

Happy Labor Day, Suds Buds!

Written by Linda Marshall-Smith
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Cookin with DOOL, Ripa at SSW6, Passions SHINEs & Bonuses

Are you all enjoying BBQ, watermelon and the last few days of summer vacation? I hope that everyone had a blast of a summer, got to meet and greet some of your favorite soap stars, and if not, fear not. There are tons of soap opera events planned this fall. For the low down, scroll down to our Top of the Week "Seeing Stars" section for the latest on where you can get to meet your favorite stars.

Like last week, we have so much breaking news and fun stuff to share, and again, I am going to get right to it!

Beginning with a very secretive-type press release that came across my desk last week. Which in itself gives me a giggle because a press release is, by its inherent nature, meant to publicize not "keep quiet." But I digress. According to the very vague and nondescript information in this press release, it seems that a local southern California-based production company and sound stage facility has just signed a million-dollar deal to house the production of 39 episodes of a new soap opera for a major network. The show will be broadcast on this major network, along with cable outlets throughout the US and international markets. This is the first video production for this particular company's stage facilities.

So, here I am reading this juicy tidbit about a brand new soap, only to be let down by not finding out what show or what network. The Private Investigator in me (Did you know that I once dated an FBI agent who thought I was so good at being an investigative type, wanted me to apply to the FBI! LOL. This would be a website of a whole other color if I took him up on his offer. LOL Opps, digressing again.) immediately got on the case and called the press contact, only to be disappointed again. "We are not at liberty to discuss anything further about this new show," he said. "It does have a green light. They are already building sets. But the network is not ready to announce anything further."

Drat, drat and triple drat. What do you guys think it could be? We've all heard about NBC Daytime's spin off high school show. Could that be it? Do you have any other ideas? If so, I'd love to read them in the Criticize the Critic folder on the Turtle Run message boards. In the meantime, I will stay on the case and bring you all the breaking developments about this secretive new major network soaps venture. **Ripa to SSW**

Last week we announced the first confirmed ABC Daytime stars scheduled to attend Super Soap Weekend Six at Disney/MGM Studios, Florida. Well, guess what. The lovely and talented Ms. Kelly Ripa is now set to join the impressive list of stars at SSW6 on November 3-4, 2001. We'll keep you up dated on the stars scheduled to appear as they are confirmed. **DOOL**

Cookbook on Sale

Want to eat like a soap star? Well, here is your chance!

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Days cookbook to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital is now on sale. The all new "Days of our Lives Celebrity Cookbook," featuring photos and recipes from your favorite "Days of our Lives" stars, is now available for \$25.00. Proceeds from the cookbook, which was coordinated by Deidre Hall, will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To purchase the cookbook, send check or money order to Tinselvania, 11041 Santa Monica Blvd. PMB 715, Los Angeles, CA 900255. (add \$5.00 for Canada, \$9.00 for all other foreign countries.) And bon appetite! **Passions Nominated For Shine Award**

On August 29, 2001 it was announced that "Passions" has been selected as a nominee for the 17th Annual Shine Awards in the category of "Daytime Drama." Presented by The Media Project, the SHINE Awards are presented each year to honor television programs that present the complicated issues surrounding sexuality with frankness and sensitivity.

"Passions'" nomination is for scenes from shows that aired April through June of 2001, where Theresa Lopez-Fitzgerald (Lindsay Korman) and her fiancé Ethan Winthrop (Travis Schuldt) begin to make love and then stopped when they realize that they do not have protection. Ethan and Theresa talk about the importance of using protection and then Theresa goes to talk to her future sister-in-law, Sheridan Crane (McKenzie Westmore), about obtaining birth control. "Let's Talk About Sex" is the title of the nominated clip package.

This year's SHINE Awards will be presented at a gala event on Wednesday, October 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, CA. For more information on the SHINE Awards as well as The Media Project's other endeavors, visit www.TheMediaProject.com. **Passions Fans! Visit Warlock Island**

The kids of Harmony have been plagued with a number of near misses on Warlock Island. And guess what? Beginning September 5, you get to join them on the infamous plot of land! NBC Daytime (in partnership with SoapCity) gives you the opportunity to learn more about the legends and history of "Warlock Island," an island off the coast of "Passions" fictitious New England town of Harmony, through an online interactive tourist brochure of the island.

Through the use of a specially designed icon that reads "Passions" bonus: Log on to nbc.com/passions," you will be notified on-air that a special feature has become available online. The "bonuses" are designed to provide you with information that will not be revealed during the broadcast.

