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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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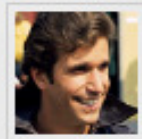


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Ron Howard: Then

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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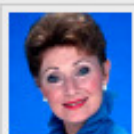
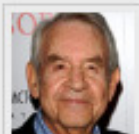


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Henry Winkler: Then

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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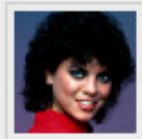


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Henry Winkler: Now

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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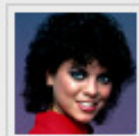
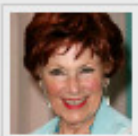


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Tom Bosley: Then

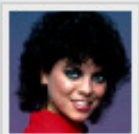
Howard "Mr. C." Cunningham owned a small hardware store before Home Depots dotted the landscape. He was also Milwaukee's own Yoda – dispensing wisdom to his family and the Fonz.



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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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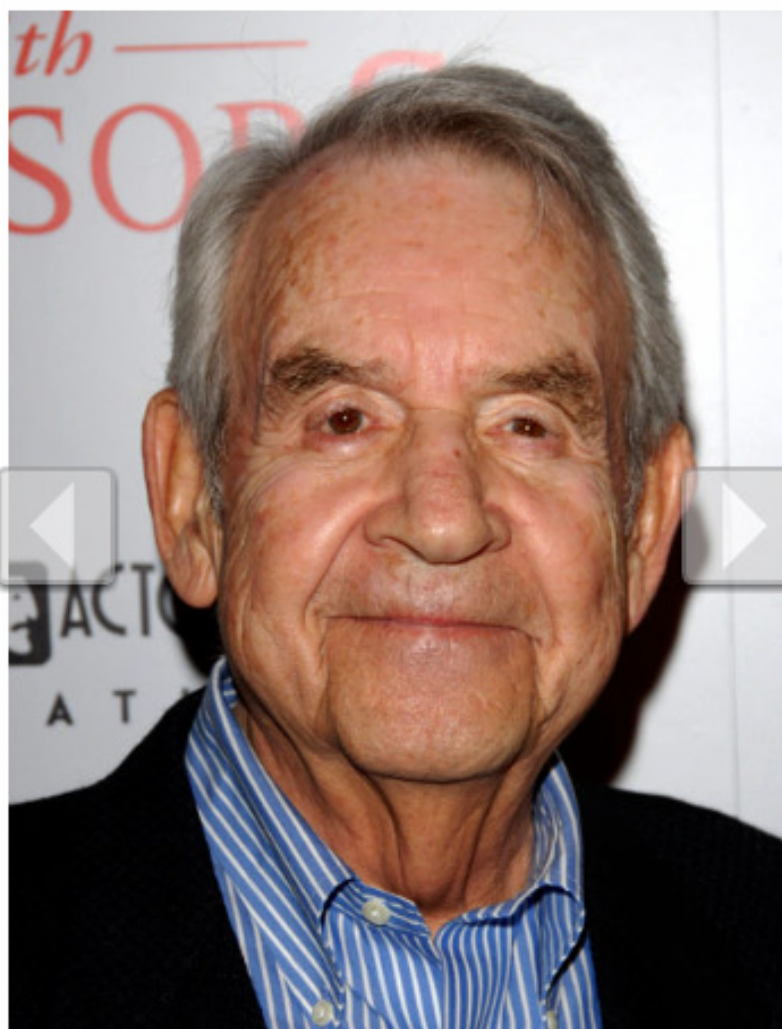
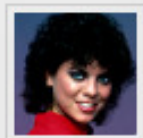
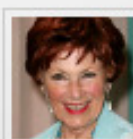
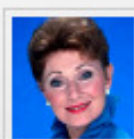
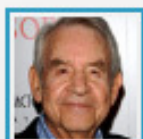


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Marion Ross: Then

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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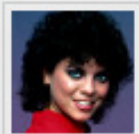
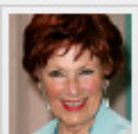


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Marion Ross: Now

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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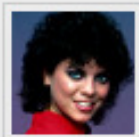


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Erin Moran: Then

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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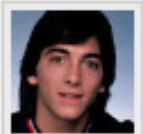


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Erin Moran: Now

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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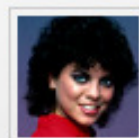


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Anson Williams: Then

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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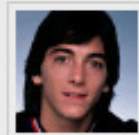
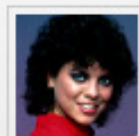


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Anson Williams: Now

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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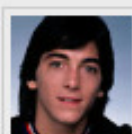


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Donny Most: Then

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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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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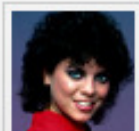


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Scott Baio: Then

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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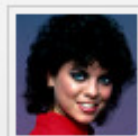


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Scott Baio: Now

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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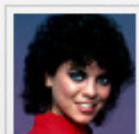


