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"Sunday, Monday, Happy Days. Tuesday, Wednesday, Happy Days. Thursday, Friday, Happy Days! The weekend comes, my cycle hums, ready to race to you ..."

We know that after you read those opening lyrics to the "Happy Days" theme song, you're never getting them out of your head. But that's a good thing -- because with this "Where Are They Now?" slideshow, we're talking about Milwaukee's best here. The Cunninghams. Potsie and Ralph. And the Fonz ... The coolest guy in town, a total chick magnet, and able to turn anything on with only the light touch of his fist.

"Happy Days" premiered in 1974 and was actually a spin-off of the comedy anthology series "Love American Style." It hit the airwaves during a dour time in America when Vietnam and Watergate were in the headlines and TV viewers were looking for an escape -- and an idealized 1950s household seemed like the perfect setting. On the heels of the box office success of '50s-themed "American Graffiti," "Happy Days" was an immediate hit after it premiered on ABC -- and shortly thereafter, its characters joined the lexicon of the TV beloved.

It also spawned future Hollywood mogul Ron Howard and no less than three spin-offs: "Laverne & Shirley," "Mork & Mindy," and "Joanie Loves Chachi." When it left the airwaves in 1984, in a finale seen by millions, it left a gap in the TV landscape ... but plenty of endearing memories remain.

So don't "Sit on it" -- relive those "Happy Days," right here!

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"Happy Days"

An early photo of the "Happy Days" cast. Note Fonzi's golf jacket (initially, ABC worried about leather being "too edgy") and Ritchie's older brother Chuck, who vanished after the second season.



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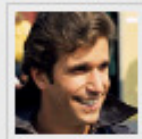


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Ron Howard: Then

He was Opie on "The Andy Griffith Show" before spending six years as Ritchie Cunningham on "Happy Days." His chant of "I found my thrill on Blueberry Hill" rang through Milwaukee after a good date.



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Ron Howard: Now

After "Happy Days": directed 25 movies. Produced 40. Two Oscars. \$1.6 billion in receipts. It's Ritchie's world and we're just living in it. Ya done good, kid.



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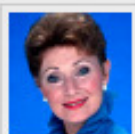
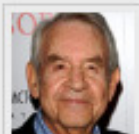


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Henry Winkler: Then

Arthur Fonzarelli. The Fonz. Fonzie. Everything cool ever created in the entire universe started here. His fist-pound was an on switch for previously inert electrical devices -- especially jukeboxes.



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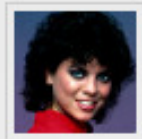


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Henry Winkler: Now

Right after "Days," he starred in Ron Howard's first big directing gig, "Night Shift." He continues to work as an actor, director, and producer. And Fonzie's jacket made the Smithsonian. Ehhhhh!



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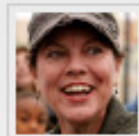
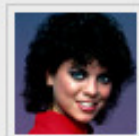
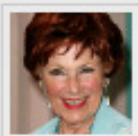


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Tom Bosley: Then

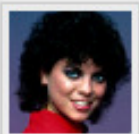
Howard "Mr. C." Cunningham owned a small hardware store before Home Depots dotted the landscape. He was also Milwaukee's own Yoda – dispensing wisdom to his family and the Fonz.



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Tom Bosley: Now

After "Happy Days," Bosley turned priest/detective on "Father Dowling Mysteries," and was Sheriff Amos Tupper of Cabot Cove for four years on "Murder, She Wrote."



