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# What's goin'on

News and information about the people and events at WGN-AM Radio

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# FEEDBACK

## HELLO FROM A NEW LISTENER!

Hello Dean!

I love your show! You are SO nice and have interesting, as well as fun topics on your show. But one question, from myself and the ladies I work with, are you married? Have kids? You haven't said, and we are just a little bit nosy!

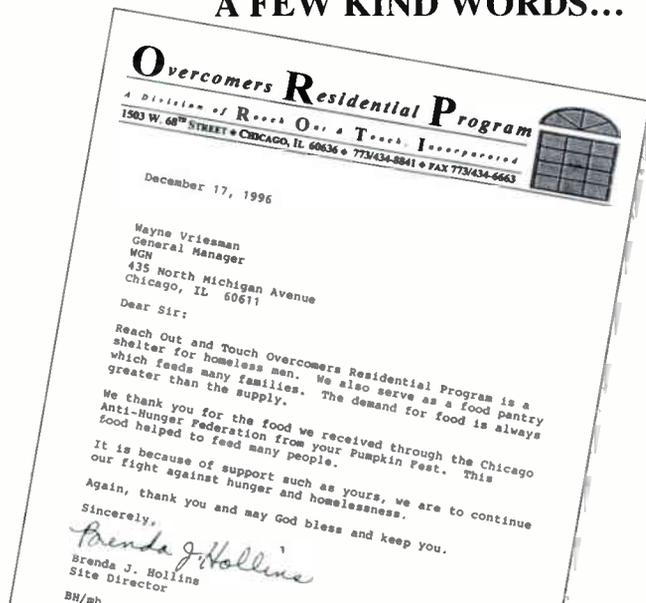
Anyway, keep up the good work!

Via e-mail,  
Mafsarhet@aol.com

*Thanks for the nice comments! As for your other questions, Kathy and Judy have trained you well...I'm single, 42 years old, no kids (lots of nieces and nephews though), size 11 shoe, size 7 hat ...*

*Anything else??  
Dean Richards*

## A FEW KIND WORDS...



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# This just in...

WGN RADIO'S

## RANDY ECCLES

NAMED THE

"1996 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR"



We are proud to announce that Assistant Program Director Randy Eccles has been named the 1996 WGN Radio Employee of the Year! Randy began his career at WGN as an intern in 1990. During that time, he became a part-time producer working with Jan Coleman, Steve Bertrand and Dave Stewart. He then moved on as a fill-in producer for Kathy & Judy, and eventually took over as the full-time producer for the show. Randy was with The Girls for three years and was excited to see it go from a "start-up" show to one the listeners would plan their lunches around. In 1993, he took on the responsibility of producing the Ian Punnett Show. A year later, Randy was promoted to Program-Production Assistant and then to Assistant Program Director. He currently supervises and hires producers and assists the Program Director with day-to-day programming and strategies.

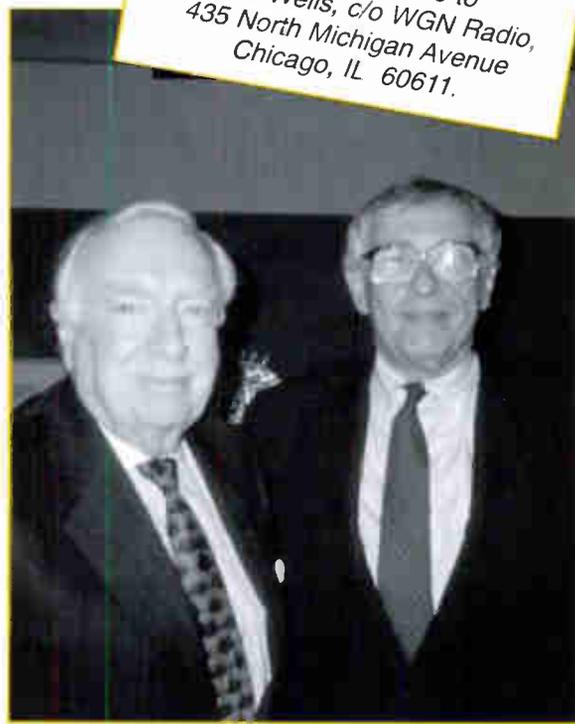
Randy has been recognized as the 1996 Employee of the Year for his hard work, extended hours and extra efforts which helped to make the transitions to a new General Manager and Program Director smooth and successful. Randy will be honored with Tribune Broadcasting's other Employees of the Year at the President's Dinner in Las Vegas this spring. Randy says, "It's very cool to be recognized. I'm really lucky because this is a great place to work. We have fun listeners and great co-workers and that makes it easy to work hard."

# INSIDE 720

Questions about your "What's Goin' On" subscription? Please drop a line to Marlene Wells, c/o WGN Radio, 435 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611.



Above: Bob Collins (l) and Jack O'Malley (r) shared some time discussing the image of lawyers, frivolous lawsuits and whether lawyers should convict or search for the truth.



Above: Walter Cronkite (l) and Milt Rosenberg (r) recapped Cronkite's career and his feelings about the current state of journalism during a recent Extension 720 program.



Left: 81 year old Les Paul (l) who was a musician "jock" at WGN Radio in 1929, visited with Steve King (r) in studio.



Right: LeVar Burton (r) joined Dean Richards (l) in the studio to discuss his roles on *The Next Generation* and *Roots* and his new book, *Aftermath*.



Right: Judy (l), Anthony Daniels (c) and Kathy (r) talked about *The Star Wars* Trilogy and Anthony's starring role as C-3PO.

sighting of the month



## THE hat

Spike's Hat was proudly displayed at the 1997 Cubs Convention by current and former Cubs players and their wives - (left to right) - Spike, Gabi and Tyler Houston, Keri (fiance) and Rodney Myers, and Angela and Leon Durham.

## ROGER'S FORECAST

Would you believe it? Yes, March and spring are here! March 20th is the vernal equinox and that is the beginning of the sun's travel back north.

So many good things happen in March: Spring arrives, and we see the greatest transition from cold to warm. We start with normal highs/lowes of 38/24°F and end with 52/35°F. About seven inches of snow can fall in March, but by month's end we'll have more than 12 hours of daylight.

All indications are that this will be a normal March, both temperatures and precipitation-wise, so enjoy! And remember, it won't be long before we start the severe storm warnings...



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Thomas	8th
Bob Ferguson	9th
Dean Richards	31st
Orion Samuelson	31st



# The Advice Ladies



*The Kathy and Judy Show*  
Weekdays (9:00 - 11:55 a.m.)

You call them on the air to ask their opinion. Now Kathy and Judy are picking up their pens to offer advice on the problems we sometimes face. If you have a question you would like the girls to address, whether it be about relationships, kids, fashion, etiquette or otherwise, drop us a line at:

The Advice Ladies  
c/o What's goin' on  
435 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

### Question:

"I guess you should call me Rhonda. I like to have company over for dinner, but every time we do, my husband says or does something silly and embarrassing. The last time we had guests, he got up in the middle of the conversation to go watch football on TV. Over Christmas, he talked about how much he spent on gifts! I was embarrassed. He says he likes to have people over, and I do too, but I'm nervous about setting up our next dinner party."

What should I do?

### Judy:

Rhonda, hon. Why is it I think that Mr. Rhonda doesn't just do dumb things when you have company? Granted company-having times are the times you have to make excuses and do damage control, but what's he like when there are just the two of you? If in fact there is stuff that goes on that feels inappropriate or dopey when the two of you are alone, that's the time to start addressing it with him. If not, (though I doubt that's the case), then maybe you could ask him what it is about having other people around that makes him kinda act out.

### Kathy:

Let me get this straight. Your husband likes the dinner parties, he likes having company (or says he does) and then he acts like a putz during the actual event? Is he a dreamboat the rest of the time, or is this just sort of regular husband behavior but more annoying because company sees it? If you've actually communicated about this and he continues to get an "F" in Grownup Social Behavior, I suggest you stop having dinner parties. If you like dinner parties, I suggest you have them when he's out of town. If you don't like him, then get thee to a counselor.





**ROY  
LEONARD**

(Saturday, 7 a.m. - Noon, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

We were packed into a crowded elevator after viewing a soon-to-be-released movie when someone (not a fellow critic) asked Roger Ebert what he thought of the film. Roger's ready reply was, "I don't know, I haven't read my column yet." I wished I had a reply for a similar question in the lobby of an off-loop theatre recently. The show was abysmal, but this obviously happy patron gushed, "Wasn't that wonderful? When are you going on the radio to tell everyone they must see this show?" I muttered something about having to think about it, and rushed off into the night.

A critic of popular culture, whether it's movies, music or theatre, is well aware that his opinion will not be shared by everyone who sees the same performance. But, you're not always ready to share your thoughts with such immediacy. I recall sitting through a show and not really enjoying much of it, despite some excellent performances. However, I couldn't put my finger on the reason right away. I wanted to think about it for awhile. I finally realized that I didn't like any of the characters. They had nothing to say that interested me and the play itself had little purpose. Incidentally, the play, Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles*, went on to win a Pulitzer Prize.

Good shows are easy. It doesn't take a great deal of effort to tell someone why you liked a production. It's the marginal ones that are tough. You want to be fair. A lot of time and energy, and possibly a great deal of money, has been spent to provide some entertainment. Why didn't it work?

Of course, if a play is really bad, you can have fun. Here are some examples:

Walter Kerr reviewing *I Am A Camera*: "Me no Leica."

Dorothy Parker on *House Beautiful*: "*House Beautiful* is play lousy."

John Mason Brown reviewing Tallulah Bankhead as Cleopatra in *Anthony and Cleopatra*: "Tallulah Bankhead barged down the Nile last night as Cleopatra and sank."

Dorothy Parker reviewed *The Lake*, starring Katherine Hepburn: "Go to the Martin Beck Theatre and watch Katherine Hepburn run the gamut of emotion from A to B."

Even set designers are not immune from slings and arrows. Reviewing The Royal Shakespeare's production of *Hamlet* in 1981, Robert Cushman wrote, "At the beginning of *Hamlet* the stage looks like a Build-Your-Own Elsinore kit."

Don't take criticism too seriously. Find someone you generally agree with and let that be your guide.

**Sound Advice**

by Joe Bartosch,  
Executive Producer/Music



**Buckingham**

*Places In Five* (Roadkill Records)

Recorded live at the Vic Theatre, this new disc showcases the veteran hometown band at their very best. As original member/lead singer Carl Giammarese pointed out in a recent interview on WGN Radio, the reincarnated band has lasted far longer than the first group! All the big hits are here including a surprising and effective accapella rendition of their breakthrough smash "Kind Of A Drag." There's also a cool "Unplugged" section of hits and covers. Another highlight is a shimmering version of the Eddie Holman hit, "Hey There Lonely Girl." (Way to nail that high note!) Carl, fellow founding member Nick Fortuna, Bob Abrams, Tom Scheckel, and Bruce Soboroff make timeless pop music that's totally familiar but still fresh. Hopefully this will lead to some original material from Carl and the guys in the future.

**Super Groovy 70's Trivia**

After the break-up of the original Buckingham, Carl Giammarese worked into the mid 70's as part of a duo with a fellow band member. Name him.

A: Dennis Tufano (The Tufano-Giammarese Band)



March 4th is a banner day at your local video store, as three excellent films will be released.

Despite some deserved criticism for simplifying a complex story, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* is immensely entertaining. The animation is the finest the Disney Studios have ever produced. *That Thing You Do*, is Tom Hanks memory of the 60's, as he writes and directs the story of four young men who become one-hit wonders in the crazy world of pop music. Hanks also plays the manager of the Wonders, a vocal group that rises quickly from local county fairs to the most popular TV show in the country. (rated PG), so the whole family can enjoy this one. Also on March 4th, you'll get to see *Courage Under Fire*, a movie that involves you emotionally right from the start and never lets up. Denzel Washington is an American Tank Commander under investigation for the "friendly fire" deaths of some fellow American soldiers during the Gulf War. In turn, he is investigating the possible awarding of the Medal of Honor to a Medvac Helicopter pilot played by Meg Ryan. It's an absorbing and entertaining film. (Rated "R" for war violence and language).

If you see only one video a month, choose one of these. Every month Roy reviews all the new movies, as well as videos and audio releases, musicals, plays and touring shows. For a complete rundown of Roy's movie picks, listen to "The Roy Leonard Show" on WGN Radio.

# The Flower Show

1997

## Remote Schedule

live from Navy Pier

**Saturday, March 8th**

**Noon Show**

**12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Fix-It**

**1:00-2:45 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 9th**

**Roy Leonard**

**9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Monday, March 10th**

**Noon Show**

**11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 11th**

**Noon Show**

**11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 12th**

**Kathy & Judy**

**9:00 a.m.-11:55 a.m.**

**Noon Show**

**11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 13th**

**Kathy & Judy**

**9:00-11:55 a.m.**

**Noon Show**

**11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

**Friday, March 14th**

**Noon Show**

**11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 15th**

**Noon Show**

**12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Sports/Cubs Central**

**1:00-2:05 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 16th**

**Roy Leonard Show**

**9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



## WGN RADIO 720'S NEEDIEST KIDS FUND EXTENDS A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO LISTENERS



WGN Radio's Neediest Kids Fund provides Christmas toys and clothing to needy children throughout the Chicagoland area. In its 27 years, the WGN Radio 720 supported fund has raised over \$21 million dollars. From November 26, 1996 through the middle of January 1997, the Fund has raised \$541,270.00 from listeners alone. We thank everyone that contributed to this worthwhile cause.

All contributions go directly to organizations that benefit children from poverty stricken families, children with disabilities, or kids in foster homes, public housing or hospitals. Donations are matched by the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, one dollar for every three dollars raised. This year, the Fund distributed monies to 49 organizations, including 15 supporting youth organizations. In addition, listeners continue to send donations all year long, not just the holiday season. You too, can send your donation to: The Neediest Kids Fund, 435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. 60611.



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December 27, 1996

WGN RADIO 720 NEEDIEST KIDS FUND

Wayne Vriesman, General Manager  
435 N. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Vriesman:

*I am writing to you to express my deepest appreciation for the generous contribution your organization made to the Mexican Community Committee children's Christmas party. Without your support the party would not have been as lively and generous as it was. Should you have had the opportunity to observe the expressions of joy and happiness on the children's faces, you would have felt as rewarded as we all have. It was clear that many children from this community will only have the presents that your contribution made possible.*

*The ethnic Christmas party program was conducted as outlined in the proposal and consisted of: Welcome and refreshments, Los Tres Reyes's Play (The Three Kings Play), entertainment, music, songs, and games, food and a Santa Claus that passed out the Christmas gifts to approximately 130 children and posed for pictures with the each one of them. (Enclosed you will find several pictures) Many of the parents that attended this event with their children, expressed their appreciation and happiness for a party that took into account the children cultural roots.*

*We wish to extend our appreciation to Mr. David Pesqueira for his contribution in time and patience that made this effort possible.*

*In the name of the children and their families and in my own, I wish again, to express gratefulness to the WGN Radio 720 Neediest Kids Fund, to you and to Mr. Pesqueira for making something so beautiful happen.*

Sincerely,

Judy Estevez  
Director of Program Operation & Planning  
Child Welfare Division

cc: Mr. David Pesqueira, Senior Officer, Chicago Tribune  
Mr. Henry Martinez, Executive Director

MCC is a private non-profit organization affiliated with the Chicago Area Project  
& National Council of La Raza



Above: The Bob Collins Show Crew. From left to right: Bob Broz, Audrey Clarke, Tom Petersen, Bob Collins, Evelyn Holmes, Jason Blackwell, Dave Eanet, Roger Triemstra, Diane Huske and Milt Owens.

Above: They got on the bus!

## IT'S QUIZ TIME!!

That's right. It's time for the 15th Annual Bob Collins Pop Quiz! For 15 years, schools have been testing their knowledge, showcasing their talented teachers, staff and students, while demonstrating their school spirit in the Bob Collins Pop Quiz.

Now this March the tradition continues, with play beginning on the 10th. Every weekday morning through the 21st, Uncle Bobby will open the studio doors to a different local school. At the end of the two week competition, the three top scoring schools will be invited back to participate in the Finals scheduled for March 27th.

This year, there's a lot on the line with some outstanding prizes at stake, compliments of WGN Radio's generous sponsors. And remember, every participating school has a partner, so both schools will receive the identical prize package. Here's how it breaks down:

### Grand Prize

- ✕ A 1997 Plymouth Neon 2-door coupe courtesy of the Stars of Chicagoland, your local Chrysler Plymouth Dealers.
- ✕ A day at Wrigley Field for the entire school

### 2nd Place

- ✕ An ice cream social for the entire school compliments of Dairy Queen
- ✕ Consultation, wash, haircut, style and make-up lesson for entire school faculty from Mario Tricoci Hair Salon and Day Spa
- ✕ A microscope from American Science and Surplus
- ✕ An Epson printer

### 3rd Place

- ✕ A day at JFK Health World in Barrington for the entire school
- ✕ A \$1,000 gift certificate for musical instruments from Karnes Music
- ✕ Pizza and beverage for 500 from Leona's Restaurants

### And For The Schools Playing In-Studio

- ✕ A camera outfit from Canon
- ✕ A Pop Quiz Bear compliments of Vermont Teddy Bear

Thanks to the *Chicago Tribune* for their support, be sure to watch CLTV throughout the Quiz scores updates, and hit the books... the 15th Annual Bob Collins Pop Quiz is on its way!

