

## Lynda Hirsch on Soaps: Weekly summary

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**ALL MY CHILDREN:** David begins to manipulate Zach into thinking Ian could need a new heart valve. Kendall is gut-punched when Zach tells her she no longer means anything to him. At the casino, a newly returned Liza and Zach have no-strings-attached sex. Frankie's family and friends throw him an emotional goodbye party before he ships out. Kendall gives Zach the signed divorce papers. Annie sneaks out of Oak Haven and secretly visits Emma at Ryan's while he's out. Annie narrowly avoids being caught by Ryan when he returns, but runs smack into Aidan while she makes her escape. Ryan finds Aidan's cell phone in the loft. Aidan promises not to abandon Annie when they learn Ryan pulled strings to have her transferred to a different facility to keep them apart. Adam puts the screws to Krystal when he tells her he knows where her skeletons are buried and threatens to expose her secret if she doesn't do his bidding at the custody hearing. Knowing Adam would surely expose the secret she's so desperate to keep, Krystal turns on David on the witness stand. David asks a devastated Krystal what Adam is holding over her, but she remains silent. Brot doesn't want Taylor to accompany him when he leaves town to make his first speech for Wounded Soldiers. Scott clobbers David when he comes upon him threatening to kill Adam. Adam offers to bankroll Scott's latest project after learning David would be Scott's main competitor. Jake comforts Amanda after she has a nightmare involving David, and they kiss. Jake pulls a gun on David when he threatens to take Amanda's baby away. Tad suspects Jake is falling in love with Amanda.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Tad cannot forget Dixie.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Carly and Craig are in New York, having taken Liberty to interview for an internship. Parker unexpectedly shows up at their hotel room just as a drunken Carly is about to sleep with Craig. Carly tries to console Parker, but he accuses her of being a drunk. Carly promises Parker that she's done drinking. Craig tries to redeem himself with Parker and Liberty by offering her a chance at an internship in Chicago. Parker agrees and Liberty goes for an interview. Parker freaks when she comes home late and accuses her of partying again. Liberty gets upset and says she can't take it and doesn't want to be married anymore. Parker goes to the farm, but Liberty doesn't want to see him and Jack won't let him in. Parker runs off to the docks, spots the vodka shipment and grabs two bottles. Craig finds Parker drunk and unconscious in the woods while Carly goes to Yo's and gets a drink. Luke blames Damian for sending Noah away and storms out when Damian denies it. Damian tells Lily he's going to Europe to get to the bottom of the business with the rings and will stop in Lisbon to find Noah. Lily warns him not to let her down. After he goes, she calls Luke and he comes home. Luke admits he feels terrible that Noah left without even calling. Noah, however, is tied up in a storage locker by Zac and Zoe. Meg proposes that she and Paul reconcile and live together with Eliza. Paul agrees on one condition: that she not see anyone else ever. Meg says "fine" and goes to tell Dusty. Dusty can't believe she's willing to live with Paul. Meg says it will be just until she figures out how to get Paul away from her and Eliza forever. Later, Lucy promises Dusty she won't involve him in her business anymore and there's only one more shipment. Dusty is confronted by Fredo and another thug, who beat him up. Casey and Jade wind up doing community service together.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Lucy's plan backfires.

**BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL:** Stephanie is relishing her role as the head of Jackie M. Jackie warns Nick that no matter how much Stephanie tries, she can never sever her ties with Forrester Fashions. Clarke and Stephanie discuss how much they miss Sally. Stephanie admits that her one-time mortal enemy became her best friend. Taylor does not know how to cope with losing Steffy to Rick. Thomas and James make Taylor see she cannot allow Rick to hoodwink her surviving daughter. Brooke, feeling that Taylor is merely trying to create havoc for her relationship with Ridge, decides to help Rick regain Steffy's trust. Ridge and Taylor decide to goad Rick and cause him to badmouth Ridge and Steffy. Unaware that Steffy can hear him, Rick goes on a tirade against her entire family.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Rick continues to trick Steffy.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** As Sami and Rafe fight in the corridor, Nicole recognizes Rafe as the so-called "cable guy" who infiltrated the DiMera mansion. While enjoying time with one another, Mia inadvertently learns about Nicole's past from Will. Melanie gets caught pulling a scam at the Java Cafe, but is saved by Brady. She relates how she is moving on from Philip, but questions Brady on his own romantic agendas. Brady makes it clear it's not going to happen with the woman he cares about. Truly becoming friends, Melanie advises him to talk to this woman and wishes Brady the best, which leaves him thoughtful. Mia confronts Nicole, who's at the Horton cabin preparing for her wedding. Mia accuses Nicole of lying to her about her past and insists on taking her baby back. Nicole admits to her shady past, but insists that because of her love for EJ and having lost her miracle baby, she has truly changed. Mia is not convinced, so Nicole explains that if Mia reveals the truth about Sydney, things might not go so well for Mia. Bo has another vision of Roman and Hope in bed. This time, he sees a newspaper on the bedside table with today's date. Hope, meanwhile, has to go on a stakeout with Roman, thinking he's the man in Bo's vision. They end up in a motel room, the same room in Bo's vision, and are unable to communicate with the police. Roman and Hope are trapped in the Hacienda Motel by a drug dealer and his dangerous clients they were sent to surveil. Roman and Hope call for backup, and prepare for the worst. Meanwhile, worried out of fear that his vision of Roman and Hope making love could come true, Bo continues to try to pinpoint the pair's location. Bo, finally receiving word on the location of the drug bust, rushes to the motel. Roman and Hope take defensive positions just as the door bursts open. Hope and Roman are shocked to find Bo. Bo realizes that his vision was not exact and apologizes to Hope for not trusting her. The two embrace. Sami tells Lucas that Grace is EJ's child, and she plans to tell EJ. EJ and Stefano have put the hit man on Philip's trail. They want Philip's demise to occur while they're at the church, thus having an alibi. The hit man traces Phillip and Stephanie to a hotel room where they are having passionate sex.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Philip fights for his life.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Sonny warns Claudia that nothing will save her if he finds out she had anything to do with Michael's shooting. Carly has a consultation with Kelly, who gives her the upsetting news that she could experience severe and even life-threatening complications if she were to become pregnant. Nikolas and Rebecca celebrate over ice cream at Kelly's after learning she doesn't have cancer. Alexis suspects Rebecca could be connected to Helena's return and shares her theory with Nikolas. Helena pays Nikolas and Rebecca a visit at Wyndemere. Lulu clashes with Ethan. Tracy becomes even more convinced that Ethan could be Luke's

long lost son. Ric returns home, only to come face to face with a dangerous Jerry. Having reached his breaking point, Patrick publicly accuses Robin of being unfaithful. Robin wants to stop taking the antidepressants immediately, but her doctor warns her against it. Spinelli's heart is ripped apart when he sees Maxie kissing Johnny. Spinelli tells Jason he found proof that Jerry is alive and has been siphoning money from Ian Devlin's account. Jason takes the information to Sonny, who wants Jason to find and kill Jerry for what he did to Michael. Jax discovers Jerry at Michael's bedside.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Nikolas sees past Rebecca's lies.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Frank surprises Natalia with Rafe. Rafe tells Natalia that Frank helped get him out on early release. Rafe suggests that Natalia and Frank get married this week while he's home and before he has to report to the halfway house. Doris tells Olivia she has to stop Frank and Natalia's wedding. Back at home, Natalia tells Olivia she wants to get married today, and asks Olivia to be her maid of honor. Frank asks Buzz to be his best man. Doris is impressed that Olivia told Natalia how she felt about her. Lillian says that the bride is almost ready. Natalia enters and locks eyes with Olivia. As Natalia walks down the aisle towards Frank, her gaze keeps shifting to Olivia. Natalia slowly recites her vows, but can't get herself to finish. She runs out apologetically. Olivia searches for Natalia to no avail, and then rushes away. Outside, Natalia asks God for forgiveness. Frank asks Marina to send everyone home, saying the only person he needs is Natalia. Olivia finds Natalia crying in the gazebo. Natalia finally admits that she loves Olivia. Edmund corners Shayne, angrily calling him a liar about loving Lara and for hiding that he's the reason she's gone. Edmund, dressed as a doctor, picks up baby Colin. A nurse rushes towards Jeffrey and tells him to come quickly. Jeffrey and Josh see that Colin is missing and Reva's bed is empty. At Cross Creek, Reva and Edmund come face to face. Reva tells him to give Colin back to her. Edmund wants to rob Shayne's family the way Shayne robbed his "child for child. To stop Edmund from taking his revenge out on baby Colin, Reva stabs him in the neck with a syringe. Edmund clings to consciousness as Reva takes baby Colin, telling Edmund he could have been the kind of person that gives life instead of taking it. Phillip agrees to take a position on the Spaulding board, and Alan pretends to be pleased. Lizzie wonders if Phillip is ready to be back on the board. Phillip reads the press release Alan has written up stating that Phillip is going to seek psychiatric help. Alan asks him to check into Ravenwood "for his daughter's sake. Phillip agrees to talk to Alan's doctor. Alan tells Alex that Phillip called his bluff "he doesn't have a doctor and has to come up with a plan B. Phillip arrives to meet the doctor, but instead, two orderlies enter and grab him. Alan claims Phillip is out of his control.

