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ANIMATED "JOURNEY BACK TO OZ" HOLIDAY SPECIAL ON WGN TELEVISION 9

A pre-Christmas holiday special for the whole family will be presented by WGN Television 9 on Sunday afternoon, December 10, when "Journey Back to Oz" is aired from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Based on MGM's 1939 "Wizard of Oz," "Journey..." is believed to be the first full length animated feature for television. The project took approximately ten years to be brought to the screen and was the first experiment in new animation for the holiday season.

"Journey Back to Oz" tells the story of Dorothy and her dog, Toto, who revisit the land of Oz where they meet their old friends - The Tinman, The Cowardly Lion and The Scarecrow - and have grand new adventures.

"Journey..." stars the voice of Liza Minelli as Dorothy. (Liza's late mother, Judy Garland, starred as Dorothy in "Wizard of Oz.") Other starring voices include Milton Berle as The Cowardly Lion, Danny Thomas as The Tinman and Mickey Rooney as The Scarecrow. In addition, Ethel Merman is heard as Mombi, the Bad Witch, Paul Ford is Uncle Henry, Paul Lynde is Pumpkinhead, and Hershel Bernardi portrays Woodenhead, The Horse. Bill Cosby is the Host Wizard.

MICHAEL HAYDON MILLER RECIPIENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

MICHAEL HAYDON MILLER, son of DONALD H. MILLER, Continuity Director for WGN Radio and WGN Television and ELIZABETH ANN MILLER, has been selected as a recipient of the second annual WGN Broadcasting Company college scholarships for four years at \$1,500 per year.

Michael, 17, is a freshman at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he will major in business and geology and participate in soccer and hockey.

A graduate of Evanston Township High School, Michael was on the honor roll for four years and received honors in History, English and Mechanical Sciences.

The Scholarship Program is administered by a Committee of WGN personnel and a Vice President and Dean of Students, who serves on the scholarship committee of an outstanding local university.

All high school seniors of WGN employees around the nation are eligible for the scholarship.

CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!



CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF

EMIL JUNG AND KATHY EDWARDS

Farewell to our good friend, Emil, who died on November 17 in Ravenswood Hospital. Emil leaves his wife, Helen; a son, Craig, a daughter, Gail and three grandchildren.

Emil, Sgt. of Security, was employed at WGN for eleven years. He was a master at his job, always considerate and pleasant. He was an inspiration to many of us fortunate enough to have known him.

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To The WGN Family --

"Thank you all so very much for the beautiful floral pieces and all the cards and personal expressions of sympathy. Being thought of so highly by all his fellow workers is truly a great tribute to Emil."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Emil Jung and Family

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Kathy Edwards died unexpectedly on November 22, leaving her husband, Jack, her parents, a sister and brother.

Kathy, was Sales Manager of Availabilities/TV, and employed at WGN for 3 years. She contributed greatly to our company in the time she was with us.

We will miss Emil and Kathy.

May they rest in Peace

WGN's CRUSADE OF MERCY CAMPAIGN

ENDS DECEMBER 15

The Crusade of Mercy is nearing the end of its 1978 campaign to raise \$53 million in metropolitan Chicago and WGN's drive will be completed by December 15th.

As the cost of living continues to soar, families understandably find it more difficult to set aside a couple of dollars a week for charity.

As you know, beneficiaries of the Crusade include people who are homeless, retarded, disabled, troubled, aged or ill. Nearly 300 social agencies in metropolitan Chicago are helped with Crusade funds, including the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Chicago Boys Clubs, Hull House and many others too numerous to mention.

If you have not turned in your Fair Share pledge card to Ann Leischner (Payroll), please do so as soon as possible. Your contribution means so much to many people.

The Crusade of Mercy and the United Way, which it embraces, makes it simple and painless to contribute to important charitable organizations.

Let's give and let's give generously!

Thank God you can give!

**GIVE
YOUR
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Crusade of Mercy**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rich Loizzo	- December 5	Howard Brandt	- December 11
Walter Klinger	- December 6	Lewis Scott	- December 13
Henry Ayala	- December 6	Vince Guerucci	- December 14
Ed Alma	- December 6	Marty McNeeley	- December 14
Fred Keller	- December 7	Jim Pasma	- December 14
Jack Taylor	- December 7	Marsha Cassidy	- December 14
Felix Kubik	- December 8	Don Cronberg	- December 15
Jeannine Johnson	- December 10	Jack Minevich	- December 15
Bob Umpleby	- December 11	Ray Melendez	- December 15
		Jerri Novak	- December 16

SO-LONG AND GOOD LUCK

JAMES R. MATTHEWS, radio engineer, is retiring on December 1 after 36 years of service with WGN Continental, and ARNOLD C. RAHMEL, television engineer, is retiring on the same day after 38 years of service with our company.

