

Diane Mermigas

Television

Diane Mermigas is on vacation.

Melissa Anderson ready to move on from the 'Prairie'

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HOLLYWOOD — The contrast between 18-year-old actress Melissa Sue Anderson and Mary Ingalls Kendall, the blind girl she plays in "Little House on the Prairie," is perhaps the most dramatic in Hollywood.

In the syrupy weekly series Mary is a wimp. She is victimized by man and God. She is dowdy. Her clothes are drab. She wears no makeup. Her life is burdensome.

Off-screen, Melissa is a glamour girl. She has dated Frank Sinatra Jr., 37, for two years. She lives in her own San Fernando Valley home and drives a fancy car. Her beautiful, pouty face is impeccably made up.

Her pale blue eyes — not unlike a Siamese cat's in color and shape — are lively, flirty and knowing beyond her years. She is anything but a wimp.

MELISSA'S CLOTHES are chic and fashionable. One day recently she wore an orchid jump suit made of parachute silk with zippers at ankles, wrists, neck and elsewhere. Her figure is as faultless as her young and pretty face.

Her cheeks were pink with indignation at a recent story in a national newspaper that reported she was leaving "Little House on the Prairie" because of a long-simmering beef with her co-star, 17-year-old Melissa Gilbert.

It's true, Melissa Sue will be appearing in only three episodes of "Little House" this season. It is also true another regular actress in the series, Alison Arngnam, will not appear in any.

"The story is absolutely false that there has been any big blowup between me and Melissa and Alison," Melissa Sue said heatedly.

"Alison is leaving because of a contract disagreement with the producers. I'm leaving because there just isn't much more that can be done with the blind character I play.

"THE WRITERS have exhausted all the possibilities for Mary Ingalls Kendall. First of all, she became blind. Then she had a miscarriage. She lost her mind. Another baby died in a fire. She's had all kinds of diseases.

"It is just a matter of moving on for me. I've done about everything I could do with the character.

"There have been rumors for years that Melissa Gilbert and I didn't like one another. They said I was jealous of her, that she was jealous of me. Then this story came out saying Alison and I were leaving because we resented Melissa.

"I've never been jealous of Melissa. And she certainly hasn't been jealous of me.

"When I read the story I telephoned Melissa and we got together to talk about it. We laughed, but it really isn't funny. It hurt us both."

Melissa Sue is grateful to "Little House on the Prairie" and aware that the show, now going into its eighth year, is responsible for making her a star of sorts.

MELISSA STARRED in "Happy Birthday to Me," a horror movie released earlier this year. Her performance portends a happy future in feature films.

As Melissa says, she has no real competition for her teenage movie roles, noting that Brooke Shields and Kristie McNichol are both very different types.

She is leaving "Little House" with few regrets. She was 11 years old when the show began. Melissa virtually grew up in the role of the frontier child.

Since turning 18, Melissa has not had to be accompanied on the set by a social worker. Her life with Sinatra Jr. is sophisticated. She sees the singer four or five times a week.

She is delighted with her independence, free of supervision. Melissa has enormous self-confidence and a quiet detachment from her associations on "Little House."

"I'll miss the people," she said. "They're all very nice. Not family, but friends. I'm sure I'll be seeing them on other projects in the future.

"ACTUALLY, I haven't been in as many episodes of the series in the past few years as I was at the beginning. I started doing fewer shows when Mary went blind. The series has been a good experience for me personally and professionally.

"It's made me financially independent and will keep me that way in the future. The show goes into syndication this year and then there are the foreign sales. I'm paid residuals on all those things.

"It's good that I've established myself at 18 as an actress that people recognize. They'll pay to see me. But I wouldn't recommend getting into the movie and TV business at my age.

"Unless you look like Brooke or you are discovered like Cathy Moriarty or can act like Jane Fonda, you can't get work in this business. There are too many actresses and too few jobs.

