## Even More Of A Great Thing?

Fans of the popular NBC comedy *The Office* will have even more to love in 2009. The network has just greenlit a spinoff series which will have its debut in February in the highly coveted post Super Bowl XLIII timeslot (sounds like another party to me). Little has been revealed about the series, but one possible plot seems to be giving Dwight his own series to head. Hey, it worked for <u>Frasier</u>.

Spinoff series are either hit or miss. The earliest example I can think of would be *The Danny Thomas Show* giving birth to *The Andy Griffith Show*. *Happy Days* (which was a spinoff of *Love, American Style*) begat *Laverne & Shirley*, and *Mork and Mindy*. Today, it seems nearly impossible to find a show whose title does not include *Law & Order* or *CSI*. So, there are times when spinoff series are a good thing.

However, there have been failures to the genre. Although <u>Happy</u> <u>Days</u> did give way to two very popular shows, there was also the dreadful attempt to give Joanie and Chachi their own timeslot. While <u>Cheers</u> gave Kelsey Grammer's character Frasier Crane his own series, there was also the show known as <u>The Tortellis</u>.

So whatever path the new series based upon the successful show takes, here's hoping that it is another *Frasier* and not *Joanie Loves Chachi*.

Anyone have a favorite spinoff series?