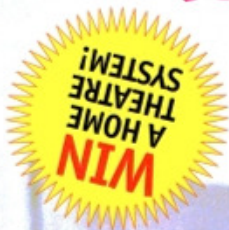


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"It was a scene where Sony tells Jason that A.J. didn't teach his son [Michael] to kill. He [Sony] taught his son to kill." Bernard tells me during a phone call from the set. "It was real deep and intense, and a pretty good story. Good enough to land him in the running against co-star Tony Geary [Luka] again."

I don't think she will cause the doesn't need the money!"



Maurice Bernard is sitting pretty

story that could happen in real life," character-driven stuff. It's a character-driven blowout. Incredible a whole big and then it gets into with the situation, trying to interfere see a lot of Jason Bernard hints, "You'll friend, Jason," (sister of his good Emily Quartermaine entanglement with romantic

As for Sony's work right now," happy coming to actors, and I'm so he says, "I love the full force with it," character, and I go such a great planning on leaving anytime soon. "It's Bernard isn't feel it's my fault," it's my fault, but I

the ratings aren't great, nobody says gotta work or else I feel I'm falling. If admits, "If I work with somebody, it's a huge responsibility," Bernard soap opera. become the central focus of the entire little did he know Sony would quickly When Bernard signed on to do *GH*, have the pressure of drinking of a makes it great for me, 'cause I don't

Later this month, Maurice Bernard could walk away with his second Daytime Emmy. Since joining *General Hospital* in 1983 as brooding Mob man Sony Corinthos — and becoming the show's hottest heartthrob — Bernard has been nominated five times as lead actor, and won the statue in 2003. He almost didn't submit a tape for this year's nominations, until his wife, Paula, convinced him to go for it.

Sexy Diamond
(Brad Carlton) was voted No. 1 soap hunk in a poll at www.soaphunks.net. Check out the Top 100 to see if your favourite guy made the cut!

There's a reason for the extra raspy quality in Ted King's (*Alcatraz, General Hospital*) voice recently. The actor took three days off from his role to undergo emergency throat surgery. King was temporarily replaced by Jay Pickett (ex-Frank Scanlon, *Port Charles*), but he's reportedly fine now.

Balines on stage
(Alan Spaulding) will be the guest vocalist with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra at May 19 event at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.



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Maurice speaks out

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Soap Suds

An inside look
at the secrets

revealed during

the hottest month

on daytime TV

For intrigue, action, adventure and romance, tune in to the soaps during the November sweeps. Whether it's the reunion of one of daytime's hottest couples, or the confusion over an unwanted pregnancy, the most alluring storylines reach their peak this month. Here's a sneak preview.

Reunited?

General Hospital's most loved couple, Luke (Tony Geary) and Laura (Genie Francis), are head-



Luke (Tony Geary) and Laura (Genie Francis) celebrate 28 years

a good metamorphosis and has quite a few agendas." **IT** adding that, more importantly, fans should "watch out for Lexie! She's going through not such ship is heavily conflicted. Jen is going to find happiness in a very unlikely new way," he says. Days' executive producer Ken Corday is pessimistic about the couple's fate. "Their relationship which way it's going to go," says Ashford. "It sure keeps me turning the pages!"

However, as much as fans want it, a reunion between the couple is not clear. "I can't tell one has ever said they were when they weren't! He's so lame!" "It's never been done before," chuckles Ashford. "Characters have admitted they're gay, but no convinced his pal Greta that he's gay."

Jack Devereaux (Matthew Ashford) becomes closer with his ex-wife, Jennifer (Michelle Reaves), but has Things continue to heat up on *Days of our Lives* as

Salem Secrets

unpredictable arena. "There are three separate stories," Alden explains. "They all mix and overlap. Look for a strong focus on Nick and Sharon, another on Victor and Tricia and a third involving the marriage of Victoria and Ryan. It's some of the most exciting storylines we've ever done. Victor will be put into a totally unprecedented, unpredictable arena."

Kay Alden, head writer for the Y&R, reveals that storylines involving the Newman family will be front and center during November sweeps.

happened to them before." she says. "It's different than anything that's ever go through a very big change in their relationship," husband. "Sharon and Nick (Joshua Morrow) will always going to be smooth sailing for her and her Sharon Case, who plays Sharon, reveals it isn't most watched couples on *The Young and the Restless*. Love rides a rocket road for one of Genoa City's

Family Troubles

love of Luke's life, whether they're together or not." they didn't. There's no doubt in my mind this is the reconciliation," says Geary. "I would be surprised if My instinct tells me [the writers are] planning a reconciliation between the once happy couple."

event in soap history - is on Nov. 15, and Luke's mental state (he's been living in the past) may inspire a pie's famous wedding - which was the biggest rating event for a reunion. The 20th anniversary of the cou-

(top-bottom) Joshua Morrow and Sharon Case; Melissa Reeves and Matthew Ashford



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