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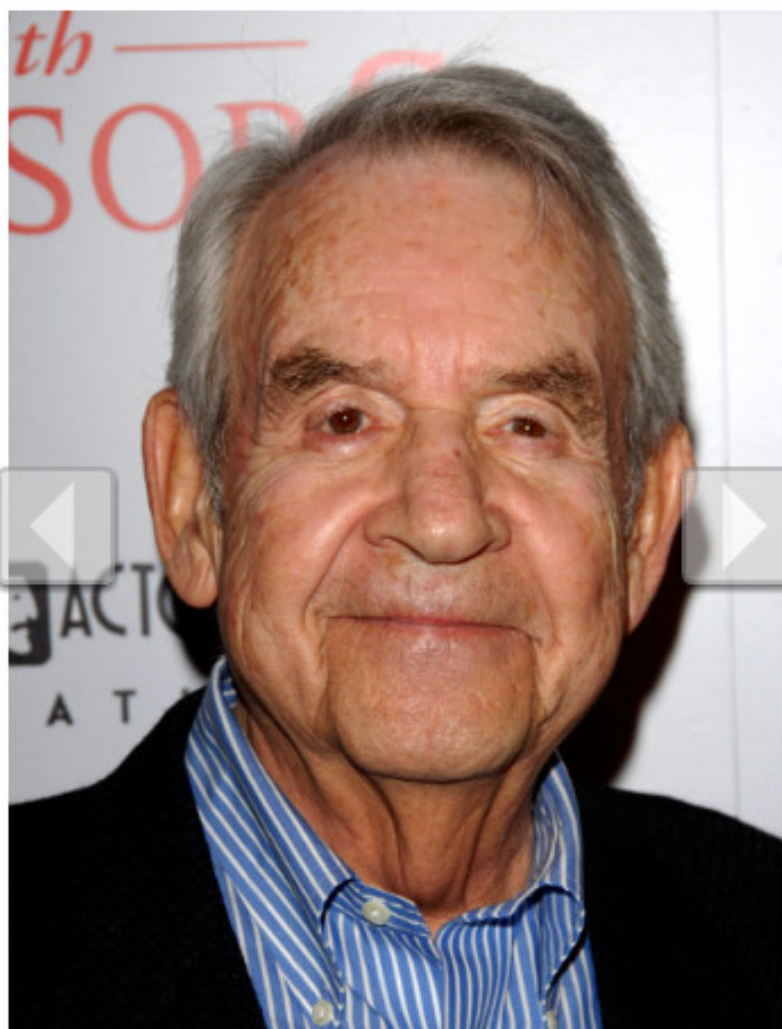
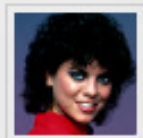
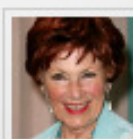
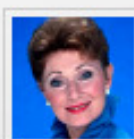


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Marion Ross: Then

She was the only one to call Fonzie by his real first name – and although Marion Cunningham was a 1950s homemaker, she always spoke her mind ... and liked to get "frisky" with Howard.



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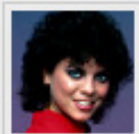
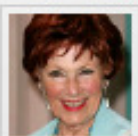


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Marion Ross: Now

Ross continued to work on shows like "Touched by an Angel" and "The Drew Carey Show" and even made appearances on "Gilmore Girls" and "Brothers and Sisters." But to us she'll always be "Mrs. C."



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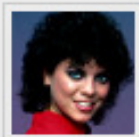


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Erin Moran: Then

Meddling and precocious, Joanie grew up before our eyes. At first spurning Chachi's advances, she eventually succumbed to his charms and ended up marrying him.

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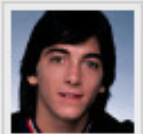


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Erin Moran: Now

Played Joanie in the short-lived "Joanie Loves Chachi" spin-off -- after which, returned to "Happy Days" for its final season. Reportedly "went to Blueberry Hill" with Scott Baio in real life.



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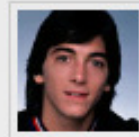
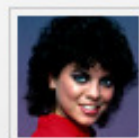


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Anson Williams: Then

A best friend to Ritchie & Ralph, Potsie shared his buddies' ineptitude with the ladies – though he WAS a good singer, often performing at Arnold's. Too bad the '50s didn't have "American Idol."



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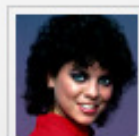


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Anson Williams: Now

Like Ron Howard, Williams became a director after "Days," helming episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210," "Melrose Place," "Star Trek: Voyager," "Xena," and "Charmed."