Stay tuned for the latest sports and guest appearances on Sports Central.

# SPORTS CENTRAL

See The Calendar for the Cubs Spring Training broadcast schedule.

## SPORTS CENTRAL, CHICAGO'S LONGEST RUNNING SPORTS TALK SHOW ADDS TOM WADDLE TO THE LINE-UP

You've seen him strut his stuff on the gridiron, now hear Tom Waddle showcase his sports knowledge on WGN Radio's "Sports Central." The former Chicago Bear will appear with David Kaplan on "Sports Central," heard weeknights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Waddle will also cover Bears Pre-game and Post-game programming and offer sports-related commentary throughout the week serving as a daily sportscaster fill-in.

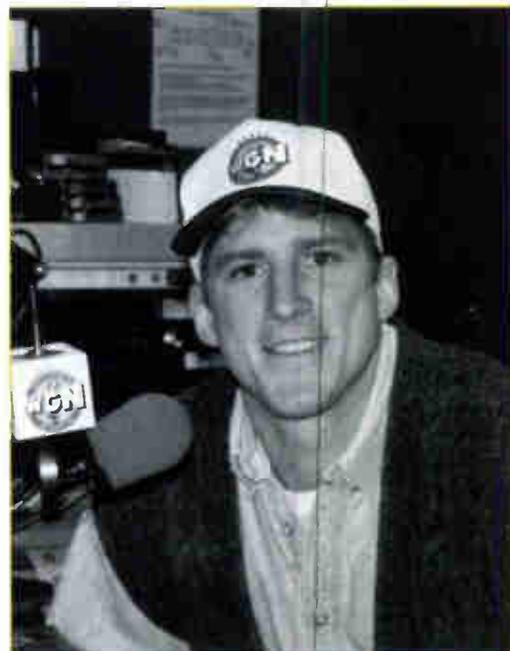
A favorite of Chicagoans, Waddle began his football career on the East Coast at Boston College. In 1989, Waddle moved to the NFL and played with the Chicago Bears for six years, catching 175 passes for over 2,000 yards and 10 touchdowns.

After leaving football, Waddle made his broadcasting debut. He started as a radio

personality on a sports talk show. From there, he was seen across the country with Mike Ditka on "Pro Football Weekly" and served as a NFL analyst for Fox TV.

In his spare time, Tom is involved with a number of local and national charities including: "Athletes Against Drugs," and "Mitchell Ross Children's Cancer Fund." Tom is also an active participant in Clearbrook Center which serves developmentally disabled individuals of all ages.

WGN Radio 720's Sports Director, Dave Eanet, is thrilled to have Tom join the sports staff, saying: "Tom was one of the most popular players in recent Bears history. He has developed into a polished, interesting and informed sports broadcaster. He's a perfect fit for WGN Radio." Welcome aboard, Tom!



## WGN RADIO 720'S PAT HUGHES WINS THE 1996 "SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR" AWARD



WGN Radio 720's Cubs Play-By-Play announcer, Pat Hughes has won the coveted 1996 Illinois "Sportscaster of the Year" award. Pat Hughes, teamed with former Chicago Cubs player Ron Santo, provides the play-by-play for Chicago Cubs baseball on WGN Radio 720. One sportscaster and one sportswriter were elected winners for the state of Illinois by their colleagues in the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

During his time as Play-By-Play announcer for the Milwaukee Brewers, Hughes received the "Sportscaster of the Year" award three times. Of his fourth win, Hughes said: "Naturally I'm pleased with the award, but perhaps it is as much a reflection of the stature of WGN Radio and the Chicago Cubs as it is of anything I may accomplish. It's a great honor to win this award working in an enthusiastic sports town such as Chicago".





## Overnight Male

by Steve King

Now and then somebody asks “So, in all the years you’ve been doing radio, what guest gets the biggest response?” Well until recently, I don’t know that I could have singled out one person. We’ve been fortunate enough to have a lot of “big” names from Tom Hanks to Trisha Yearwood to Mickey & Minnie who thought our show was worth losing sleep over. But a few months ago, the question was answered definitively — Les Paul!

For those of you who don’t frequent the side of the clock Johnnie and I do, I should explain that I have always been a big fan of Les. Even before Elvis, Les Paul was very instrumental (no pun intended) in making me want to learn how to play the guitar. “How High The Moon” and all his million sellers with his partner and wife, Mary Ford, just knocked me out. How did he play that fast? How did he get that sound? The more I learned about this man, his development of the solid body electric guitar and his invention of the multiple recording process, responsible for virtually every sound recording you hear today, the more I was impressed.

Several years ago, thanks to Mike Rapchak, I was finally able to hook up with Les, and over a series of phone interviews, we became friends. Johnnie quickly came under the Les Paul spell and when we heard that he was going to be in Chicago for the first time in years for an appearance at the House Of Blues we knew — even though it was a “school night” — we had to go. The opportunity to see Les perform and, hopefully, get to talk to him in person was one we had to take advantage of. To say we weren’t disappointed would be an understatement. At 81, with a severe arthritic problem, Les still plays better (and faster) than most of today’s guitar headliners. With his own trio and, later, joined by Slash from “Guns ‘N Roses” and other guests, Les wowed the standing-room only crowd.

We had to leave to get to the station before the show was over. Les said he’d stop by when he finished but since he’d had a long day that included a noon in-store appearance for Gibson guitars and had P.R. types pulling him every which way, we weren’t sure. But true to his word, Les and his son Russ walked in just before 1:00 a.m.

For the next 3 and a half hours Les shared his memories (including working at WGN Radio), took calls, talked of future plans and when he was leaving, found time to talk with and sign autographs for some students who came down to the station when they heard he was on. He also found time to conspire with Johnnie to sign a Les Paul custom guitar she’d hidden as my Christmas present.

Obviously, I’m biased about Les and his impact, so it was reassuring when over the weeks that followed we received more requests to repeat or sell copies of his interview than we’ve ever had for anyone. You’ve got good taste ... trust me.

## A DAY IN THE LIVES OF OUR SPECIAL TEAM PLAYERS

While there can only be one official Employee of the Year at WGN Radio, the honor of being nominated for the award is a big deal itself. Then again, the three finalists for the award —Marta Hoover, Dave Marzullo and Dean Richards —are pretty big deals themselves.

Sales Office Manager Marta Hoover helps keep people organized in the sales wing of the building. “I’m proud of the fact that the greatest sales assistant staff in Chicagoland is here at WGN Radio, and that I helped them come aboard.” Dealing with people is something Marta specializes in. “In my position, I get to meet just about everyone that comes to the station.” That includes welcoming advertisers and clients and coordinating their visits with the on-air personalities.



Production Director Dean Richards came aboard just a couple of years ago, but has quickly implemented himself as an important cog in the WGN wheel. When he’s not promoting the shows at Radio 720, he’s hosting a show himself. Recently, Dean began filling in during the early afternoon time slot and last year hosted a critically acclaimed special on breast cancer. “I love when we see what an impact we have on people’s lives through our programming,” he says.

And while there a lot of people who take care of what goes on the air, WGN Radio needs someone to take care of all the behind-the-scenes work... and there’s a lot that needs taking care of. Enter Dave Marzullo, who has organized everything from the logistics of Hillary Clinton’s visit to the implementation of WGN Radio’s computer system. While it’s important to take care of such big jobs, Dave also gets called on to handle other memorable moments: “My name was the one Spike mentioned when he was looking for someone to clean up after the visit from the 800 lb. singing pig.”



One thing that all of the finalists were quick to point out is the pride they feel working at WGN Radio—and it’s no wonder WGN Radio is proud to have such talented employees!

# BLAST From The Past



This "Blast From The Past" comes from 1961. Yes, this really is Orion Samuelson, shown with the WGN Farm Vehicle. And as you may have heard, Orion Samuelson, Max Armstrong, Lottie Kearns and the rest of the Farm Department are embarking on a new adventure...Channel Earth, a 24-hour agriculture TV satellite station. For WGN Radio listeners there is no need to worry. Orion and Max will continue to provide us with the latest in agri-business news throughout the day.

## RADIO 720 REVUE

Milt Rosenberg welcomed Walter Cronkite to Extension 720 in January for a much-anticipated conversation with the TV news legend. While the unmistakable voice of the former CBS anchorman evoked strong memories for listeners (including an unusually large crowd outside the studio), "Uncle Walter" waxed a bit nostalgic toward the end of the program as well. Here's a sample:

**Milt:** You were a 'GN listener back in Kansas City as a kid...

**Cronkite:** *When I was a boy, WGN was one of the stations we tuned in for not only news but the dance band remotes. Remember those? Oh, boy, WGN had 'em. "Come to the Blackstone Grill. We have to sign off now, but if you're anywhere in the environments of Chicago there's still plenty of time to cut out for a full evening of dining and dancing pleasure. And this is Joe Schmaltz at the WGN transmitter saying good night until 6:00 a.m. tomorrow, when we'll be saying, 'Good morning.'" (laughs)*

**Milt:** (laughing) And that's the way it was...

**Cronkite:** *That's the way it was.*



## EXTENSION 720

with Milt Rosenberg

(Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m.)

As you may have heard me say recently our producer, Greg Jacobs, is graduating from Extension 720 and moving on to a higher post commensurate with his brilliance and appropriate ambition. He has stayed the course and done a superb job for us and handled it all with wit and wisdom and I do expect that within five years (ten at the outside) he will be running one of the major broadcasting networks—or else running for Congress—or possibly running in second position on the *New York Times* Best Seller List.\*

And so—we put an ad in the *Tribune* specifying the availability of the job and the kind of person we are looking for. As of last count some six hundred applications and resumes had arrived. (What does that tell us about the job market opportunities for well educated, young people?)

Browsing through a batch of applications I came upon a number of job seekers who inform us that they have been listening to Extension 720 since they were children. One applicant, recently graduated from college, recalls that he discovered the program when he was seven years old and that, forbidden by his parents from staying up till eleven, he used to sneak a battery radio under his covers for continuing, surreptitious audition. Are any of your kids doing that today? If so, my unofficial advice is that you tape the program and then let junior listen in the late afternoon or early evening, substituting Extension 720 for some of the television fare from which you would like to wean him. Just a thought.

The really useful thought that these free associations have brought me to is the gift I now intend to present to my new grandson on his fifteenth birthday: One hundred choice tapes from his grandfather's rather long run as a "talk show host." But which programs shall I include? Your advice would be most welcome.

\* Greg's first book is about to be published by Ohio State University Press. It's title: *Getting Around Brown: Desegregation, Development, and the Columbus Public Schools, 1954-1994.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March</h1>						
<p><b>9</b>  Roy Leonard Show 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</p> <p> Cubs host Colorado pregame: 1:33 p.m. gametime: 2:05 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Chicago Flower &amp; Garden Show</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</p> <p> Heart Surgery</p>	<p><b>11</b>  Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</p> <p> Christopher Buckley <i>Wry Martinis</i></p>	<p><b>12</b>  Kathy &amp; Judy Show 9:00 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</p> <p> Book review</p>	<p><b>13</b>  Kathy &amp; Judy Show 9:00 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>14</b>  Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b>  Noon Show 11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m. Sports/Cubs Central 1:00 p.m.-1:33 p.m.</p> <p> The Antique Show</p> <p> Cubs host San Diego pregame: 1:33 p.m. gametime: 2:05 p.m.</p>
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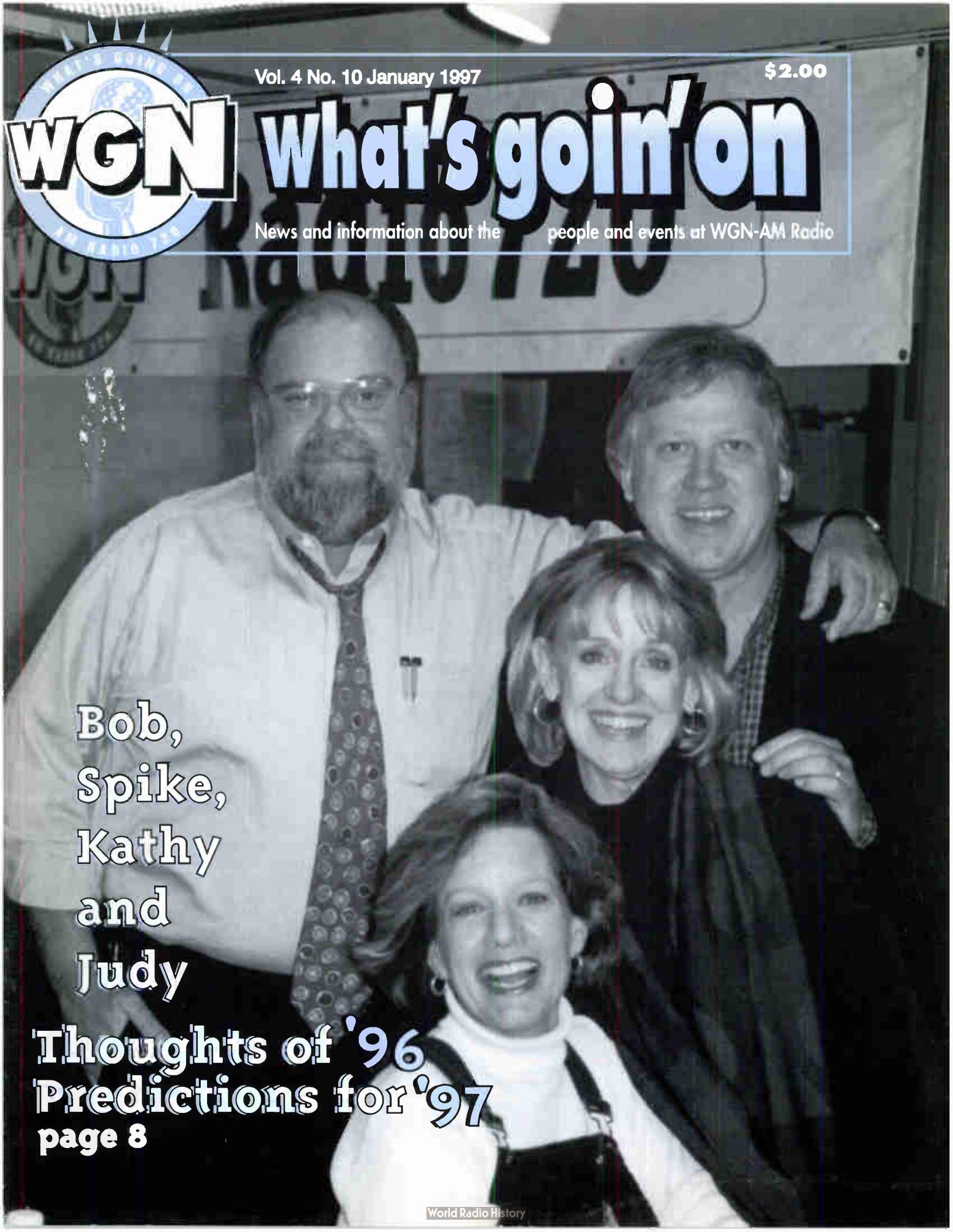
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# WGN What's goin'on

News and information about the people and events at WGN-AM Radio



Bob,  
Spike,  
Kathy  
and  
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# FEEDBACK

Dear Program Director:

As a transplanted Chicagoan, Catholic Deacon, Diocesan Communications Director, and WGN Radio listener for 35 + years, I'm faxing to say "Thank You" in a big way.

Thank you for relinquishing all the commercial time you did to cover Cardinal Bernardin's funeral. As a former radio station manager, I know how that hurts (especially in the last quarter). Those of us without access to TV during the day really appreciate the great job you did. I was in my car from "All Creatures of Our God and King" through the deacon's reading of the Gospel. No offense to your TV counterpart, but, as in football, I turned down the TV sound and turned up WGN Radio when I got home.

I was particularly impressed by Steve Bertrand and his comments during the event. I know you've got incredible competition, but WGN is my first choice most of the time (200 + miles from Chicago) even over local stations, for especially Steve and Johnnie, Spike, Dr. Milton, Floyd Brown (I have a pillow speaker for the kumbaya and jazz segments), and my great friends, Orion and Max. When big news happens you are truly the only spot on the dial. Your traffic reports and Larry Schreiner's reports make me glad I live in Grand Rapids, but your station is the best there is anywhere.

The Catholic Church has often pointed out the importance of the communications media in transmitting and promoting human and religious values. Please stick to your "excellence" theme. God's richest blessings to you and all your staff.

Sincerely,

Deacon Tom Jurek  
 Coordinator - Communications  
 Diocese of Grand Rapids

P.S. How far from here do I have to go to get Spike's mustard?

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# This just in...

## SPIKE'S WEB PAGE A BIG HIT...



...over millions served.

First "The Hat," then Bite Your Butt Mustard, now The Official Spike O'Dell Web Experiment! That's right, Spike, the ultimate techno-geek has found a second home via your computer deep within the sub routines of the internet. You probably heard him roll out his site last month. If you haven't made it there yet, fire up your PC and set the controls for the destination of <http://www.wgnspike.com>.