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Al Molinaro: Then and Now

"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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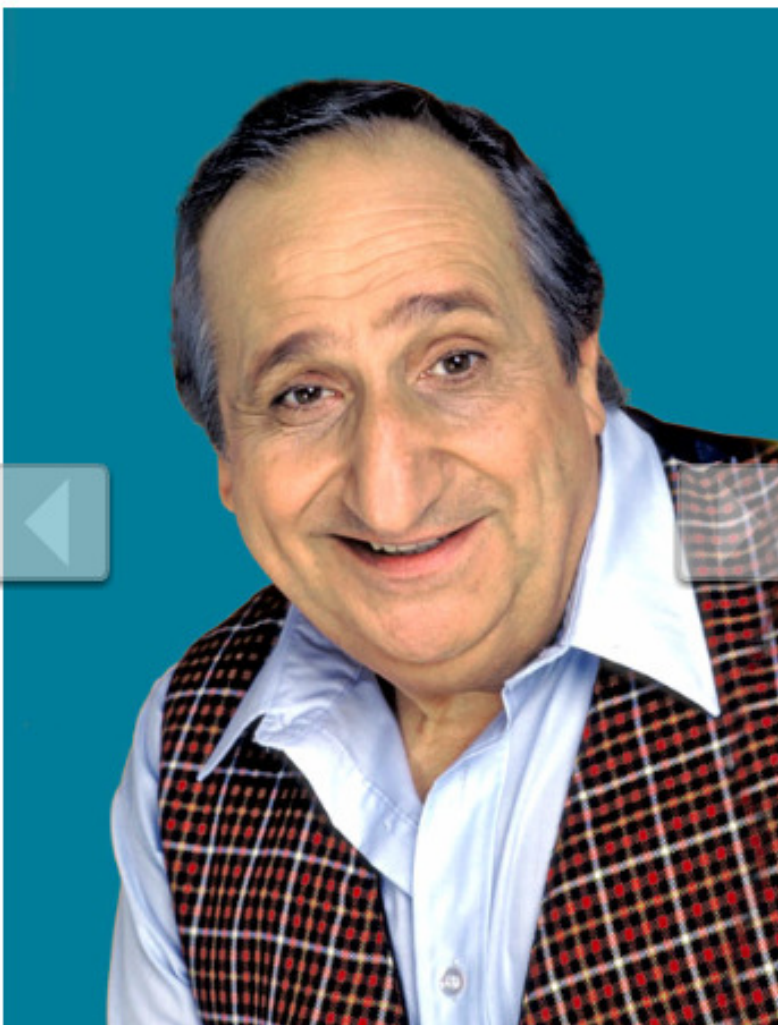
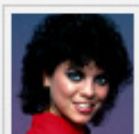


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"Please join me in admiring my flowing locks."

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Some women would say that really, most men are "Lost." These particular guys, however, have a good excuse.

They've been stranded on an island (you try keeping your sanity on a diet of mangos and grubs!), have been put through the time-travel ringer, and let's not forget those "Others" issues. Some have even endured a plane crash -- twice!

But even after all of that, they've managed to stick together, protect those they love, and -- at times -- totally confuse us. Isn't that what a great relationship is all about?

See the "Lost" men in all their island glory!

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Jack Shephard: Island Surgeon

Jack became the de-facto castaway leader post-crash and even managed to save lives, performing surgeries with tools made from coconut shells. OK, that's a stretch -- but still!



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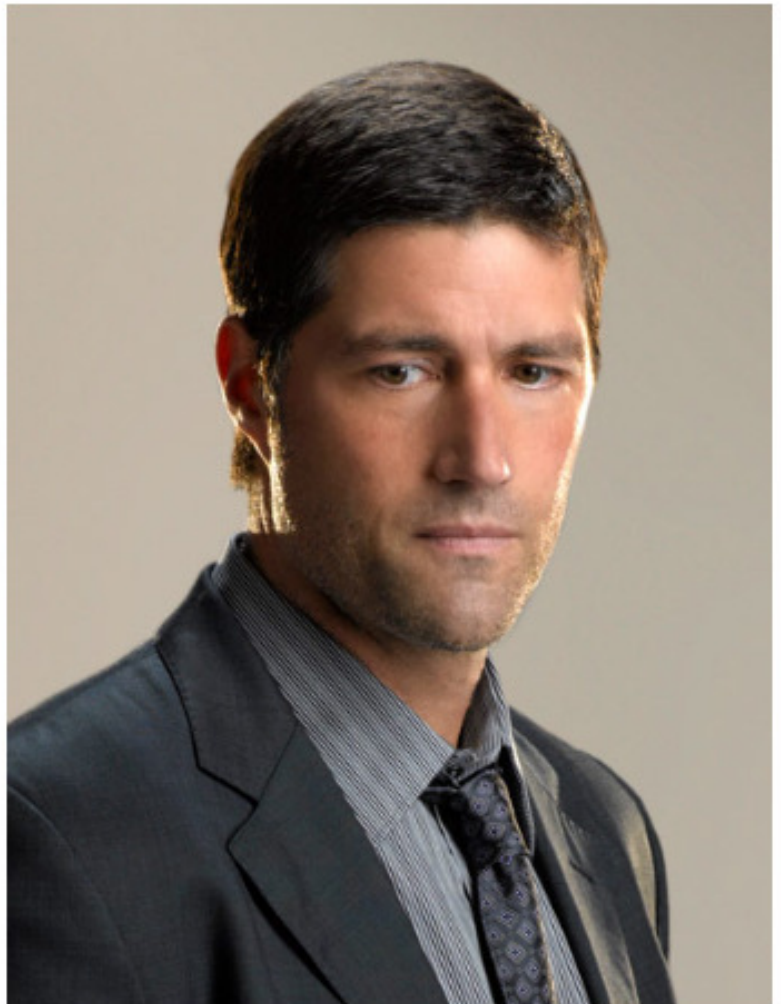


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Sayid Jarrah: Don't Cross This Dude

It's easy to see why Sayid is a fave with the ladies. After the love of his life was killed, he tracked down those responsible and "took care of them." Nothing says true love like retribution. Swoon!



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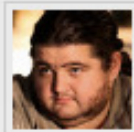


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James "Sawyer" Ford: Island Grifter

He's not only a "bad boy" -- he's also loyal, smart (he reads books that don't have pictures!), and brave. He's even managed to settle down and play house with Juliet. Reformed sexy is still sexy.



