Mike Connors, TV Actor

During the years that he served as an enlisted man in the Army Air Forces of World War II, he was still Krekor Ohanian of Fresno, Calif. Not long after his discharge, though, he became Mike Connors, one of the most recognizable actors in Hollywood. Ohanian, while attending UCLA after the war on a basketball scholarship, was discovered by director William Wellman, who encouraged him to pursue an acting career. He did. In his first movie, he starred opposite Joan Crawford in 1952's "Sudden Fear." Connors starred in three television crime dramas, "Mannix," "Tightrope," and "Today's FBI." He has made hundreds of television appearances and was nominated for three Emmys and several Golden Globes—winning one in 1970—as best actor in a drama series.