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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

FRANK BONDZINSKI NAMED DIRECTOR  
OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mr. Frank Bondzinski has been named Director of Special Projects, WGN Continental Sales Company, effective January 2, 1979.

Coupled with his duties for the Sales Company, Frank will have responsibilities relating to our other broadcast properties and our cable operation.

These announcements were made by Jack P. Jacobson, Vice President and Manager of Operations, WGN Television, and Wayne R. Vriesman, Vice President and Station Manager of WGN Radio.

We know all of you wish Frank Bondzinski and Jean Surma well in their respective new responsibilities!

JEAN A. SURMA NAMED MANAGER OF  
PURCHASING AND OFFICE SERVICES

Mrs. Jean A. Surma has been named Manager of Purchasing and Office Services, effective January 2, 1979.

Jean joined WGN in September, 1969, and her responsibilities in this company have included duties in management and administrative areas, and TV Programming.



Frank Bondzinski



Jean Surma

SENIOR BOWL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 ON WGN TELEVISION 9

Best of College Seniors Participate

The 30th Annual Senior Bowl, featuring the best of the college football seniors, will be seen live on WGN Television 9 Saturday, January 13, at 12 noon. Lindsey Nelson will provide the play-by-play of the game from Ladd Memorial Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.

Known as the game that showcases the professional football players of tomorrow, the Senior Bowl annually has displayed the best in football talent. Last year, 61 of the 65 players participating were drafted by professional football teams. The players signed for this year's game promise to provide a similar number of athletes for the professionals.

The North squad, coached by Walt Michaels, head coach of the New York Jets, will feature stars from such colleges as Penn State, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Southern California and others. Michigan State's Ed Smith and Stanford's Steve Dils will share the quarterbacking duties for the North.

Dick Nolan, head coach of the New Orleans Saints, will lead the South squad. Players from such schools as Alabama, Clemson, Auburn, Louisiana State and Arkansas lead his lineup of all-star players. Steve Fuller of Clemson and Jeff Rutledge of Alabama will share the North's quarterbacking chores.

Joining Nelson on the broadcast team will be Richard Todd, quarterback of the New York Jets, and Doug Williams, quarterback sensation from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"THE LASER: WONDER TOOL OF THE 80'S"

FOUR-PART NEWSNINE MINI-SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 14

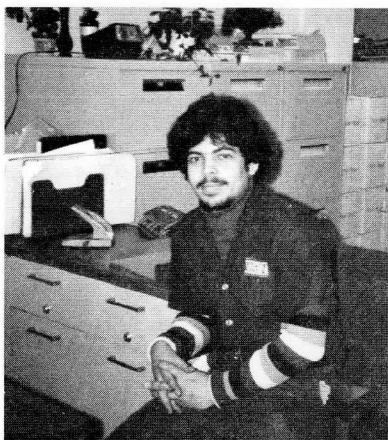
Years ago laser beams were considered tools of destruction. In a four-part, NEWSNINE mini-series, LARRY RODERICK of the WGN News team takes a look at lasers as they are used today and examines their future. "The Laser: Wonder Tool of the 80's" begins Sunday, January 14 and continues nightly through Wednesday, January 17 interior to the 10 pm "Jack Taylor and NewsNine" newscast.

Roderick finds that most laser research is aimed at helping mankind even though government laboratories are experimenting with military applications for lasers. Roderick shows how lasers are being used for delicate operations such as eye surgery. Film footage from an actual operation will be shown along with comments from doctors who have performed successful surgery utilizing the laser beam.

Lasers are used in industry. One example is in long-distance communication. Telephone companies use lasers in spun glass cables to replace copper wires. Roderick will show additional uses of lasers in industry and will show how a laser beam can cut through a several-inch-thick piece of steel. According to scientists, lasers will become more and more a part of industry because they have become safe and economical. Another example of their use is the creation of very dramatic light displays for the world of entertainment.

Scientists claim that lasers could be used for an endless number of projects to aid mankind. The 1980s will see a rapidly expanding use and need for a tool so frequently thought of only in terms of destruction. Roderick's four-part news series should help viewers better understand the lasers of today and those of tomorrow.

