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Gail Matthius

Gail Matthius (born January 14, 1953 in [Sioux Falls, South Dakota](#)) is an [American](#) actress and voice actress. She was a cast member of [NBC's *Saturday Night Live*](#) during its critical and ratings low point at the time (the 1980-1981 season and co-anchored the [Weekend Update](#) segment with [Charles Rocket](#) in 1981.

]Recurring characters

- Vicki, a Valley girl who, along with her friend, Debbie (played by [Denny Dillon](#)) annoyed people with their persistent questions and shallow statements.
- Roweena, a Midwestern-accented hairdresser who often has a neurotic, middle-aged woman named Nadine (played by [Denny Dillon](#)) as a frequent customer.
- Francis Lively, wife to [Charles Rocket](#)'s Phil Lively, a fellow game show host who lives life at home as if it were just another game show.

[Celebrity impersonations

- [Brooke Shields](#), in a parody of the racy [Calvin Klein](#) TV ads that featured her.
- [Irene Cara](#)
- [Nancy Reagan](#)
- [Mary Cunningham](#)

Following her stint on *SNL*, Matthius appeared in the short-lived syndicated sketch comedy series *Laugh Trax* (which she revived her Valley Girl Vicki character). She has done a good deal of [voice acting](#) for animated shows, including *Bobby's World* (with *Laugh Trax* co-star [Howie Mandel](#)), *Tiny Toon Adventures*, *Animaniacs* and *Bump in the Night*, often using the voice of her Valley Girl and Roweena characters from *Saturday Night Live* (in characters such as Martha [who sounds like Roweena] and Kelly [who sounds like Valley Girl Vicki] Generic from *Bobby's World* and [Shirley the Loon](#) from *Tiny Toon Adventures*).

She also is a member of the Spolin Players Improv comedy troupe and acts as a drama and theater coach and teacher in [Pacific Palisades](#), CA for various acting studios including Theatre Palisades. She continues to perform as an improv and drama theater actress to this day.

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