

STARBUST

by Steve K. Walz

Future Stars—Malibu Beach will be the setting for a four-hour miniseries entitled, 'Breaking Up Is Hard To Do,' with Ted Bessell, Jeff Conaway, Robert Conrad, Billy Crystal, Tony Musante and David Ogden Stiers headlining as a group of guys who have to deal with separation and divorce. Call it 'An Unmarried Woman' antithesis if you wish.



Billy Crystal

Robert Conrad

Jeff Conaway

Star Facts—Kate Jackson, late of 'Charlie's Angels,' and husband Andrew 'The Bastard' Stevens, have signed Jack Warden and Rue McClanahan for the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo 'Topper' in their version of the popular story for ABC. Jackson and Stevens recreate the lives of George and Marion Kirby, originally played by Cary Grant and Constance Bennett in 1937.



Kate Jackson



Esther Rolle (left) portrays a housekeeper who becomes a close, understanding companion to a Georgia teenager (Kristy McNichol) after she is shunned by her family and neighbors for befriending a POW, in **SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER**, rebroadcast on NBC-TV's 'The Big Event,' Sunday, July 15.

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SPORTSWHIRLED—Nobody but nobody expected the Baltimore Orioles to bolt ahead of the rest of the AL East pack, especially with the presence of the Yanks and Red Sox power-laden rosters. But a combination of Yankee injuries and Red Sox inconsistencies have given the Orioles the upper hand. **Earl Weaver's** troops are playing timely baseball with just the right complement of pitching and hitting. **Gary Roenicke**, who really wasn't counted on to provide home run power, has become a terror with the bat. As we near the All-Star break, Gary has belted close to 15 roundtrippers while hovering around the .300 mark. Not bad for a guy who was traded from the Expos to the O's and then languished on the bench till Weaver gave him a chance to prove himself... The American League's Western Division contender, the California Angels, have also been winning with their bat strength. They have gotten unexpected hitting from catcher **Brian Downing**, who has been giving teammate **Rod Carew** a run for the money in the batting average category. Also, 'knocking on wood' is **Willie Mays Aikens**, who has been living up to his namesake by clobbering a bevy of long balls. Aikens, at his present pace, may eclipse the 30 h.r. mark by season's end.

SPORTS SPECIAL—The New York Yankees will mark their 33rd annual Old-Timers Day this year by bringing back players who have represented Yankee championship teams over a 50-year period. **Bob Shawkey**, who pitched in and won the first game ever played in 'The House That Ruth Built,' will represent the old-timers from the '20s era. Others expected to partake in the festivities are 'Joltin' **Joe DiMaggio**, **Tommy Henrich**, **George Selkirk**, **Moose Skowron**, **Johnny Blanchard**, **Phil Linz**, **Mickey Mantle**, **Whitey Ford** and once-maligned slugger **Roger Maris**.



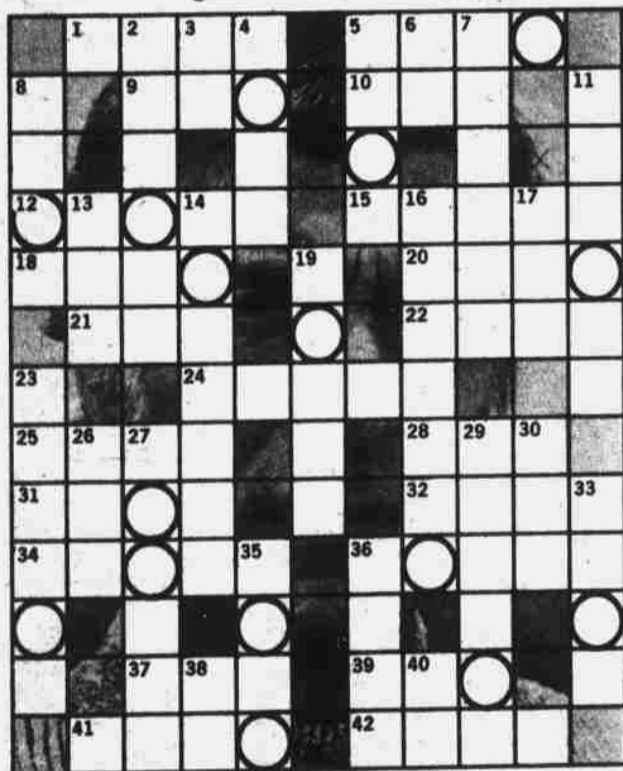
Roger Maris

SPORTS QUEST—Q. I know that the North American Soccer League decided to stage Soccer Bowl '79 once again in the Meadowlands in the hope that the Cosmos would be in the finals again. But the way the team is going, what happens if they (Cosmos) fail to make it to the finals?—C.B. Detroit, Mich.

A. Funny you should ask that question. When the media received their press credentials form from the league office, one of the questions asked was whether you would still attend the game if your local team didn't make it to the Soccer Bowl. Of course, that sort of question was aimed at the heavy concentration of soccer reporters located in the New York area. The Cosmos would attract the world media as a whole if they got to the final round. But if Seattle would play Portland, who would care? The NASL is rooting hard for the Cosmos to be there, and the New Yorkers are doing everything in their power to buy the league championship. Plain and simple, if the Cosmos lose, the league loses prestige and money.

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- 1 Brag
- 5 Soothe
- 9 Celtic goddess
- 10 Mr. Onassis
- 12 Edge
- 15 Afterwards
- 18 East Indian fiber plant
- 20 Edible bulb
- 21 Lion's home
- 22 Wood knot
- 24 NBC morning show
- 25 Basic igneous rock
- 28 Grain
- 31 Asian country
- 32 Single piece
- 34 Warhol and Williams
- 36 Transgression
- 37 Body acid
- 39 Ocean
- 41 Ignore
- 42 Feels ill

DOWN

- 2 Valley
- 3 Atop
- 4 Stray person
- 5 Telephone
- 6 Gas used in lighting (abbr.)
- 7 Be attentive
- 8 Muscle spasms
- 11 Mistakes
- 13 Boy
- 14 Dream (clue to puzzle answer)
- 16 "— not what —..." (JFK)
- 17 Self-esteem
- 19 Affection
- 23 Remote body of land (clue to puzzle answer)
- 26 Bond creator, Fleming
- 27 Up-to-date
- 29 Beast
- 30 Mr. Conway
- 33 Canvas housing
- 35 Knife wound
- 36 House (Spanish)
- 38 Greek letter
- 40 Two vowels

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Star Extra—'The French Atlantic Affair,' a six-hour star-studded ABC motion-picture based on Ernest Lehman's novel of the same title, is currently in production in Paris, Los Angeles and aboard a luxury liner crossing the Atlantic. The setting for the story is the first summer sailing from New York of the 'S.S. Marseilles,' an ocean-borne playground for the rich, the famous and the beautiful. Among the 2,000 passengers, however, is a messianic cult leader and 175 of his followers en route to establish a colony in an extradition-free country to be financed by seizing the ship and its passengers for a ransom of \$70 million in gold. With the glamorous passenger list infiltrated by members of the cult, the enemy cannot be identified, so terror, betrayal—and death—stalk the vessel as the ransom deadline, and the destruction of the ship, draw near.