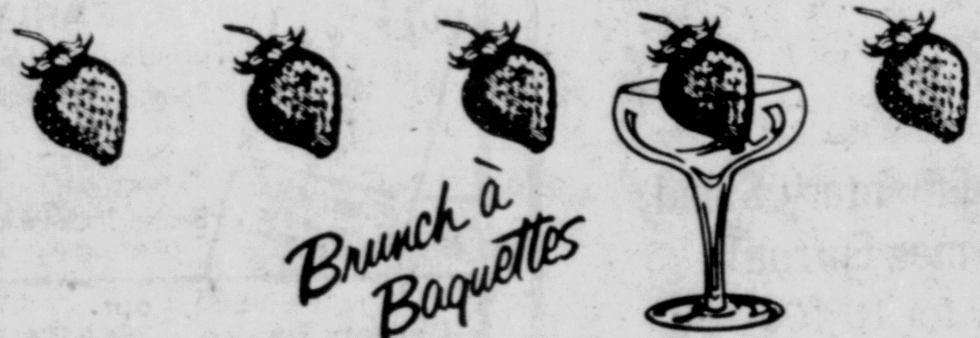


MELISSA SUE ANDERSON

"I'm lucky people know my work and that I have loyal fans. Directors and producers have seen me do other things besides 'Little House.' Every year during hiatus I made sure I did at least one TV movie or guest shot.

"Now I'm going to concentrate on feature movies and TV films. Another series wouldn't interest me unless it was really outstanding."

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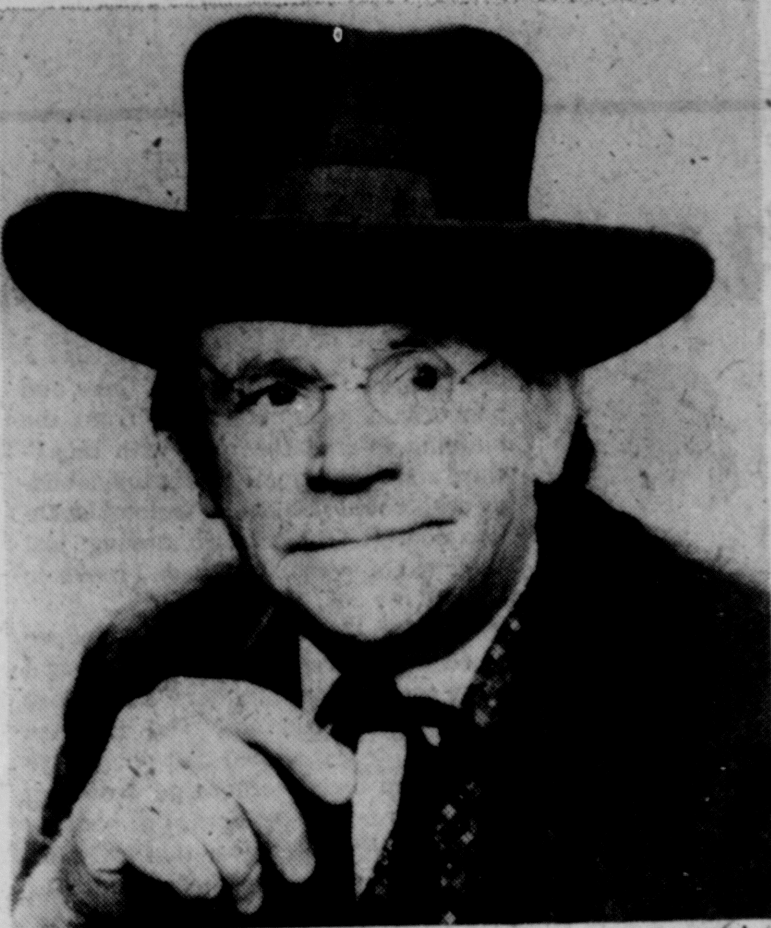
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Today on TV

- Humorist Erma Bombeck talks about her upcoming ABC-TV series, "Maggie," which is about a Dayton, Ohio, housewife, on "Donahue" at 11 a.m. on Channel 9.
- A farmer and her grudging uncle hire Magnum to protect their prize jumping horse on a repeat episode of "Magnum, P.I." at 7 p.m. on Channel 2.
- Minnesotans, who like to call themselves "The Proud and the Frozen," are the subject of an offbeat documentary on "U.S. Chronicle" at 7 p.m. on Channel 11. The chilly state is described warmly by such North Star Staters as former Vice President Walter Mondale and a young hockey player who's just arrived from California.
- The Pittsburgh Steelers play the Dolphins at Miami at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 7. Frank Gifford and Howard Cosell provide football commentary.