As of September 5, if you log onto nbc.com/passions you will be able to get the inside scoop on "Warlock Island" from none other than Tabitha Lenox, "Passions" resident 300 year-old witch. In recent weeks on-air, the teens of Harmony as well as troublemaker Tabitha and her sidekick Timmy, have been marooned on "Warlock Island" thanks to a plotting and devious Kay Bennett.

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Charity, Kay's cousin who possesses supernatural powers that she is not yet aware of, has been experiencing some very frightening premonitions on the island of fire and death. While the tourist brochure touts the islands rugged and beautiful landscape, Tabitha's hand written notes reveal that the island's beauty masks its danger and the imminent destruction that is in store for all who set foot on its shores.

The online brochure will feature two maps of the island, one of the island itself and the other a detailed view of the elaborate cave system below the surface. Tabitha's notes on each map will give you hints about future story and exact dates to tune and in and watch the predicted disasters unfold. The brochure will also reveal more about the legends of "Warlock Island" and the fates of our present day characters. Additionally, you will learn more about the personal history of one of our characters and their own ties to "Warlock Island's" bloody past, which will NOT be revealed on-air!

The Warlock Island bonus will be available to visitors of NBC.com for several weeks and will be updated with new information and photography as the key story points are revealed on the air on "Passions".

As you know, NBC first launched the programming bonuses in June 2000 beginning with "Theresa's Virtual Diary" which exists today as an ongoing feature on the official "Passions" website (www.nbc.com/passions). Other previous features included video clips of special scenes that were never seen on air, "Hecuba's Mirror," an interactive feature which allowed site visitors to submit questions and have their future predicted and a "Days of our Lives" bonus which allowed viewers to log on and read a letter written by Jennifer about her unrequited feelings for Colin. **Fans of AMC's Ryan & Gillian!**

We recently ran a wonderful interview with Cameron Mathison (Ryan) regarding the afterlife storyline, and how much he enjoys working with Esta Terblanche (Gillian), and what great friends they've become over the course of their working together. Fans have come together to mount a petition to reunite the couple, which will take quite some doing as Gillian is dead and her heart was donated to another character! If you are a fan of this couple, would like to see them back together, and want to make your feelings known to TPTB, sign the petition at www.fadedtimes.com. **Dano Back to Cable**

Linda Dano (Rae, OLTL) is coming back to cable when she serves as master of ceremonies at the Women in Cable and Telecommunications LEA Awards.

WICT empowers and educates women in cable and telecommunications to achieve their professional goals by providing opportunities for leadership, networking and advocacy. The LEA Awards is an annual event presented by WICT's Southern California Chapter, recognizing four leaders for their contributions to the industry in the areas of Leadership, Education and Advocacy. Awards are presented to outstanding women (or men) in four categories, including Women to Watch, Advocate Leader, Woman of the Year, and Lifetime Achiever.

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Emmy Award winning Linda Dano, actor, talk show host, designer and author will host the event this year. As one of television's best known and beloved stars, Dano has become a role model to women across the country. For 17 years she starred on NBC's "Another World"; as the flamboyant Felicia Grant. While appearing full time on "Another World," she helped launch and hosted the groundbreaking daytime talk show, "Attitudes" on the Lifetime network. Making TV history again, in 1999 she rejoined ABC-TV to recreate a character she played 20 years ago and is now crossing the character over into all four of ABC Daytime's soaps. Also a successful fashion designer, Dano has been part of the QVC Network for more than 8 years. She is the author of two best-selling books on fashion and style, and is a monthly contributor to "New Choices" and "Soap Opera Digest" magazines.

The Awards ceremony takes place Friday, September 21, 2001 at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, CA. As we received the information on this event from our friends at SoapNet, it would seem to me that SoapNet will be airing the awards show. Alas and alack, the press information we received does not say that! But fear not, we are following up with them and will report back to you next week whether to set your VCRs for this one and when, or not! Speaking of SoapNet... **Chad Brannon to Guest-Host SoapCenter**

Zander on "General Hospital" does double duty when Chad Brannon hosts SoapCenter on Friday, September 14, 2001. The episode will air segments highlighting the real-life wedding shower of Tamara Clatterbuck (Barb, DOOL), given by her good friend Alex Donnelley (ex Diane, Y&R); a storyline spotlight on who killed Sorel, that dastardly GH villain featuring interviews with A Martinez (Roy) and Jensen Buchanan (Melissa) as well as motives and clues of the nine murder suspects; a segment on "Passions" newcomers Justin Carroll (David), Chrystee Pharris (Simone) and Ryan McPartlin (Hank); and, take you behind the scenes as SoapCenter producer Nicole Strome Taub realizes a dream come true as she becomes a cocktail waitress on her favorite soap, "All My Children." **On SoapCenter, Friday, August 31, 2001**

Special Guest Host: Cameron Mathison (Ryan, AMC)

Character Profile: "Port Charles" Gabriela Gabriela, played by Ion Overman, has undergone one of the most dramatic transformations on soaps: From a good girl to a lusty vamp with a thirst for blood! It's all part of PC's supernatural third book, Tainted Love, which has attracted an enthusiastic audience this summer.

