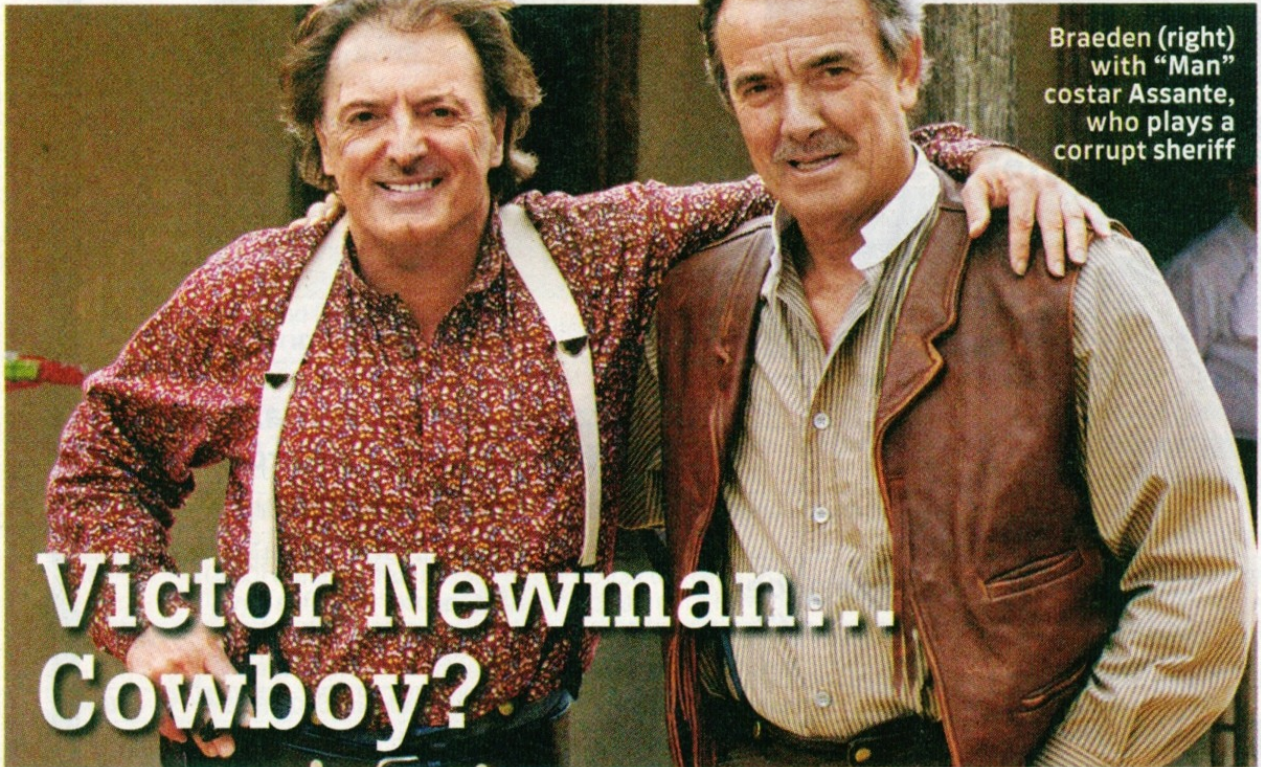


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Braeden (right) with "Man" costar Assante, who plays a corrupt sheriff

## Victor Newman... Cowboy?

Get ready for Eric Braeden as you've never seen him. The German-born actor, now in his 28th year as jillionaire Victor Newman on *The Young and the Restless*, will go all cowboy on your ass in the DVD western "The Man Who Came Back." Released December 9 by Lionsgate, the film—set in 1876 and inspired by one of the bloodiest work strikes in U.S. history—"was 10 years in the making and a true labor of love," says Braeden, who is both star and executive producer.

He plays a former Confederate army hero whose defense of black plantation workers leads to deadly consequences.

Shot on location in Texas over 27 days for just \$1.5 million—quite an accomplishment for a sprawling period film—"Man" features an eclectic cast of Braeden's cronies, including his "Titanic" costar Billy Zane and Oscar winner George Kennedy (who once guested on *Y&R* as Victor's dad), as well as Armand Assante, Carol Alt, legendary boxer

Ken Norton and that notorious wackadoo Sean Young, whom Braeden says was "marvelously cooperative." Braeden lucked out when he was able to use some of the sets John Wayne built nearly 50 years ago for his epic "The Alamo."

"We overcame enormous obstacles to get the film made," Braeden says. "It would be nonsense to say I didn't sometimes have doubts it would happen. But I've always been a tough son of a gun. I don't give up."