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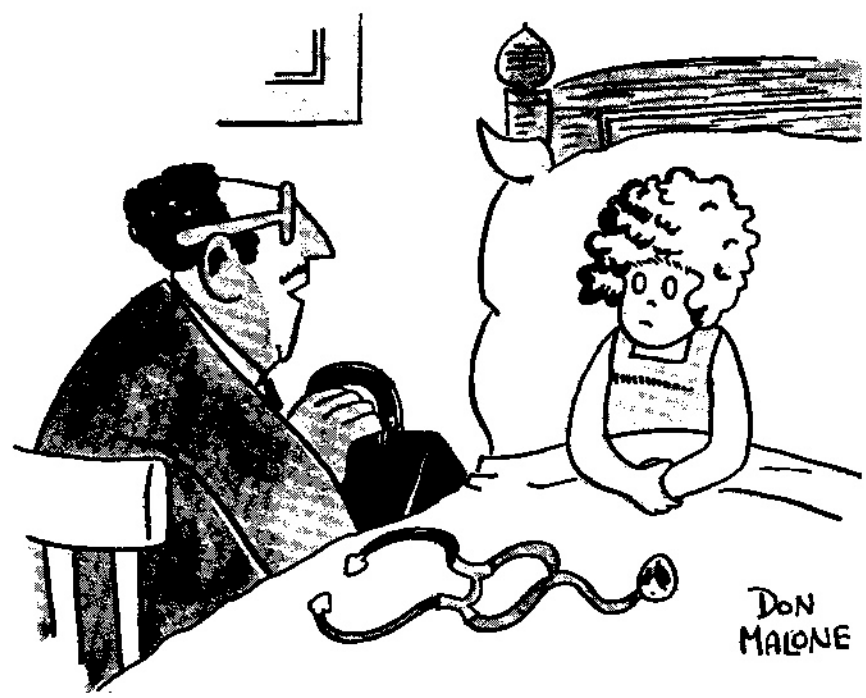
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"Nearly 50, eh? Well, I must say, you certainly don't look it."

BEE TLE  
BAILEY





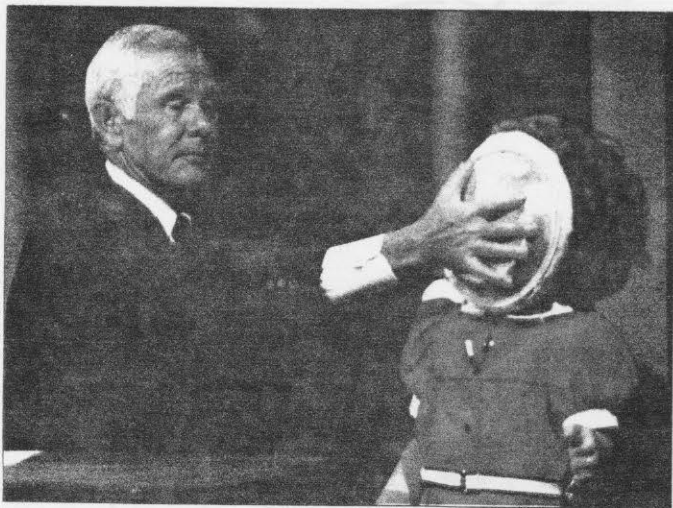
DREAM MAKERS '87 - Clockwise from left, Loren Kaufman, Dana Dewes, Chris Noel Cantera, Nicole Nowicki, Stacey Nowicki (not pictured, Arlene Kulis, Kristi Coombs)



RANSOMVILLE, NY - Amanda Stefik and friend, 1987



KENILWORTH, NJ - Sybelle Franklin, 1986



Head to head: Carson (welcoming 'Little Orphan Annie' to the 'Tonight' show)

DID ANYONE SEE THIS ON TV or does anyone know anything about it? We are wondering who that is dressed up as Annie (or is it a mannequin??)

## Try Your Hand At ANNIE JEOPARDY!

The easier ones in each category are at the top; the harder ones are at the bottom, just like the TV show. Correct responses are on page 6. Good luck!

### Broadway

- B1 She starred as Annie for 1,056 performances on Broadway.
- B2 Oldest Broadway Annie; she did not leave the role until she was 14 years, 10 months old.
- B3 These two Broadway Annies, although one month apart in age, were born in different decades.
- B4 Andrea McArdle played this role on opening night at the Goodspeed Opera House.
- B5 On Broadway she played three different Orphans with four different Annies over five years; she last played an Orphan in the 1984 National Tour.