You'll get a shot of Spike floating in a space suit and from there your adventure begins. Spike favorites such as the Chinese Birthing Chart and the funeral potato recipe, along with lots of pictures and biographies of the Experiment staff and extended family are all there. You can download show sounds, take a virtual reality tour of the studio, find out where to buy BYB products, and sign the guest book leaving a message for Spike and the Tracinator. Finally, Whack-A-Geek is the new game sensation where you get to hammer Spike and Crew as they pop out of holes (great stress reliever). Brothers Tom and Frank Defino of **Tukaiz Communications** in Franklin Park are the masterminds who helped Spike and Tracy design the web site. If you like Spike's site and are looking to build one for your business, click the Tukaiz logo on Spike's page for more information.

Listener Anthony M. Uriaus has been editing an unofficial fan site for several months now. He's often at WGN promotional events taking pictures for the site. The Unofficial WGN Radio Fan Web Page's address is <http://members.aol.com/wgnfanamu/WGN.html> and also includes links to sites related to topics talked about on the air and to WGN sponsors. The latest additions have been separate pages for Steve & Johnnie, Bob Collins, and Kathy & Judy. Also, check out <http://chicago.digitalcity.com> for a variety of WGN Radio information.

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Questions about your "What's Goin' On" subscription? Please drop a line to Marlene Wells, c/o WGN Radio, 435 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611.



Left: Bob Collins (l) with guests at the Tavern In The Town's luncheon to benefit the Neediest Kids Fund.



Right: (l to r) Lyle Dean, Larry Schreiner, Mike Mathis and Anne Maxfield celebrate the season, ringing the bells to help raise money for The Salvation Army.

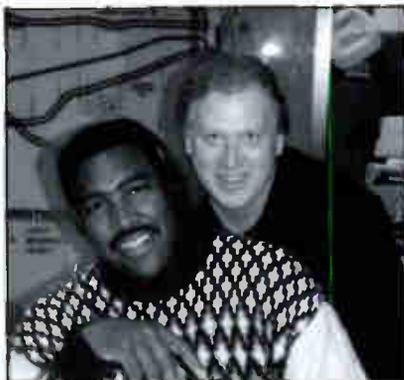


Above: Bob Collins joined local television news anchor, Linda MacLennan, in front of the John Hancock Building to kick off the holiday season at the Salvation Army Christmas Tree Lighting.

Below right: Santa visits with the children. His appearance and this holiday party were made possible by The Neediest Kids Fund.



Left: Dean Richards listens to the roar of the crowd as he introduces the Walt Disney World live musical stage show during the Lights Festival.



Above: Spike O'Dell (standing) and Master Sergeant/traffic reporter fill-in, Linc Hampton.



Left: They came in droves and spirits soared at the Fifth Annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. The proceeds from the reindeer antlers benefitted the Neediest Kids Fund.

Above: Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Johnson (r) joined Dean Richards in the studio to talk about his new book *Slaying the Dragon*. Shown here, Dave Kaplan (l) and Dean (c) give Michael tips on running. (Yeah, right).



# BLAST From The Past



In 1934 WGN celebrated its tenth birthday. Pictured here is the celebration with one of the station's first audience shows held at the Drake Hotel. Performing is the Jack Chapman Orchestra and the First Dance Band. At the microphone is announcer Pierre Andre.

## ROGER'S FORECAST

This is the month we'd prefer to avoid, but unfortunately, to get to spring you must pass through January. This is normally the coldest and snowiest month of the year. Average high/low temps are 30/17°F with about eleven inches of snow. We're looking for temperatures normal to below and precipitation normal to above. The good news is that by the end of January we'll have about 10 hours of daylight. And remember, February is the shortest month of the year and then comes March and springtime. Hang in there!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy McGinnis	1st	Jim Addie	10th
Marta Hoover	3rd	Ellen Blomberg	18th
Jim Holland	4th	Roy Leonard	19th
Ruben Cornejo	6th	Jamie Potash	23rd
Paula Cooper	6th	Malayna Williams	26th
Chris Wu	7th		



*The Kathy and Judy Show*

Weekdays (9:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m., 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

You call them on the air to ask their opinion. Now Kathy and Judy are picking up their pens to offer advice on the problems we sometimes face. If you have a question you would like the girls to address, whether it be about relationships, kids, fashion, etiquette or otherwise, drop us a line at:

The Advice Ladies  
c/o What's Goin' On  
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### Question:

*"As a male, I never know if I'm betraying my gender by talking with the "Advice Ladies," but here goes anyway:*

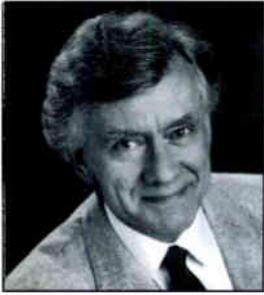
*My brother and I have been very close. We're now in our late 30s-early 40s. He's been married to a really wonderful woman for almost 10 years, and they just had twins about a year ago. Now, in complete confidence, he told me that they're not intimate much, and he's having doubts about the marriage. He told me not to tell anyone, mainly his wife, but shouldn't she know? It's bugging me. I know you'd typically say to meddle... but what do I do?"*

### Judy:

Why on earth would you want to tell your brother's wife? That is definitely HIS job. What I don't understand is why you don't seem to want to tell YOUR wife. How on earth can you keep this from her? Isn't it making you crazy to have such a charged piece of information? If I were you I'd suggest to my brother that he or he and his wife might want to see a counselor and I'd tell my brother that I feel funny not sharing all this with the person I am married to.

### Kathy:

Actually, we seldom encourage people to meddle and I'm certainly not about to start now. Your brother is having a hard time, he needed to talk, and you listened. Are you supposed to be doing something else? You might encourage him to talk to a counselor or therapist, you might tell him that your ears are available if he needs to talk again, but beyond that, this is not your problem to solve. He's feeling a lot of the same things a lot of young dads (and moms, too!) are feeling at about the same age, and sometimes just talking helps. Your job is to listen, not to give advice, unless he asks. Just remember that whatever he said is to be held in confidence (beyond telling the Advice Ladies, of course).



ROY  
LEONARD

(Saturday, 7 a.m. - Noon, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Will you please sit down! Applaud, if you must, but don't get out of your seat. This standing ovation business is getting out of hand.

A few months ago when *Clue, The Musical* opened in Chicago, a dozen or so members of the audience actually stood and applauded as most of the audience was trying to get out of the theatre as quickly as possible, having just sat through one of the worst shows of the season. The only thing I can think of is that they were related to the actors or the financial backers of the show.

Is it possible that the legitimate theatre is taking a leaf from the world of opera? Back in the 1800's, a Parisian entrepreneur would supply any number of claquers who would laugh, cry, hiss or boo on cue. I swear, from the way some audience members have been acting recently, they must be on somebody's payroll.

When should you give a standing ovation? The most recent example I can think of is the way the entire audience would rise and applaud at the end of each performance of *Having Our Say*, that warm and wonderful play about the Delaney sisters. Frances Foster as the 103 year old Sadie and Lizan Mitchell who portrayed the 101 year old Bessie, gave brilliant performances and the audience rose as one to acknowledge their accomplishment.

Lately, however, actors and actresses who do a competent job are being treated as if they had just set some new high standard of achievement. If this keeps up, what will we do for a truly superior performance?

When audience members stand and applaud a show like *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, I wonder who or what they are honoring? Sure, when put together, the individual contributions make for a most entertaining show. But a standing ovation? Give us a break!

It's time to go back to reality. Let the cast know you enjoyed the show. Give them their reward during those solo bows, but save the standing ovation for the rare and extraordinary performance.

Sound Advice

by Joe Bartosch,  
Executive Producer/Music



Simply Red *Greatest Hits*  
East West Records

Ever since their #1 debut with "Holding Back the Years" in 1986, Simply Red has been delivering some of the best pop/soul on the planet. The trademark sound of lead singer/songwriter, Mick Hucknall graces fifteen cuts of quality ballads, mid-tempo tunes and world music. The hits are there but the real treats are lesser-known gems like "For Your Babies" and "Fairground." There's also a new track: a soulful remake of Aretha Franklin's "Angel." A celebration of ten quality years of music making.

Barry Manilow *Summer of '78*  
Arista Records

Being the king of the 70's here at 'GN I was quite curious about the latest Manilow project. It seemed like an interesting concept album revolving around the hits of summertime '78. One word...disappointing! First of all, the songs aren't even all from the summer of '78 and secondly, the versions are mainly half-baked and far inferior to the originals. Strictly for Barry fans only!

Super Groovy 70's Trivia

In 1989, Simply Red had a #1 hit with their remake of the song "If You Don't Know Me By Now." Who did the 1972 original?

A: Harold Melvin and the BlueNotes featuring Teddy Pendergrass



This month's Video Pick is a puzzling but over-all satisfying film with another superb performance by John Travolta. *Phenomenon* may not quite achieve the lofty ambitions of it's premise, but it's a pleasant break from the murder and mayhem that so often fills the big and little screen.

Travolta plays George Malley, a small town, nice guy whose seemingly unremarkable life takes a mystifying and wondrous turn on his 37th birthday. He has a sudden, insatiable appetite for learning and begins to comprehend the beauty and intelligence of the universe. Many of his life-long friends begin to turn away but George gains love and support from a cautious but caring single parent played by Kyra Sedgwick.

There are some not very subtle suggestions that make the Travolta character an almost Christ-like figure and the ending may surprise many viewers. The rating is PG and the release date for *Phenomenon* is January 14, 1997.

*If you see only one video a month, this is the one you don't want to miss. Every month Roy reviews all the new movies, as well as videos and audio releases, musicals, plays and touring shows. For a complete rundown of Roy's movie picks, listen to "The Roy Leonard Show" on WGN Radio.*



# CUBS



## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK BASEBALL!

### JOIN WGN RADIO 720, AT THE 1997 CUBS CONVENTION

Join WGN Radio 720 and the Chicago Cubs at the 1997 Cubs Convention! The Convention runs **FRIDAY THE 17TH THROUGH SUNDAY THE 19TH** of this month at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. For your chance to win Convention tickets, listen to Radio 720 throughout January! If you'll be attending this year's Cubs Convention, be sure to stop by and say hi to these WGN Radio personalities as they host the following seminars (times tentative):

**9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**Bob Collins**

"Meet Cubs Management," with guests Mark McGuire, Ed Lynch and Jim Riggleman.

**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Kathy & Judy**

"Not For Women Only," with Cubs players talking about everything other than baseball.

**1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**Spike O'Dell**

"The Couples Game," with Cubs players and their wives testing how much they really know about each other.

**3:30-5:30 p.m.**

**David Kaplan**

"Sports Central," featuring guest appearances by Harry Caray, Ron Santo, Pat Hughes, Cubs players and Cubs management

Plus, don't forget to visit the WGN Radio booth in the downstairs Exhibition Room to pick up your WGN Radio shopping bag. Also, see how you look in a Cubs uniform and receive a souvenir photo. More information about the Cubs Convention is available by calling: 773-404-CUBS (2827). Get out of the cold and warm up at the Cubs Convention...we'll see you there!

# CONVENTION



# NFL PLAYOFF Schedule

The NFL Playoffs are here on WGN Radio! Who will survive to play in Super Bowl Sunday on Radio 720? Will the Pack make it all the way back? The amazing Carolina Panthers? The perennial 49'ers or Cowboys? Have the Vikings survived again? On the AFC side, Mike Tomczak's Steelers, Jim Harbaugh and the South Chicago Colts, Elway's Broncos and Bledsoe's Patriots all have a

shot at preventing the Buffalo Bills from losing in another Super Bowl. We'll keep you updated in our daily sports reports, plus provide you with expanded Sports Central coverage. Below is a list of NFL Playoff games and times we'll be bringing you on WGN Radio 720!

## SATURDAY, JAN. 4TH

**2nd Round Game #1**  
11:15 a.m.

**2nd Round Game #2**  
2:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 5TH

**2nd Round Game #3**  
11:15 a.m.

**2nd Round Game #4**  
2:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 13TH

**Conference Championship Game #1**  
11:15 a.m.

**Conference Championship Game #2**  
2:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 20TH

**Super Bowl XXXI**  
4:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 2ND

**Pro Bowl**  
6:45 p.m.

## Sports Snapshots



Above: David Kaplan (l) talks with his idol, golfing great Greg Norman (r).



Above: Bob Collins (r) and Dean Richards (l) lend a helping hand at the Chris Zorich Food Drive. Chris Zorich (pictured center).



## Thoughts of '96 Predictions for '97

To start out the new year we asked our weekday hosts (l to r) Bob Collins, Kathy O'Malley, Spike O'Dell and Judy Markey to give us their thoughts on the past year and their predictions for 1997. Here's what they said...

### BOB COLLINS

Even though this will sound like the great year end suck up, allow me to tell you of what I *really* think about the radio station:

Our new Program Director, Mary June Rose brings warmth and intelligence plus experience. She knows the business and likes the people in it. Most of all, she doesn't treat us like the embarrassing, ugly children down the hall. She talks to us and even seems to actually listen. A refreshing change.

Director of Sales, Bob Sparr is obviously doing something very right. All of his sales people, all of 'em, would kill for him (I understand some of them do on a regular basis.)

General Manager, Wayne Vriesman says the door is always open, and it seems to be. Obviously he can't always give the answer we're looking for, but he doesn't tap dance. If he doesn't know, or can't do it, he tells us...honestly. Can't ask for much more than that from a GM.

Kathy and Judy continue to amaze me with their honesty and candor.

Steve and Johnnie are doing a wonderful drive time show in the overnight slot, and it works very well.

And Spike O' Dell is getting a little too damn good if you ask me...I'm feeling his hot breath on my aging neck.

I would like to say something nice about Milt Rosenberg but I don't speak French.

Happy Holidays!

### JUDY MARKEY

I predict that in 1997 *The National Enquirer* will NOT be replaced by *The Economist* as a steady source of information on our show.

I predict that in 1997 neither Kathy nor Judy will succumb to purchasing any metallic string bikinis or plastic rain bonnets in 1997. (It's too late for one and too early for the other. Actually, it was ALWAYS too late for one and ALWAYS too early for the other.)

I predict that in 1997 Steve Bertrand will be unable to go through one entire week without being exasperated with Kathy and Judy.

### KATHY O'MALLEY

Following occasional lapses into personality exchanges in 1996, Kathy and Judy completely change personalities. I become the incurable romantic, who can't spell "hammer," and keeps forgetting words; Judy becomes the wizened old cynic with a toolbox.

We will learn that Steve Bertrand's outrage at our continued references to the *National Enquirer* and the *Star* are simply a sick cover-up for his part-time freelance work as a tabloid stringer.

Evelyn Holmes will get married and move to the suburbs, and every Tuesday and Thursday, she will take her garbage "to the curb."

In a crafty legal maneuver, Marilyn on the Movies copyrights the expression "Oh My God!" and begins collecting huge royalties from orgasmic women across the 48 contiguous states.

### SPIKE O'DELL

In 1997, I predict that I will leave WGN Radio to become "The King of Condiments"...by becoming CEO of Bite Your Butt Enterprises.

In 1997, I predict that the Chicago Cubs will make it to the Division playoffs. Honest!

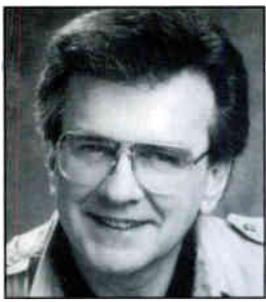
In 1997, I predict that I will have more hair. (I'm buying more in a couple of months!)

In 1997, I predict that Otis Fanortner will get married.

In 1997, I predict that the "Spike O'Dell Radio 720 Goose Island Brewing Company Cap" will sell for over \$5,000.

In 1997, I predict that Anne Maxfield will play golf for the first time and like it so much that she will join a country club.





## Overnight Male

by Steve King

One year ago in this space I said I wasn't ready for 1996 yet. Well, it didn't care, went right ahead and did its thing anyway, leaving me with 12 months of extraordinary memories including:

- Those of you who braved the cold standing outside our Michigan Avenue showcase studio to watch the entire broadcast of our first "cheap date" New Year's Eve party.

- Thanks to our producer, Paula Cooper, beating the networks (and the Pentagon!) by a good two hours with an exclusive interview with the military from the U.S. airbase in Saudi Arabia following the June truck bombing.

- The sight of Screamin' Jay Hawkins spontaneously breaking into song outside of Fantasy Headquarters the day Johnnie and I took him there to get some props to use for his headlining performance at the Chicago Blues Fest.

- The Amazing Fran Tate, once again, flying from Barrow, Alaska, to play the Easter bunny for the kids at Children's Memorial Hospital.

- Clive Barker and Stephen J. Cannell each admitting they were the other's "biggest fan" and proceeding to interview each other while Johnnie and I looked on.

- A very thoughtful and candid Candice Gingrich who joined us in studio during the Democratic convention.

- Finally not only seeing Les Paul perform, but meeting him in person the night he spent three hours in the studio with us after his House of Blues show.

- Having *USA Today* writer, Jayne O'Donnell admit that the paper did "sensationalize" its coverage of the airbag controversy to sell papers. For some reason, she has refused to join us since then.

- Some extraordinary live in-studio performances by BR5-49, Corky Seigle's Chamber Blues Orchestra, Glen and Holly Yarborough, Thrasher-Shiver and others.

- Speaking of in-studio performances: Getting to fulfill a fantasy by playing guitar behind Jerry Butler on "He Will Break Your Heart."

