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BACK TO THE FUTURE, AND THE PAST

And what about the reported "Indiana Jones 5"? "I don't know. I'm not so good at predictions but it would be something I would be ambitious to do if the script were right. And the circumstances."


While the cast included a couple of dozen regulars, with many coming and going until that run ended in 1959, the Utica, N.Y., native was a prominent presence from the beginning. She was featured in various serials in the program and had her own, called "Annette." She also attracted the attention of boys and young men — "the nation's prepubescent heartthrob," as Disney biographer Neal Gabler called her — because she was noticeably more built than the other performers on the show. (Years later, when "Saturday

Night Live" parodied beach movies, Gilda Radner's "Annette" introduced herself, her boyfriend and her breasts.) Still, her frequent co-star Frankie Avalon said in a 1998 *People* magazine interview, "She never tried to be

While young people were seeing her in their homes on TV five times a week, the Dis-

She lost the ability to read and write, People.com said, and spoke only with great difficulty — then lost even that ability. According to Extratv.com, she had been in an MS-related coma for years and was finally taken off life support. But Monday undoubtedly sent people looking for clips of Funicello over the years, in commercials and TV and movies.

And, as you watched, you couldn't help but think, "What a nice lady."



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