### The National Tours

- N1 She played Annie in the 2nd National and later on in the 1st National.
- N2 The only Broadway Annie to have previously been an Orphan in a Nat'l Tour.
- N3 He opened in the 3rd National and closed on Broadway as 'Daddy' Warbucks.
- N4 The first Annie in the 1st Nat'l Tour, she was formerly a Broadway Orphan.
- N5 The part Molly Ringwald played in the 2nd National.

### The Movie

- M1 Too young to audition for the Broadway show, she auditioned for and got a part in the movie.
- M2 The last spoken line in the film.
- M3 Geoffrey Holder and Roger Minami played these characters.
- M4 Mrs. Kuzmac's granddaughter.
- M5 Two of the three cities in which the movie premiered on May 17, 1982.

### The Comic Strip

- S1 Miss Asthma's job.
- S2 Characteristic facial feature of Little Orphan Annie.
- S3 The number of panels in almost every daily strip since early 1945.
- S4 "Gloryosky!" is not said by Little Orphan Annie, but by this character.
- S5 It appeared in newspapers on Sunday, July 21, 1968.

### Annie Stars Since Annie

- A1 In October 1981 Shelley Bruce was hospitalized with this disease.
- A2 In 1978 Andrea McArdle played this show business legend in the TV movie Rainbow.
- A3 This Staten Island, New York teenager now lives in California in order to tape a weekly TV sitcom.
- A4 This National Tour and movie Orphan spent a year on TV on a series starring Scott Baio.
- A5 She is the only Hollywood star in history to have achieved fame in all three media--theater, TV, film--all before the age of 12.

### Potpourri

- P1 This New Jersey toy company marketed a 46-inch tall Annie doll in 1982.
- P2 Alphabetically last of the 5 Broadway Annies.
- P3 The sponsor for Bert Healy's "Hour of Smiles" radio show in the play.
- P4 22-year-old Martin Charnin opened in this Broadway show in 1957.
- P5 The only Broadway Annie who was replaced in the role by an actress older than she is.

### The Broadway Script (Final Jeopardy)

- FJ 3 of 4 U.S. Presidents mentioned in the Broadway script and/or score.

# ☆ Annie Stars Since Annie ... ☆

Starlight Express on Broadway will keep ANDREA McARDLE very busy for a long time; in addition, Andrea will be the spokeswoman for the Special Olympics at New York University in NYC in mid May and will also be a guest veejay on MTV in the near future. We hope everyone saw the article on Andrea in the April 27 issue of People magazine....Fame, Fortune, and Romance on ABC recently did a feature on ALLISON SMITH and Brian Bloom. Allison also appeared on Square One Television on PBS and traveled to Nebraska to sing for Juvenile Diabetes. Allison and Brian have been making speaking engagements at area high schools for the American Lung Association, and after TV taping finishes up for both of them they will travel around the country with their anti-smoking message.... KEENE CURTIS, PETER MARSHALL, and SUZANNE ISHEE, all from the national tour of La Cage Aux Folles, are now all on Broadway in the long-running show...SHELLY PAUL, Molly in the 1984 National Tour, played Off-Broadway in The Knife. Her understudy was STACEY MOSELEY, who was Annie last winter at the Darien Dinner Theatre in Connecticut. In addition, Stacey sang in the recent Music Maker revue in NYC....THERESA DIANE, from the 4th National, appeared in Woody Allen's Radio Days and will also be in the upcoming movie Punchline with Tom Hanks and Sally Field....Former Canadian Annie Orphan SANDY MICHAELS played the title role in Anne of Green Gables in Toronto, Ontario....Former Broadway Orphans NICOLE NOWICKI and LOREN KAUFMAN have been busy; in the past year Nicole has played the title roles in both Annie and Oliver! in Atlantic City, and Loren will be in the upcoming movie The In Crowd. They performed in Dream Makers '87 in Atlantic City along with ARLENE KULIS, CHRIS NOEL CANTERA, DANA DEWES, KRISTI COOMBS, and STACEY NOWICKI....MOLLY RINGWALD will go to Europe to begin filming King Lear, with herself as Cordelia and Burgess Meredith playing the title role....DEBBIE GIBSON continues to sing on weekends to enthusiastic crowds at New York area discos. The long version of "Only In My Dreams" on Atlantic Records cracked the Top Five on the national 12-inch Singles Sales chart, and the 45 RPM single has now entered the Top 100 pop chart on Billboard magazine. So, if you haven't yet heard it, chances are you will soon....SARAH JESSICA PARKER recently starred with Judd Nelson in Wrestlers on the stage of the Burt Reynolds Jupiter Theatre in Jupiter, Florida, home of the Annie production last winter which starred ALICE GHOSTLEY and NORWOOD SMITH....AMANDA STEFIK, who played an Orphan in Niagara Falls, NY last winter, played the title role in a Ransomville, NY production of Annie in April....HALLY McGEHEAN, former Broadway Pepper and singer on the record "Let Me Be Annie For Christmas," is currently playing in Off Limits (written and directed by her mother) with the Lower Makefield (PA) Youth Ensemble. Also in the cast is HOPE HINES, who has been Pepper in several local Annie productions....Who's The Boss with ALYSSA MILANO was ranked #10 in the annual prime time TV ratings for the past season, and Kate and Allie with ALLISON SMITH came in #19....JULIE STEVENS sang the National Anthem at a Philadelphia Flyers-New York Rangers hockey playoff game, which was won by her native Philadelphia team. "I have a perfect record with the Flyers," says Julie, "and the '76ers (Philadelphia's basketball team) have lost only once when I sang." Julie will graduate in June and attend New York University in the fall....RICHARD SABELLICO will be in One Touch Of Venus at the Goodspeed Opera House....LOUANNE was seen recently on an episode of NBC's The Bronx Zoo....TIM CURRY will play the lead in the upcoming national tour of the Broadway hit Me and My Girl, which will open in San Francisco in October....Birthdays: STEPHANIE WINTERS, 17 on May 1; SHELLEY BRUCE, 22 on May 5; ALBERT FINNEY, 51 on May 9; ARLENE KULIS, 15 on May 12; PATTI GILBERT, 18 on May 23; CHARLES STROUSE, 59 on June 7; DEBORAH WEBSTER, 18 on June 11; LOREN KAUFMAN, 14 on June 16; STEPHANIE KAE SEELEY, 16 on June 24; AILEEN QUINN, 16 on June 28; DANIELLE BRISEBOIS, 18 on June 28.