Fashion: Dressing up with Bold & the Beautiful's Adrienne Frantz Accompany the recent Emmy Award winner as she hits the boutiques of Los Angeles with B&B's costume designer. But Frantz is not shopping for herself. She is looking for the right clothes to dress her onscreen risque alter ego, Amber.

Days of our Lives Next Generation Super Couple Talk about pressure: They play the teenage offspring of two of Days of Our Lives' legendary super couples: Belle (Kirsten Storms)

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daughter of Marlena and John and Shawn (Jason Cook) son of Hope and Bo. Storms and Cook talk about continuing the legacy as this show's hot couple.

Cameron Mathison's Tour of "All My Children" Following his successful appearance Emmy night as a SoapCenter correspondent, Cameron is back for more. The popular AMC star uses his newly honed reporting skills to take viewers on an energetic and fun-filled tour behind the scenes in Pine Valley.

Mimi and... Thom Christopher The actor, known for his roles on "One Life to Live" (Carlo Hesser/Mortimer Bern), "Loving" (Joe Young/Dante Partou) and "Guiding Light" (Col. Dax), shares some secrets about his memorable career on the soaps.

Premiering on Soap Center, Friday, September 7, 2001

Special Guest Host: Elizabeth Keifer (Blake, GL)

Spotlight: **GL's Elizabeth Keifer and Kim Zimmer** Guest host Liz Keifer (Blake) interviews co-star, good friend and neighbor, Kim Zimmer (Reva) at GL's New York studio.

Flashback: **Search For Tomorrow's 50th Anniversary** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Search For Tomorrow with classic clips and reminiscences from leading lady Mary Stuart (Jo, now Meta, GL).

Behind the Scenes: **Malibu Remote** Days of our Lives heroine, Belle, has a bizarre dream in which her friends and family morph into different creatures! Travel to Malibu, CA to capture the taping of this exciting, special-effects-filled episode.

Spotlight: **GH's Wally Kurth** Celebrating his 10th anniversary playing roguish Ned Ashton, General Hospital's Wally Kurth recalls some of his favorite moments, both on and off screen.

At Home with Anne Jeffreys The actress who plays Amanda on Port Charles and General Hospital takes us on a tour of her glamorous and stately Los Angeles home. Butler included!

TRO Disclaimer: The above SoapCenter segments are scheduled in advance and may be bumped without notice for airing at a later date. The above segments may then be replaced with other segments. Check your local listings. **Casting**

All My Children: **Olivia Birkelund** returns to Pine Valley as Arlene on Tuesday, September 4, 2001. **Donna Hanover** will appear in two episodes. Her airdates are September 4 & 5, 2001.

Elizabeth Hendrickson

has been cast in the contract role of Frankie. Her first airdate is Friday, September 21, 2001. Terri Ivens has been cast in the contract role of Simone. Her first airdate is October 4, 2001. Say hello again to Colleen Dion who returns in the role of Leslie Coulson. Her first return

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airdate is October 9, 2001.

As the World Turns: **Hunter Garner** has been cast in the contract role of Billy Ross. He replaces **Adam Linke**, who was originally cast in the role, but will not be seen on air. Garner's first airdate is Tuesday, September 4, 2001.

David McConeghey

plays a landlord on Wednesday, September 5, 2001.

John Wojda

plays a judge on Thursday, September 6, 2001.

General Hospital: Kristina Wagner (Felicia) returns on Friday, September 21, 2001. Robin Christopher (Skye) returns on Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

Guiding Light: **Yvonne Kopacz** has been cast as Melissande Mel Bourdreaus. Her first airdate is Tuesday, September 4, 2001. **Nichelle Hines** and **Rob**

Breckenridge

play reporters on Tuesday, September 4, 2001.

Erin Cottrell

plays Camille beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2001 and on the same day,

Bruno Gioielle

plays a bartender at the Rusty Anchor.

Passions: LA Local KNBC-TV weatherman **Fritz Coleman** joins the cast as a meteorologist! (Not much of a stretch! LOL) He airs August 28, 30 and September 4, 2001.

Christopher Douglas

will join the cast in the contract role of Brian. His first airdate is Monday, September 24, 2001.