- Our first "Life After Dark" tour: Lisle Fest, Ravinia, The ALS Mammoth Music Mart and, of course, the incredible "Street Carols" concert.

- And finally, as Paul Harvey would say, "partly personal": Your wonderfully sensitive outpouring of cards, calls, e-mail and in-person support following my mom's death. Some memories stay with you longer than others. I know that one will. Thank You.

## A Real Team Player...

## Marlene Wells



Above: Another crazy day for Marlene Wells (doesn't she ever sit down??)

You see her coordinating almost every WGN Radio event from PumpkinFest to Lights Festival, and no matter where she is, you hardly ever see her sitting down! This month's behind-the-scenes Team Player is Marlene Wells. To give just one reason why Marlene was chosen for this feature...the interview took place in the hallway of the radio station as Marlene was doing the dreaded task of moving all her promotional materials to a new closet. One hand (and foot) held a huge dolly from rolling down the hall, while the other balanced a notepad as she responded to the following ...Honest!

### Your title, Sales Promotion and Merchandising Coordinator, what exactly does that entail?

Marlene: *(Since we're limited on space, Marlene decided to list just a few of her duties) Major prize fulfillments (Friday Morning Giveaways), buying all promotional materials, coordinating and setting up special events like PumpkinFest, Lights Festival, Spike Hat Reunion, Kathy and Judy Mall Tour, sport clinics, Cubs events, Bob Collins Pop Quiz Finals, and even client trips which includes chartering a plane, police escorts (when needed), menus, tickets, hotel, transportation, meals, etc....etc....etc.....*

### What are some of your favorite jobs at the station?

Marlene: *Basically everything - otherwise I wouldn't be here for 29 years!*

### What has been your least favorite job in the past 29 years?

Marlene: *We gave it up 2 years ago...Taste of Chicago! Oh, and packing and moving a closet!*

So, next time you're at a WGN Radio event, look for the one woman doing five things at once and always on the go...chances are it's Marlene Wells!!



Above: You've heard Bob Collins talk about Marlene's prize closet. Here's a sneak peek!



# EXTENSION 720

with Milt Rosenberg  
(Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m.)

There is no better way to battle the wintertime blues than to curl up on the couch or settle into your favorite chair with some soothing music, a hot cup of tea, and a good book. With the coming *lonning* months in mind, we reviewed the following notable titles during our December 12th show:

- Barrett, Julia. *The Third Sister* (Donald J. Fine). \$22.95
- de Leeuw, Ronald, ed. *The Letters of Vincent van Gogh* (Allen Lane/Penguin). \$32.95
- de Waal, Frans. *Good Natured: The Origins of Right and Wrong in Humans and Other Animals* (Harvard). \$24.95
- Didion, Joan. *The Last Thing He Wanted* (Knopf). \$23.00
- Edwards, Paul. *Reincarnation: A Critical Examination* (Prometheus). \$28.95
- Elon, Amos. *Founder: A Portrait of the First Rothschild and His Time* (Viking). \$24.95
- Fest, Joachim. *Plotting Hitler's Death: The Story of the German Resistance* (Metropolitan Books). \$30.00
- Gorbachev, Mikhail. *Memoirs* (Doubleday). \$35.00
- Hoffman, Gert. *The Film Explainer* (Northwestern). \$26.95
- Le Carre, John. *The Tailor of Panama* (Knopf). \$25.00
- Lind, Michael. *Powertown* (Harper Collins). \$23.00
- McPherson, James. *Drawn with the Sword: Reflections on the American Civil War* (Oxford). \$25.00
- Novick, Sheldon. *Henry James: The Young Master* (Random House). \$35.00
- Obst, Linda. *Hello, He Lied and Other Truths from the Hollywood Trenches* (Little, Brown). \$23.95
- Oz, Amos. *Don't Call It Night* (Harcourt Brace). \$22.00
- Rollyson, Carl. *Rebecca West: A Life* (Scribner). \$35.00
- Silverstein, Stuart. *Not Much Fun: The Lost Poems of Dorothy Parker* (Scribner). \$22.00
- Soyinka, Wole. *The Open Sore of a Continent: A Personal Narrative of the Nigerian Crisis* (Oxford). \$19.95
- Stanford, Peter. *The Devil: A Biography* (Henry Holt). \$27.50
- Storr, Anthony. *Feet of Clay: Saints, Sinners, and Madmen - A Study of Gurus* (Free Press). \$24.00

If you would like a copy of Extension 720's more extensive literary ledger, our "Recommended Reading List," which catalogs over one hundred of the most interesting trade and academic press titles from the past few months, just enclose a SASE in an envelope marked "Books" and send it to Extension 720 at WGN Radio.

## Street Carols Concert



Above: Steve and Johnnie take part in the all-show sing-along.

On December 14th, Steve and Johnnie celebrated the holidays and rocked the night away at "Street Carols." The musical holiday extravaganza featured such acts as The Drifters, The Crystals and The Chi-Lites. Five dollars from each ticket sold went to benefit the Neediest Kids Fund.



Right: Spike O'Dell joins in on the fun.

sighting of the month



THE hat

Russ and Liz Schroeder's baby, Da Oink, was so impressed with the hat he had to try it on himself.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January</h1>						
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day CELEBRATE! Northwestern Football Bowl Game (Stay tuned to WGN Radio for game time)	<b>2</b> Northwestern at Iowa Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m. Employment trends '97	<b>3</b> Linguistics	<b>4</b> Northwestern vs. Michigan Pregame: post NFL Tip-off: tape delay 2nd Round Game #1 Game time: 11:15 a.m. 2nd Round Game #2 Game time: 2:45 p.m.
<b>5</b> 2nd Round Game #3 Game time: 11:15 a.m. 2nd Round Game #4 Game time: 2:45 p.m. <i>The Boat &amp; R.V. Show</i>	<b>6</b> Bob Collins announces "Key Play of the Game" Grand Prize Winner. Twin research	<b>7</b> Advertising	<b>8</b> Apocalypticism	<b>9</b> DePaul at Marquette Pregame: 6:40 p.m. Tip-off 7 p.m.	<i>The Boat &amp; R.V. Show</i>	
<b>12</b> Conference Championship Game #1 Game time: 11:15 p.m. Game#2 Game time: 2:45 p.m.	<b>13</b> Clinton's 2nd term	<b>14</b> Race in America	<b>15</b> Northwestern vs. Indiana Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> Bartenders Oliver Sacks, author of <i>The Island of the Colorblind</i>	<b>17</b> Cubs Convention Hilton & Towers	<b>18</b> Northwestern at Michigan State Pregame: 1:15 p.m. Tip-off: 1:30 p.m. Cubs Convention Hilton & Towers
<b>19</b> Cubs Convention Hilton & Towers	<b>20</b> Clinton's 2nd term <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<b>21</b> Charles Murray, author of <i>What It Means to Be a Libertarian</i>	<b>22</b> The Controversial Career of Bruno Bettelheim Northwestern vs. Penn State Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Globalization	<b>Cubs Convention</b>	
<b>26</b> DePaul vs. Marquette Pregame: 12:40 a.m. Tip-off: 1 p.m.  <b>Super Bowl</b> Game time 4:45 p.m.	<b>27</b> Samuel Huntington, author of <i>The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Walter Cronkite, author of <i>A Reporter's Life</i> Northwestern at Wisconsin Pregame: 5:45 p.m. Tip-off: 6 p.m.	<b>30</b> Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld, author of <i>Dr. Rosenfeld's Guide to Alternative Medicine</i>	<b>31</b> Maritime legends	<b>1</b> Northwestern vs. Minnesota Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m. DePaul at Cincinnati Pregame: 12:40 p.m. Tip-off: 1 p.m.
<b>2</b> Pro Bowl Game time: 6:45 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Northwestern at Illinois Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Chicago Golf Show Rosemont	<b>8</b> Northwestern vs. Wisconsin Pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7 p.m. DePaul at UAB Pregame: 12:40 a.m. Tip-off: 1 p.m. Chicago Golf Show

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WGN RADIO 720 / WCIU-TV  
DR. QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN CONTEST

Michelle Sikorski of Wauconda is our Grand Prize winner in the Dr. Quinn contest held last month! Michelle won a trip for two to Los Angeles and a visit to the set of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* which includes air/ground transportation, overnight accommodations and a visit to an actual shooting set of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*, all courtesy of WGN Radio and WCIU-TV, Channel 26, The U!

Michelle was so excited about the contest and the chance to meet her favorite actor, Joe Lando, that she was taken out of one of her high school classes to receive Kathy and Judy's, "Michelle, you've won!" phone call. Congratulations, Michelle!



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# What's goin'on

News and information about the people and events at WGN-AM Radio



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# FEEDBACK

Here's what you've been saying on-line about WGN Radio:

Kathy and Judy,

Just so you girls know: Thanks to your riveting conversation this morning, I managed to lock my keys in my car WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING. I gathered up my stuff to get out with the engine still on so I could listen as long as possible, then I got out and the door swung shut before I could reach in and get the keys. Could you try to be a little more boring at this time of year when we are all already frazzled?? I spent 45 minutes standing in the rain waiting for AAA to come unlock my door. Do you still have "Dumbest Thing I Did This Week??"

Megaferd@aol.com

I would submit that WGN isn't "talk radio" in the modern sense of the word, but is truly a variety format. WGN's recognition by the industry and by listeners results from their ability to make so many different things work on one station. It isn't always my cup of tea, but something different is usually just around the corner. It seems to work very well. I can't say I'd change it much.

Neutrodyne@aol.com

What is with all these folks whining about the changes and how they have been listening for 20, 30 or 40 years and now are not going to listen anymore because of some programming changes? I don't believe for a second that if you have been listening for that long, that you would stop just because of a change in the lineup. It has changed before and it will change again. I'll be the first one to admit that I don't agree with many of the changes that go on, but change is what life is all about.

Dalek63@aol.com

ed.: We have made some changes recently. See "This Just In" for details.

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# This just in...

If you've turned on WGN Radio 720 any time over this past month, you've probably already heard about it. We've made a few small changes in our daily program schedule and added a new program to our evening line-up. Sports Central, previously heard on Saturday and Sundays, can now be heard weeknight evenings as well. Of the show's expansion, Program Director Mary June Rose said, "Our evening programming is frequently pre-empted by Cubs Baseball and Northwestern and DePaul Basketball. This move adds consistency to the time period. Now the Chicago sports fan can count on WGN Radio's top quality sports programming every night."

In explaining the slight shifts in daytime scheduling, Mary June explained, "We went with these new hours to prolong the lives of Kathy and Judy. Their previous slot was far too long (9 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., 12:35 p.m. to 2 p.m.), and it had become difficult to maintain the two dayparts. We are excited about the new times and believe that this is the right move for Kathy and Judy and the radio station." The 12:35 to 3 p.m. slot will be carried by Dean Richards. Dean will continue to fill that slot until a permanent host is named.

Below is an easy weekday schedule for you to refer to. Cut it out and keep it near your radio so you'll always know "What's going on!"

**Bob Collins**  
5 - 9 a.m.

**Kathy and Judy**  
9 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

**Paul Harvey's News  
and Commentary**  
Noon - 12:15 p.m.

**Noon Show**  
12:15-12:35 p.m.

**Dean Richards**  
12:35 - 3 p.m.

**Spike O'Dell**  
3 - 7 p.m.

**Sports Central with David Kaplan**  
7 - 9 p.m.

**Extension 720**  
9 - 11 p.m.

**News At 11**  
11 - 11:30 p.m.

**Steve and Johnnie**  
11:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

## I N S I D E 7 2 0

Questions about your "What's Goin' On" subscription? Please drop a line to Marlene Wells, c/o WGN Radio, 435 North Michigan Ave.



Right: Steve and Johnnie were in the decorated showcase studio for the 2nd Annual "Cheap Date" New Year's Eve Party. Plenty of fans came out to enjoy the festivities and special guest appearances.



Photo by: Anthony M. Uniaus

Above: Robert Crandall, CEO of American Airlines (r), joined Bob Collins (l) in the studio for American's Neediest Kids Fund Twelve Days of Christmas Giveaway.



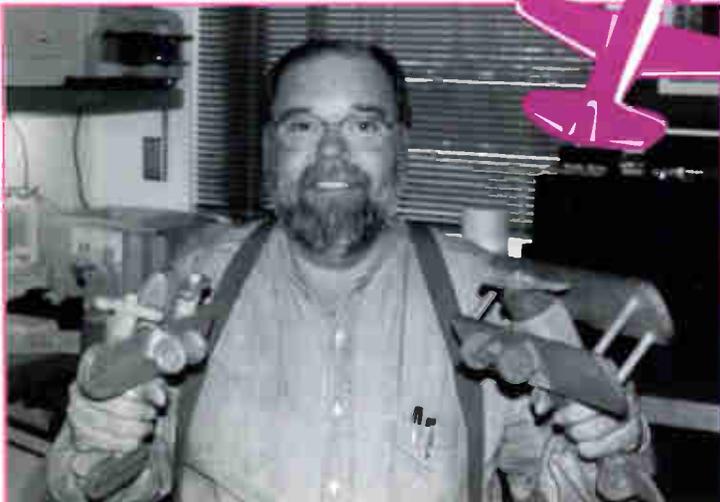
Left: Wally Phillips digs in and pulls a winning entry from the Neediest Kids Fund prize drum. The winners are able to pick a gift of their choice from the special Neediest Kids prize list. Thanks to all who donated to this worthwhile cause!

Bob Collins (below) and Spike O'Dell (above) show their enthusiasm over the news of Meigs Field re-opening. (Spike, seen here playing with his flight simulator, is particularly pleased that he'll be receiving temperature readings from Meigs Field again!)

Right: The Woodstock High School Choir and the Madrigal Singers, directed by Paul Rausch, helped WGN Radio ring in the new year. They performed for two hours during Steve and Johnnie's New Year's party.



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Above: "The Mighty Blue Kings," one of Chicago's hottest bands, performed live in the studio during Spike's show.

## sighting of the month



### THE hat

These three musketeers departed on January 4th for their "Face the Nation \$30 a Day Tour," across the U.S. Pictured (l to r) Mike, Matt and Rob. They'll keep Spike up to date on their travels so stayed tuned; you just don't know where those hats might end up!

### ROGER'S FORECAST

By the time you read this, we will be working our way out of winter. The good news is that sunrise is at approximately 7:00 a.m. and sunset is after 5:00 p.m., which means greater than ten hours of daylight. Our average maximum and minimum temps are in the mid 30's and low 20's with the average highs approaching the 40's by month's end.

We normally receive about eight inches of snow and of course, by the end of the month, we're only about three weeks from spring.

We expect both temps and precipitation to be normal this February. All in all it's looking pretty good for the early part of this year.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Milt Owens	3rd	Larry Getz	25th
Steve Bertrand	3rd	Lola Vanderpuye	27th
Leilani Shute	5th	Bob Kessler	27th
Lottie Kearns	16th	Diane Olivo	28th
Tom Michon	24th	Bob Collins	28th
Ron Santo	25th		



*The Kathy and Judy Show*  
Weekdays (9:00 - 11:55 a.m.)

You call them on the air to ask their opinion. Now Kathy and Judy are picking up their pens to offer advice on the problems we sometimes face. If you have a question you would like the girls to address, whether it be about relationships, kids, fashion, etiquette or otherwise, drop us a line at:

The Advice Ladies  
c/o What's goin' on  
435 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

#### Question:

After spending 12 years together, my husband and I separated and are ready for a divorce. He filed just before the holidays, and while I thought Christmas was going to be tough, my family helped me get through a lot of tough times. The strange thing is, I know Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and I'm really kinda of scared by it. How am I supposed to get through the most romantic holiday on my own?

#### Kathy:

How, indeed? You're going to hook up with a couple of girlfriends (good senses of humor are a must), you're going to have dinner and make up stories about the couples you see, and you're going to go to a movie that's funny. Then you're going to go for a drink or a cup of coffee and remember all the Valentine's Days during your marriage when things weren't actually very romantic at all. Then you're going to go home and go to bed and when you wake up, it'll be over and you can go shopping!

#### Judy:

Not to put too cynical a touch on this, but Valentine's Day is kind of a fake holiday. It's a holiday that gets a lot of hype so people can sell dinners and candy and flowers. And while there's nothing wrong with that, it hardly seems like an occasion to get your stomach in a knot over. Plus, the likelihood is, if you're getting divorced, you've probably had some pretty sub-standard Valentine's Days these past couple of years anyway. I honestly think if you think you're going to have a hard time, the best thing would be to hang out with a couple of your unattached women friends go out to dinner or get together for pizza, beers, and yakking at someone's house. How about your's?





## ROY LEONARD

(Saturday, 7 a.m. - Noon, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

On February 11th, the nominees for the 69th Annual Academy Awards will be announced between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m., Chicago time. Although politics still enters into the mix, the motivation has changed considerably since Louis B. Mayer, the head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer held a Sunday dinner at his newly completed Santa Monica beach house back in 1926. We are indebted to the book, *Inside Oscar* by Mason Wiley and Damien Bona for the story.

According to their research, Louis was mad. He hadn't been able to get the newly unionized studio laborers to build the home. They charged too much and he was sure that labor negotiations were going to be a headache for years to come, so before actors and writers got the same notion, he wanted to form an industry organization that would mediate labor disputes. As dinner progressed, so did the ambitions of the group. They'd work with the Hay's Office to improve and clean up screen content and they'd promote technical advances.