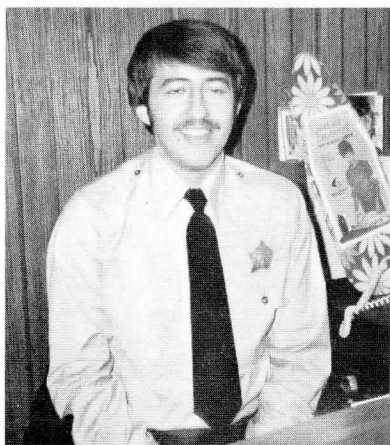
Welcome to the WGN "family"



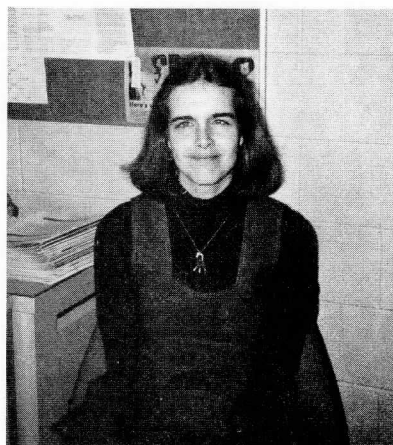
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Houseman/Building Dept.



Colleen Dudgeon  
NewsWriter/Radio

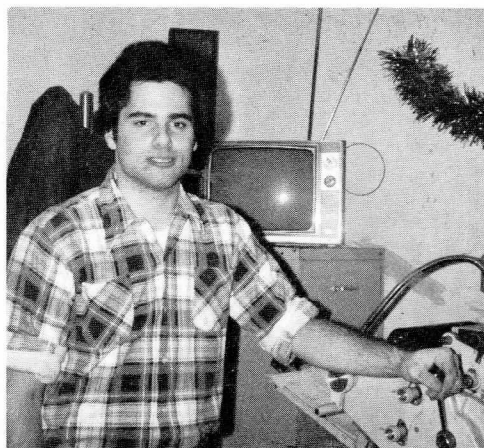


Dale Janus  
Security



Hillary Levine  
TV/Engineer

CONGRATULATIONS to PAT PISANO on his promotion to DUPLICATING.



Pat Pisano

NEW CHECK CASHING HOURS

As you know, the cash box for cashing personal checks is located in Room 232. Effective immediately the hours of cashing personal checks are:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

If you are going to need a check cashed before going to lunch, please make it to Room 232 before noon. Otherwise you will have to wait until 2:00.

The rules will remain the same at ONE check per week and a limit of \$25.00, with the exception of managers.

If you have any questions regarding check cashing rules, please call either Pat Duda, ext. 437 or Ray Luckey, ext. 441.

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PHONE INFORMATION

Effective January 4, 1979, THE ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY has started to charge for the use of all 411 (Information) calls.

PLEASE look up the telephone number in the phone books before dialing 411.

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REMINDER: DON'T THROW OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS.....

Remember not to discard your Christmas Cards..... they can be put to good use by Senior Citizens and Children. Send them to Norine Smith..... they will be put in a carton and delivered to persons who will appreciate making creative things from them. Any type of cards will be appreciated.

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NOTICE FROM PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

1979 ID Cards are now available. Please turn in your 1978 ID and a new one will be issued to you.

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Please remember when leaving your car overnight, to leave your keys with the guard at the desk.

Also, if you do not already have a parking sticker for your car, you can obtain one from GINNY in the Building Department.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Ray Osborne -- January 8  
Bob Donnelly -- January 10  
Jan Bocian -- January 12  
Robin Williams -- January 14  
Gregg Hernandez -- January 15  
Bill Wills -- January 15

Len Johnson -- January 15  
Bob Bell -- January 18  
Bob Gill -- January 18  
John Madormo -- January 19  
Roy Leonard -- January 19  
Gene Filip -- January 20

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NEW ARRIVALS

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHRIS FLOR and his wife, SUSAN, became the proud parents of AMY CATHERINE, who weighed in at 8 lbs. and arrived at 4:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

ALSO.... JIM LOUGHMAN and his wife, ROBIN, were blessed with their first child, a daughter, KELLY ANN, born at Evanston Hospital on January 1 weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz.