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Jin Kwon: Can Say "I Love You" in Korean

Until recently, we didn't know what Jin was saying without reading subtitles – but the way he looked at his wife spoke volumes about his feelings for her. Love needs no translation.



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Hugo "Hurley" Reyes: Teddy Bear

Hurley cares deeply about his fellow castaways, is a multi-millionaire (via his lotto win), AND Cheech Marin plays his father. Plus, dude's got a great sense of humor. What's not to love?

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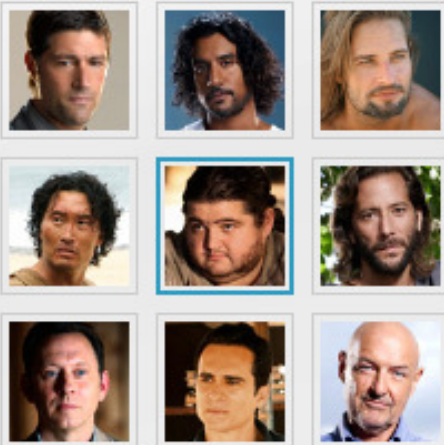


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Desmond Hume: Looking for his Love in All the Wrong Places

He could have thrown his hands in the air in resignation and ran away to the darkest island corner, but Desmond never lost hope that he would someday be reunited with his one true love. That's epic.



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Benjamin Linus: Listen ... But Don't Trust

Ben may be slick -- but it's pretty hot when a guy can manipulate the smartest people in the room (or in this case, the island) and make them do his bidding. Post-island job: Hollywood agent.



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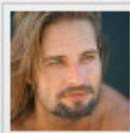


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Richard Alpert: Travelin' Man

Alpert is still a mystery, showing up throughout the "Lost" timeline, but one thing's for sure: he's managed to keep his dark and handsome good looks through almost 60 years of back and forth.



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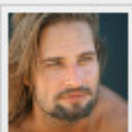


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John Locke: Not Bad for an Older Guy

You have to respect a man who let the love of his "father" get the best of him -- and one of his kidneys. The lives he's since saved, on (and off) the island, make him the senior stud in this bunch.



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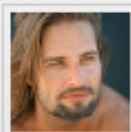


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Kirsten Storms of "General Hospital" was born in Orlando, Florida.

SOAPnet is bringing its own Southern grace and hospitality with the premiere of "[Southern Belles: Louisville](#)," tomorrow at 10PM/9c. But before Emily, Hadley, Julie, Kellie, and Shea prove to us that the South will rise again (with style and panache!), let's take a look at the some amazing women who continue to pave the way for successful ladies everywhere -- whether your geography is Southern or not.

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Alicia Minshew - "All My Children" - Florida

Alicia probably jumped on the interstate from her hometown of Plantation to reach Pine Valley -- opting to bring her Kendall brand of complicated diva to more northern, Erica Kane parts.

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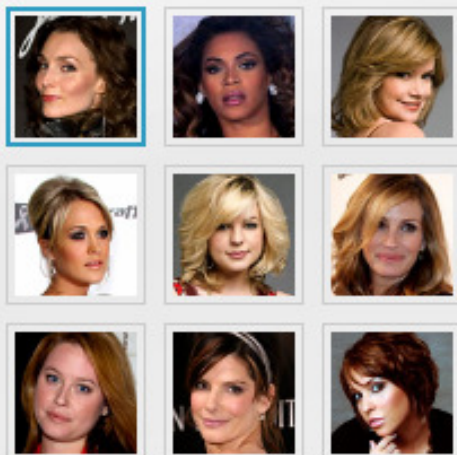


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Beyonce - Texas

Houston is famous for building NASA rockets and training astronauts, but it launched its biggest star into glittering orbit when it produced Beyonce.



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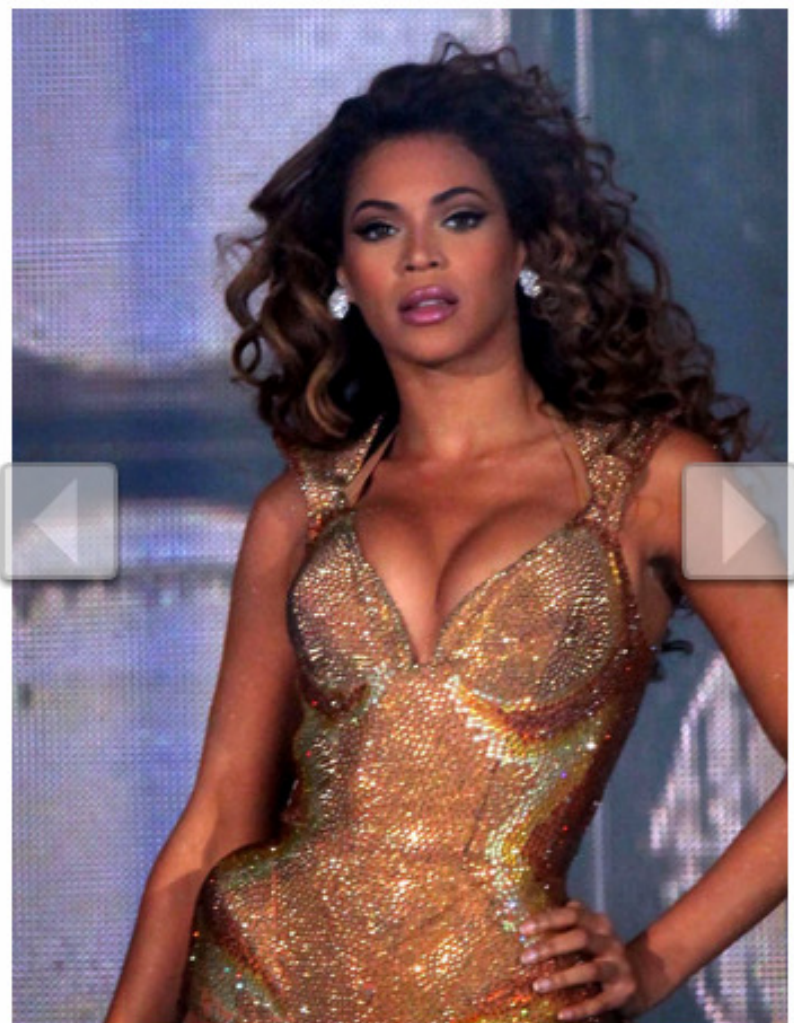
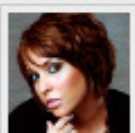
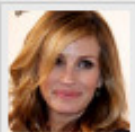