A week later, Mayer invited 36 industry bigwigs to a formal banquet, and legal steps were put in motion to form a not-for-profit organization with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. as elected President. He announced shortly thereafter that among the group's activities would be the bestowing of "awards of merit for distinctive achievement." The beginnings were rocky and not without controversy, but the annual award ceremony has become an event of international scope. In fact, the reason the nominations are announced at 5:30 a.m. Pacific Time, is to accommodate European newspapers and TV's early afternoon deadlines.

Screenings of all nominated films will begin on February 12th. Any film that completed a seven-day run in Los Angeles County prior to midnight Tuesday, December 31, 1996 is eligible. Final ballots are mailed on March 4th and the polls close on March 18th at 5:00 p.m. PST. Voting is done by categories. Actors vote for actors, sound technicians cast ballots for their peers, directors for directors, etc. Everyone votes for Best Picture.

This year's awards presentation will be at the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium on Monday, March 24th. This Moroccan-motif shrine doesn't have the elegance of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion where the ceremony is usually held, but it seats 6,700 and has a great stage. Scheduling conflicts made the change necessary, and this will be the seventh time the event has been held south of the downtown area on the edge of the USC campus.

Tune into Bob Collins on the morning of the 11th, and we'll have the nominations for you.

## Sound Advice

by Joe Bartosch,  
Executive Producer/Music



### The Mighty Blue Kings

*Meet Me In Uptown* (R-Jay Records)

Chicagoland's best live band successfully captures the joy and energy of their stage personality on its debut disc. If you heard 'em live on Spike's show or caught them in concert in the past year or so, you know the magic they create. The only difficult part of being a MBK fan is trying to describe their music to the uninitiated. Swing, rockabilly, big band and more are part of a unique and endearing mix. All I know for sure is that it's music that makes you feel GREAT! Though singer/songwriter Ross Bon is definitely the front man, the Kings have a cohesive sound and spirit that includes the whole group. Original tunes and carefully chosen covers combine for a fourteen song disc that's guaranteed to make you tap your toe, clap your hands, or just yell, "Yeah!!!" Buy the CD, but don't miss the chance to see these guys live. I hereby officially declare 1997 the Year of the Mighty Blue Kings.

### Super Groovy 70's Trivia:

Speaking of blue, name the overseas band that hit #1 on the charts with their 'ooh-gah cha-ka' version of "Hooked On A Feeling" in 1974?

Answer: The six-man Swedish pop band "Blue Swede".



There are two wonderful family films coming out on video this month. On February 4th, the Disney Studios will re-release *Bambi* on its 55th Anniversary. The animated film tells the story of the trials and tribulations of growing up. It could be about any youngster, but in this case the youngster is an animal. Be alert that little kids might get upset at some of the events that occur as *Bambi*, the deer, faces some distressing life lessons.

On the 11th of February you'll get the chance to see, on video, one of the better films of 1996, *Fly Away Home*. Anna Paquin stars as a little girl who discovers a nest of orphaned goose eggs and winds up raising a family of goslings, not realizing that it is illegal to raise wild geese without clipping their wings. Because geese imprint on whoever they see first, she becomes Mother Goose and now must teach them to fly so they can migrate south. Although the story is fictional, a real-life model does exist in Canadian artist Bill Lishman who did teach geese to fly. This is a wonderful film for the entire family. (Rated PG)

*If you see only one video a month, this is the one you don't want to miss. Every month Roy reviews all the new movies, as well as videos and audio releases, musicals, plays and touring shows. For a complete rundown of Roy's movie picks, listen to "The Roy Leonard Show" on WGN Radio.*

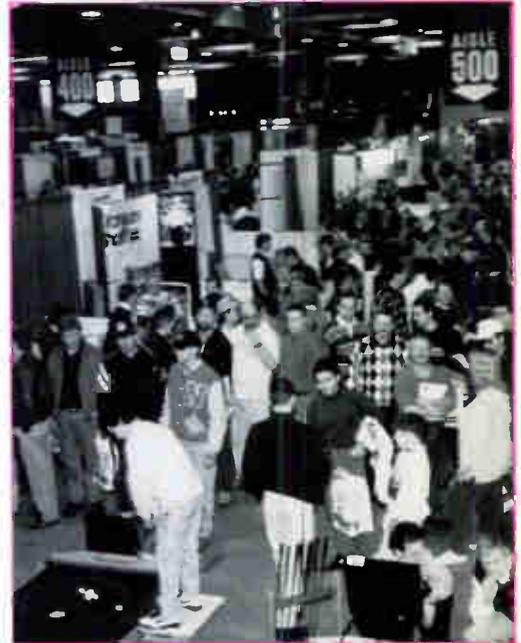
# WGN RADIO 720'S GOING TO THE CHICAGO GOLF SHOW!



**Chicago Golf Show®**  
**Rosemont Convention Center**  
**February 7, 8, 9, 1997**

Golfers, take note! The industry's largest and oldest consumer golf show is coming to Chicago February 7th through 9th at the Rosemont Convention Center. WGN Radio's Fan Van will be on hand, and visitors can attend seminars with golfing pros, plus try their hand at the latest golf equipment at the "Test Drive" driving range. Kids can have their fun with the sport at the "Children's Play Putting Green," and the whole family can trace golf's rich history at the USGA's Traveling Exhibit. Over 300 exhibits will offer everything from equipment (fitting and repair) to instructional aids, apparel, vacation information and collector's memorabilia.

Additional questions about the show can be answered by calling Corcoran Expositions, Inc. at 312/541-0567.



Tickets for the 14th Annual Chicago Golf Show are \$6 at the door with special discounts for seniors (60 and over) on Friday and families all three days. Children under 14 are admitted free with an adult.

Right: Fans see the sights at last year's Chicago Golf Show.

## RADIO 720 REVUE

*This is an excerpt taken from an interview conducted by David Kaplan and guest host, Dave Eanet on Sports Central. Chicago radio's longest-running sports talk show has now been expanded to seven days a week, heard 7:00-9:00 p.m. weekdays. Former Northwestern football player, Darnell Autry was the first to be put in the radio spotlight, with this interview that aired on January 6, 1997.*

**Eanet:** At the beginning of your career could you ever envision that your Northwestern career would end with back to back bowl appearances and back to back Big Ten Titles?

**Autry:** *No sir, I definitely thought that we could be good, and I felt that Coach Barnett would lead us there. I just did not know how long it would take.*

**Kap:** How difficult was it today to decide to head to the NFL?

**Autry:** *It was very difficult. But again, I got enough research and talked to enough people.*

**Eanet:** Who were some of the people that

had input besides Coach Barnett and Coach Wristen (running backs coach)?

**Autry:** *I talked to my father. I talked a little bit to Walter Payton. I talked to Johnny Musso. I got a chance to talk to a variety of different people who knew some different scouts.*

**Eanet:** What did Walter Payton tell you?

**Autry:** *He said that I could definitely step up to the next level. It is just a matter of what I wanted to do. It had to be solely my decision. He said that I couldn't make a bad decision in this whole thing.*

**Eanet:** What reaction have you gotten from your teammates?

**Autry:** *They have always been for whatever is best for me, whatever I want they want and they are excited. I talked to a lot of them today and they are really happy for me. Some of them are sad to see me go but yet happy that I am taking it to the next level.*

**Eanet:** What about the Wildcats in 1997 with all the (player) losses?

**Autry:** *We have got a lot of young talent. I think that Adrian Autry is a great talent. I*

*think that Ian Miller is really good and so is Tyrone Gooch. So, I do not think that they are going to miss a beat back there.*

**Eanet:** What are you going to miss the most?

**Autry:** *I am going to miss my teammates the most. I have met a lot of great people on that team, and we really cared about each other, from top to bottom, fifth year senior to freshman. It is going to be hard to find a group as good as they are.*

**Kap:** What NFL team would you like to play for?

**Autry:** *Whatever team that wants Darnell Autry the most.*

**Kap:** Who did you root for as a kid?

**Autry:** *As a kid I rooted for the winner. Whoever won the Super Bowl was my favorite team. So I was a big Dallas fan, then Redskins fan, then Bears fan. I was pretty much a fan of whoever was winning.*

**Kap:** Best of luck to you Darnell, and don't be a stranger.

**Autry:** *I definitely won't, thank you very much.*

# SPORTS ≈ CENTRAL ≈

What's goin' on

## SPORTS CENTRAL SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

Sports Central, Chicago's longest running sports talk show, can now be heard seven days a week on WGN Radio 720. This new schedule began on January 6 with the Monday through Friday editions airing from 7:00-9:00 p.m. David Kaplan hosts along with a variety of other broadcasters and athletes. And the sports talk continues on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. From David Kaplan himself, here's a sneak peek on what you will hear on Chicago's Sports Tradition!



Above: David Kaplan of Sports Central weeknights.

### What direction do you expect the show to take? Why should people tune in?

The show is lively and entertaining while dealing with the hot stories in the sports world. We bring WGN's listeners the well-known athletes in a forum that is fun but also highly informative. In addition, we give fans the chance to ask questions of the guest celebrities appearing on the show.

### How does it differ from the Saturday Sports Central show?

The show doesn't differ much from our weekend format except that with a night time program it is sometimes easier to book some of the big names in the sports world. Many guests are in action on the weekends, but there is usually a night that they are available during the week. We would hope that our guests would be willing to take calls and talk with the fans.

### Any intriguing guests you'll have on the show?

In addition to the many popular guests that are a regular part of Sports Central, the show will have some new features that have not been heard on the Chicago airwaves, including the "Classic Sports Flashback" which will look-back on a great game or moment in Chicago sports history.

## SPIKE'S SPRING TRAINING IS BACK!!

Thanks to our friends at AAA Travel, Spike's Spring Training contest is back on WGN Radio 720. Starting Monday, February 5th, ten listeners will win a package for two including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, and tickets to two Cubs Spring Training games, compliments of AAA Travel and WGN Radio 720! Spike will be accompanying the winners on the trip

scheduled for February 27th - March 2nd, 1997.

Every Monday through Friday from February 5 -18th, Bob Collins will play a Cubs highlight during his 7:10 a.m. sportscast. Listen closely, then tune to Spike that afternoon. At some point during his 5:10 p.m. sports report, Spike will open up the 312-591-7000 contest

line. The first caller to get through will be asked a question about that morning's Cubs highlight. If they get it right, they're going to Arizona! If they don't, Spike will take the next caller until he has a winner.

Good luck and keep listening! You could be off to sunny Arizona at the end of the month!



# AUTO SHOW

## GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN'... AT THE 1997 CHICAGO AUTO SHOW



Above: Steve (l), Kathy (c) and Judy (r) clown around during the photo shot for this month's cover.

Come on out of the cold to see the latest display of nearly 1,000 different vehicles, auto-related exhibits, collector and antique cars. The 89th Chicago Auto Show begins on February 8 and runs until February 16, 1997. It all takes place at the brand new McCormick Place South building, Lake Shore Drive at 23rd Street, daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for pre-teens or free when accompanied by a paying parent, and senior citizens are \$5.00. You can also purchase tickets in advance through Ticketmaster.

On Friday, February 14th, Kathy and Judy will broadcast from the Auto Show from 9:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Be sure to stop by the Chevy & Geo display and say "hi" to your favorite Girlfriends. And even if you can't make it to the show, you can be a Kathy and Judy winner! During the remote, Kathy and Judy will draw the names of six lucky listeners for prizes any couple will enjoy! These packages include: weekend hotel getaways, his/her massages, and much more. Kathy and Judy will have all the contest details in the coming weeks, including information on how to enter this Valentine's Day Contest. Keep listening to them for a complete prize list and all the details!

The fun continues on Saturday, when Dave Eanet hosts Sports Central live from the Auto Show. Be sure to stop by the WGN Radio stage and say hello between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Auto Show will come to a close on Sunday, the 16th, but not before Dean Richards hosts his program from the festivities. He'll broadcast from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Spike O'Dell and Steve and Johnnie will stop by to visit with Dean and the crowd.

Remember, WGN Radio will be at the Auto Show February 14th through the 16th. We'll see you there!



## Overnight Male

by Steve King

This month close to a million people will visit the Chicago Auto Show to sample the industry's latest offerings. If you're going to be one of them, you will be faced with a mind-numbing array of styles, sizes, technology, claims and prices. To help you sort through the maze once again this year, Johnnie and I offer you our thoughts on some of the vehicles we've sampled during the fifth year of our Radio Road Tests. So dim the lights, strike up the band and fasten your seat belts as we present the third annual Steve & Johnnie Radio Road Test Awards (or, as known among those of us who stay up all night long, "The Jammies").

### BEST SEATS:

Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

### WORST SEATS:

Cadillac Concours (A great car but these seats offer no shoulder support.)

### BEST TRENDS:

Steering wheel mounted climate and radio controls Side Airbags Signal Mirrors (your turn signal is visible in your outside mirrors). Navigation/security systems like Lincoln's Rescue system and Cadillac's OnStar System Remote controlled sliding passenger side doors on vans.

### WORST TRENDS:

Digital Signal Processing (Even in Mercedes and Cadillac products they still haven't got this to the point where it sounds good.)

### BEST "BANG FOR THE BUCK": (A four-way tie)

Toyota's RAV4, Pontiac's redesigned Grand Prix GTP and once again, Chevrolet's Camaro and Pontiac's Firebird

### THE SPECIAL "JIM MATEJA HALL OF FAME"

#### AWARD FOR BEST CUPHOLDER:

For sheer numbers this goes to the new GM Minivans offering 15-17 cupholders.

#### BEST VAN:

The Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth vans still win this but the new GM offerings from Chevrolet, Pontiac and Oldsmobile have made this category a real horserace.

#### BEST SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE: (A tie)

Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo and the new Ford Expedition

#### BEST CAR:(Also a tie)

Chrysler Sebring JXI

(Great convertible styling with a useable back seat)

Toyota's new Camry

(Lexus-like quality at a more reasonable price)

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER



## "Mr. Fix It" LOU MANFREDINI

You used to have to listen to the Roy Leonard Show on weekend mornings to hear the best radio home improvement show. Now you can still turn up the radio every Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. to hear Lou Manfredini with Roy, and on Saturday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., you can get another dose of home improvement help! Here's more about our own personal handyman who has adopted the moniker, "Mr. Fix It."

### When/how did you become interested in home improvement?

*I worked in a hardware store in grade school and high school, and I worked my way through college remodeling and building homes.*

### How did you get your start on WGN Radio?

*I wrote a letter to WGN Radio two years ago because I thought people needed a place to ask questions about fixing their homes. After many follow-up calls, the station asked me to appear with Bob Collins (not a bad place to start!)*

### What cold weather advice can you give homeowners to help make a long winter more bearable?

*Spend the time and a few dollars to have your furnace cleaned and inspected. Change your furnace filter! Drink lots of cocoa!*

### It's rumored that you're considering leaving WGN Radio for a singing career. Any truth to that rumor?

*Have your people call my people. No, seriously, I have always enjoyed singing and mostly sing in family weddings. Harry Connick has nothing to worry about.*

### When you're not building or renovating homes, what can we find you doing in your spare time?

*I am desperately devoted to my wife and my two children, Quinn and Carmen.*



# EXTENSION 720

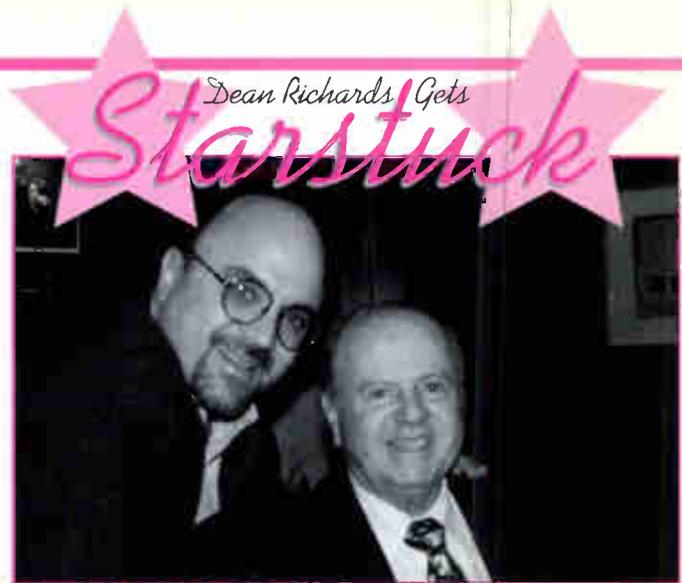
with Milt Rosenberg  
(Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m.)

On our January 9th show about the bartender's life, we asked WGN Radio listeners to tell us their favorite bar jokes. As always, our callers rose to the challenge, filling the lines with jokes good, decent and occasionally, truly awful. Here are a few worth repeating:

A moose walks into a bar. The bartender walks up to him and says,  
"What can I get ya?"  
The moose says,  
"I'd like a shot of bourbon."  
So he gives the moose a shot of bourbon and the moose hands him a hundred dollar bill. The bartender thinks to himself,  
"What does a moose know?"  
so he gives him 50 cents change.  
Then it hits him he'll probably never get another chance to talk to a moose. So he walks back over to the moose and says,  
"You know, we don't get too many moose in here."  
The moose puts his drink down and says,  
"At \$99.50 a shot, I can see why!"