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SEND "GET WELL WISHES" to Art Ambrozewski  
Ravenswood Hospital  
4550 N. Winchester Ave.  
Chicago, Ill. 60640

Trudee Fellig  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
Passavant Pavillion  
303 E. Superior  
Chicago, Ill. 60611 Room 415

Also, Kay Joyce, Dick Jungers, Dolores Koltz & Arla Ward at home.

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PAINTING AND DECORATING --- REASONABLE - Russ - Ro. 3-8515 or Ca. 7-1181.

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WANTED ----- LIVE-IN COMPANION FOR SEMI-INVALID..... ROOM AND BOARD PLUS SALARY.  
After 6 p.m. - 763-8175.

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RECIPE CORNER

1 jar ( 8 oz) cheese spread (Cheez Whiz)	1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped celery	2 cups cooked rice
1/4 cup minced onion	1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, drained.
3 tablespoons margarine	
1 can cream of mushroom soup	

Put jar of cheese in bowl of hot water until softened. Saute celery and onion in margarine in small heavy skillet. Blend soup with milk; mix with celery, onion, rice broccoli, and 1/2 of cheese. Turn into buttered 1-1/2 or 2 quart dish; dribble remaining cheese over. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

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RAY RAYNER says ...."Money is funny. Men get their pictures on it and women get their hands on it."

SYMPATHY

WE HAVE RECEIVED SAD NEWS OF THE PASSING OF THREE OF OUR FORMER EMPLOYEES.

ELMER DONNELLEY, retired engineer, passed away on January 3rd. Elmer started with our company in 1948 and retired in 1979 with 30 years of service.

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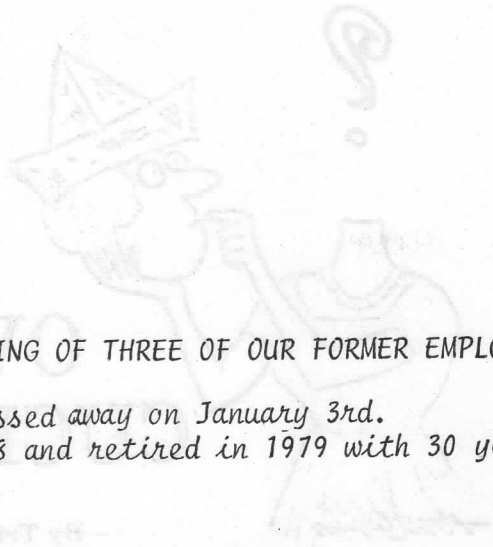
WILLARD MILLER, retired engineer, passed away January 7. When Willard retired in 1975, he had been with WGN for 33 years.

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MARY L. "Barbara" FOCHT, script typing, passed away in Hammond, Indiana, on January 4th. Barbara started with our company in 1960 and retired in 1975.

Even though they were no longer part of the every day activity at WGN, they were still part of the WGN "family." As such, we will miss all three of them.

May they rest in Peace!





# OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

By Tricia Hurst

I've been doing some very odd things and thinking some very odd thoughts recently—but when I confide in others about all this odd behavior, they just laugh and say, "Oh, I do that all the time."

That's all very well and good for them; for me it's a new experience and it's obvious that what's normal for others is not at all normal for me.

There's no doubt about it: I'm GOING MAD!

I've been putting things in strange places: the iron in the refrigerator, milk in the cupboard and some panty hose I bought a month ago and misplaced turned up under a cushion on the couch. I have also put dirty clothes in the dryer without first washing them.

When two checks arrived in the mail I removed them from their envelopes, threw them in the fireplace, and carefully placed the envelopes on my desk. Another neat envelope trick was sending a long, gossipy letter to the telephone company and the telephone bill to a friend in Maryland. My friend wrote back immediately inquiring as to why the devil she should pay my utilities; the telephone company sent a pleasant note saying they were happy to have news of me and what I was doing but if I didn't mail my remittance they were going to turn off the phone.

I am calling the children and grandchildren by one another's names. I am forgetting dates, places, and events. (I bought a calendar and date book and can't find either one.)