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Bobbie Eakes - "All My Children" - Georgia

She made her hometown of Warner Robins proud by becoming Miss Georgia in 1982 before getting blown up and then smashed by a chandelier on "The Bold and The Beautiful" -- later landing in Pine Valley.



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Carrie Underwood - Oklahoma

In terms of record sales (10 million so far!), she's the most successful "American Idol" winner ever – a fact we're certain the fine folks from her hometown of Muskogee, OK, are proud to point out.



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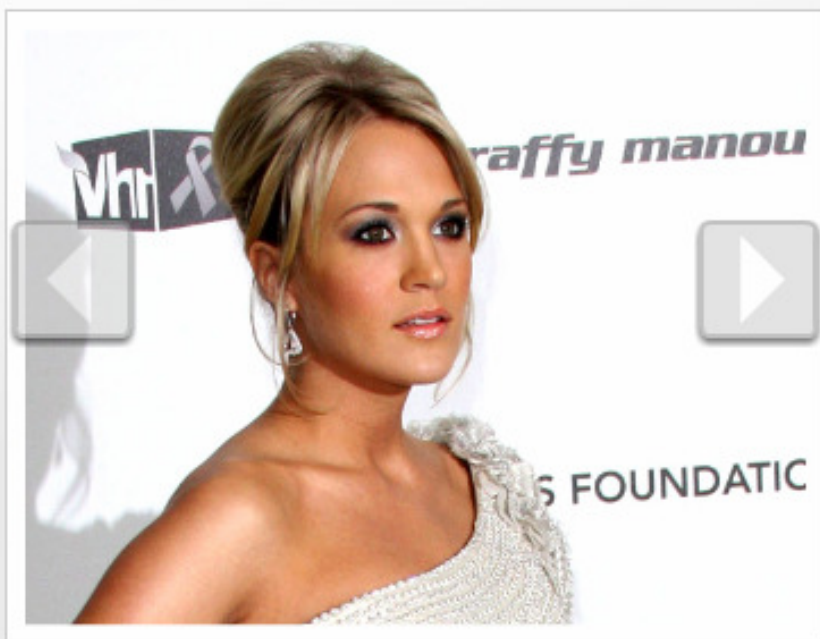
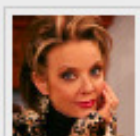
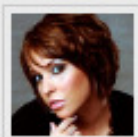
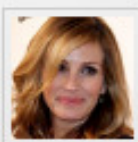
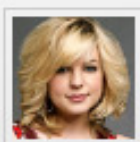


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Kirsten Storms - "General Hospital" - Florida

She's from the home of Disney World – Orlando – eventually moving to Port Charles to become the source of shucks and awe for Spinelli.



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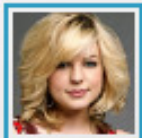


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Julia Roberts - Georgia

George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Richard Gere, Hugh Grant, Tom Hanks, Clive Owen, and Jude Law are among some of her co-stars. Not bad for a little girl from Atlanta.



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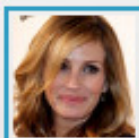
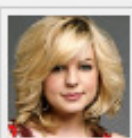
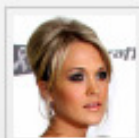


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Melissa Archer - "One Life to Live" - Texas

She left Dallas for Llanview, where she became Natalie Buchanan (the fraternal twin that mother Viki didn't know existed 'til 2001) – who just figured out the whole baby switch thing.



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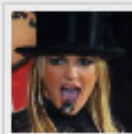
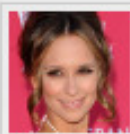
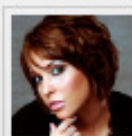
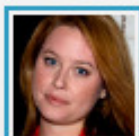


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Sandra Bullock - Virginia

Queen of the rom-com (i.e. "The Proposal," coming soon) and married to a super mechanic with the outlaw-sounding name (Jesse James), Sandra hails from Arlington County.



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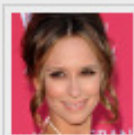
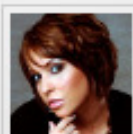


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Farah Fath - "One Life to Live" - Kentucky

She hails from Lexington and started in showbiz young, being voted Miss Kentucky Preteen in 1995. She first landed at "Days of our Lives" before finally settling in "One Live to Live"'s Llanview.