3RD NATIONAL TOURING COMPANY, 1982

ANNIE JEOPARDY! - Responses

Broadway

- B1 Who is Allison Smith?
- B2 Who is Sarah Jessica Parker?
- B3 Who are Allison Smith and Alyson Kirk? (birthdates 12/9/69, 1/14/70)
- B4 What was Pepper? (She was given the title role after two weeks)
- B5 Who is Jennine Babo?

The National Tours

- N1 Who is Louanne?
- N2 Who is Alyson Kirk? (Kate in the 3rd National)
- N3 Who is Harve Presnell?
- N4 Who is Kathy-Jo Kelly?
- N5 What was Kate?

The Movie

- M1 Who is Toni Ann Gisondi?
- M2 What was Annie saying "I love you, 'Daddy' Warbucks"?
- M3 What were Punjab and the Asp?
- M4 Who is Aileen Quinn?
- M5 What were (Los Angeles), (New York), (Toronto)?

The Comic Strip

- S1 What is running the Orphanage? (Miss Hannigan's original name)
- S2 What are blank eyeballs?
- S3 What is 3?
- S4 Who is Little Annie Rooney?
- S5 What was the very last strip done by Harold Gray?

Annie Stars Since Annie

- A1 What was leukemia?
- A2 Who was Judy Garland?
- A3 Who is Alyssa Milano?
- A4 Who is April Lerman?
- A5 Who is Louanne?

Potpourri

- P1 What was Knickerbocker?
- P2 Who is Allison Smith?
- P3 What is Oxydent toothpaste?
- P4 What was West Side Story?
- P5 Who is Shelley Bruce? (She is 11 days younger than Sarah)

The Broadway Script (Final Jeopardy)

- FJ Who are (Franklin D. Roosevelt), (Herbert Hoover), (William Howard Taft), (Calvin Coolidge)?

