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## **CODE ENFORCER film begins shooting in Austin with '70s icons Moran, Mekka in lead roles**

Pop culture icons of the 1970s step out of the trivia box and into the modern world dealing with fresh challenges of modern Home Owners Associations in the comedy, CODE ENFORCER, an independent film being shot for 21 days in Lakeway, a bedroom community west of Austin located on Lake Travis, starting October 2.

Erin Moran was the country's favorite little sister growing up on "Happy Days" as Joanie Cunningham, and on the timeslot next door, Eddie Mekka played Carmine "The Big Ragu" Ragusa, a singer/dancer with an on-again/off-again romance with Shirley on "Laverne & Shirley." Mekka and Moran will portray husband and wife in CODE ENFORCER.

CODE ENFORCER, a broad comedy feature-length film that light-heartedly shows the ins and outs of Home Owners Associations, is being produced in Austin, TX. Greg Dorchak and Steve Cauley started writing CODE ENFORCER while working on another film. Since both writers live in subdivisions with HOAs, they had plenty of experience to draw on.

"There are a LOT of new subdivisions going up all across the country – and most of those are governed by HOAs of some sort. Some lines in the script were taken directly from real situations," Dorchak says. "It was impossible to put everything I wanted into this story; it would have been 300 pages long." Steve Cauley and Greg Dorchak are the co-writers and producers, with Cauley directing and Dorchak performing.

"The great thing about this movie," says Dorchak, "is that it does not take itself too seriously. The story is funny, silly-funny - not very heavy-handed at all. Even the jabs it takes at the establishment, all done very light-heartedly."

Cauley agrees. "People want to actually laugh all the way through a comedy - and CODE ENFORCER will have them doing that very thing. There are a lot of scenes that still make us laugh – and we wrote it."

### **About Erin Moran**

Acting since she was 5, Erin Moran appeared in more than 40 commercials, TV shows and feature films before she was signed to play Joanie Cunningham on "Happy Days" at age 12. "Happy Days" is one of the longest running situation comedies in television history. During the tenth season of "Happy Days," Moran starred in her own spin-off series, "Joanie Loves Chachi." Throughout the following years, she guest starred in numerous episodic television shows spanning more than three decades. She has also hit the stage in "Lost in Yonkers." She then traveled with the touring shows of "They're Playing Our Song," "The Vagina Monologues" and "Vanities." In addition to CODE ENFORCER, Moran is in three other film productions for 2008–2009.

### **About Eddie Mekka**

Television audiences best know Eddie Mekka for his role as Carmine Ragusa, "The Big Ragu" on the hit sitcom, "Laverne & Shirley." That role led to numerous guest appearances on many popular TV series as well as appearing as a featured player in films including DREAMGIRLS (2006) and CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (1998). At home on the stage as well as in front of the camera, Eddie, who got his start doing musical theatre, continues act in plays and musicals across the country and tours with a nightclub act.

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In addition to Moran and Mekka, the cast includes numerous seasoned, credited actors from across Texas. Behind the camera, the crew includes top-of-the-line Texas talent.

## **Cast**

Eddie Mekka as Sonny Goblotta

Erin Moran as Bonnie Goblotta

Adam Kitchen as Dave Petty

Laurel Whitsett as Sue Lamar

Greg Dorchak as Vern Speiner

Jennifer Sipes as Laura Smythe

Elizabeth Wenzel as Jasmine Bustamante

Christian Bowman as Dirk

Marc Pouhe as Bobby

Tony Bottorff as Rufus Bumgarner

Glynn Praesel as The Governor

## **Behind the Camera**

Steve Cauley – director and co-writer

Greg Dorchak – co-writer and producer

Melissa Dalley – producer

Robert A. Nowotny – associate producer

Glynn Praesel – executive producer

Suezean Matarazzo – director of photography

Raleigh Wilson – stunt coordinator

Kelly J Kitchens – publicist