Today on radio

- 5:30 a.m. WMET (95.5 FM) — "Morning Star" will feature the recordings of ZZ Top until 10 a.m.
- 6 a.m. WXTT (93 FM) — Dan Fogelberg and Ian Hunter recordings featured all day.
- 6 a.m. WTCO (92.7 FM) — The records of George Jones played hourly all day.
- 9:30 a.m. WNBI (90 FM) — "Sugar 'n' Spice" guest Sophie Kay presents chicken recipes from her new cookbook.
- 10:15 a.m. WIND (560 AM) — "Dave Baum's" guests talk about dealing with stress through exercise and diet.
- 1 p.m. WFMT (98.7 FM) — "Chant," an award-winning program presented by Tim Wilson on psychocoustics, a new area of brain research.
- 1 p.m. WGN (720 AM) — "Roy Leonard" guest Shelly Winters discusses her role in "The Gingerbread Lady."
- 3:30 p.m. WFMT (98.7 FM) — The Boston Pope Orchestra in concert.
- 3:30 p.m. WGN (720 AM) — "Bill Berg" talks to pro golfer Pete Longo.
- 6 p.m. WGN (720 AM) — "Extension 720" guests talk about the politics of the men who rule the world.
- 11:30 p.m. WBEZ (91.5 FM) — "Jazz Sampler" presents a Willie "The Lion" Smith concert.
- Midnight WBEZ (91.5 FM) — "Now Nordine," a montage of sound hosted by Ken Nordine.

Thursday, September 10, 1981
Program listings

AFTERNOON		EVENING	
12:00	Noonbreak All My Children Prisoner: Call Block H The Forsythe Saga News Underdog Rose Bagley The Addams Family Ask An Expert As The World Turns Days Of Our Lives Family Affair Great Space Coaster Hazel Earnings Report One Life To Live Dick Van Dyke Movie "Svengali" (1931) John Barrymore, Marian Marsh News Love Lucy Human Dimension 700 Club Market Basket Most Active Stocks Search For Tomorrow Another World Andy Griffith Ask An Expert Beverly Hillsbillies The Good Life Guiding Light General Hospital Dream Of Jeannie News Courtship Of Eddie's Father Accent On Living Another Life Texas Scooby Doo Villa Alegre (R) Interviews On Current Issues Casper God Of Our Fathers Get Smart One Day At A Time (R) Movie "The Wind And The Lion" (Part 1) (1975) Sean Connery, Candice Bergen Popeye Electric Company News Mighty Mouse	12:00	Chicago Movie "The Man In Half Moon Street" (1944) Helen Walker, Nils Asther Most Active Stocks Market Wrap-Up Match Game Newlywed Game Bugs Bunny And Friends Seasame Street (R) Warren Farrell Fleestones The Rockford Files Mary Tyler Moore Scooby Doo Chicago Today Tom And Jerry Joy Junction News Eyewitness Newsmagazine Pink Panther Mister Rogers (R) Black's View Of The News The Brady Bunch Today's Racing News Chicago And The Man Seasame Street (R) Emilia Six Million Dollar Man Rose Bagley F-Troop CBS News NBC News ABC News Hogan's Heroes Roses... De Lejos Let's Make A Deal
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Movies

MORNING	EVENING
9:00 ★★★ "They Got Me Covered" (1943, Comedy) Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour. A Washington sabotage ring is accidentally invaded by a foolish newspaperman (2 hrs.)	8:00 ★★★ "The Man In Half Moon Street" (1944, Horror) Helen Walker, Nils Asther. A scientist becomes so ambitious in his experiments to prolong life that he resorts to killing (2 hrs.)
1:00 ★★★ "Svengali" (1931, Drama) John Barrymore, Marian Marsh. An artist totally captivates the soul and talents of a young woman until she performs as his alter ego. (1 hr., 30 min.)	7:00 ★★★ "Wizards" (Paid TV) (1977). Animated. Directed by Ralph Bakshi. In a world of the future, sorcery plays a major role in the battles of two great conflicting armies. (1 hr., 20 min.)
3:00 ★★★ "The Wind And The Lion" (Part 1) (1975, Adventure) Sean Connery, Candice Bergen. An international incident occurs when a Moroccan leader kidnaps an American family.	8:00 ★★★ "Lady Of The House" (1978, Drama) Dyan Cannon, Armand Assante. The madam of a San Francisco brothel rises to become mayor of Sausalito, California. (R) (2 hrs.)

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