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ANNIE-RELATED FAN CLUBS

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These two fan clubs have both been active for several years and include quarterly newsletters and nice headshots with membership. Like Annie People, both clubs belong to the National Association of Fan Clubs. For information on how to join, send each club president a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

In celebration of the fifth Annie-versary of the release of the movie, we present some answers to questions frequently asked by Annie movie trivia buffs:

- Q. Why does the lobby card picture of "Fully Dressed" with Pepper wearing Miss Hannigan's smock look nothing like the scene in the movie? Also, why is Molly not in the room when the rest of the Orphans each sing a line from "Maybe" after Annie is at the Mansion? (No, Molly did not have to "go bafrum" at that moment, as several fans have suggested.)
- A. In November 1981, two months after filming was officially ended, Carol Burnett and all seven Orphans were called back to Hollywood by Columbia Pictures to reshoot two scenes. The "Fully Dressed" lobby card picture was taken when the original scene was shot. As for "Maybe," the entire opening sequence was scrapped and then reshot, right up until the moment "Hard-Knock Life" starts. (Note that when Aileen says "I Love You, Miss Hannigan," just before "HKL" begins, she is missing a tooth, but is not "later on" in the movie.) The only surviving bit of film from the original opening "Maybe" sequence is the part where the Orphans each sing a line from the song and harmonize on the last line; this scene was preserved and inserted elsewhere in the film (when Annie and Sandy are spending their first night at the Mansion). The reason that Toni Ann is not in this scene with the rest of the Orphans is because she is at that moment up in the window with Aileen, off camera. When the scene was reshot, it was decided to have Annie alone in the window without Molly while singing "Maybe" in order to have the audience zero in immediately on the character of Annie and identify with her. Note: the scene depicted on the lobby card with Miss Hannigan in pink screaming at Annie was scrapped entirely.

- Q. What else from the movie ended up on the cutting room floor?

The Radio City sequence was much longer originally, involving a dream fantasy in which the Rockettes wore masks in the image of Grace Farrell. The finale sequence also was a lot longer. The elephant is on ROLLER SKATES; this bizarre fact is not shown in the movie but is seen in Lights! Camera! Annie! the documentary on the making of the movie which was broadcast on PBS on March 17, 1982. There is also a rare bit of documentary rehearsal footage (not in Lights! Camera! Annie! but seen on a Leonard Nemoy TV interview of Aileen) showing Lara being hoisted up to a standing position on the shoulders of a moving unicyclist. Practically none of such acrobatics in the finale scene of Annie made it to the final print. Remember that the movie was originally shot to be about three hours long and was cut by the editors to two hours and eight minutes by the time of release.

- Q. This one was asked by the AP editors for years: Why the heck can't we find Grace Farrell's dressing room in the Mansion at Monmouth College?

- A. During several exhaustive searches through the Mansion, the only room we could not locate was Grace's dressing room where she and Annie start the "Let's Go To The Movies" sequence. Finally, Ann Reinking herself verified for AP early this year that the scene was shot in a set in California after everyone finished up at the Mansion. The room where Annie is packing up to leave with the Mudges (pictured in the notorious out-of-sequence #40 Topps sticker) is also a set in California. We found all the other rooms in the Mansion where scenes were filmed--Warbucks' office, Annie's room, the bathtub where Bingo was bathed, etc., and we even wheedled a janitor into unlocking the swimming pool room for us, only to find that the empty pool was filled up with discarded, broken chair-desks. But then last year we were dismayed to discover that after that the pool was dismantled to make room for more college classrooms and no longer exists. How sad.

## ANNIE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

I am offering Annie Broadway logo T-shirts for sale to AP readers. The silkscreen imprint is 10" long and 4" high and is in three colors (black, white, and yellow) printed on a red shirt. It is the same imprint as seen on page 1 of Annie People #14, March 1985, if you want to take a peek at what it looks like. The shirt is washable, but I would use warm or cold water and avoid putting it into a hot dryer.

At the moment I have three sizes available, ADULT LARGE, ADULT MEDIUM, and ADULT SMALL. The Adult Small would probably fit older pre-teens OK. If you want a different size, say, Adult Extra Large (like me) or a child's size, don't send money now, but let me know that you are interested. It is very likely that I could get more shirts made in any size you want.

These are the finest Annie logo T-shirts I have seen. No Annie fan should be without one, so now is the time to order. Satisfaction guaranteed; money will be refunded if you are not completely delighted with your Annie shirt.

\$8.00 each, postage included. Please make checks payable to Jon Merrill. Buy a shirt and wear it proudly to show everyone that ANNIE LIVES!

I have revived my catalog of Annie collectibles for sale that I started a couple of years ago. The Annie Collectory catalog is a supermarket of Annie items including dolls, books, magazines, stickers, greeting cards, posters, key chains, jewelry, and lots of Applause and Knickerbocker items, all at big discounts. If you would like a free catalog, write to me care of Annie People.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE COMIC STRIP COLLECTORS - Bob Bindig has a large supply of Annie strips for sale dating back to the 1920s. Write to him at 6166 Powers Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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