arts

Soap spoof lathers with crazy comedy

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It is a large metropolitan hospital, set in what conspicuously seems to be Los Angeles. The intravenous bottles contain everything from goldfish to kosher pickles. The public address system frequently blurbs out such inane messages as, "Dr. Pepper, please report to the diabetes ward."

The new interns are something else as well. One is studying so much for other degrees he must steal barbituates. Another is persistently trying to solve his Rubik's cube. Still another could pass for Herve Villechaise's twin brother. And two others just might be made for one another.

Such are the silly matters we are presented in "Young Doctors in Love," a comedy that took its own sweet time getting to State College. It premieres here this week, only after being released nationwide for nearly two months. Was it worth the wait? Hard to say.

Garry Marshall, the film's director, must have thought this would be a wonderful idea for a comedy. Do a takeoff of the daily network soaps, get a couple of gag writers to saturate the film with a lot of crazy jokes (or topical ones) and to broaden the appeal, cast actual soap opera stars as characters in the film. Come to think of it, that's not a bad marketing plan, either.

The finished product is a screwy amalgam of romance, politics, slapstick and a lot of topical gags, among them the first "E.T." joke. The humor is occasionally offensive and sometimes forced, but the jokes fly with relative consistency.

The new interns are at the center of this tale. They are initiated to the hospital game by the tough-talking Chief Surgeon (Dabney Coleman) who is more interested in the market conditions than in the thrill of his job. As well, they must contend with a zoned-out pathologist (Harry Dean Stanton) who prides himself on having tasted every one of the 20-some fluids of the human body (including the nastier ones).

On the other side of this coin, one of the new kids (Michael McKean) is a shimmering prospect of physicianhood. His cocksure, tactless demeanor, though, offends just about everybody - especially a particularly stunning young lass (Sean Young) just as determined as he to make it in medicine. Of course, these two will be swooning over each other in virtually no time.

At the film's periphery are such comic dilemmas as a mafia chieftan in the same room with a hit man who tries (and invariably fails) to terminate him and the overworked intern (Taylor Negron) who comes on to a starchy nurse (Pamela Reed) just to get her key to the medicine chest.

Soap watchers should have a field day spotting cast members of "The Young and the Restless," "General Hospital" and "All My Children" in the film. Although I do not watch these shows, I had little trouble finding most of them in the movie, as they most often appear in blackouts fragmented from anything else in the film.

Director Marshall and screenwriters Michnel Elias and Rich Eustis have definitely aimed for the commercial watchers, Pac-man freaks as well as those among us who watch, to any degree of regularity, our "stories." For the most part, the gags work, perhaps because they are delivered at such a rapid-fire pace most of the time.

"Young Doctors" is generally broad and silly enough, though, to transcend its bare spots and stand, if precariously, on its own legs as a mildly entertaining exercise in comedy for profit.

For the record

Music industry back in groove with fall releases

A long list of anticipated fall releases by "big name" acts should boost the music industry in the coming months. After a boring summer of mediocre material, some new and exciting tunes would be a welcome change for the record companies who have been troubled by vanishing profits, and to us listeners who have been troubled with apathy.

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Columbia Records launched it all a few weeks ago with the release of *High Adventure*, the latest by Kenny Loggins which includes the hit "Don't Fight It" with Loggins sharing vocals with Journey frontman Steve Perry. In addition, Columbia albums by Billy Joel, which will be called *The Nylon Curtain*, and Bruce Springsteen, are scheduled for September release.

CBS' artistic plans include new Pink Floyd and new Neil Diamond lps along with Rachel Sweet and The Psychadelic Furs, to be released in either October or November.

Christopher Cross heads up a long list of Warner artists with new material due this fall. A few weeks ago saw the release of The Who's *It's Hard* lp, which contains the much talked about single, "Athena." Cross is slated for a November release, tentatively titled *Another Page*, which will be a follow-up to his Grammy sweeping debut.