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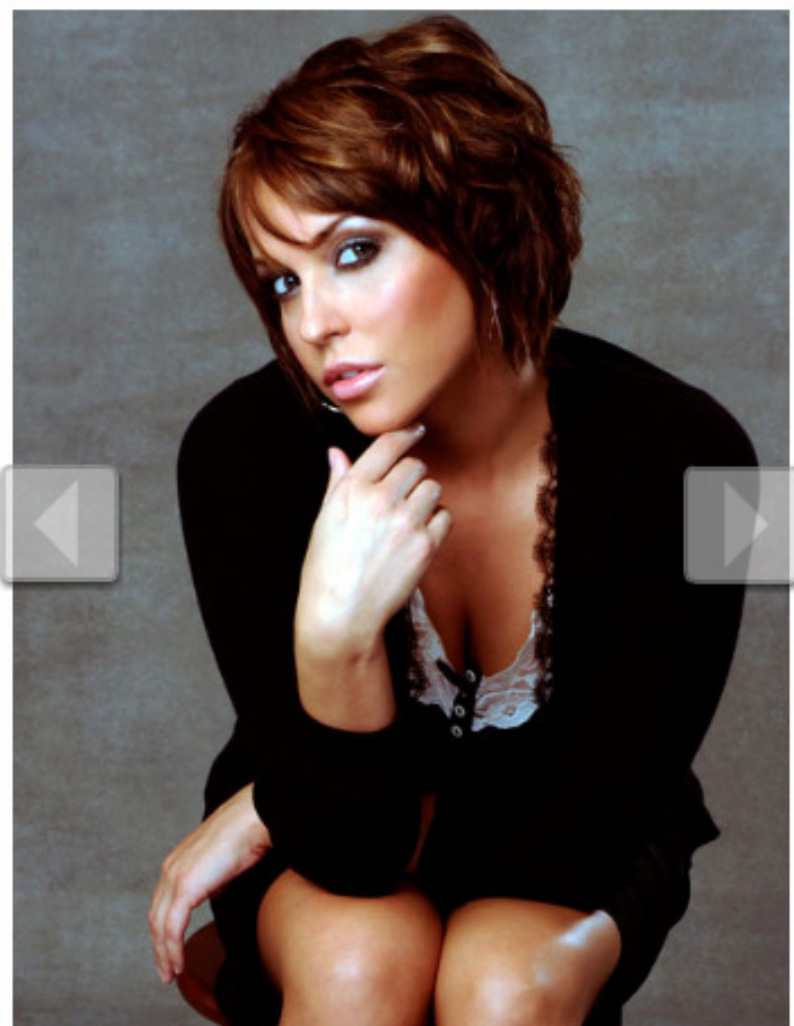
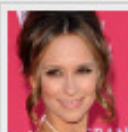


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Eva Longoria - Texas

Wisteria Lane is a long way from Corpus Christi, but Eva has reached genuine vixen-dom on "Desperate Housewives" and certainly has embraced the feisty, independent spirit of the Lone Star State.



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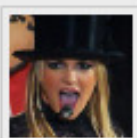
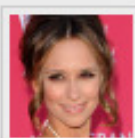
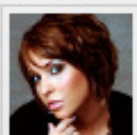


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Judith Chapman - "The Young and the Restless" - South Carolina

She left her hometown of Greenville and hit big in the world of soaps, starring in no less than six before finally settling down in Genoa City as Gloria Fisher.



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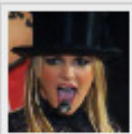
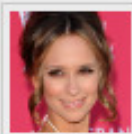
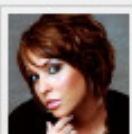


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Faith Hill - Mississippi

She's a country music superstar and one-half of a way-too-good-looking super-couple (the other half: husband Tim McGraw) – so it's fitting she was raised in a town called Star.

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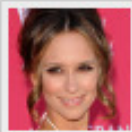


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Reese Witherspoon - Louisiana

Her singing and acting skills were validation enough to get an Oscar for "Walk the Line", but being from the South (via New Orleans) didn't hurt when playing country legend June Carter Cash.

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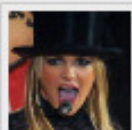
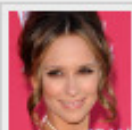


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Jennifer Love Hewitt - Texas

Is speaking to the dead something that happens in Texas? (A chat with Davy Crockett at the Alamo, perhaps?) Maybe "Ghost Whisperer" Jennifer picked up some supernatural vibes while growing up in Waco.

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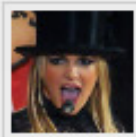
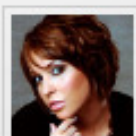


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Britney Spears - Louisiana

She seems to be back on track -- and a brief return to her hometown of Kentwood may have helped to keep some of those demons (paparazzi, jerky men, bad haircuts, lack of underwear drawer) at bay.



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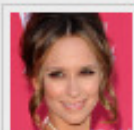


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April 15, 2009 7:00 PDT By Horacio Rodriguez



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"Yup, I did soaps ... before I got lovably strange."

"Guiding Light" **may have been cancelled (although Lifetime may be our "Light" in shining armor)** -- but we've got all those Springfield memories to pull us through the grief. And since it's not leaving us until September, we have time to reminisce about where our love affair with the show began.

Of course, any affinity to a beloved series begins with its characters -- and the actors who've graced their personas. "Guiding Light"'s been on for decades, so it's no shock to see such a long and distinguished list of alumni. Some are currently on your favorite primetime dramas. There are plenty of surprises too; who knew Darth Vader once played a doctor? And Christopher Walken? Really?

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James Lipton (1952-1962)

He asks actors things like "What was your motivation?" and "Boxers or briefs?" on "Inside the Actors Studio," but Lipton played Dr. Richard "Dick" Grant for 10 years – and also wrote for the show.

