

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK

Anthony Geary
to return to
'General Hospital'

By Candace Havens

One of daytime drama's most popular characters is returning to *General Hospital*. Anthony Geary, the Emmy Award-winning actor who made daytime history as part of the Luke and Laura team, is returning to the show.

Gloria Monty, who has just returned to the program as executive producer, said, "Tony and I have remained friends since we first worked together. I am delighted he is rejoining the show. However, he will not return in the character of Luke Spencer; that would be going back to the past, while I am definitely interested in *General Hospital's* moving forward. By mid-February, I will have a number of Valentine's week surprises in store for our viewers."

GH was the No. 1 serial in daytime when Monty introduced two new characters Luke (Geary) and Laura (Genie Francis). The romance between these two young lovers captivated the nation.

Newsweek magazine even devoted a 1981 cover to *GH*, calling it "TV's hottest show." The show has since fallen in the ratings, and once again ABC is hoping Monty can pull it out of the doldrums.

Geary has been busy since leaving the show, having guest-starred on several popular series and television movies. He also worked quite a bit in the theater.

Dear Candace: I would like to let you and *Days of Our Lives* know that I hope Patty Pease comes back to the show. If they don't watch out, only Dr. and Alice Horton will be left!

I think the show needs to finish some of the loose ends and have some happy times for awhile. I hope Patch comes back also. —A reader in Slatton, Neb.

Dear Reader: By now you know your wish for Pease to return has come true. I agree with you about asking the writers to give the characters some good times.

I want to hear from you! If you have a favorite soap scenario you would like to sound off about, or a question about the soaps, write to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, P.O. Box 17748, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0748.

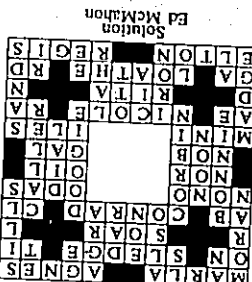
Who is the 28-year
Tonight Show veter-
an who at one point
in his career substi-
tuted for Alan King
on Broadway?

The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Girls of 1977
5. Actress Mitchell
9. 2... Per Town
10. Type of hammer
13. Law's restriction
14. Fly high
15. Batschoff's initials
17. Jake and the Fatman star
19. L.A. III
20. Advice to Frankie
22. Harlem ruins
24. And not
25. Greasy stuff
26. San Francisco's Hill
27. My... Girl
28. ... service
29. ... de la Sav. after
31. Event's incision
32. Staci Keenan's role on *My Two Dads*
37. Adult's monogram
38. Moreno or Hayworth
39. Ray Charles' state of birth
41. Dietetic
43. Yellow Brick or Hickey actor
44. Singer/pianist John
45. TV's Phobias

16. Franklin of *One Day at a Time*
17. Actor Bernson of *L.A. Law*
18. First name for a young TV doctor
19. *Melvin*
21. Time for some soaps
23. ... M For Murder
28. Sinclair of *Gabriel's Fire*
30. ... of two Jims, 1949 John Wayne flick
33. Age
34. Nat. Security Act org
35. Baseball's Mul
36. Cowardly Lion's portrayer
40. Sportscaster Michaels
41. Behold!
42. Initials for Esleeve
43. George M. Cohan's state of birth



DOWN

1. Film of Happy Days
2. Article
3. Girl's monogram
4. Additionally
5. Taj Mahal's site
6. Large U.S. corp.
7. Outer space visitor
8. Opera's floozy
11. Period of time
12. Patriotic org.