Last week I shampooed my hair with hand lotion and started to panic when I found myself watering the geraniums with bleach

and soaking some white tennis socks in plant food.

I have bruises and abrasions all over my body from walking into every piece of furniture in the house; I have lost—or hidden from myself—keys, eyeglasses, bedroom slippers, the frying pan, cuticle scissors and a cheese soufflé.

I tossed a perfectly good pair of ski poles into the trash can and placed the garbage in the storeroom.

I came home from the supermarket with three bags of groceries, none of which were mine.

Things have gotten so tense the children haven't dropped by for weeks; Shy, the dog, has disappeared; my neighbors have taken to locking their screen doors and pulling down the shades.

I explained all of this to my doctor during my yearly "female" checkup, but he insisted upon going about his normal duties even though I tried to impress upon him that from the neck up was where I needed help!

It's also not very reassuring to be constantly reminded that "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" won all those Academy Awards. True to form I have not jumped over or out of, but INTO it.

If this article doesn't appear, it will probably be because it's lining a cookie sheet and the editor is sitting there wondering what I expect him to do with a piece of aluminum foil.

If he has any insight at all he'll make a funny pointed hat out of it and send it back. I'll put it on immediately—that is, if I can find my head.

Editors note: Our author is slipping: She did ~~not~~ send the aluminum foil.



# Generosity and modesty characterize creator of illusions John Choyrnacki

By RUTH BOHAN  
Staff Writer

without cost.

"One of his most outstanding

talents is his humor, and this is

always represented in his sets," she

said. "I've never seen him lose his

cool or raise his voice. He really is

one of the most modest and generous

people I've ever met."

## THEY WERE SPEAKING of John

Choyrnacki, named Lerner-LIFE

Newspapers' Citizen of the Month for

November. Choyrnacki himself plays

down his volunteer work with the



Life - Northbrook, Ill. ----

theater groups for whom he has

designed and helped build sets over

the past seven years.

"I never push myself," he insisted.

"My wife is a fast worker; I happen

to have a slow speed."

Fast or slow, Choyrnacki has

managed to give of his time since he

moved to Deerfield. In addition to his

work with the children's theater and

the Holy Cross variety shows and

"Spring Fever" productions, he has

acted as set designer for the shows at

Shepherd junior high school (where his

wife is a teacher), for a Stagers

musical and for the Bicentennial show.

Choyrnacki's credentials for his

volunteer work are impressive. He's

been the set designer for WGN-TV for

24 years, including 17 years with

"Bozo's Circus."

week. "Another man and I do all the sets.

This means, in addition to 'Bozo's

Circus', we do sets for things like the

public affairs programs," he said.

"We are doing backgrounds now for

the Christmas choral groups that are

being recorded. We just did a church

interior, really the suggestion of an

interior, for a group of about 100

young people from Glenview

Community church."

THE LATEST volunteer project of John Choyrnacki, Deerfield, November Citizen of the Month, is the design and construction of the sets for Deerfield Children's theater.

Lombardian - Lombard, Ill.

# Feeley Elected President Of DP Easter Seal Board

James E. Feeley, 166 Grace St. Lombard, was elected president of the DuPage Easter Seal Treatment Center's board of directors during the annual meeting of the membership held at the Midwest County Club.

Feeley is manager of administrative services and director of employee benefits at WGN Continental Broadcasting Co. He joined the Chicago Tribune in 1951 and has also served as chief accountant, office manager, and assistant comptroller. In addition to his many duties at WGN, he

also serves as comptroller of WGN World Travel Services, Inc.

Feeley, a graduate of DePaul University, and Mary Beth, his wife, have seven children ranging in age from 15 to 25 years, are grandparents, and active in their community and Sacred Heart Church in Lombard. He has been a member of Easter Seals' board of directors since 1969, during which time he has served as chairman of the personnel committee, as well as the finance and audit committee. He has also served as vice president of the board of directors during the 1977-78 fiscal year.

The DuPage Easter Seal Treatment Center, 706 E. Park Blvd. Villa Park, provides treatment for handicapped children and adults of DuPage County.