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Christopher Walken (1954-1956)

Walken is the kind of guy you want at your party – the stories this guy must have after being in the biz for over 50 years! – but as a kid, he spent two years playing Michael 'Mike' Bauer.



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James Earl Jones (1966)

He's an American acting legend and the voice of Darth Vader – but on "Guiding Light" he played Dr. James "Jim" Frazier. Just imagine him barking medical commands in that million-dollar baritone.



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Cicely Tyson (1966)

She's the ex-wife of jazz genius Miles Davis and has had a distinguished career spanning decades. But in 1966 she played Martha Frazier, James Earl Jones's wife -- before she was replaced by ...



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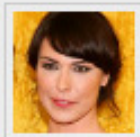


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Ruby Dee (1967)

... Oscar nominee (for 2007's "American Gangster") and fellow acting icon Ruby Dee. She played Martha Frazier in 1967 before the character was written out of the show entirely.



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Christina Pickles (1970-1972)

As nurse Helen Rosenthal on "St. Elsewhere," Pickles garnered four Emmy nominations – and she later played Ross and Monica's mom on "Friends." But before it all, she played "GL"'s Linell Conway.



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JoBeth Williams (1976-1977)

She's best remembered for playing Diane Freeling and "going into the light" to save her daughter in "Poltergeist" – but Williams spent a year playing Brandy Sheloe early in her career.



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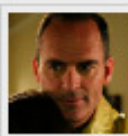


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Kevin Bacon (1980-1981)

After "Animal House" but before "Footloose," Kevin played Tim Werner – a teen with a drinking problem. Maybe he drank to forget the coming "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" game.



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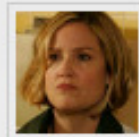
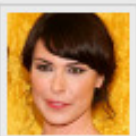
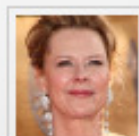


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John Wesley Shipp (1980-1984)

Shipp played Kelly for four years before playing a super-fast superhero on the short-lived series "The Flash" ... and becoming Dawson's dad on "Dawson's Creek."



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Frances Fisher (1985)

Before (most recently) appearing on "Eureka" and "The Shield" -- and being one of Clint Eastwood's exes -- she played Suzette Saxon, whose character was written off by being sent to jail.



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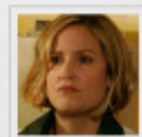


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Ian Ziering (1986-1988)

Before he was Steve Sanders on "Beverly Hills, 90210," Ziering put in his TV time as Cameron Stewart for a couple years before the character was eventually written out.



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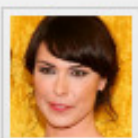
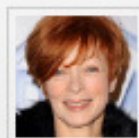


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Michelle Forbes (1987-1989)

On "In Treatment," she's married to therapist Gabriel Byrne – and also plays Mary Ann on "True Blood." Before hanging with vampires, she played Dr. Sonni Welles ... and her evil twin Solita!



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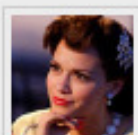
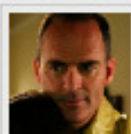
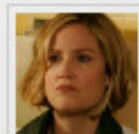
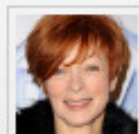


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Sherry Stringfield (1989-1992)

She was part of "ER"'s original cast and was also there for the final episode. As the first Blake Thorpe Spaulding Marler, she was a maneater and always had great hair.



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Mark Derwin (1990-1993)

Derwin's been all over daytime -- as Adrian Hunter on "The Young and the Restless," then A.C. Mallet on "Guiding Light" before playing Dr. Ben Davison on "One Life to Live" for a few years.



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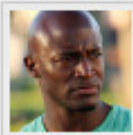
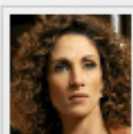
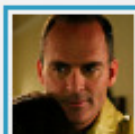


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Melina Kanakaredes (1991-1995)

Melina spends a lot of time these days around corpses and mysterious stains on "CSI: New York" – but for four years, she played Eleni Andros, who married Frank after a stint with Alan-Michael.



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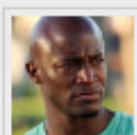
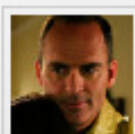


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Allison Janney (1993-1995)

On "The West Wing," she was the sharp-witted Press Secretary – but for two years in the '90s, she was comic relief in the form of Spaulding family maid Ginger.



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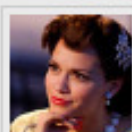
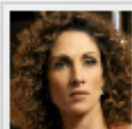
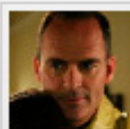
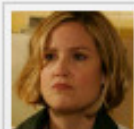


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Rebecca Budig (1995-1998)

"All My Children"'s Greenlee met an unfortunate airborne wedding-dressed demise -- but before that, she lived in Springfield as Michelle Bauer, leaving in 1998 and replaced by ...



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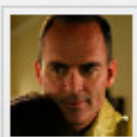
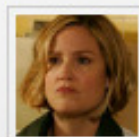


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Bethany Joy Galeotti (1998-2000)

... the former Joy Lenz, who lived in Springfield for a couple years as New Michelle before moving to "One Tree Hill" and becoming Haley Scott.