To these two "PROS," we say, "FAREWELL -- and may good health, good luck, and much happiness to yours for many more years to come."

NOTICE: JERRY VITALE, Manager of the Tribune Credit Union, will be at the WGN Studios on December 6 in room 115 at 11 a.m. to answer any questions.

PROMOTIONS -- CONGRATULATIONS'

MYRA J. ABBRUSCATO - promoted to Data Input/Payroll Clerk.

EDWARD S. NEWMAN - promoted to Assistant Credit Manager

FOR SALE: Dining room table w/six chairs and matching buffet. Oak -- less than 3 years old. 827-7634.

FOR SALE: **PIONNER-KPH 9000 in dasher wihnt everything the 8005 has (CARLOS)215PLUS separate bass,treble,lounesscontrols and much more.**

FOR SALE: Two black vinyl swivel bar stools with adjustable levels and chrome base. \$45.00 - Jeff. ext. 234.

FOR RENT: Four large rooms - 1 bedroom. Second floor - Natural wood. Walking distance to WGN - 2425 Dakin. \$225.00 per month plus security. 677-2766.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to EDDIE and JUDY McKEITH on the birth of a daughter on November 18th at Mt. Cedar Sinai Hospital, Beverly Hills, California. Her name is Nyoki. Eddie and Judy also have a son Dwyer. Eddie is an account executive with WGN Sales in California.

GET WELL WISHES: Kay Joyce, Dolores Koltz and Dick Jungers at home and to Arla Ward - Columbus Hospital, 2520 N. Lakeview- Chicago, Ill. 60614 759-1

Arla is so appreciative to everyone for their many cards and get well wishes. She misses everyone.

RAY RAYNER SAYS "The nose is in the middle of the face because it's the scenter!"

*NOTE: DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18-22, "RAY RAYDER AND

His Friends" and "Bozo's Circus" will feature a variety

of Christmas specials and entertainment for the whole

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AND HOLIDAY SPECIALS

ON WGN TELEVISION 9

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

*11:00 am - CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS PARADE -Live coverage of the ninth annual festivities features Frazier Thomas and Merri Dee. Santa Claus will be the star of the parade along with musical groups, thousands of musicians, clowns, floats depicting various Christmas themes, plus other attractions which make the event a highlight of the year.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Bozo the Clown will open his own special post office service to remind everyone to mail early this year.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 pm - MOVIE: "JOURNEY BACK TO OZ" starring the voices of Liza Minnelli, Milton Berle, Danny Thomas and Mickey Rooney. The characters from the "Wizard of Oz" return in this animated feature with all new adventures of Dorothy, The Cowardly Lion, The Tinman and The Scarecrow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Selections from "The Nutcracker" are performed by the Woodstock Ballet Company.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Skaters from the Woodfield Ice Arena will present a special Christmas ice show.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:30 pm - WGN TELEVISION PRESENTS: "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney, is the warm story of two Army buddies who help their former general keep his investment in a Vermont inn.

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ADD 1 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

*NOTE: DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18-22, "Ray Rayner and His Friends" and "Bozo's Circus" will feature a variety of Christmas specials and entertainment for the whole family. Favorite Christmas cartoons, choirs and seasonal fun will highlight the programs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Bozo and Cooky go Christmas shopping and discover a way not to spend money.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Wizzo the Wizard will present his own special Christmas story.

1:00 pm - BEWITCHED - "A Vision of Sugar Plums" - Samantha and Darrin convince an orphaned seven-year-old that Santa Claus does exist.

10:30 pm - WGN TELEVISION PRESENTS - "The Bells of St. Mary's" starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. A priest and a nun, through their warm understanding, rebuild a failing parochial school.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Cooky lights the wrong Christmas candle and almost blows up the circus.

1:00 pm - BEWITCHED - "Humbug Not To Be Spoken Here" - Samantha and Darrin help a "skinflint" learn how to love and understand the meaning of Christmas.

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ADD 2 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am - MOVIE - "Christmas in Connecticut" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan in the amusing story of a sailor, recovering from 18 days on a raft, who is invited to spend Christmas at the home of a magazine writer. She writes recipes - but can't cook!

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - The cast is thrilled with the personal appearance of Santa Claus.

1:00 pm - BEWITCHED - "Santa Comes to Visit and Stays and Stays" - Tabitha convinces Sidney that Santa Claus is real.

1:30 pm - LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE - A special story of love at Christmas time.

7:00 pm - CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS - "Family Christmas" Carol and the cast exchange gifts, sing and celebrate the season.

8:00 pm - MOVIE - "Holiday Inn" starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. A song and dance man decides to turn a Connecticut farm into an inn, open only on holidays. Bing sings "White Christmas."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

*11:30 am - CHARLANDO - Host Peter Nuno brings viewers a colorful, Hispanic Christmas celebration.

