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LET'S TALK

Name film set in Killybegs

By Steven Alan McGraw

Questions:

1. Identify the movie set in Killybegs, Ireland, in 1916.
2. Who played Lola Delaney and what was the name of the film?
3. Identify the 1966 film that opens on the night of the Academy Awards presentation, with the film's protagonist nominated for Best Actor. (Bonus: Identify the *Ben Hur* alumnus who stars in the film.)
4. What do these Oscar winners have in common? Jane Wyman, Patty Duke and John Mills.
5. What was MGM's motto before it adopted *Ars Gratia Artis*?
6. Name the role that Stephen Lang, William Bendix, John Goodman and Joe Don Baker have each played in a film.

Answers:

1. *The Babe* (The Natural).
2. Lola Delaney, *The Babe* (The Natural).
3. *The Lionel Lincoln* (The Lionel Lincoln).
4. They each won their Academy Award playing a man.
5. *The Lionel Lincoln* (The Lionel Lincoln).
6. *The Lionel Lincoln* (The Lionel Lincoln).



Peter Davison plays gentlemanly sleuth *Camplin* in Thursday's episode of *Mystery!* on PBS.

More fame for Haim; Who was Liberty Valance?

By Taylor Michaels

Q: Back in 1986 or 1987, there was a TV movie on NBC titled *A Time to Live*. It starred Liza Minnelli, and her dying son was played by Corey Haim. I am an avid fan of Corey's and wanted to know if it was possible to rent or see this film on cable. Also, if you have an address for him it would be appreciated. —Felix Lee, Erwin, N.C.

A: Actually made in 1985, *A Time to Live* marked Minnelli's TV-movie debut in an emotionally rewarding performance as a mother trying to care for her son (Haim), who is stricken with muscular dystrophy. The movie is available on video, and if you have no luck with local stores, try the Video Library of Philadelphia at 1-800-669-7157. You may write to Haim in care of, APA — Los Angeles, 9000 Sunset Blvd., 12th Floor, Los Angeles, Calif., 90069.

Q: In the movie *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, who played the part of Liberty Valance? I believe the same actor was in *Donovan's Reef* opposite Dorothy Lamour. —Irene Shaw, Adams, Mass.

A: Lee Marvin played the title role of a Western town bully who gets his from forthright young lawyer James Stewart and macho rancher John Wayne. Both Marvin and Wayne starred in *Donovan's Reef* alongside Lamour.

Q: I am very curious to know whether Shannen Doherty, who plays Brenda Walsh on *Beverly Hills, 90210*, was ever on *Little House on the Prairie*. Watching the reruns of that show, I'm almost positive that Shannen was on a few episodes. —Lois Johnson, Red Wing, Minn.

A: At age 11, Doherty indeed appeared on a number of episodes of *Little House on the Prairie: A New Beginning*, which originally ran only a single season from 1982-83. Her first TV job was in two-part episodes of *Father Murphy* alongside Merlin Olsen, a longtime sidekick of Michael Landon's on the original *Little House*, which probably had something to do with her brief stint as Jenny Wilder on *A New Beginning*. Many may have gotten their first glimpse of Doherty opposite Christian Slater in the wickedly hilarious 1989 film *Heathers*.

Q: Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee



Corey Haim and Liza Minnelli

made a movie together in which her character's mother was French and gave her a book on how to train a dog, which she used in trying to train her husband (Darin). Could you tell me the name of this movie and what happened to Dee? —Pat Hansen, Portland, Ore.

A: The name of the movie is *If a Man Answers*, released in 1962, two years after Darin and Dee were married in real life. The marriage ended in divorce in 1967.

Dee probably was not ready for all the demands placed upon young teen idols; she modeled in grade school and made her film debut before she was 15. Her private life away from films became an unhappy mess, and only recently on the talk-show circuit has she declared she is free of her past insecurities.

Q: I watched the movie *You'll Like My Mother on TV* this weekend and would like to know where it was filmed. Patty Duke was one of the stars, but who else starred with her? —Mrs. Harry Tamm, Goodhue, Minn.

A: If you're wondering if this tale of psychological suspense was filmed in your home state of Minnesota, your guess is right, though *Variety*'s archives don't specify exactly where. In reading the original 1972 review, I noticed the trade mag had nothing but raves for Duke's performance, as well as for co-star Rosemary Murphy, as Duke's deranged mother-in-law. Sian Barbara Allen and Richard Thomas, in an uncharacteristically evil role as a rapist, also lend fine support.

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