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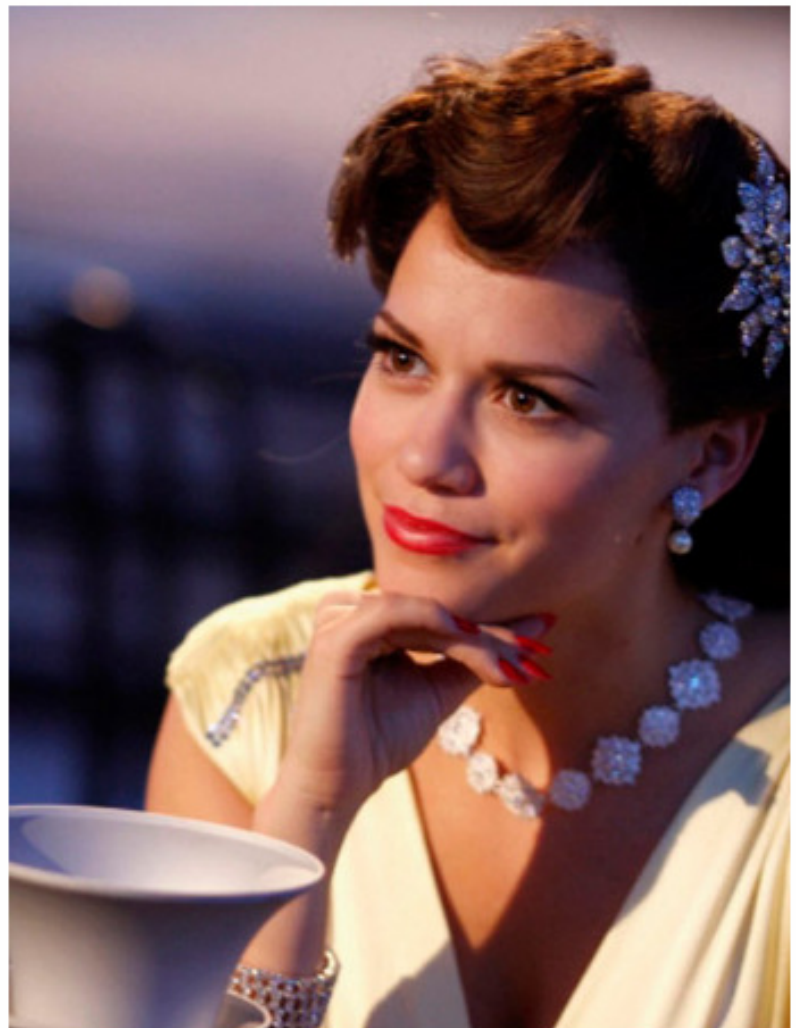
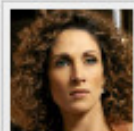
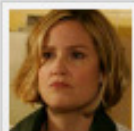


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Wendy Moniz (1995-1999)

Wendy was the second actress to play Dinah – who married Roger, got with Hart, and then shot him after losing him to Cassie. She's now on "Damages," annoying Glenn Close by dating her teenage son.

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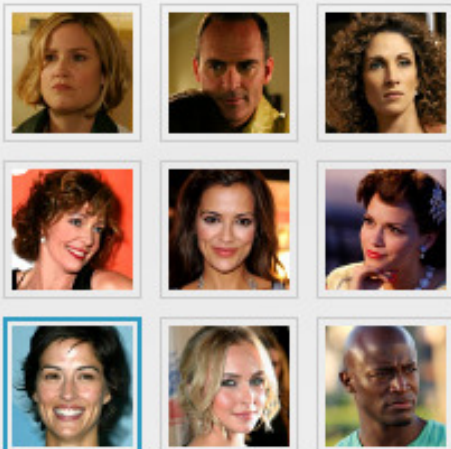


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Hayden Panettiere (1996-2000)

Before her super-cheer days on "Heroes," Hayden played troubled young Elizabeth "Lizzie" Spaulding, who committed manslaughter, got kidnapped, and had leukemia. Long way from saving the world.

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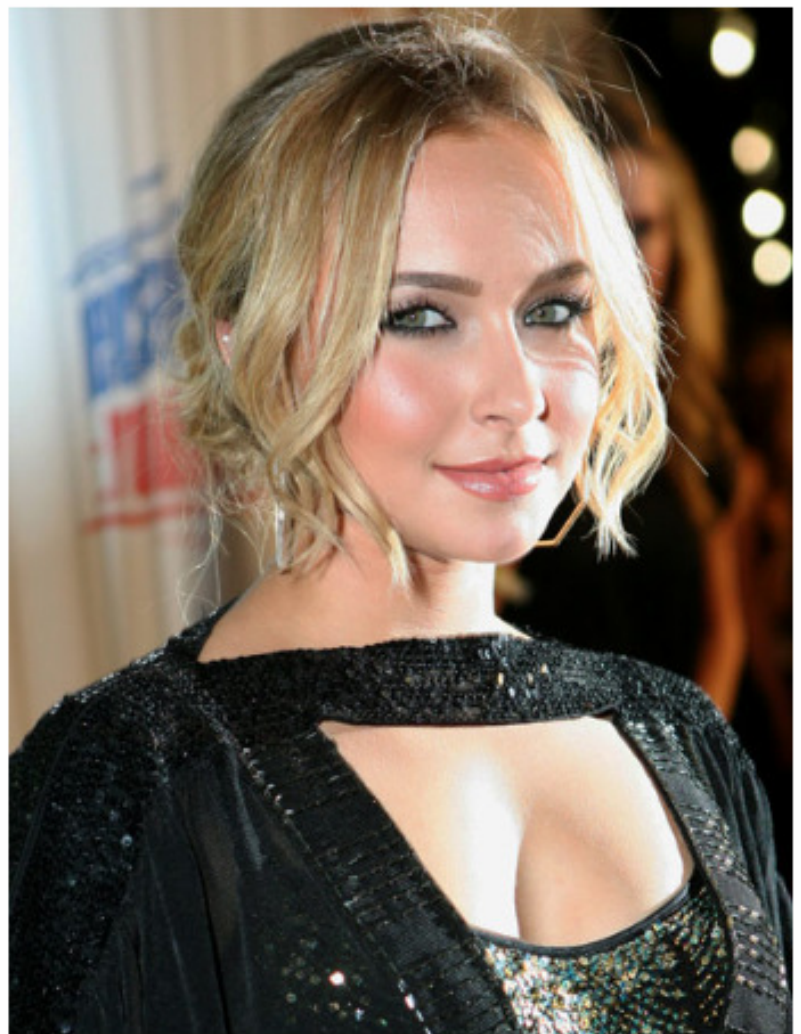


