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A TOAST TO TELEVISION'S BEST



HELLO, DOLLIES!

Frank DeCaro thinks Barbie could expand its line of diva-inspired dolls beyond the *Dynasty*-ic duo of Alexis and Krystle. **See page 99.**

DUELING DIVAS

Two leading ladies, one lily pond—and *Dynasty*'s most memorable scene

They'd exchanged pointed looks and traded barbed words, but on April 13, 1983, Alexis Colby and Krystle Carrington decided to settle their differences like men. With the tension ever mounting between the first and second wives, respectively, of billionaire Blake Carrington, actresses Joan Collins and Linda Evans took it to the lily pond, flailing and punching their way through *Dynasty*'s most beloved scene.

When Collins appeared last fall in a limited New York run of her one-woman show, *One Night with Joan*, she recalled how, just before filming the brawl on the grounds of a Pasadena, Calif., manse, her taller, stronger, younger co-star Evans persuaded her that they themselves should be the ones slugging it out for the cameras. Later, as she sought medical attention for her bruises, Collins, now 78, recalled the advice of her former co-star Gene Kelly: "Never put a stunt gal out of work."

Decades earlier, the pond and its surrounding grounds had been the exterior setting for the Marx Brothers' classic film *Duck Soup*. But as one of the house's recent owners, TV writer/creator Peter Tolan, surmises, it is for the two feuding ladies of the '80s that the locale will always be revered. "For years after we bought the place," Tolan remembers, "the gate intercom would ring, and we'd hear someone in broken English on the other end of the line—usually

Japanese tourists looking for 'Dynasty house.'

— Jim Colucci