

Scopin' the Soaps

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ALL MY CHILDREN: A disguised Tad learned from Dixie that an unlikely suspect heads the drug-dealing operation. Mateo and Dixie laid a trap for Chris and caught him, only to learn that Chris is a cop. Worried that Leo secretly resents her delicate condition, Laura insisted that they make love. Afterward, Leo remained haunted by his feelings for Greenlee. Gillian's spirit took over Opal's body and Ryan was stunned when Opal answered questions that only Gillian would know. Gabriel rescued Marcus, who had run into trouble in a swimming contest, but then accused Marcus of trying to kill him. Marcus turned things to his own advantage. Coming: Ryan is drawn into the past.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Emily was almost strangled at the Intruder office, but managed to wound her attacker. Craig suggested to Carly that they selectively lie to protect one another. Paul handed over to Jessica photos of Craig and Carly kissing on his wedding day, while Rose claimed to Carly that she came up empty. Ben surprised everyone by proposing to Lien, and she accepted despite Tom's concerns. Damian sent Luke's Maltese passport to Lily, along with a note asking her to meet him. Bryant suggested to Jennifer that they live together. Coming: Craig fights for his freedom.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL: Thorne rejected Brooke's seduction attempt and told her that their marriage is over. An overjoyed Stephanie told Brooke that she's finished with the Forrester family. Thorne saw a vision of Macy and begged for another chance with her - the

only person who wanted him to be happy. But Macy said she isn't real, and Thorne awoke in a fright from his dream. Taylor rubbed salt in Brooke's wounds by warning her that Ridge will not be available to her. When Brooke declared that Ridge still has feelings for her and Taylor ridiculed her, Brooke decided that she was going after Ridge. Coming: Kristen believes she has a future with Tony.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Paul drugged the boat captain to get information about the island, then passed himself off as the captain. However, Paul ran the boat up on a sand bar, and Mimmi fell overboard. Brady agreed to work for John for a year and if it doesn't work out, he'll go back to school. To prevent Hope from turning back into Princess Gina, John must get the microchip out of Hope's brain, but Rolf told Lexie that the only way she'll keep Isaac is to turn Hope back into the princess. Jack proclaimed his love to Jennifer. Bo accused Hope of keeping secrets about JT's father. Coming: Brady spends time with Chloe.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Carly learned that she's not pregnant, but was torn over whether to tell Sonny. Felicia finally located a dazed and drugged Luke, but Helena's poisons continued to affect him, and his behavior upset Felicia. Alexis presented Helena with a court order to hand over her mother's necklace, but it was stolen from the auction house. Sorel labeled Angel a traitor. Stefan bad-mouthed Stavros and urged Gia not to give up on Nikolas, prompting Stavros to shift his attention to getting back at Stefan. Roy thrilled Melissa with a kiss. Alan stated that Skye would be sticking

around. Coming: Nikolas and Gia come face to face.

GUIDING LIGHT: Edmund abducted Beth, who realized that he knows about the mine she inherited. An upset Cassie learned that she's not pregnant. Reva and Cassie got the goods on the Harbor Project and grabbed the incriminating tape of Olivia and Vreeland, only to be caught later when a massive earthquake hit. Gus finally admitted that Danny's father murdered his father. Things didn't go Danny's way when the judge ruled against a mistrial. Tony picked the family business over being with Marah. Coming: Someone has a clue to Beth's whereabouts.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Believing that Colin is still alive, Nora was stunned by the contents of a letter she received that bore his name. Seth prepared for his date with Jessica, his surroundings revealing his obsession with her. Blair convinced Max to marry her as a way to gauge Gabrielle's feelings for him. A furious Starr shocked both Todd and Gabrielle with the news she overheard about Blair and Max's plans. Asa warned Gabrielle to put an end of Max and Blair's relationship, or she'll be in breach of contract, while Todd told Blair he's hidden Starr away where she will never find her. Lindsay acted fast when she learned of Jen's plans to make love with Cristian. Coming: Todd walks out on Blair.

PASSIONS: David passed the lie detector test, and Grace was stunned to see fax of the marriage license confirming his claim that they are married. Sam had to comply when Grace then insisted he release David from jail. Julian went to

Bermuda to finalize his divorce from Ivy. Theresa followed him there, intending to ask Julian to take Ethan back into the Crane family. At the resort, one of Julian's sleazy friends encountered Theresa. Timmy and Tabitha went with the kids to Warlock Island, but Norma pursued them. Kay's seduction plans for Miguel hit a snag. Coming: Norma has murder on her mind.

PORT CHARLES: Kevin offered himself to Jack as a way to save his daughter, but Jack refused to make Kevin into the undead. Caleb told Livvie what she must do to become his bride, and she agreed to be with him for eternity. Jack, Kevin and Lucy raced to the villa to stop the wedding. Ian accused Michael of being in love with Eve. Eve came to Michael's defense but later, Michael confessed to God that he has fallen for Eve. Gaby tried to tempt Chris with the idea of life as a vampire. Coming: Jack reveals the truth to Livvie.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Paul regretted his actions with Isabella and prepared to go to Australia to see Chris, only to be served with divorce papers. Paul was horrified to learn that Chris had seen his intimacy with Isabella. Meanwhile, Mary offered Isabella a place to stay temporarily. Raul pressed Rianna about her history with JT, until she finally revealed that she had lost her virginity to him. Alex persuaded Malcolm to compromise and reduce his request for visitation, but Olivia again refused and a hearing was scheduled in family court. Nick was stunned when Sharon revealed that she's pregnant. Coming: Brittany isn't through with Mac.

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TWO GLORIOUS VILLAINS RETURN TO DAYTIME: Charles Keating, who chilled and thrilled "Another World" viewers for many years as the devious Carl Hutchins, will join the cast of "Port Charles" beginning Thursday, Aug. 16. The part, which is recurring, will also feature more than a touch of evil. Keating has recently guest-starred on the hot cable series, "Sex and the City," and continues to perform extensively in the theater. "As the World Turns" is getting its

favorite villain back later in August, when Anthony Herrera returns on a recurring basis as James Stenbeck. Herrera originated the role more than 20 years ago and has brought James back on several occasions, most recently in 1999. The character will be involved with his son Paul, as well as others in Oakdale. In real life, Herrera has been writing a book titled "The Cancer War," and is himself a survivor of lymphoma. Carl T. Evans joins the cast of "ATWT" on Thursday, Aug. 9, in the

role of Nick Scudder, a man from Molly's past. He previously portrayed Alan-Michael Spaulding on "Guiding Light." And Benjamin Hendrickson has returned to "ATWT as Hal." Robert Benvenisti has been upgraded to contract status in his role as Kevin Lambert on "Days of Our Lives." The actor grew up on Long Island, N.Y., and became an actor after graduating New York State University with a business degree. While the character of Kevin may look and act like a nerd, Benvenisti

is an accomplished hockey player. Changes at "Young and Restless" include David Lee Russek taking over the role of Sean from Christopher Douglas, starting Monday, Aug. 6. Russek's prior soap roles include Chip on "Another World." And McKay Guller plays Noah on "Y&R." Although her character of Gillian now lives in the spirit world, Esta Terblanche is reprising the role for a short time on "All My Children."