September should also yield the latest from Dire Straits, called *Love Over Gold*, and new albums by Steely Dan's Donald Fagan, Devo, Black Sabbath, George Harrison, Foghat and Grand Funk are all scheduled for October or November releases. Live sets by Rod Stewart, and the farewell album by the Doobie Brothers, along with the Geffen label debuts by Neil Young and Peter Gabriel are also expected this fall.

Michael Jackson's *Thriller* lp will be his follow-up to *Off The Wall*, which spawned four Top Ten hits. Along with Jackson on the Epic label will be a greatest hits collection by Dan Fogelberg and a double live set by Ozzy Osbourne, all scheduled for October. Epic is "hoping" for Boston's follow-up to the platinum *Don't Look Back*, and also expects new Garland Jeffries and Adam Ant material.

Two members of Genesis head Atlantic's fall list. Mike Rutherford is expected to release his solo album this month, and Phil Collins' follow-up to *Face Value* is expected in November. Also slated for fall release on Atlantic are new Abba, Bette Midler, Firefall, Poco, Orleans, Gary Numan, Henry Paul Band and Robert Palmer.

A & M's big fall release will be Supertramp's studio lp, *Famous Last Words*, the first of such in nearly three years, following its *Breakfast in America* album and its live *Paris* set. The new album will feature vocals by Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart. Also on October's agenda will be new Joan Armatrading, Chuck Mangione, and The Police's Sting, who has been working with the soundtrack to the upcoming film "Brimstone."

RCA expects to have new albums by Hall & Oates, Diana Ross and Jefferson Starship out this month. A greatest hits set from Dolly Parton and Vangelis' *To The Unknown Man* are also due out this month. And October should see the release of Triumph's new lp.

Signals, the new Rush album that contains the hit "New World Man," made its debut last week. Other Polygram label acts due this fall are Kiss, the Pat Travers Band, Def Leppard and Mac Davis.

Kim Carnes' *Voyeur* was just released on EMI-America while Arista is priming Gino Vannelli's *Twisted Heart* and some new Barry Manilow. Olivia Newton-John's *Greatest Hits Vol. II*, which includes the single "Heart Attack," was released the end of last week on MCA, the company to be responsible for some new Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Also in the making is new Commodores on Motown and new Pat Benatar on Chrysalis.

All in all, a lot of new albums by big name acts and a lot of expectations by the record companies for a thrust out of the current sales depression. With a list like the above, the fall should at least provide a variety of new material, and hopefully some good albums for the fall of '82.

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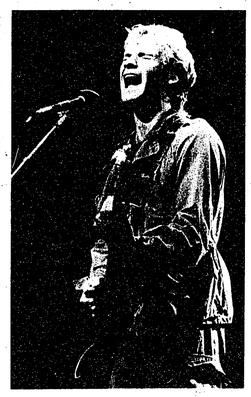
Diana Ross



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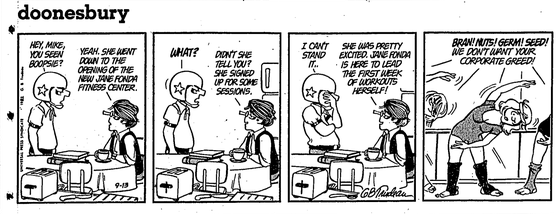

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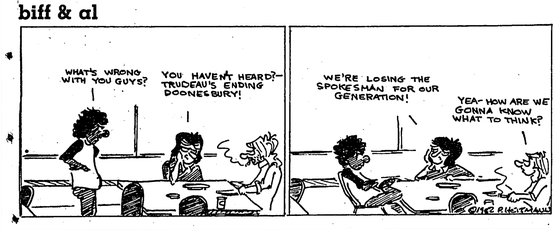

