. in Bobcaygeon, Ontario, Canada, writes, "Kudos to B&B for their Xmas celebration, bringing everybody together. B&B is the only soap that celebrates occasions this way. It's beautiful! And I love seeing the sites [of Los Angeles]." Eve in Scotia, NY, lauds, "This year was the best Christmas on all the daytime shows. Each show dramatized the poignant and profound meaning of family and friendship. Every show brought out the emotions in me that made me

feel part of every family that I've brought into my living room for so many years. The outstanding moments to me are the scenes between Carly and Jason [on GH]. I think we all dream of and long for a relationship like that, where there are no walls or trust issues, and the love between those two is so palpable. I cry whenever they have scenes together. It is possible, despite the rumors to the contrary, to have such closeness with the opposite sex and not have it become more.

This is a forever bond that will never be broken, and I am thrilled to have Jason back so we can experience the depth of their friendship. Thank you for bringing Steve Burton back. I love Billy Miller [Drew], but Steve will always be Jason."

YOU SAID IT!

"I have to compliment the staff members responsible for decorating the Abbott and Newman mansions for the holidays on Y&R. They were both beautiful, elegant, not overstated, and the Abbott home in particular had a homey feel about it."

— Marcia H., Clarksville, AR

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TAKE FIVE

Lauren Koslow (Kate, DAYS)

■ **What household chore do you hate the most?** "Washing dishes. I hate washing dishes."

■ **How do you spend your time commuting?** "I listen to music, I listen to books on tape, I listen to satellite radio, all kinds of different talk shows. It's actually quite wonderful, even though it's long. It's like an hour."

■ **What is your simplest pleasure?** "Walking in the woods, hiking."

■ **What is your dream car?** "Jaguar, F-type. That's really specific. I really do want to get it."

■ **What was your last great meal?** "Millikate, my daughter, took me out to a vegan restaurant that she wanted to go try, and it was just fantastic. It's called Gratitude in Beverly Hills. Everything was delicious."

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