7:30 pm - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Champaign, Ill.)

8:00 pm - MOVIE - "Christmas Eve" starring George Raft and Ann Harding. Three foster sons of a wealthy, aged spinster, are called home for the holiday and discover her nephew is attempting to victimize her.

10:30 pm - WGN TELEVISION PRESENTS - "The Christmas Tree" starring William Holden and Virna Lisi. When the son of a wealthy businessman contracts radiation poisoning and is given only a few months to live, his father devotes his entire existence to the happiness of the boy.

1:00 am - LATE MOVIE - "The Bishop's Wife" starring Cary Grant, David Niven and Loretta Young. Christmas fantasy of suave angel (Grant) coming to earth to help Bishop (Niven) and wife (Young) raise money for a new church.

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ADD 3 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

*7:15 am - THREE SCORE - Host Virginia Gale celebrates, with her guests, Christmas customs brought from the Old Countries to America by many of today's senior citizens.

*7:45 am - CHRISTMAS MASS FOR SHUT-INS

*8:30 am - HERITAGE OF FAITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (Religious)

*9:00 am - GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH "SINGING STONES" CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Glenview, Ill.)

9:30 am - MOVIE - "The Christmas Martian" While snowshoeing through the woods of their father's farm, a young girl and boy discover a "martian" that can transform himself at will into whatever he wishes. The story climaxes with an exciting snowmobile chase, the involvement of Santa Claus and some food for thought.

11:00 am - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - "The Twelve Gifts" - Animated, heartwarming production based on the old folk song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," that tells how a snow goose gathers 12 gifts for a lonely Santa.

11:30 am - THE LONE RANGER - The masked man and his friend, Tonto, help others in "A Christmas Story."

12:00 Noon - MOVIE - "The World of Hans Christian Andersen" - Hans Christian Andersen, Uncle Oley, The Little Match Girl, The Ugly Duckling and a host of others provide animated fun and fantasy for the whole family.

4:00 pm - FAMILY CLASSICS - "A Christmas Carol" (1939) - Charles Dickens' classic story of a crusty old skinflint who, in one haunted evening, learns the true spirit of Christmas from three Christmas spirits. An embittered miser, soured on the world and his fellow man, has three ghostly visitors on Christmas Eve. After visions on long-dead happiness past and present remorse and a fearful glimpse into the future, he is given a chance to face the world afresh on Christmas morning. Starring Reginald Owen, Gene Lockhart and Kathleen Lockhart.

6:30 pm - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - "Silent Night" The heartwarming magic of how the beloved Christmas carol "Silent Night" came to be written. Animated.

*7:00 pm - GLENBARD EAST HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Lombard, Ill.)

*7:30 pm - MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Mundelein, Ill.)

8:00 pm - HEE HAW - Buck Owens, Roy Clark and special guests provide holiday entertainment for the whole family.

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ADD 4 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

9:00 pm - THE LAWRENCE WELK CHRISTMAS SHOW - Lawrence Welk and his musical family hold their annual Christmas party with 45 of their youngsters participating in the maestro's salute to Santa Claus.

10:30 pm - WGN TELEVISION PRESENTS - "The Cheaters" starring Joseph Schildkrant and Billie Burke. A self-indulgent family invites a "charity-case" to share Christmas with them. He changes their outlook on love and life.

*12:00 Midnight - MIDNIGHT MASS FROM HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL (live)
At this writing, His Eminence John Cardinal Cody will officiate.

1:30 am - MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR - "The Music of Christmas"

*2:00 am - VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Valparaiso, In.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

*6:00 am - WHITNEY YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Chicago)

6:30 am - STINGRAY - A special Christmas show for children (Animated)

*7:00 am - RAY RAYNER AND HIS FRIENDS - The joy of Christmas morning with choirs, fun and special surprises.

*8:30 am - LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (St. John, In.)

9:00 am - MOVIE - "Hans Christian Andersen" - Once upon a time there lived in Denmark a great story-teller named Hans Christian Andersen. This is not the story of his life, but a fairy tale about this great spinner of tales, wherein he falls in love with a beautiful ballerina and dreams of magnificent ballets. Starring Danny Kaye, Farley Granger, and Jeanmarie.

*11:00 am - CHRISTMAS MORNING CHURCH SERVICES FROM ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (live from Chicago)

*12:00 Noon - BOZO'S CIRCUS - Bozo, Cooky and Frazier Thomas present a special Christmas show. The cast will open presents; "The Littlest Santa," written especially for the Circus, will be narrated; and Cooky will have a little trouble setting the table for Christmas dinner.

1:00 pm - FATHER KNOWS BEST - "The Christmas Story" tells how the Anderson family learns that Christmas is more than gifts.

