

do that to your hair for so long, it strikes back.

Digest: How so?

Geary: I became sort of hairdresser-dependent ... I couldn't make any appearances without somebody to "wrangle" my hair. It had a life of its own. So, that [was a] little fashion faux pas — which I shall pay for in fashion hell along with Members Only jackets. But that was Luke. And we forget that it was a hip and trendy look in the '70s. I was probably one of the first in show business — a highly visible white guy — to have that hair. It really had a rock-

star feel about it. That's why I liked it and what we were going for with Luke.

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that he was bigger than life. And the hair certainly was!

Digest: And later?

Geary: When I came back

to the show in '91, I played Luke's cousin, Bill, with straight red hair and a beard. In '93, they wanted Luke back. I just couldn't see doing Luke without that curly hair. So, we started that whole perming process again. But I just hated it. My work, my life, became all about the hair. So, I cut it all off. There's nothing less attractive, to me, than a man who's losing his hair trying to grow it long. When you have a small amount of hair to deal with, it's better to wear it short. It just looks better, not so dated. You don't look like you're trying to recover the '60s. I'm really on guard against that look. But every time I think I'm too old to grow it long again, my hair seems to rally! Now, it's thicker than it was, so as long as there's hair there, it'll be changing.

Digest: What is the wildest stuff you've ever done to your hair?

Geary: I had it in dreadlocks and cornrows for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. And I've had white, white hair, Billy Idol-esque: straight up, spiky. And I've shaved my head.

Digest: Do you still color your hair?

Geary: Yes. I have a great colorist who I've gone to for 25 years, John Falzone [of Le Salon Complet in Northridge, CA]. I keep it highlighted, bleached.



Retro-spective: In his early days on GH, Geary became identified with the curly perm.