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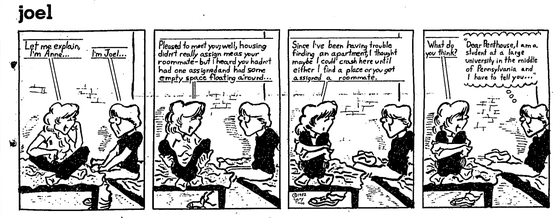

Crossword

"Cross and Recross" by Dave Jenkins
(answers in Tuesday's Classifieds)
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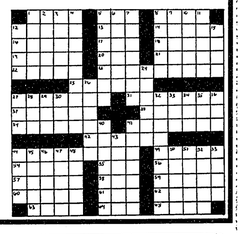
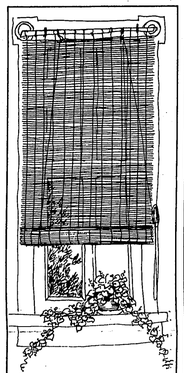
Across

1 Assert
5 Capek play
8 California school
12 Fur piece
13 Compass point
14 Bete —
16 Abdominal pain
17 Tic-- -toe
18 Satisfier
19 -- one relationship
20 "Follow me wherever— "
21 Vermont's Allen
22 German River
23 Changers of direction
25 A fuel
27 Twirls Again
31 Divert again
37 Primps
38 Lush material
39 Bet again
41 Dig again
42 Turn from sin
44 Those who do it again
49 Ideal
54 Objects of worship
55 Disappears when you stand up
56 Indonesian island
57 Breathing organs
58 Opening notes to "Has Anybody Seen My Gal?"
59 Join together
60 – in free
61 – -de-sac
62 Georgia and vo
63 Bette Davis –
64 – Aviv
65 Greek love god

Down

1 Do penance
2 Small mammals
3 Typeface
4 Tape
5 Leaves work
6 Customary practices
7 Get back
8 Indy brother
9 Jackets
10 Supple
11 At the back
12 Barge
15 Sea Eagles
24 One team's men on the field
26 Interpolate
27 Rotation per revolution
28 Before
29 Stitch
30 Green vegetable
32 Restore to a former state
33 Lofty mountain, var.
34 Grapes, Ital.
35 A Kennedy
36 Summer, Fr.
40 Choose again
41 Write the word again
43 Czech capital
44 Russian part
45 Roman magistrate
46 Parrot name
47 Girl's name
48 Donkeys
50 Coal extractor
51 Friend, Ital.
52 Ancient people
53 Bauxite and hematite





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Monday Evening

DAYTIME MOVIES

1:00 (2) ★★★ "We're No Angels" (1955, Comedy) Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray. Three escaped convicts take over a French shop.

4:00 (11) ★★★ "Breakheart Pass" (1976, Western) Charles Bronson, Ben Johnson. A disguised federal agent, transporting a prisoner by train through the West, is suddenly caught up in a dangerous sequence of events as train passengers are murdered.

5:00 (2) ★★½ "Woman Times Seven" (1967, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine, Alan Arkin. Seven extremely different female personalities emerge against a Parisian backdrop.

EVENING

6:00 (3) WEATHER WORLD
(5) CHARLIE'S ANGELS
(6) (8) (12) NEWS
(11) BARNEY MILLER

6:30 (3) INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
(6) NBC NEWS
(8) ABC NEWS
(10) CBS NEWS
(11) THE JEFFERSONS

7:00 (3) MACNEIL / LEHRER REPORT
(5) (6) M*A*S*H
(8) P.M. MAGAZINE A stunt flyer who pilots a 12-foot mini-jet; a look at what's coming up in P.M.'s 4th year.
(9) BULLSEYE
(10) LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
(11) NEWS
(12) INSIDE BASEBALL

7:30 (3) BUSINESS REPORT
(5) ALL IN THE FAMILY
(6) (9) YOU ASKED FOR IT
(8) ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT
(11) BASEBALL New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles
(12) SPORTSCENTER

