RUMOUR SAYS THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR FORMER PASSIONS CO-STAR GALEN GERING WERE UP FOR THE ROLE OF BRADY. HOW DID YOU WIN?
“Galen and I were brought in to screen test for what we were told was a blue-collar love interest for Sami Brady (Alison Sweeney). The character went to Galen, and they asked me if I would reprise Brady Black. It was an absolute joy that they wanted to consider me.”

BRADY HAD BATTLED A DRUG PROBLEM OFF SCREEN BEFORE HE RETURNED TO SALEM. THAT IS A COMPLETE TURNOVER FROM THE OLD GOODY-TWO-SHOES BRADY BLACK!
“When I thought about Brady Black, I would think, ‘Oh, he’s kind of like Ethan Winthrop from Passions.’ I get why they hired me; I’ve done this song and dance before. But they were like, ‘Eric, there is actually a little twist to this; (Brady) has been doing some crazy drugs over in Vienna, Austria. He has been through rehabilitation and is working manual labour on a farm.’ They had paragraphs of backstory for this guy. It was intriguing because I had played such a vanilla Dudley-Do-Right character in Ethan and I was looking forward to portraying someone who had some bad history and an issue to grapple with.”

BRADY HAS A DEEP CONNECTION TO NICOLE (ARIANNE ZUKER); HE CAN’T SEEM TO SAY NO TO HER.
“I think it took fans by surprise, because to them it may have originally seemed he would go back to Chloe (Nadia Bjorlin), but he struck up this relationship with Nicole. I think he relates to her because she is living a lie, and Brady has some full circle with this drug issue and his divorce from Chloe. He sees Nicole needs to have that white picket fence life,
but the way she is going about it is wrong. Brady feels compelled to push her in the right direction.

ULTIMATELY, DO YOU SEE THEM TOGETHER?
"I do. I saw potential in them right away. First of all, Ari and I are like two peas in a pod and it's ridiculous."

I HEAR YOU HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER!
"We have a little too much fun on set. They are like, 'Would you guys shut up? We need Nicole and Brady, we don't need Ari and Eric right now!' Their history is funny. They were just a hook-up for a while there, but they have a lot more in common now."

YOU DON'T WANT BRADY TO RECONNECT WITH CHLOE?
"Just when you think the fat lady has sung, man ... I'm not at liberty to say too much, but the stuff I have been taping lately, it's all about Chloe! She has some predicaments that she gets into and Brady is right there at the forefront."

SO CHLOE AND BRADY FANS MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO ROOT FOR THEIR FAVOURITE COUPLE AGAIN?
"I never put "Broe" fans out of the picture. The Brady and Chloe fans are very vocal and they have high flags to wave. I would never count them out."

IT SEEMS HE'S SAVING ALL THE DAMSELS IN DISTRESS IN SALEM AT THE MOMENT!
"Brady is really into women! He has done some good deeds for some guys, as well. It's a little bit reminiscent of Ethan on Passions, because he just wants to help everyone out. He is kind of like the Dr Phil of Salem!"

BACK IN YOUR OLD STOMPING GROUND OF PASSIONS, YOU WERE ALWAYS IN SCENES HALF-NAKED! NOW, LOOKING BACK, WHAT DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE ON PASSIONS?
"Passions was one of a kind. It dared to be different. We all knew what we were doing, and whether you want to look back on it and call it an actual "soap opera" or not, is up to the individual. It was a great platform for me. We had to make that material seem worthy of being aired. Sometimes it was hard, because the stories were so ludicrous that to make them believable was a task. I learnt so much from that show."

DID YOU FEEL OBJECTIFIED ON PASSIONS, AND NOW ON DAYS, WITH LOTS OF RANDOM SHIRTLESS SCENES?
"Totally on Passions! Now, on Days, I've had some shirtless scenes, there have been more and more shirtless situations, actually. Recently on-air, I played strip poker with Mark Hafka (Nathan) while two girls watched. Why were we doing this? Who cares? Then, on another episode, I walked into Victor's living room soaking wet because I forgot my towel! John Aniston is like, 'Brady, what are you doing getting water all over my couch?' And I'm like, 'Sorry. I forgot a towel', and then we start having a discussion while I'm naked. It's awesome and hilarious!"

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE LISA THINK ABOUT YOUR SHIRTLESS SCENES?
"My wife Lisa did Soap Talk with Lisa Rinna and Ty Treadway a few years back. They had Cameron Mathison's (Ryan, All My Children) wife on with her as well. Lisa asked, 'How do you feel about your man rolling around with all these women?' Cameron's wife is like, 'It's his job and I know how he feels about me. At the end of the day, I am okay with it'. She asks my wife, and she's like, 'Hell, no. Are you kidding me? Would you like your significant other rolling around with some other hot girl in the morning?' Lisa Rinna went, 'Thank God that someone said it like it is'"

MARRIED WITH TWO LITTLE BOYS, YOU SEEM TO JUGGLE THE DEMANDS OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE QUITE WELL. WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?
"Yes, I have two children, Chase and Mason, my three-year-old twin boys. Fatherhood is great! It's the most wonderful and hardest thing I have done in my life. I cannot say enough good things about them. They were in karate classes the other day breaking boards. They are going to be kicking my butt eventually!"

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