A grasshopper walks into a bar and the bartender says,  
"Hey, I've got a drink named after you!"  
The grasshopper says,  
"You've got a drink named Steve?"

A guy who's had a few already is sitting at a bar when another guy who's had a few already walks in and orders the same drink the first guy is drinking. The first guy says,  
"That's my favorite drink."  
The second guy answers,  
"Mine too. I've been drinking it since I graduated from St. Mary's school in 1984."  
The first guy says,  
"I've been drinking it since I graduated from St. Mary's School in '84, too!"  
The second guy says,  
"I had to walk 3 miles uphill to get there."  
The first guy answers,  
"I had to walk 3 miles uphill to get there, too! Where did you live?"  
The first guy says,  
"I lived over on Kilbourne Street."  
"So did I!"  
Suddenly the bartender hops over the bar, grabs them by the collar and throws them out of the bar. So a guy who's been watching the whole thing says to the bartender,  
"Why'd you do that? They weren't causing any trouble."  
The bartender turns to him and says,  
"Any time those O'Leary twins don't recognize each other, they've had enough!"



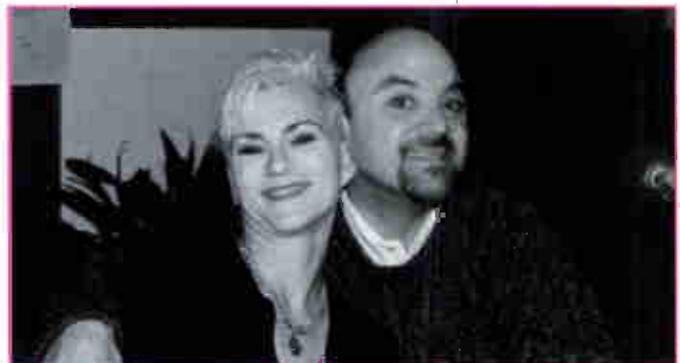
Above: Dean Richards Gets Starstuck  
Above: Dick Van Patten (r) recently joined Dean Richards in the studio to discuss his appearance in "Showboat."



Above: Ann Landers visited with Dean Richards in the studio after a recent book signing.



Above: Sandy Duncan stopped by WGN Radio during a break from the musical, "That's Christmas!"



Above: To start the new year, fitness expert Susan Powter gave Dean Richards a few tips on how to stay healthy.

near your radio. Write important dates, special guests and program changes when you hear them announced.



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Reading *What's goin' on* is the best way to stay on top of the latest news about your favorite radio personalities, programming changes and highlights, schedules and phone numbers, contest details and winners...plus the special year-end Yearbook Issue. **Renew today!**

<p><b>9</b> Chicago Golf Show Rosemont</p> <p><b>Chicago Golf Show Ends</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>State of the Union</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Northwestern @ Illinois pregame: 6:45 p.m. tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>John Nance, airline safety <i>Medusa's Child</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Chicago Golf Show Rosemont</p> <p><b>Chicago Golf Show Begins</b></p> <p><b>Auto Show Begins</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> DePaul @ Cincinnati pregame: 4:40 p.m. tip-off: 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Northwestern vs. Minnesota pregame: 6:45 p.m. tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>8</b> DePaul @ UAB pregame: 12:40 p.m. tip-off: 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Northwestern vs. Wisconsin pregame: 6:45 p.m. tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Chicago Golf Show Rosemont</p>
<p><b>16</b> DePaul @ St. Louis pregame: 5:40 p.m. tip-off: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dean Richards visits with Spike O'Dell &amp; Steve and Johnnie 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the <b>Auto Show</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>President's Day</b></p> <p>David Horowitz <i>Radical Son</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Barbara Defoe Whitehead, Divorce <i>The Divorce Culture</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Lincoln's Birthday</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Northwestern @ Ohio State pregame: 6:15 p.m. tip-off: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Race &amp; Human Evolution</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b></p> <p>Kathy &amp; Judy at the Auto Show 9:00 - 11:55 a.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Northwestern @ Penn State pregame: 11:00 a.m. tip-off: 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Jewel Foods Lemont</p> <p>Dave Eanet hosts Sports Central at the Auto Show 4:00-7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Katharine Graham <i>Personal History</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Joel Brinkley, The future of TV <i>Defining Vision</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Northwestern vs. Michigan State pregame: 6:45 p.m. tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>20th century poetry</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Northwestern @ Indiana pregame: 11:00 a.m. tip-off: 11:15 a.m.</p>
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## GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON... THE 15TH ANNUAL BOB COLLINS POP QUIZ IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

WGN Radio 720 and the *Chicago Tribune* are pleased to present a listener favorite. The 15th Annual Bob Collins Pop Quiz. Keep listening to the Bob Collins Show for details and look for the entry blank appearing this month in the *Chicago Tribune*.

The Pop Quiz gives teachers and parents the opportunity to hoot, holler, and talk about their schools on Chicagoland's number one morning radio show. It gives students the chance to rally around their teachers and parents, and provides some wonderful prizes for the winners.

This year's Grand Prizes include a 1997 Plymouth Neon from the Stars of Chicagoland, your local Chrysler-Plymouth Dealers and a day at Wrigley Field for the entire school, compliments of the Chicago Cubs. (Both the Grand Prize winning school and its partner will receive the incredible prize package! Second and third place schools and their partners will win an exciting package of prizes as well.)

Keep listening to WGN Radio 720 for more information!



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News and information about the people and events at WGN-AM Radio

## The Magnificent Mile Festival of Lights

see page 7.

# FEEDBACK

To whom it may concern:

I am writing about my subscription. I enjoy the articles very much...but every month the newsletter does not reach me until at least the 10th of the month, so much of the information about upcoming programs is outdated.

Your staff told me that the newsletter is mailed the last week of the month and that I should talk to my post office about the problem. My post office is very small, I doubt that it is held up there...if the newsletter does go out the last week of each month, I would simply like to receive it the first 2-3 days of the month.

Larry D. Nelson

*Larry, you are not the only subscriber with this complaint, and because of that, we thought we'd address the problem here. One of our main goals each month is to provide you with information that is current. In order to do that and allow for production time, What's Goin' On is mailed out by the Monday of the last week of the month, giving the post office one week to deliver your newsletter by the 1st. However, as a means of keeping your subscription fee down, What's Goin' On is mailed at bulk rate, which is delivered at the discretion of your postal carrier. As first class mail always takes priority, the carrier may be slower in delivering your monthly issue. That is the carrier's decision and one we have no control over. Because of that, any questions you may have about delivery should be directed to your postal carrier. If the response is not sufficient, please contact us.*

*As a way to provide you with the most current programming information, we have extended the monthly calendar (found at the back of What's Goin' On) by a week to compensate for possible late deliveries. To list programs airing later than that is difficult, as guests and topics aren't necessarily scheduled that far in advance.*

*Thanks for your understanding and patience. We will continue to do all that we can to provide you with the most current information delivered on a timely basis.*

- editor

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## AIDS WALK 7 CHICAGO... WHAT A SUCCESS!



Above: Members of the 1996 WGN Radio AIDS WALK Team.

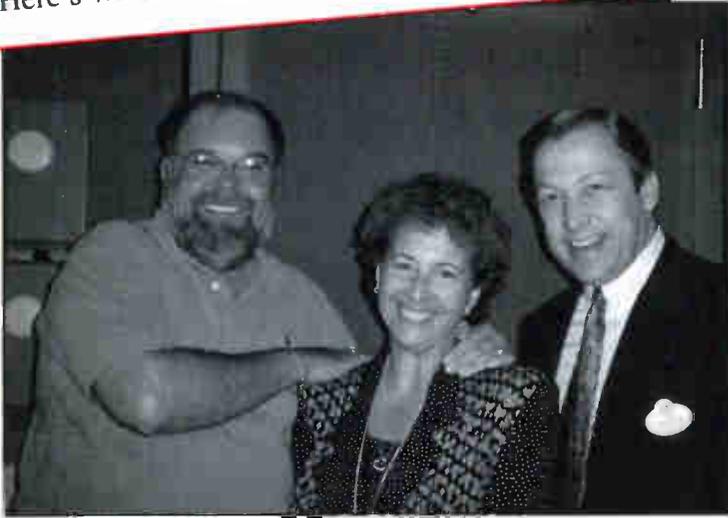
September 29, 1996: Just your usual Sunday afternoon...sunny, a light wind blowing in off the lake, and oh, over 65,000 Chicagoans out for a walk! Radio 720, WGN extends a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the 7th Annual AIDS Walk Chicago, a 10 kilometer/6.2 mile pledge walk along Chicago's lakefront. As of the most recent count, over 1.9 million dollars has been raised! All money will benefit more than thirteen HIV-AIDS services throughout Chicago and the suburbs.

WGN Radio's Dean Richards emceed the event, and everyone got off on the right foot as Marilyn McCoo got the crowd going with a rousing version of the "Macarena," and then there were walkers, joggers and strollers as far as the eye could see! We thank those who walked with us and who raised over four thousand dollars (and still counting) for the WGN Radio team! We also thank those who took a few minutes to stop by to visit the WGN Radio booth. And if you weren't able to make it out to the Walk, you can still help by sending your donation to:

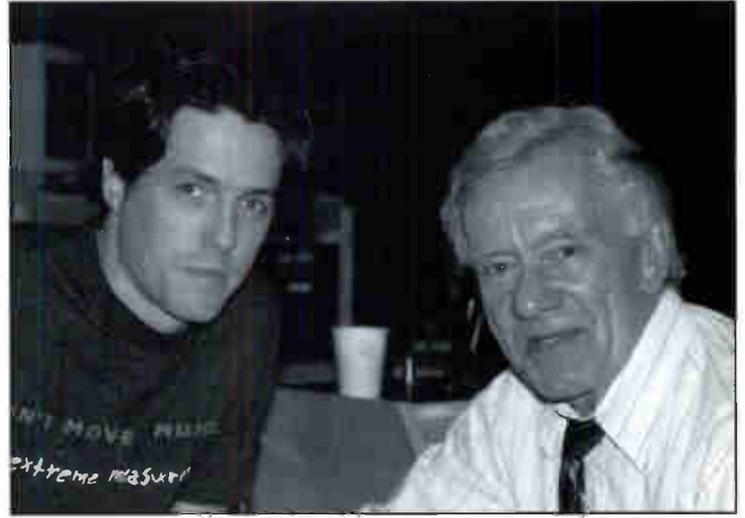
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## I N S I D E 7 2 0

It's been busy at WGN Radio, so busy we've decided to add an extra Inside 720 page this month. Here's *What's Goin' On!*



Above: (left to right) Bob Collins, Karyn Esken, and Judson Green, President of Walt Disney Attractions, the theme park and resort segment of The Walt Disney company.



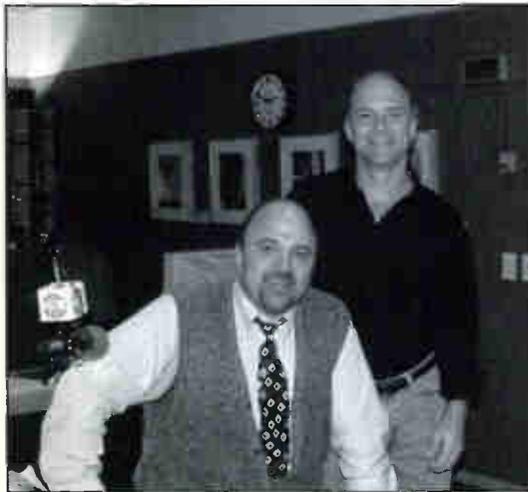
Above: Hugh Grant (l) joined Roy Leonard (r) to discuss his career and new movie, *Extreme Measures*.



Left: (left to right) Spike with winners of the Walt Disney World Memories Contest, John Kelly and Theresa Tillinghast.



Right: Spike and Crew at the Imax movie premiere *L5: First City In Space*. Pictured left to right: Tracy Heuvelman, Anne Maxfield, David Kaplan, Steve Bertrand, and at the mic, Spike.



Above: Dean Richards (l) and *Fraiser's* Bull Dog Brisco, Dan Butler (r), shared some laughs and talked about the Chicago opening of Butler's new play.



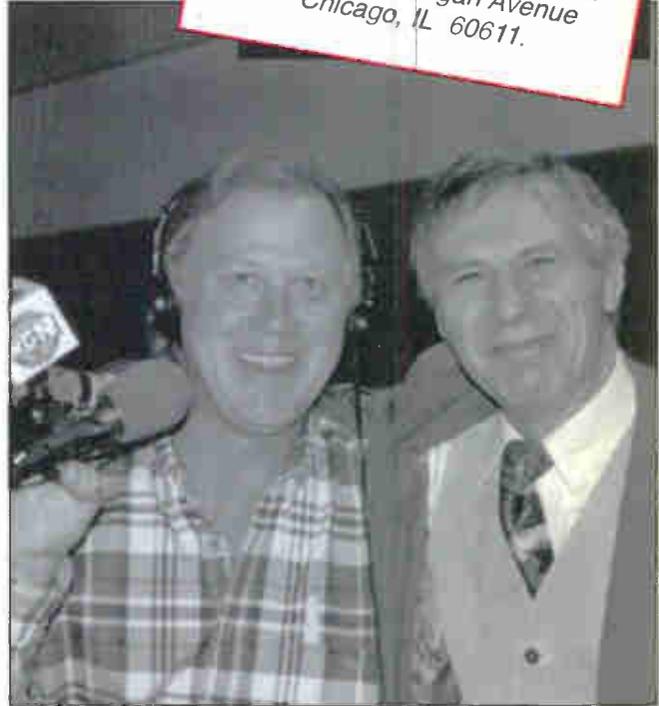
Right: It's 3-D, 90's style! (left to right) Spike O'Dell, David Kaplan, Steve Bertrand and Anne Maxfield were joined by some loyal listeners at Spike's advance Imax screening of *L5: First City in Space*.

More... I N S I D E 7 2 0

Questions about your "What's Goin' On" subscription? Please drop a line to Marlene Wells, c/o WGN Radio, 435 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611.



Above: Cory Siegel and the Chamber Blues Orchestra joined Steve and Johnnie in the studio and treated listeners to some fine music.



Above: The Amazing Kreskin joined Spike for some mind boggling feats and unbelievable tricks.



Left: Steve (r) and Johnnie (l) opened the Mammoth Music Mart at Old Orchard Shopping Center. Used records and tapes were sold to benefit the Les Turner ALS Foundation in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease.



Above: Max Armstrong (r) and Noon Show Producer, Lottie Kearns (c) met up with Barney Fife (look-alike) at the Winnebago County Fair in Pecatonica, Illinois.



Above: Fall Interns (left to right) Sports, Lori Armon, Promotions, Erin Ensign, Programming, Amy O'Donnell, News, Douglas Trafelet, and Programming, Tom Kramer and inset, Farm, Jennifer Fogel.



# ROY LEONARD

(Saturday, 7 a.m. - Noon,  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

We'll have one of the best and busiest holiday entertainment schedules this November and December. Downtown Chicago and the immediate suburbs will be offering a multitude of plays and concerts, many suitable for the entire family. Here's just a partial listing of events.

They should call the show, *Joseph And The Amazing Money Machine*. It's a three-peat for Donny Osmond and the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical that came to Chicago in September of 1993, played for 16 months and then returned for another ten weeks in late 1995. *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a lively and entertaining version of the traditional biblical story. Donny not only has great stage presence, but his voice is better than ever and the use of kids choirs on stage is a marketing gem. Scheduled through December 15th at the Chicago Theatre, there might be an extension. Call (312) 902-1500.

New this year, is the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's production at the new Rosemont Theatre from November 27th through December 8th. Ticket info. at (312) 902-1500.

The Rosemont Theatre is also bringing in the Johnny Mathis Christmas Show from December 12th through the 15th. (312) 902-1500.

A big, new show for downtown will be *That's Christmas*, at the Schubert Theatre, produced by the same people responsible for the annual holiday show at New York's Radio City. Sandy Duncan and Darlene Love will star with a huge cast of singers, dancers and musicians in what backers hope will be an annual downtown event. Performances start on November 26th and continue through January 5th, with as many as three shows on the weekends. Call for ticket information at (312) 902-1500.

The Goodman Theatre will continue its tradition of celebrating all the wonder, joy and goodwill of the season with their production of *A Christmas Carol*, based on Charles Dickens' familiar tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Crachit and Tiny Tim. This is the 19th year that magical effects and sparkling music will fill the stage of the theatre in back of the Art Institute. Preview performances start on November 18th, and the show will continue through December 31st. For ticket information, call (312) 443-3800.

Chicago musician Ed Vodicka has expanded his 1990 recording, *A Shiny New Christmas*, to a fully staged live variety show with a 30-piece orchestra, singers and dancers. Performances at the beautifully renovated Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge begin on November 29th and will continue through December 30th. Tickets at 1-800-YULETIDE.

There will be numerous productions of *The Nutcracker* to choose from. The Tribune Charities annual presentation will be at The Arie Crown Theatre from December 13th to the 29th. Call (312) 902-1500.