Victor McKay

joins the cast in the contract role of Doc. McKay most recently played a recurring part on "The West Wing." His other credits include "The Big Time," "Ally McBeal," "ER," "Chicago Hope," "Judging Amy," "Family Law," and "Resurrection Blvd." His first airdate is September 28, 2001.

Harrison Young

returns to *Passions* in the recurring role of Palmer Harper, Julian's attorney. Young, a well-respected character actor, has appeared in "Saving Private Ryan," "Primary Colors," "Rocky & Bullwinkle," "The Conspiracy," "The Outsiders," and "Durango Kids." His TV credits include "West Wing," "Providence," "ER," "Law & Order," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Melrose Place," and "Sabrina the Teenage Witch." Young begins taping August 29, 2001. His first airdate is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2001

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returns as Palmer Harper. His first airdate is set for October 1, 2001.

Young & the Restless: **Denise Duff** has been cast as Amanda. Her first airdate is Monday, September 10, 2001. **Melody Thomas Scott** (Nikki)

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returns Wednesday, October 3, 2001. Singer/songwriter

Lionel Richie

stars as himself on Thursday, October 4, 2001. The following stars appear on the following days:

Tracey Bregman

as Lauren and

Marissa Arena

as Maraisa on Monday, October 1, 2001.

Rick Hearst

as Matt and

Beth Maitland

as Tracy on Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

Robertson Dean

as Ned on October 1 and 3, 2001.

Joe Sabatino

as Officer Pendleton on October 1-2, 2001.

Randy Seldman

as a high school freshman on October 1, 2001. On October 2,

Kim Straus

is Dr. Walker,

McKay Giller

is Noah,

Jacqueline Hahn

is Dr. Burns,

Meilssa Dalton

is Nurse Judy, and

David Shark Fralick

is Larry.

Laila Bowden

is Nurse Jillian on Wednesday, October 3, 2001.

Seeing Stars

ABC's SuperSoap Weekend and NBC's FanFest, November 3-4, 2001.

Join stars of the ABC Daytime lineup at Disney/MGM Studios for ABC's **SuperSoap Weekend**, and join stars of NBC's Daytime lineup at Universal Studios Orlando for NBC's

FanFest

, both taking place

November 3-4, 2001

. For info on SuperSoap call the SuperSoap Hotline(407) 397-6806. For info on FanFest call 877 912-3838.

AMC: On **September 21-22, 2001** see **Walt Willey** at Funny Bone in Evansville, IN, two shows nightly at 8 and 10 PM. Call 812 471-7171. See

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Walt Willey

on

October 21, 2001

at the Stress Factory in New Brunswick, NJ. Call 732 545-4242 for info.

As the World Turns: On Monday, **September 24, 2001**, **Tamara Tunie** (Jessica) appears in "Dreamgirls -- the 20th

Anniversary Concert. The one-night only show will take place at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. Call 800 221-7303 for info.

Chad Tucker

joins

Phylicia Rashad

in the Roundabout Theatre production of the musical, BLUE. Performances are at New York City's Gramercy Theatre, 127 East 23rd Street. For ticket information, call the theater at (212) 777-4900 or Ticketmaster at (212) 307-4100.

Lea Salonga

(Lein) has been cast in the leading role of Mei Li in "Flower Drum Song," which will open in previews at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles on

October 2, 2001

. The opening is currently set for October 14, 2001. For further information call 213 628-2772.

Days of Our Lives: On Tuesday, **September 4, 2001** see **Matt Cedeno** (Brandon) host a segment of FYE from Mexico on the E! Entertainment Network. The show premieres at 9 AM PST and will repeat throughout the year. On Saturday,

September 8, 2001 **Alison Sweeney**

(Sami) and

Matt Cedeno

(Brandon) at the Bakersfield Convention Center in Bakersfield, CA for the annual KCET Health Fair. They will appear from 10 AM- noon, and 1-3 PM.

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Matthew Ashford

will be reprising his role of Count Carl-Magnus Malcolm for selected performances of "A Little Night Music" during the play's extended run at the Interact Theatre Company in North Hollywood, CA. Current performance dates:

Friday, September 7th

(8pm) and

Sunday, September 9th

(3pm). A few additional dates may be announced in the near future. Tickets are \$25.00. Call 818 773-7862. On Saturday, September 15, 2001 join

Matt Cedeno

at the Gala for Literacy at the Robert Mondavi Wine & Food Center in Costa Mesa, CA. For info visit www.OCFLLF.org. Also on Saturday, September 15, 2001,

Jason Cook

appears at the Walk to Cure Diabetes, for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Salt Lake City, Utah. There is no fee to walk, but with a pledge of just \$50.00 you get an autographed photo of

