

Has Heartless J.R. Gone Soft Over Mandy Winger?

Now that we're fully into the rerun season, it seems that the time can't pass quickly enough before a new season begins. Most of you soap opera fans are probably at the edge of your seats wondering what the premiere of the two favorite nighttime programs, "Dallas" and "Dynasty," will shock you with. (Okay, I admit it, I'm hooked on "Dallas.")

So, since "Dallas" is my primo show, let's make a few predictions about it. Since Cliff Barnes has no legal rights to the Ewing oil, I predict that he will go on a drinking binge, become abusive to his newlywed wife and just generally make a decline in both his business and personal affairs. Of course, every time he hears the name J.R. Ewing he will become uncontrollably violent and lash out at whatever and whoever is near him.

Now for the harder subject, J.R. Is it possible that heartless J.R. Ewing has gone soft over Mandy Winger? Or will he treat her like another object once he has won her? One thing's for sure, Sue Ellen, being on the bottle, isn't helping matters at all. And was that really Dusty she saw or just one of her drunken figments of her imagination? Seems like Sue Ellen would have had enough of J.R. the first time around.

And I know that everyone has said that Bobby, Patrick Duffy, has left the show. But I keep hoping that when the program airs this fall somehow he will be resuscitated. After all, who is there for Pamela and Gina to compete for, unless it is the newest addition to the Ewing family, Jack?

What about "Dynasty"? By some coincidence I happened to watch the last show of this series. If memory serves me correctly, everyone got sprayed with ammunition fire by a terrorist group at Alexis' daughter's wedding.

If it were left up to me, half of those characters would remain dead. Why do I say that? Steven's confused feelings between his estranged wife, Claudia, and his male lover is more than sickening. My prediction for them is that Claudia will have a sex change operation. That way, Steven can finally have his cake and eat it too.

Blake and Crystal are a good couple. Yet, this year, they have been flirting with the idea of having an affair. I predict that they will finally go for it and regret it later.

On the last episode Dexter had left Alexis. When

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the fall season starts, I predict that he and Amanda will have a torrid affair, if the possibility of them getting together doesn't pan out.

Of course, Sammy Jo will play the female villain role. Like every (good?) soap opera there is that woman whom we love to hate. No doubt about it, Sammy Jo is it for "Dynasty."

Last, but not least, the news that Fallon will return is old. But what I also have heard is that Fallon

and Jeff will be starting their own version of "Dynasty." The question that comes to my mind is, Will it work? Evidently, someone thinks so. But I guess we all have to wait until this fall to see.

LITTLE THEATRE
 "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," "Wait Until Dark," and "My Sister Eileen" are only three of the five plays to be presented by the Little Theatre of Charlotte this coming fall season. Season

tickets for the five plays are \$35 and are good for any public performance. The first production will open in September and the season closes in May. For more information, call 376-1777.

MINI AUCTION
 The public is invited to take part in the WBTB Boystown "Mini-Auction" coming Wednesday, July 10, to uptown Charlotte's Independence Center plaza.
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and will include items from local merchants like Martini's, Montaldo's, and the Uptown Car Wash.

CBS SPECIAL
 John Savage stars as a young man in Russia whose dreams of returning to America help him survive 18 years of torture, starvation, and brutality in Siberia. "Coming Out Of The Ice" is based on the memoirs of Victor Heman and will air Wednesday, July 10, at 9 p.m. on Channel 3.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS
 John Kee and the Kee Singers is certainly a gospel worth an encore. They will be appearing again on "Opportunity Knocks" Sunday, July 7, at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 42.

CALL RAIFORD
 A new talk show will be premiering on Channel 36, Monday, July 8, at 11 p.m. Each weeknight at 11, Raiford will speak on a newsworthy issue, offering his controversial opinion and soliciting viewer response.

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