

■ As her **BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL** character, Felicia, battled illness, Lesli Kay's "shortcut" made it look authentic.

Soap Opera Digest: I'd love to hear about your decision to shave your head for the cancer story.

Lesli Kay: This isn't some fictitious disease. If you don't do it as believably as possible, people aren't going to buy into it. So, I did not think there was any way to do it other than shave my head. I didn't offer it up, mind you. But when Brad [Bell, head honcho] said, "Would you shave your head on camera?" I didn't hesitate. As long as I was not going to be jobless and hairless [laughs].... There is no way I could have done this with a bald cap on. I've got a cousin at home who's going through this right now. How could I stick a rubber cap on my head and

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say, "I feel your pain."

Digest: How'd it feel when you left the studio that day?

Kay: It was intense. I had the worst stomachache and headache. It was just a really strained day. But at the same time, when I got home, it was kinda cool. I was kinda excited to walk through the door. The first day it was a Mohawk! And when I walked in the door, [husband] Keith [Coulouris; ex-Keith, OLTL; ex-Reid/David, ATWT] and Jackson [their eldest son] had their eyes covered. I

said, "Look up, look up!" And then Jackson wanted one. And how could I say no since I had one? So Jackson got one and he

was the rage in kindergarten.

Digest: Let's say that you're going out to a swanky party, like the Emmys. Do you put on a ton of makeup?

Kay: You don't want to look like a drag queen who forgot his wig, which is what I look like with too much makeup now. You can't put false eyelashes on when you have no hair. My hair guy, Sergio, who did this to me ... we brought him in special because he's phenomenal! But Sergio tried to get me to go platinum! I said, "Number one, I'll look like my mother and my husband won't be able to deal with that. And the other thing is, I'll look like Susan Powter." I prefer the Natalie Portman look. □

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Buzz Worthy: Lesli Kay made a **BOLD** move for her character, Felicia.