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Jason. For \$200, you get a photo with Jason! For more info, call 801 945-5448. On **September 14-16, 2001**

see the stars at Days Fest, 2001 in Salem, Illinois. There are ticketed events with

Bill Hayes

and

Susan Seaforth Hayes

,

Jay K. Johnson

and

Kyle Lowder

, and

Peter Reckell

, as well as a free outdoor festival. Call 618 548-0878 for the latest info on who will be appearing and ticket and accommodation information. On

September 22-23,

2001

Deidre Hall plays Vegas

! Catch the "Deeva Las Vegas" show at the MGM Grand Hotel! It's three events including Deidre starring in "Love Letters" with

Wayne Northrop

(ex Roman) DOOL at the Gold Rush Theater, a Q&A and Chocolate Lovers reception immediately following, both on Saturday, September 22. Then, on Sunday, September 23, 2001 join Deidre for morning conversation, video, photos, autographs, and a few surprises from 9 AM-2 PM. You can purchase the entire 3-event package for \$150.00 or just get tickets for the individual events. Call the MGM Grand for info at 877 880-0880.

General Hospital: On Sunday, September 23, 2001 join **Nancy Lee Grahn** (Alexis) at Fashion Island, Newport Beach, CA for the Walk for the Cure from 7:30 AM till noon. Nancy is leading the team at Soapnet.com. Log on to register to walk with Nancy in Orange Co, CA.

Guiding Light: The **20th Annual Guiding Light Fan Club Gathering** weekend will take place **October 19-21, 2001**

in New York. Events include the annual St. Jude's Fundraiser, REUNITED: Sandra Santiago & Paul Anthony Stewart Cabaret, Annual GLFC Bowling event and memorabilia auction, GL Actors Workshop Play Reading and the 20th Annual Guiding Light Fan Club Gathering. For prices and ticket information, visit www.glfanclub.com or write GLFanClub@aol.com

One Life to Live: On Sunday, September 16, 2001 **Erika Slezak** (Viki/Niki) walks for the cure in NYC's Central Park @ 72nd

Street. The Komen New York City Race for the Cure begins at 9 AM, registration begins at 7 AM. For more info call 212 293-CURE.

Passions: **Andrea Evans** (Rebecca), a member of the Celebrity Council for the Annual City of Hope's "Walk of Hope," will be participating in the "Walk of Hope 2001" in Duarte, CA on Sunday, **September 9. James Hyde** (Sam) and **Galén Gering**

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(Luis) play in the Wendie Jo Sperber 3
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Annual Celebrity Golf Classic benefiting weSPARK on Saturday,

September 15

at the Glen Annie Golf Club in Santa Barbara, CA. For info, visit www.wespark.org.

Eva Tamargo Lemus

(Pilar) is a celebrity participant at the Gala for Literacy, a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of Literacy and Libraries Foundation on September 15 at the Robert Mondavi Wine and Food Center in Costa Mesa, CA. (

Matt Cedeno,

DOOL, is also participating). Call 949 366-1056 for info. On Saturday,

September 29

, 2001 see

Galen Gering

(Luis) at the Eastdale Mall in Montgomery, AL. Check NBC.com/passions for additional info.

Also on Saturday,

September 29,

2001,

Lindsay Korman

(Theresa) will sing the National Anthem at the Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche game at the LA Staples Center at 7:30 PM.

Andrea Evans

will also participate in the "Walk of Hope" in San Francisco on Saturday,

October 6

in San Francisco and in Chicago, IL on Sunday,

October 21

. For information on how you can participate and raise money for the City of Hope call (800) 266-7920.

Young & the Restless: **Shemar Moore** is still touring the U.S. in "The Fabric of A
Man." Check your local newspapers.

Bubbles

Busted? Snail Mail TPTB!

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As the World Turns: CBS TV, 51 W. 52nd St, NY, NY 10019

Bold & the Beautiful: CBS TV, 7800 Beverly Blvd, LA, CA 90036

Days of Our Lives: NBC TV, 3000 W. Alameda Ave, Burbank, CA 91523

General Hospital: ABC TV, 4151 Prospect Ave, Hollywood, CA 90027

Guiding Light: CBS TV, 51 W 52nd St, NY, NY 10019

One Life to Live: ABC TV, Audience Information, 77 W. 66th St, NY, NY 10023

Passions: CBS Radford Studios, 4024 Radford Ave, Studio City, CA 91604

Port Charles: ABC TV, 4151 Prospect Ave, Hollywood, CA 90027

Young & the Restless: CBS TV, 7800 Beverly Blvd, LA, CA 90036