

# SLOW BLOAT TO CHYNA!



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**THEN** Chyna looked like the Ninth Wonder of the World in 2002

**WOW!** But experts are wondering what happened to her face in 2012

**W**HAT on Earth has happened to Chyna's formerly fabulous face? The sexy ex-professional wrestler is used to getting hit in the kisser, but experts say this shocking photograph seems to indicate she's taken a few jabs of a different sort!

The once gorgeous grappler's face appeared horrendously distorted April 28 as she attended a gala event in Los Angeles.

"It looks like she's added volume to her cheeks with injections from fat, Radiesse, Restylane or Juvederm," New York board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Elie Levine tells GLOBE. "She may also have had Juvederm injected to augment her lips."

"Her complexion seems light so she may be using bleaching agents such as hydroquinone to achieve that look."

Adds Dr. Matthew Shulman, "She has what we call 'pillow face' - a swollen, puffy face with overstuffed cheeks - the result of over-zealous injection of fillers or fat to the face.

"Her full lower cheeks make it look like she is storing nuts!

"She also has a smooth and wrinkle-free forehead likely the result of Botox injections."

Chyna, 42, whose real name is Joan Laurer, trained to be a professional wrestler under the famed Killer Kowalski in a school that had been restricted to men. She was hired in 1997 by the World Wrestling

Federation, which is now known as the WWE, and billed as Chyna: The Ninth Wonder of the World. She also earned another moniker, the First Lady of Sports.

Since leaving the wrestling ring in 2001, Chyna has done stunts on several reality TV shows.

But it seems the 5-foot-10 stunner, who has appeared in Playboy twice, may be grappling with her most formidable foe ever: Father Time.

Chyna has talked openly about going under the knife in the past after her breast implants ruptured during a wrestling match. She had them replaced with custom implants marketed to large-framed women and female bodybuilders.

Now experts say her latest facial transformation also occurred in a plastic surgeon's office.

"Chyna's face looks like a bloated version of itself," says Michigan plastic surgeon, Dr. Anthony Youn. "It looks like a cosmetic surgeon plumped it up beyond recognition, likely with injections of fat or other filler. To say it looks overdone is an understatement."

Warns Shulman, a New York-based plastic surgeon, "If her pillow face is the result of temporary fillers, she just needs a little time without further injections for her face to become normal again.

"But if this is the result of fat, she may be stuck with this appearance forever." - LYNN ALLISON  
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**'She may be stuck with this look forever'**



## JUSTIN CRINGES OVER FASHION BLUNDERS

SNAPPY dresser Justin Timberlake is appalled by the bizarre outfits he wore in the '90s as a member of \*NSYNC!

These days, the 31-year-old superstar prefers suits to acid-washed jeans and cringes to recall his boy band blunders like curly platinum blond hair, headbands and matching uniforms that made him feel like a puppet on a string.

"There were many moments in my teenage years where I succumbed to the weirdness of the group I was in," explains Timberlake, who once romanced Britney Spears. "In trying to conform - we're marionettes! - I ended up looking like a moron."

He says it was "weird" to use so much gel that "your hair becomes a sculpture," and his coiffure of choice nowadays is a close crop!

"It's scary the first time because you don't know what's under there - you could have a strange knot," Timberlake explains. "But it's so easy."