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Taye Diggs (1997)

Diggs is a smooth operator on "Private Practice" – but during his brief "GL" gig, he played slick music producer Adrian "Sugar" Hill. With a name like that, it's hard not to be cool.



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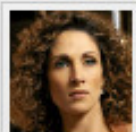
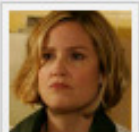


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April 7, 2009 7:00 PDT By Horacio Rodriguez



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Springfield is a town on the edge of fashion. Sure, it has a history of infidelity, murder, kidnapping, and black-market baby purchases, but it's also constantly evolving into a place of style innovation and wardrobe risks us normal folk would blush at. In tribute to this spirit of trendy endeavor, we decided to collect a look book of what the residents of Springfield are wearing and conniving in.

We hope to update our Springfield look book on a regular basis with "[Guiding Light](#)" glamour that spawns both envy and admiration. Give us a holler with any suggestions you may have.

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Beth Raines (Beth Chamberlin)

You can see why Beth has had her share of Spaulding men: her smile is infectious, and the way she carries a simple white outfit with only a shawl as accent screams confidence.



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Beth Raines (Beth Chamberlin)

Beth is all business here, with iPhone at the ready – even if her sexy spring green dress is saying otherwise.



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Daisy LeMay (Bonnie Dennison)

We love how those doves on Daisy's T-shirt surround the universal symbol for peace. She even managed to accessorize without irony by adding a handgun and pointing it at someone.



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Alan Spaulding (Ron Raines) and Philip Spaulding (Grant Aleksander)

Poster boys for Brooks Brothers all the way, the Spauldings demand respect and embody hip corporate style with these power suits.



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Christina Moore (Karla Mosley)

The future Dr. Moore defines med school shabby chic with this outfit that conveys sophistication – and the knitted scarf adds a cute simplicity.



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Christina Moore (Karla Mosley)

When she's done hitting the books and it's time to get a little sassy, it's sexy glamour for Christina – who also lets her hair down for a night on the town.



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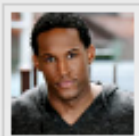


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Remy Boudreau (Lawrence Saint-Victor)

Remy carries this leather bomber jacket with the confidence of someone who's seen the dark side of Springfield (well, really, who in the town hasn't?) but hasn't forgotten how to look hip.



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Remy Boudreau (Lawrence Saint-Victor)

He's serious about law and order and saving lives as an EMT, but make no mistake: Remy is ready to hit Springfield's social scene in this get-up.



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Lizzie Spaulding (Marcy Rylan)

Lizzie's "little black dress," flowing necklace, and blonde locks give her a sexy Cosmo-refined look. It's cocktail hour somewhere in Springfield ...



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Lizzie Spaulding (Marcy Rylan) and Bill Lewis (Daniel Cosgrove)

On the swing set with Bill, Lizzie covers up her blonde with a cute beret that splashes some red onto her winter outfit. Don't push too hard, Bill – we'd hate to see all that adorable get dirty!



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"I don't think we'll have any problem blending into a crowd with these outfits ... "

The cast of "[Guiding Light](#)" was at Universal Studios Orlando recently to shoot some episodes on location. Oh sure, that was the excuse they gave us -- but we know the real reason they went to Florida ... to be in the world-famous Universal Mardi Gras Parade!

We totally understand the allure of riding on floats, tossing beads to onlookers, and having any excuse to wear flamboyant costumes and act goofy ... so we can't blame them. It certainly looks like they had a great time, and we have to say -- they pull off those zany costumes well!

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Jeff Branson (Shayne Lewis)

Jeff Branson is our favorite new addition to the "GL" cast. All these crowns make us think of Burger King and how much we want a Whopper.



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Tina Sloan (Lillian Raines) and Beth Chamberlain (Beth Raines)

Shiny happy people Lillian and Beth pose in matching Mardi Gras sheen before the parade.



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Karla Mosley (Christina Moore)

How can Christina not flash such a giant smile when she's wearing a golden hat?



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Robert Newman (Josh Lewis) and Kim Zimmer (Reva Shayne Lewis)

Robert and Kim as King and Queen. Which, obviously, they should be. We feel this look is very George Clinton's Parliament Funkadelic reunion. We wonder if these two can play a mean bass.



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Robert and Kim, Part Two

The King and Queen cruise on their float, careful not to run over their subjects. When you think about it, the only thing Josh and Reva haven't been through is a Mardi Gras storyline.



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Mandy Bruno (Marina Cooper) and Robert Bogue (A.C. Mallett)

We hear real-life couple Mandy and Robert are trying to convince producers of "Guiding Light" to write an episode incorporating Madonna's "Vogue." This is a great start, guys.

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Michael O' Leary (Rick Bauer) and Kurt McKinney (Matt Reardon)

Michael and Matt lead the way as the "Guiding Light" cast prepares for the parade. Oddly, we wonder if MC Hammer was inspired by the Mardi Gras look for "U Can't Touch This."



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