## Sound Advice

by Joe Bartosch,  
Executive Producer/Music



### That Thing You Do

Original Motion Picture Soundtrack Play-Tone/Epic

The musical companion to the wonderful Tom Hanks musical is a fun audio time tunnel trip to the early and mid 60's. The amazing part is although all the songs are original compositions, they have a style and feel that makes them authentic to the period. The early 60's vocal group sound, surf guitar, beach movies, girl groups, and the British Invasion are all represented. There's even a Dave Brubeck type jazz number that really cooks. My personal fave is the Diane Dane (queen of teen heartbreak) tear-jerker "My World Is Over." Contemporary nostalgia at its best.

### Super Groovy 70's Trivia

The biggest movie musical hit of the 70's was "Grease". Name the 50's/60's teen idol who appeared in the dream sequence plus the song he sang.

ANSWER: Frankie Avalon/"Beauty School Dropout"



One of the most stirring films of the decade will be released to video stores the first week of November. *Anne Frank Remembered* was put together by British film maker, Jon Blair, who had access to material never before available, including the only known movie footage of the little girl who became a tragic symbol of Nazi oppression. This Oscar nominated film is an excruciatingly honest portrait of a child that many consider a martyr and saint, but who we find out was not the angelic child that history has suggested. This in no way diminishes the heart-rendering story, but actually enforces it. The moving narrative features many of the people who grew up with Anne, helped her family when they were hiding during the war, and survived the concentration camps. Anne died at the age of fifteen of Typhus at Bergen-Belsen in the winter of 1945. This film is not rated, but would be appropriate for viewers over 12.

If you see only one video a month, this is the one you don't want to miss. Every month Roy reviews all the new movies, as well as videos and audio releases, musicals, plays and touring shows. For a complete rundown of Roy's movie picks, listen to "The Roy Leonard Show" on WGN Radio.

*the Advice Ladies*

**Kathy and Judy Weekdays**  
 (9:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m., 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

You call them on the air to ask their opinion. Now Kathy and Judy are picking up their pens to offer advice on the problems we sometimes face. If you have a question you would like the girls to address, whether it be about relationships, kids, fashion, etiquette or otherwise, drop us a line at:

The Advice Ladies  
 c/o What's Goin' On  
 435 North Michigan Avenue  
 Chicago, IL 60611

**Q:** I recently found out that a friend I used to be very close with just got married. Even though we both just fell out of touch with one another (no major fight or anything) should I still send her a wedding card? I don't want to hold a grudge, even though we haven't spoke in over a year. Please advise!

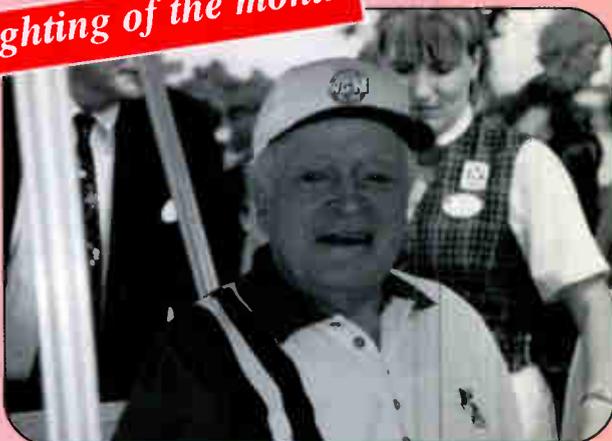
**KATHY:**

Of course you should send a card! "Happy to hear the great news, best wishes..." yada-yada - you get the drift. No mention of the estrangement, please, but include a return address, in case she'd like to stay in touch.

**JUDY:**

What's the downside of sending a card? I personally would be more likely to pick up the phone, but that's just more my style 'cuz I don't often shop for cards and stuff. Are you worried that she might think you're angling for an invite to the wedding? Are you? I dunno. To me, if you're happy for her, you should tell her. If you don't really give a rip, then save your 32 cents.

**sighting of the month**



**THE hat** Even Bob Hope is a WGN Radio fan, seen here at the Walt Disney World 25th Anniversary celebration.



**BLAST** From The Past



With election coverage underway, WGN Radio brings you this Blast From The Past. Clarence Darrow (l) and Wayne B. Wheeler (r) took part in the first debate to be broadcast on WGN. It took place in 1926, and Prohibition was the subject debated.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Judy Pielach	1st
Mary Margaret Collins	2nd
Floyd Brown	5th
David Russell	10th
David Kaplan	19th
Lou Blanchet	20th
Bill Moore	21st
Ed Wilk	24th



Photo by: Glenn Kaupert

## LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL MAGNIFICENT MILE LIGHTS FESTIVAL!

Celebrate the holidays with WGN Radio at the Fifth Annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival! Bring the family to downtown Chicago on Saturday, November 23, when The Greater North Michigan Avenue Association kicks off the holiday season on the Magnificent Mile. Shop, dine and enjoy all the sights of the season.

Don't miss the live musical stage show direct from Walt Disney World's 25th Anniversary celebration, featuring favorite Disney characters like Mickey Mouse, Minnie, Goofy, Snow White and others. Performances will be held on Michigan Avenue's Pioneer Court, next to the Tribune Tower. Show times are 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. At 6:15 p.m. the lighting begins as Mickey Mouse leads a breathtaking procession, illuminating 600,000 lights all along Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile. Santa Claus will even be on hand! At the conclusion of the procession the day will be ended with holiday fireworks over the Chicago River.

During the day, you can also see and hear your favorite WGN Radio personalities. We'll be broadcasting from the showcase studio on Michigan Avenue all day. WGN Radio and the Digital Imaging Center at Elmhurst Camera will help you remember your special day with a souvenir photo taken in an authentic sleigh. After all that, you can sample your favorite holiday foods, and stop by the WGN Radio booth where you can wash down your holiday goodies with a steaming cup of hot cocoa. Strolling carolers and reindeer will cap off this winter walk.

Check your Sunday *Chicago Tribune* on November 17th for a complete rundown of the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival events, and keep listening to Radio 720, WGN and the Bob Collins Show for more information!

The  
Magnificent Mile  
lights festival



# THE SPORTS PAGE

## WILDCATS FEVER!

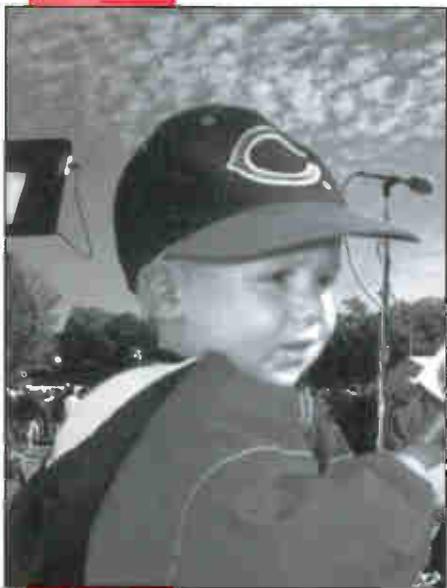
The whole WGN Radio/Northwestern gang showed up for the September 26th Wildcats thriller against Michigan. The remote pre-game broadcast outside Dyche Stadium began at 10 a.m., and David Kaplan, Dave Eanet and Ted Albrecht kept Northwestern fans entertained until kick-off. Passers-by also had the opportunity to enter for their chance to win one of two pairs of roundtrip airline tickets on American Airlines. Couple all of that with a gorgeous, rare 70 degree fall day a miraculous Wildcats victory, and you have a winning combination!



Above: Participants in The Big Game from the Illinois Lottery Fantasy Punt Catch Contest (left to right) Michael Moro of Riverdale, IL and Terry Benard of Park Ridge, IL.



Above: Northwestern broadcast team, Dave Eanet (c) and Ted Albrecht (l) looked ahead to the upcoming game with David Kaplan, live from outside Dyche Stadium.



Left: Niklas Valdiserri, son of Ken Valdiserri, Director of Chicago Bears Marketing, made his debut as a (future) WGN Radio sports broadcaster prior to the Northwestern game.



Right: During the WGN Radio broadcast remote, Northwestern spectators stopped by to enter a drawing for a pair of American Airlines tickets.



Above: (left to right) Paul Kowalczyk, Assistant Athletic Director Northwestern, Rob Johnson, David Kaplan and Ted Albrecht acknowledge the crowd.



Above: 1995 Northwestern Rose Bowl team members, Sam Valensizi (l), Rob Johnson (d), stopped by the WGN Radio stage to visit with David Kaplan (r).

# RADIO 720 REVUE

What's goin' on

As their first season as WGN Radio's Cubs Broadcast Team came to a close, Pat Hughes and Ron Santo had these thoughts...

**Pat:** The final days of a season, Ronny, are always kind of bittersweet. You know that things are going to change. Some of the guys will not be back, and you're going to miss them and you wish them all well. Other guys will be back, and you look forward to being with them. But it's always an emotional day, the last day of a baseball season.

**Ron:** Yeah, it's an emotional day, and depending on how the season went, whether it's relief or stressful, you have to look at it that way because a lot of these players are wondering where they're going to be next year. Maybe you look at this season, and it might be a blessing in disguise. The front office says, "We won eight in a row towards the end of the season. We didn't make any moves this year, we have to make some moves to improve this ball club." - I'm looking forward to next year and getting back to Wrigley Field.

## ROGER'S FORECAST

We all know that it is coming, and November is the month we normally have our first touch of winter. It is the month of greatest change toward more unpleasant weather. We start the month with normal highs and lows of 57 degrees and 41 degrees and end up with highs and lows of 39 degrees and 27 degrees. We normally have about 2 to 3 inches of snow and this year we're looking for temps to be a little below normal and precipitation above normal. The worst aspect of November is that it is the cloudiest month of the year with only about 35% to 40% of possible sunshine. The good news - we're only about 5 months away from spring!

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A "SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER" DEAN RICHARDS... (HOW DOES HE DO IT ALL?)

Anyone who listens to Radio 720, WGN knows that if they're listening to the radio between 5-9 a.m., they'll hear the familiar voice of Bob Collins. Or, for those of us who tend to burn the midnight oil, we know that Steve and Johnnie will entertain us long, long into the night.

However, there's only one voice that you can hear day or night, weekday or weekend, radio or TV., live or Memorex - O.K., you get the picture...it's WGN Radio's Dean Richards! Although Dean's official title is Production Director and host of the Dean Richards Show, heard weekend afternoons, his business card would have to be legal size to actually fit all of the jobs that he juggles both on and off the air!

### What is a typical day for you?

As Production Director, I'm in charge of writing, producing, scheduling and creating strategies for the on-air promos. As voice of the station, I'm responsible for the overall sound. First, there's the daily promos, then Bears, Northwestern and weekend features - which is pretty much a 9 to 5 job.

The other half is filling in for the other personalities. There's a half day production and a half day spent preparing the

show - sitting down with my producer, going through papers and reading the news wire. You're not only preparing for your present day show, you're planning for upcoming shows and developing concepts. Of course in between, I manage to fit in a couple hours of sleep!

### What was the worst job as you climbed the corporate radio ladder?

My first on-air job in radio - I was the morning host of a beautiful music station. Anything worse than 101 strings is 101 strings at 5:00 in the morning!

### Of all of your work at WGN Radio, what is your favorite?

There's really no way to answer that...it's a frantic schedule. Part of why I can handle a schedule like this is because I love it! I've been in Chicago radio for 20 years, but WGN is the radio station that I grew up listening to in my home. I've been at WGN Radio for two years now. My first night on the air, I was filling in for Roy Leonard and there was a plane crash, so the whole show went into emergency mode, very frantic...much like it still is now!

Without a doubt, the thing I like least about work is washing Bob Collins' car!



Above: Dean Richards show his station support as he waves to fans driving past the AIDS WALK route.





## EXTENSION 720

with Milt Rosenberg (Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m.)

The month of November on Extension 720 starts with a series of shows on the showdown for the White House. On November 1, we'll take our scientifically dubious but always entertaining pre-election poll. Does our audience lean left, roll right or run straight down the middle? We'll find out, as we use the sophisticated technology of paper and pencil to tally up your votes for Clinton, Dole, Perot, and the gang.

Then, the following Tuesday, we learn just how representative of the rest of the electorate our listenership is. Extension 720 will have complete election coverage, with reports on local races of note as well as analysis of the national scene. The next night, we sit back, take a deep breath, and try to digest the repast of results from the day before. Who won, why, what are the ramifications, and how quickly will the losers resurface as consultants or lobbyists? These are the questions we plan to tackle during our November 6th post election wrap-up.

With the election behind us, the rest of November promises a fascinating variety of programs. We'll take a trip down the Mississippi with author Andrew Malcolm (November 12), explore America's greatest rivalries with sportswriters, John Feinstein and Rick Telander (November 13), and run down *The Alphabet of Modern Annoyances* with *Sun-Times* reporter Neil Steinberg. We'll also talk with dissident Chinese emigre Harry Wu about his efforts to expose China's slave labor camp system (November 19), and legendary actress Claire Bloom about her distinguished career and her tumultuous marriage to author Phillip Roth.

And finally, Chicagoholics can get their fix of local lore and legend during our November 22 show, as we welcome Connie Goddard and Bruce Boyer, co-authors of *The Great Chicago Trivia and Fact Book*, and Richard Lindberg, author of *Quotable Chicago*. Everything you ever wanted to know about the City of Big Shoulders -- including why it's called "The City of Big Shoulders"-- you'll find out that Friday evening.

All of this and more, including taped interviews with legendary journalist David Brinkley and former Israeli President Chaim Herzog, coming up in November on Extension 720.



## Overnight Male

by Steve King

Saturday night, December 14th, is a night Johnnie and I are really looking forward to. That's the night we hope you'll join us at the Star Plaza Theater in Merrillville, Ind. for our first "Street Carols" Christmas concert and a chance to help the Neediest Kids.

Here's the lineup of a few friends who'll join us on stage and just some of the hits they're known for:

**The Chi-Lites** ("Oh, Girl", "Have You Seen Her")

**The Drifters** ("On Broadway", "Save The Last Dance For Me" and the version of "White Christmas" that Elvis borrowed)

**The Diamond's David Somerville** He made the classic rock n' roll hits "Little Darlin'" & "The Stroll"

**Bobby Helms** What would a Christmas show be without the originator of "Jingle Bell Rock"?

**The Crystals** ("Da Doo Ron Ron", "Then He Kissed Me" and don't forget "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town" from the legendary Phil Spector Christmas album)

**The Eldorados** ("Crazy Little Mama")

**Daddy G & The Church Street Five** Yes, the Daddy G from "A Night With Daddy G."

**Stormy Weather** If you don't know who they are, you really haven't been paying attention. Maybe they'll even do one of our themes.

But, wait (as they say on the infomercials) there's more!

**Donald Kinsey** You know we couldn't put on a show without one of the world's most serious blues guitarists as a special guest. And...

**The Emerson School of Performing Arts Choir** Yes, the group you hear on the "Street Carols" Christmas classic "Little Red Shoes." Gee, I wonder if they'll be singing it? And...

Well, let's just say that Santa has a few more surprises in his bag. We've done our best to make this a holiday evening you won't forget. Tickets are only \$27, and \$5 from every ticket goes to the Neediest Kids Fund! The Star Plaza Theater seats a little over 3,000 people and, if you'll join us, we promise you a great night with some truly memorable performances -- a night that could help the Neediest Kids Fund raise several thousand dollars.

To order tickets you can call the Star Plaza box office at 219-769-6600. You'd make our day and make a lot of kids smile if you'd reach for the phone right now. For group sales call 219-757-3593 or 312-721-4600. Tickets are also available at all Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Ticketmaster outlets.

I said this would be an evening you won't forget. With your help, the Neediest Kids won't forget it either.

*Steve King is one-half of "The Steve & Johnnie Show," overnights, Monday-Thursday, 11:30 p.m.-5:00 a.m. and Sunday (Monday, really), 2:00-5:00 a.m.*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1>						
<p><b>3</b>  Soldier Field</p> <p> Bears vs. Tampa pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off: Noon</p> <p>San Francisco at New Orleans 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p> Denver at Oakland 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b>   Election day analysis</p>	<p><b>6</b> </p>	<p><b>7</b>  Jewel Foods Chicago W. 103 Rd.</p> <p> Counterfactuals</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p> American Licorice Dominick's</p> <p> Open line listener poll - Election '96</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p> Northwestern at Penn State</p> <p> Murray's Discount Auto</p>
<p><b>10</b>  Jewel Foods Burbank</p> <p> Bears at Denver pregame: 12:00 p.m. kick-off 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HOME COOKING EXPO</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b></p> <p> Detroit at San Diego 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p> Andrew Malcolm, author of <i>Mississippi Currents</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p> Great sports rivalries with John Feinstein and Rick Telander</p>	<p><b>14</b>  Jewel Foods Orland Park</p> <p> Religion and American decline</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p> Home Cooking Expo</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOME COOKING EXPO</b> ROSEMONT CENTER, ROSEMONT, IL</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p> Northwestern at Iowa</p> <p> Home Cooking Expo</p>
<p><b>17</b>  American Licorice Dominick's</p> <p> Bears at Kansas City pregame 9:00 a.m. kick-off Noon</p> <p> Minnesota at Oakland 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p> Green Bay at Dallas 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p> Harry Wu, author of <i>Troublemaker</i></p>	<p><b>20</b>  Wilson Sporting Goods</p> <p> Claire Bloom</p>	<p><b>21</b>  Lakeside Marketplace Kenosha</p>	<p><b>15</b>  The Women's Club</p> <p> Neil Steinberg, author of <i>The Alphabet of Modern Annoyances</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p> Northwestern vs. Purdue</p> <p> Jewel Foods Countryside</p>
<p><b>24</b>  Soldier Field</p> <p> Bears vs. Detroit pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off Noon</p> <p> Green Bay at St. Louis 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p> Pittsburgh at Miami 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p> Chris Zorich Foundation Food Drive</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p> Chris Zorich Foundation Food Drive</p>	<p><b>28</b>  Washington at Dallas 2:45p.m.</p> <p></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p> Chicago stories and trivia with: Connie Goddard, Richard Linberg and Bruce Boyer</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p> Murray's Discount Auto</p>
<p><b>1</b>  Plumbing Council</p> <p> Bears at Green Bay pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off Noon</p> <p>New England at San Diego 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p> San Francisco at Atlanta 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HANUKKAH</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p> Select Comfort Woodfield</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p> JFK Health World</p>
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## THESE LUCKY WINNERS STEPPED UP TO BAT AND WON BIG ON RADIO 720, WGN!