8:00 (3) WINNING AND LOSING "Notes On A High School Football Season"
(5) P.M. MAGAZINE
(6) LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE Charles undergoes a deep religious experience when he learns that his young son James will soon die. (Part 2) (R)
(8) THAT'S INCREDIBLE Featured: the U.S. Rubik's Cube championship; a legless high school athlete; a 13-year-old magician; a young water-skier. (R)
(9) BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE
(10) PRIVATE BENJAMIN Judy, Captain Lewis and Colonel Fielding are kidnapped and held for ransom by mock terrorists. (R)
(11) NCAA FOOTBALL Tulsa Golden Hurricane at Arkansas Razorbacks (R)

8:30 (5) CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS
(10) WKRP IN CINCINNATI Herb and Jennifer are trapped in an elevator when the building catches fire. (R)

9:00 (3) GREAT PERFORMANCES "Guests Of The Nation" Frank Converse and Estelle Parsons star in a dramatization of Frank O'Connor's short story set in Ireland in 1921 revolving around a pair of Irish insurgents and the two captured British soldiers they are ordered to guard. (R)
(5) MERV GRIFFIN Guests: Shelley Winters, Dr. Irene Kassorla, Pamela Mason.
(6) MOVIE ★★½ "Murder In Texas" (Part 1) (1981, Drama) Farrah Fawcett, Katharine Ross. A wealthy Texas oilman sets out to prove that his daughter was murdered by her husband, plastic surgeon John Hill. (R)
(8) NFL FOOTBALL Pittsburgh Steelers at Dallas Cowboys
(9) MOVIE ★★½ "Teahouse Of The August Moon" (1956, Comedy) Marlon Brando, Glenn Ford. When a young Army captain introduces American customs to Okinawa his efforts backfire.
(10) M*A*S*H Klinger becomes company commander when Colonel Potter has the officers and enlisted men trade places for a day. (R)

9:30 (10) HOUSE CALLS Dr. Weatherby and Charley help Solomon break away from his overprotective mother.

10:00 (3) CRISIS TO CRISIS WITH BARBARA JORDAN "Books Under Fire!" The controversial and growing struggle over book censorship in America is examined.
(5) NEWS
(10) LOU GRANT Charlie feels put upon when Mrs. Pynchon overrules him, Billie unfairly blames him, and Donovan wants advice about his love life.
(11) INDEPENDENT NETWORK NEWS

10:30 (11) METROPOLITAN REPORT

11:00 (5) M*A*S*H
(6) (10) NEWS
(11) ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT
(12) SPORTSCENTER

11:30 (5) MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE
(6) THE BEST OF CARSON Host: Johnny Carson. Guests: Sammy Davis Jr., Marlette Hartley, Bob & Ray, Merle Earle. (R)
(9) IRONSIDE
(10) TRAPPER JOHN, M.D. Gonzo Gates, a Vietnam veteran, applies for a post at a large hospital just as emergency cases are flooding in from a hotel fire. (R)
(11) SATURDAY NIGHT

12:00 (8) NEWS
(11) BOXING Coverage of the Gerrie Coetzee / Stan Ward 10-pound heavyweight bout from Atlantic City, N.J. (R)

12:30 (5) RAT PATROL
(6) LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN Guest: comedienne Carol Leifer.
(8) ABC NEWS NIGHTLINE.
(9) MOVIE ★★★ "The Bang, Bang Kid" (1967, Science-Fiction) Guy Madison, Tom Bosley. A robot becomes a hero when it saves a town from nasty outlaws.
(11) STAR TREK

12:40 (10) COLUMBO A woman asks for Columbo's help when she suspects that her ex-husband has been murdered.

1:00 (5) GET SMART

1:30 (5) BEST OF MIDDAY
(6) NBC NEWS OVERNIGHT
(11) INDEPENDENT NETWORK NEWS

2:00 (5) JOE FRANKLIN Guest: Joni James.
(11) IRONSIDE