

## BITS AND PIECES

### Kathy Bates: No relation to 'Psycho's' Norman Bates

Oscar-winner Kathy Bates is shedding her ax-swinging *Misery* persona to star in a new 1960s-set drama. Bates will play a woman in search of her identity in Largo Entertainment's *Used People*, co-starring Shirley MacLaine. Production begins in September. Currently the actress is filming opposite 1990's Oscar-winning Best Actress, Jessica Tandy. The two are co-starring in *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*, shooting in Juliette, Ga.

Ten years of MTV is enough, or so the sentiment runs at a Texas-based cable company. TCA in Tyler, Texas, dropped MTV from its 53 cable companies in Texas, Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and New Mexico as of July 1. The reason? "We don't feel we can offer borderline pornographic material," spokesperson Randy Ellison told the *Houston Chronicle*. MTV said the dispute is a money matter. TCA denied it.

Steven Spielberg's *Tiny Toons* has scurried to first place in the world of cartoon syndicates. Animators from Warner Bros. Cartoons are now working on 13 new episodes for next season and 22 more for 1992-93, when the show moves to Fox.



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You can't turn away nightclub-goers based on how they look, says Administrative Law Judge Mildred A. Maron. Maron recently ruled that the admissions policy at Los Angeles' trendy club Vertigo is discriminatory and possesses "awesome potential for abuse." Vertigo is appealing the decision.

Twenty-two stars were selected from among 200 nominees for next year's Hollywood Walk of Fame honors. The soon-to-be-cemented stars include Mary Tyler Moore, Dizzy Gillespie, Tom Hanks and Louis Gossett Jr.

## TRIVIA, ETC.

### What film dramatized Jack Crabb's life?

By Steven Alan McGaw

#### Questions:

1. Identify the 1970 film that chronicles the life of Jack Crabb.
2. What airline operated the space shuttle in 2001: *A Space Odyssey*?
3. In 1946, John Garfield starred in the film *Humoresque*. Name the young co-star who played the same character as a child.
4. What state is the setting for *Splendor in the Grass*?
5. This performer wrote, directed and starred in *The World's Greatest Lover*. He is ...
6. Margaret Mitchell's working title for *Gone With the Wind* was ...
7. Unsinkable Molly Brown set sail aboard what ill-fated vessel?
8. Identify Krekor Ohanian.
9. Who wrote the screenplay for 1952's *Viva Zapata*?
10. Name the film which opened with a murder in London's Thornton Square. (Bonus: Who made her debut playing a maid in the film?)

#### Answers:

1. *Little Big Man*.
2. Pan Am.
3. Robert Blake.
4. Kansas.
5. Gene Wilder.
6. *Tomorrow Is Another Day*.
7. The Titanic.
8. Mike Connors.
9. John Steinbeck.
10. The film is *Gaslight*. The actress in question is Angela Lansbury.



John David Bland stars in *Sweating Bullets*, a late-night show temporarily airing in prime time, Fridays on CBS.



Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin find love and danger in *The Big Easy*, Saturday on CBS.



Veteran newsman Peter Jennings heads a new edition of *Peter Jennings Reports*, Thursday on ABC.