1:30 pm - LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE - A husband gives his new bride a mechanical elf for Christmas only to discover that the elf has a mind of its own.

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ADD 5 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

*2:00 pm - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Chicago)

2:30 pm - THE FLINTSTONES - "Christmas Flintstone" finds Fred taking a job at the department store and winding up playing Santa Claus.

3:00 pm - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - "The Gift of Winter" Animated story of a land that becomes bleak and frigid and hateful every winter. Finally its citizens rise in protest and stage an exhausting march through the sub-zero wilderness to confront the Minister of Winter.

*3:30 pm - LINCOLN-WAY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (New Lenox, Ill.)

4:00 pm - GILLIGAN'S ISLAND - "Birds Gotta Fly, Fish Gotta Talk." Gilligan's Christmas wish is to be rescued - and it looks like the Coast Guard may do it.

4:30 pm - McHALE'S NAVY - "The Day They Captured Santa Claus" McHale and his crew run into an ambush Christmas Day while playing Santa Claus to a group of native children.

5:00 pm - THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW - "Christmas Story" Andy and Barney give a Christmas party in the jail for a prisoner and his family, and thereby convert the town scrooge.

5:30 pm - BEWITCHED - "Sisters At Heart" - The story, written by a fifth grade English class, tells the story of two little girls, one Black, one White, who want to be sisters at Christmas.

6:00 pm - DICK VAN DYKE - "The Alan Brady Show Presents" The entire Alan Brady staff presents a Christmas show, instead of the script turned in by the show's writers.

6:30 pm - THE ODD COUPLE - "Scrooge Gets An Oscar" - Oscar kicks Felix out of their apartment when Oscar refuses continuous requests for him to play Scrooge in a play.

7:00 pm - THE ROYAL BALLET'S "SLEEPING BEAUTY" - PREMIERE - Tchaikovsky's classical ballet, with the acclaimed dancers Merle Park and David Wall, direct from London's fabled Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. (Videotaped from Satellite telecast)

*1:00 am - COLLEGE OF DuPAGE CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Glen Ellyn, Ill.)

*1:30 am - EMERSON HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR (Gary, In.)

2:00 am - "A Christmas Child" - musical presentation which includes the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.



Kup's Sunday column

Kupcinet

A Reporter's Report: John Cardinal Cody has been summoned to Rome by Pope John Paul II to discuss a post in the Vatican Curia, which would end his assignment as archbishop of Chicago, largest Roman Catholic archdiocese in the nation. The story in Rome, as previously reported here, is that Cardinal Cody will replace the ailing John Cardinal Wright as the top ranking American in the Curia. . . . Another attempt at movie censorship was defeated in court here. The Chicago Film Censor Board tagged "In Praise of Older Women," starring Karen Black and Tom Berenger,

with a "pink slip" (adults only). But Avco-Embassy, producer of the movie, took the board's ruling to court and was upheld, just as it was a few years ago when Avco-Embassy won a similar suit in behalf of "Carnal Knowledge." . . . On the judicial beat: Judge Harry Comerford has emerged as the leading candidate to succeed John Boyle as chief judge of the Circuit Court. And the three leading candidates for federal judgeship vacancies reportedly are attorney James Moran and Judges Warren Wolfson and Marvin Aspen.

NOW HEAR THIS: Best line at the roasting of Channel 7's Fahey Flynn at the American Diabetes Society luncheon the other day came from WBBM radio's Donn Pearlman. He paraphrased Channel 7's slogan, "If it's important to Chicago, it's on Eyewitness News" by saying it should read, "If it's important to Chicago, it's news to us!" . . . How times have changed: The Smothers Brothers, Tom and Dick, who were anathema to the White House during the Johnson and Nixon administrations, have been invited by Rosalynn Carter to entertain at a Christmas party. The Smothers are appearing on Broadway in "I Love My Wife."

THE HEADLINERS: Actor Bob Conrad, filming his TV series Duke here, apparently is digging in for a long stay. He took an apartment at Lake Point Tower, where Drury Lane's Tony DeSantis maintains two apartments for his stars. Mickey Rooney and Lana Turner currently are the occupants Esther Saperstein, who has compiled an enviable reputation as an alderman and state legislator, is being wooed by Mayor Bilandic to join his administration as a special assistant, dealing with senior citizens.

ONCE OVER QUICKLY: "The Immigrants," the TV movie based on Howard Fast's novel, will be aired on Channel 9 on Monday and Tuesday, with reruns scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of the following week. "The Immigrants" was financed by Operation Prime Time, organized by Channel 9 and five other independent stations, to produce quality programs that could compete with the networks. Operation



ESTHER SAPERSTEIN

Prime Time has been so successful that some 90 stations, many of which are network affiliates, will carry "The Immigrants."