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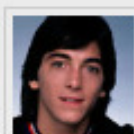


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Donny Most: Then

Yelping "I still got it" after bad jokes, lovable buffoon Ralph Malph was a loyal friend to Ritchie and left the show with him (in 1980) to join the Army – but returned for the series finale.



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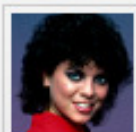


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Donny Most: Now

During "Days," Most appeared in other '70s shows like "The Love Boat." He recently voiced himself on "Family Guy," and satirical paper the Onion has appointed him "Secretary of Retro."



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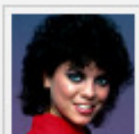


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Scott Baio: Then

He carried the "cool" DNA at a young age as Fonzie's younger cousin Chachi, and always carried a torch for Joanie – eventually marrying her and getting a spin-off.



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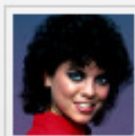


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Scott Baio: Now

He was "Charles in Charge," and dated pretty much every Hollywood starlet before landing a recent reality show about his notorious bachelorhood called "Scott Baio is 45 ... and Single."

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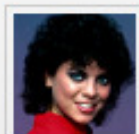


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Al Molinaro: Then and Now

"Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah ... ": Al owned town hangout Arnold's, and was often the sounding board for his regulars. Most recently, he reprised his character in Weezer's video for "Buddy Holly."



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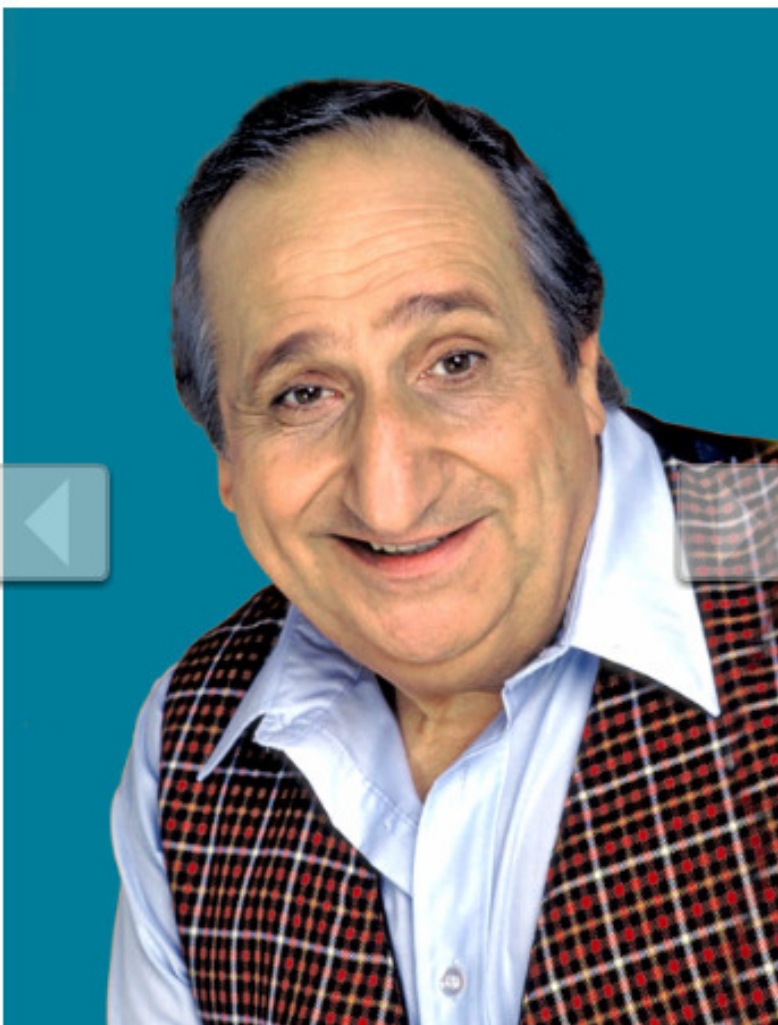
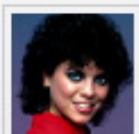


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