**SNEAK PEEK:** Frank deals with his betrayal.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Zach taunts Todd, implying he's going to rape Starr, but then states that he's going to punish Todd by killing Starr instead. Todd holds Zach's attention long enough to allow Starr to escape. John makes his way into the room via a heating duct and lunges at Zach just as he's about to shoot Todd. As John and Zach struggle on the ground, Todd gets hold of the gun and fires a shot. An injured Zach is headed for jail. John isn't convinced that Zach is the K.A.D. Killer they've been searching for. Starr embraces Todd, both grateful that the other wasn't hurt. Cole admits to Marty that he still loves Starr. Schuyler urges Stacy to forget about Rex and try again with him, but she remains resolute in her desire to win Rex's heart. Natalie and Jared destroy the evidence they have proving Chloe is really Starr's baby, not Jessica's, and believe they're doing the right thing. Roxy suggests to Gigi that they turn the tables on Stacy and come clean to Rex once Shane has the bone marrow transplant. Todd plays on Tea's feelings for him as he tries to get her to help him win back custody of his kids. Cole panics when he's told he needs to take another drug test, knowing he'd fail because of

the pills he took the night before. Cole pleads with Markko to give his urine sample instead and Markko reluctantly agrees. Rachel tries to bolster Matthew and is later assigned as Cole's counselor. Marty goes to see John to alert him to the fact that Starr might be having an inappropriate relationship with her teacher and is unaware someone is spying on them.

SNEAK PEEK: Another murder plagues the town.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Phyllis sneaks into Sharon's G.C.A.C. suite and starts to get revenge by trashing Sharon's belongings. Later, as Sharon and Nick are making love, Phyllis' frustration and anger are taking over as she is destroying Sharon's room. Phyllis finds all the items that Sharon has stolen over the past few weeks and is stunned, realizing what she has found. Sharon returns to her room to find the police searching it. When Jack arrives, he immediately assumes that someone set Sharon up and vandalized her room, but Sharon starts to believe that she did take the items in question. Sharon is arrested for grand theft. Michael arrives at the police station as Sharon is being booked and Jack tells him about the stolen merchandise, including books from Trumbles. When he starts to put two and two together, he refuses to be Sharon's lawyer. At home, Michael tells Lauren and Eden that Sharon was the one who stole the books from Trumbles and let Eden take the fall for it. Nick returns to the tack house and tells Phyllis that it's time that they separate. The judge rules that after observing Kevin's behavior that he be released to a psychiatric facility. Michael and Jana go to see Kevin and are horrified to find him locked up and restrained in a straitjacket. Kay pays Amber's million-dollar bail. Victor tells J.T. to find something on Colleen to help him force Colleen to resign from the Newman board. Sharon explains to Nick what has been going on with her lately and that she believes Phyllis was the one who broke into her room. When Nick tells Sharon he left Phyllis, she tells him that she doesn't want to be the reason for him to break up his marriage. Jill is hurt when she finds all the things from her office at Jabot packed up and assumes Kay ordered it. Jill eventually pushes Kay to a breaking point and Kay admits that she is glad Jill is not her daughter. In family court, Karen is blindsided when she learns that there is another petitioner for Ana's adoption and it is Tyra. However, the judge still seems to be leaning in Neil and Karen's favor after hearing everything they have done for Devon and Ana. Later, tensions rise as the judge reviews Tyra's petition. Ana gives her testimony to the court that as much as she loves the Winters, Tyra is her mom who raised her. Although Karen is tortured by the realization that Neil helped Tyra find a lawyer, she is vindicated when the judge rules in her and Neil's favor. Neil, however, stops the proceedings, saying he has a statement.

SNEAK PEEK: Ashley fears losing her baby.

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