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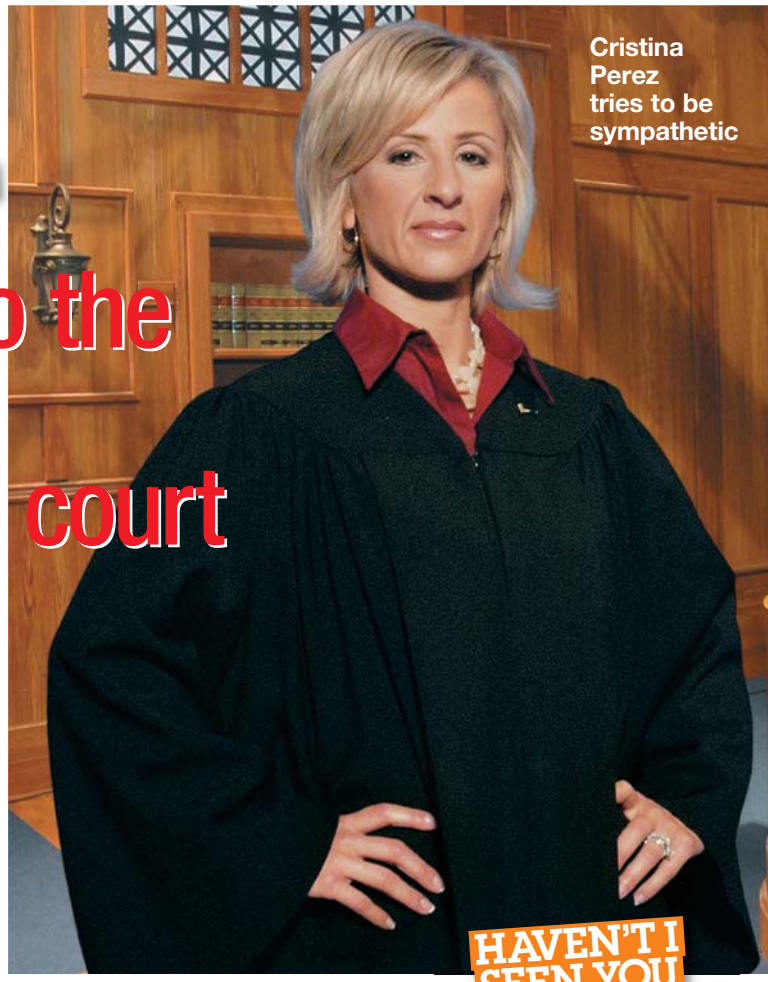
Getting to the heart of Cristina's court

★ Cristina Perez of "Cristina's Court" has been called the "judge with heart" and "the healing judge" – and with good reason. You can feel her compassion for the litigants in her TV court right through the screen.

"It sounds corny," says Perez. "But I really care about these cases. I want to be able to feel what [these people] are feeling."

Getting into the heads and hearts of her plaintiffs and defendants is Perez's top priority. "I find myself saying: 'How would I feel if I were them? How would I try to resolve this if my sister or my best friend came to me [with this kind of problem]?' So I've kind of taken that family approach to resolving issues."

Like the case of the mom suing her own son for money he owed her when all she really wanted was some attention from her boy.



Cristina Perez tries to be sympathetic

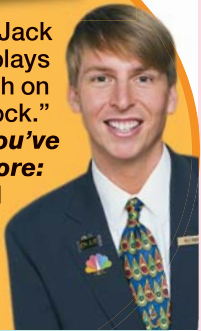
"He basically opened up his heart and said: 'My mother is everything to me.' That got me a little teary-eyed... And the lady lost it and started crying."

And it's that kind of emotional courtroom healing that fuels Perez's passion for what she does: "I never want people to leave 'Cristina's Court' without feeling a little bit better than when they came in."

HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

Who's that: Jack McBrayer, who plays Kenneth on NBC's "30 Rock."

Where you've seen him before: In the Will Ferrell flick "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."



REALITY CHECK

★ The winner of the Warner Bros. recording contract is revealed on the season finale of "Nashville Star," Thursday, March 1, 10 p.m. ET on USA Network. **TV ON DVD:** Meet the Keatons all over again with "Family Ties" season 1. And from the creator of "Sex and the City" comes "Grosse Pointe," the complete series.

PICK OF THE WEEK THE WINNER



'The Winner' cast, from left: Linda Hart, Lenny Clarke, Rob Corddry, Erinn Hayes and Keir Gilchrist

★ This risqué, charming and uproariously funny sitcom gives hope to late bloomers everywhere.

Who's in it: Rob Corddry, Erinn Hayes, Keir Gilchrist, Linda Hart, Lenny Clarke. **What happens:** When the only girl he ever kissed moves in next door, 32-year-old Glen Abbott (Corddry), a loser still living with his folks, finally decides to begin his adolescence and make his way in the world. *Sunday, March 4, 8:30 p.m. ET, FOX*

SNEAK PEEK ALL THE SOAPS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 26



ALL MY CHILDREN
Kendall is faced with an impossible decision. Zach faces his worst nightmare. Josh must confess the truth. Zach battles the killer.

AS THE WORLD TURNS
Lily ignores her mother's advice and takes Craig's instead. Emily gets caught in more ways than one. Vienna snuggles up to Henry.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Sisters Pam and Stephanie face off while sisters Felicia and Bridget grow closer. Nick and Taylor make love and then face a horrible tragedy.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Kayla is forced to remove one of John's organs. Abby tells Jed that Willow was a prostitute. Jed admits that Willow is his sister.

GENERAL HOSPITAL
Jax learns what Carly has been up to while he was away. Elizabeth asks Jason to make a major sacrifice. Sonny and Jax clash over Carly.

GUIDING LIGHT
Cassie and Josh's relationship begins to weigh heavily on Reva. Ava has competition for Alan-Michael's attention.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE
Fearing they will die, Jessica and Nash admit their love for one another. Antonio risks his life to try and save Nash and Jessica.

PASSIONS
There's a bizarre twist regarding the peeping tom! Chad's lover is finally revealed! Fancy gets splashed with acid! Sam is forced to arrest Luis!

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
Michael and Lauren confess the truth to Nick and Phyllis. Dru takes a drastic step. Victor secretly joins forces with David Chow.

WATCH OVER ME
Michael uncovers the ultimate betrayal. Jack and Julia reach the point of no return. Michael is duped. Julia's life is jeopardized.

WICKED WICKED GAMES
Edward becomes a fugitive. Blythe catches Lani and Violet in a less than thoughtful act. A mysterious person pays Blythe a visit.