

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOAP TALK

Geary and Samms: soap supercouple?

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First there was Luke and Laura, then Luke and Holly, then Holly and Robert. Now *General Hospital* is hoping to add Bill and Holly to its list of soap supercouplets.

In the early '80s, the romance between Luke (Anthony Geary) and Laura (Genie Francis) was a phenomenon. Ten years later, *GH* is hoping to spark the same kind of fireworks between Holly (Emma Samms) and Bill (Geary) on *General Hospital*.

Are Samms and Geary banking on supercouple status? Not really, but executive producer Wendy Riche thinks there's a chance for a hot romance between their characters.

"I think that the chemistry is undeniable both on-screen and off-screen between these two," says Riche.

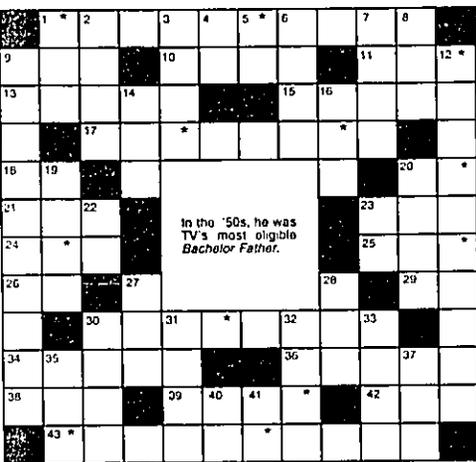
The two stars are glad to be back on the show that made them so popular in the first place. Geary is back as Bill, a different character than he played before. He couldn't resist the challenge to prove he could play another character, but fans weren't happy about the change at first.

"Luke Spencer was an exciting and compelling character ... and people were disturbed when I came back as a different character. But it's been a year now, and people aren't as resentful as they were before," says Geary.

Samms had other reasons for coming back. "I was given a very, very nice money deal and was given the opportunity to do other projects during the year," says Samms. "But it was more than that; I really missed the sense of family you have working on the soaps and the ability to really grab hold of a character over an extended amount of time."

So what about the rumors of Genie Francis returning to *GH* now that she is off *All My Children*? "I've been hearing that for 10 years," says Geary. "I have never had a conversation with anyone, with Wendy or anyone at ABC, regarding Luke and Laura."

Is there any truth to the rumor that Mary Beth Evans (ex-Kayla, *Days of our Lives*) and Stephen Nichols (ex-Steve, *Days*) could turn up on *GH* in the near future? Riche leaves the possibility open, answering, "I have photos and cassettes from a lot of people on a lot of shows, both prime time and daytime."



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 S. Fuentes of L. A. Law (2)
- 9 Day for Meet the Press - abbr.
- 10 Madonna's opener
- 11 Broadcast
- 12 "He's making ___ and checking"
- 15 Portrayer of Laura Petrie & Mary Richards
- 17 Weld and others
- 18 Letters for Dodge
- 20 "I ___", solemn vow
- 21 "Don't Say, quiz show for Tom Kennedy
- 23 "C ___ Dough", game show of yesterday
- 24 Recluse
- 25 Dennis Dyer's mil. rating
- 26 Wake-up time, for most
- 29 Rappers' greeting
- 32 Lusing money (3)
- 34 Permeate
- 36 Penalty given in The Man Without a Country
- 38 Mr. Meno
- 39 ___ For All Seasons
- 42 Ending for profit or auction
- 43 Best Actor in 1981 (2)

DOWN

- 1 Part of summer - abbr.
- 2 A or G, for Mallock's portrayal - abbr.
- 3 One sock, to the other
- 4 Monogram for the star of The King and I
- 5 Diploma hopeful - abbr.
- 6 Vicki Lawrence role
- 7 New Mexico resort town
- 8 Oliver or Goliath
- 9 "___ J"
- 12 The Hunt for ___ - 1990 Sean Connery film
- 14 Nickname for Ruffan, perhaps

ACROSS

- 16 Cartoon-O-matic
- 19 Upside-down mood
- 20 Jones of The Monkees
- 22 Prefix for due or do
- 23 Bosson's engine
- 27 African antelope
- 28 Harrison or Reed
- 30 Suffix for convert or access
- 31 Sign of joy or sorrow
- 32 Gambler's destination
- 33 Passed on
- 35 "___ yongg", board game
- 37 Measles
- 40 "___ Little Marge"
- 41 Monogram for Funt

Solution
John Forsythe