Even though the Cubs didn't come out a winner this season, these lucky Radio 720 listeners did by playing one of our baseball contests. Congratulations to our winners!

### PLAYBALL

The grand prize winner won a 1997 Cubs away trip for two courtesy of AAA Travel Agency, including roundtrip airfare, hotel, car rental and tickets to two Cubs games!

**MARGIE KWAF OF TWIN LAKES, WI**

### CUBS PINCH HITTER CONTEST

The grand prize... the winner's choice of a 1996 Chevy S-10 pickup or a 1996 Ford Ranger Truck courtesy of the Wickstrom Dealers.

**TOM MILLER OF CRYSTAL LAKE, IL**



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**Rock Around  
The Christmas Tree**

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# FEEDBACK

Traditionally this space is set aside to answer your questions about shows, subscriptions, Spike's mustard and whatever else might be on your mind. This month however, we felt it appropriate to address a particular question; one that I am sure many of you are puzzled about: What happened to the Chicago Bears and WGN Radio?

Believe me, no one was as surprised as we were to learn that the Bears would be leaving us at the close of the '96 season. Losing a partner of 12 years is disappointing, especially when the relationship had been so strong. Unfortunately, business is business, and money is money. The cost of retaining the Bears had become prohibitive, and we believed that the time had arrived to renegotiate our contract. In the end, the Bears decided that it was time to try something different. Be assured, we gave it our absolute best effort.

WGN Radio is much more than Bears football, and as change is the nature of the business, we realize that those who succeed in this industry are those who are able to capitalize on the variation. We intend to do just that.

We hope you've enjoyed our award-winning Bears broadcasts and all the coverage that accompanied it. We've enjoyed bringing them to you. As Chicago's Sports Tradition, we will continue to be the home of Cubs baseball, Northwestern Football/Basketball and DePaul Basketball. And as always, we remain the station to turn to for sports news, even Bears news, as it breaks.



Wayne Vriesman  
Vice-President/General Manager,  
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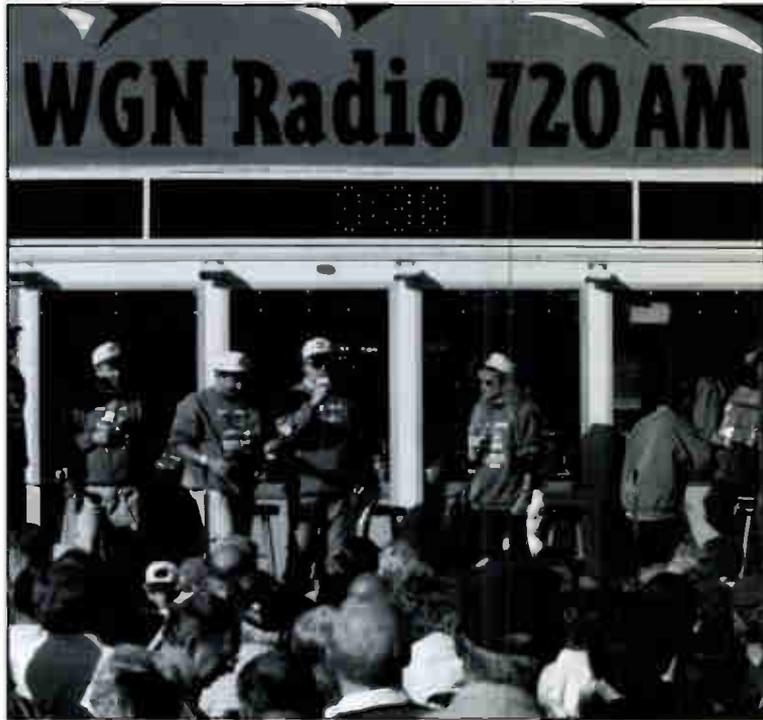
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# This just in...



Above: Spike (center microphone) and Crew entertain the afternoon crowd during the 5th Annual PumpkinFest broadcast from Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm in South Barrington.

## 5TH ANNUAL PUMPKINFEST A BIG SUCCESS!

All of us at WGN Radio 720 want to thank those of you who so generously supported the 5th Annual PumpkinFest Food Drive this year. Monetary donations are still coming in, but as of print time, the count stands at 50,000 pounds of food collected and over \$56,500 raised. Currently, the dollar contributions are being distributed to pantries serving Chicagoland's hungry by WGN Radio's Helping Hand Fund, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation. The food itself was delivered to the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation which benefits over 200 pantries in the five county, Chicagoland area.

We'd also like to thank the Goebbert's family for opening up their South Barrington pumpkin farm to us. Their help was invaluable, and we couldn't have asked for better hosts!

And lastly, we'd be remiss not to recognize Mother Nature. Despite the originally less than favorable forecasts, the sun shined the entire day, and the rain stayed away.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and all who donated to the 5th Annual Pumpkinfest.

## I N S I D E 7 2 0



### 15th Annual Amicus Certus Award Winner

WGN's Orion Samuelson received the 15th Annual Amicus Certus Award. This award is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to mankind by giving of themselves and their resources. Congratulations, Orion!



Left: Anne Maxfield recently modeled for the Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Fashion Show. The money raised went toward pediatric medical treatment and research.

Questions about your "What's Goin' On" subscription? Please drop a line to Marlene Wells, c/o WGN Radio, 435 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611.



Above left: Actress Valerie Harper stops by the Showcase Studio to visit with Dean Richards.



Above: Miss America, Tara Dawn Holland (c) joins Judy (l) and Kathy (r) in the studio to discuss her literacy campaign and life as the new Miss America.



Left: Spike O'Dell (c) autographs a few BYB Mustard jars at the recent Home Cooking Expo.



Right: Dean Richards welcomes the culinary queen, Julia Child.



Above: Judy (l) and Kathy (r) share some laughs with Dave Barry (c). Computers, his hard drive and his new book, *Dave Barry in Cyberspace* were the topics of discussion.



Above: One of WGN Radio's own is patrolling the streets. Former WGN Receptionist, Chris Ware, earned his badge last month and is one of Chicago's newest police officers!



Above: Steve & Johnnie producer, Paula Cooper (l), got British rocker John Entwistle (c) of "The Who" to appear on The Steve & Johnnie Show. Cooper arranged the interview during the opening of Entwistle's one-man show at the new Gallery 311 restaurant. Pictured at right is Chef/Owner, Marc Rothschild.

Photo by: Mitch Canoff



If you want to see how a major star can make a major mistake, rent Jim Carey's *The Cable Guy*, the dark and disturbing attempt at satire that turned out to be one of the biggest flops of the year. It hits the video stores on the 3rd of the month.

If you want to enjoy a superb action film that will have you on the edge of your seat for two hours and nine minutes, wait until the 10th for *The Rock*. Ed Harris plays a psychotic Brigadier General who can't get the government to honor his men who were lost during covert military operations. Now, angry and determined, he recruits a crack team of commandos and takes over Alcatraz Island threatening to launch poison gas rockets on San Francisco. Nicholas Cage plays the FBI's chemical/biological weapons expert who will try to save the city with the help of a top-secret federal prisoner portrayed by Sean Connery. He's the only known convict to have escaped the island fortress and they figure he can get back in. How they go about saving the city makes for an exciting, tense and believable adventure. Rated "R" for language and violence.

*If you see only one video a month, this is the one you don't want to miss. Every month Roy reviews all the new movies, as well as videos and audio releases, musicals, plays and touring shows. For a complete rundown of Roy's movie picks, listen to "The Roy Leonard Show" on WGN Radio.*

### sighting of the month



## THE hat

Santa's all suited up for the holiday season with his official WGN Radio Spike O'Dell Goose Island Brewery Hat.



## ROY LEONARD

(Saturday, 7 a.m. - Noon, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

My annual *Movies Unlimited* video catalog arrived a few weeks ago, and I'm still shuffling through the more than 700 pages. There's everything from the new *Les Miserables* concert that PBS had as an exclusive, to Errol Flynn's first feature role in the 1933 Australian film, *In the Wake of the Bounty*. The 1956 classic, *Giant*, is now available and so is the rare 1940 featured version of the Lone Ranger film series called *Hi-Yo Silver*.

With the holiday season gearing up, I turned to the special section on Christmas movies to find if some of my all-time favorites might be available on video and was amazed at the welcome selection. They are all available by calling 1-800-4-MOVIES.

*A Christmas Story* ~ This charming film, based on the short stories of Midwest humorist, Jean Shepard, came out in 1983 and became an immediate hit. Young Ralphie Billingsley wants a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas. His mother, naturally, has forbidden the gift because, "You'll shoot your eye out, Ralph!" The episodes in family life that occur around the holidays in the 1940's feature all the members of the family with an especially appealing performance by Darren McGavin as the family's father.

*The Nightmare Before Christmas* ~ The bizarre mind of Tim Burton came up with this strange tale of Jack Skellington, the bored Pumpkin King of Halloweenland who accidentally discovers Christmastown. He decides to kidnap Santa Claus and take charge of the holiday in his own spooky style. A visually stunning film using stop motion animation.

*Prancer* ~ A young girl discovers a wounded reindeer that she recognizes as one of Santa's team and sneaks him back to her family farm, hoping to nurse him back to health in time for the important duties on Christmas Eve. Filmed in Indiana and starring Rebecca Harrell, Cloris Leachman, Sam Elliott and Abe Vigoda, the story offers many insights into family life and it's so down to earth it's a wonder that it ever got made. This is a real gem.

*The Santa Claus* ~ This big screen debut for TV's Tim Allen begins on Christmas Eve with a divorced dad looking after his son. When the real Kris Kringle slips off the roof, Allen comes to the rescue and with the use of some excellent special effects, the film goes into high gear providing a charming and very entertaining story.

*Miracle on 34th Street* ~ Both the 1947 version (Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and Natalie Wood) and the 1994 remake (Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins, Dylan McDermott and Mara Wilson) are available and as memorable as the original is, the recent update was done very well in telling the story of the man who insists that he is the real Kris Kringle.

*A Christmas Carol* ~ There are over a dozen versions of the Charles Dickens' story on video including the 1938 film with Reginald Owen, Gene Lockhart and Leo G. Carol; 1951's version with Alastair Simm; the musical called *Scrooge* with Albert Finney and the much requested TV special with George C. Scott that was first seen in 1984.

*Holiday Programming Schedule*  
**Christmas Eve / Day**

**Christmas at Christ Church**

**Christmas Newscast**

**Roy's Letters to Santa**

**A Chicago Christmas**

**A Steve & Johnnie Christmas**

**A Christmas Carol  
 (Orson Wells version)**

**Christmas is with Carl Greyson**

**Christmas on the Farm**

**Spike's Holiday Special**

**Bob's Christmas Special**

**Wally Phillips Christmas Special**

**Christmas from the Newsroom**

**Kathy & Judy Holiday Special**

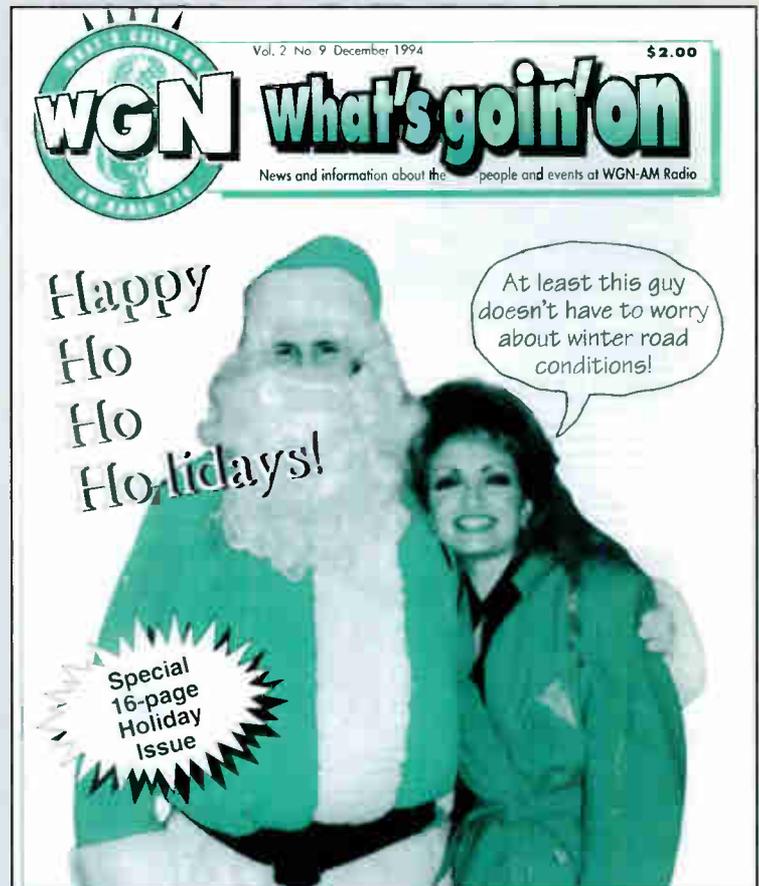
**Disney's Wonderful  
 World of Christmas**

**Extension 720's  
 Music of the Baroque**

**Dean Richards' Christmas  
 Around the World**

*Keep listening to WGN Radio 720 for the  
 complete list of show times.*

**BLAST** From The Past



From holiday's past, here's the *What's Goin On* cover from a few years back.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kurt Vanderah	3rd
Bethanie Buckingham	3rd
Paula Currie	4th
Anne Maxfield	4th
Julie Pavich	6th
Mark Krieschen	9th
Dave Stewart	11th
John Beebe	14th
Ozzie Cruz	20th
Debbie Budz	24th
Nilo Flores	26th
Barbra Atsaves	27th
Randy Eccles	31st



If you're looking for holiday gift ideas, **What's Goin' On** can help. Here is a convenient look at WGN Radio sponsors whose products and services are sure to please everyone on your gift-giving list!

A subscription to *What's Goin' On* makes a great holiday gift.

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c/o WGN Radio 720  
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THIS FORM IS NOT FOR RENEWALS - A SEPARATE RENEWAL CARD WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

\*Any net proceeds will be donated to the WGN Helping Hand Fund, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick-Tribune Foundation.

Treat them to seafood this holiday season. Call Lobstergram or Filetgram at 1-800-LIVE-LOB.

Pasta fans will love America's Finest Pasta Sauces. Call the Original Pasta Sauce-of-the-Month Club at 1-800-55-SAUCE.

For the golfer, visit Nevada Bob's Golf Shops in Libertyville, Glenview, Itasca, Naperville, Chicago Heights, Hickory Hills, and Chicago's North Loop.

Pheasant Run in St. Charles has dinner theater gift certificates for *Camelot* (through 1/12/97) and *Guys & Dolls* (opens 1/31/97). Call 708-584-6300.

Pamper them this holiday season with a customized gift certificate from Mario Tricoci Salon & Day Spas. 1-800-TRICOCI.

Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort has Winter Getaway Certificates. Call 1-800-892-2269.

Give the gift of dining out with gift certificates from Magnum's Steak & Lobster at 225 W. Ontario, 312-337-8080, or at 777 E. Butterfield Rd. in Lombard, 630-573-1010.

Help them clean up this holiday season with booklets of five and ten dollar gift certificates from Fuller's Car Washes-Simply The Best. Call 630-663-1600.

Rug Mates rugs for kids feature popular children's characters. Call 1-888-OLSON-RUG.

Give the sports enthusiast genuine leather Executive Accessories from Wilson Sporting Goods. 1-800-WSG-TEAM.

For your favorite beer drinker, it's the Microbrew-of-the-Month Club. Call 1-800-854-BEER, or visit Beer Across America's World Wide Web site at <http://www.beeramerica.com>.

For the wine connoisseur, give the gift of the International Wine Cellars Wine-of-the-Month Club. 1-800-333-WINE.

Give your loved one a personalized Vermont Teddy Bear from the Great American Bear Company. 1-800-829-BEAR.

Coffee lovers will love a membership to the Gourmet Coffee-of-the-Month Club. 1-800-205-JAVA.

Miller's Pub offers dining certificates. Call 312-MILLERS.

Give your children a better way of learning the Phonics Game. Call 1-800-440-GAME.

The Little Traveler on Third St. in Geneva has 38 rooms with gifts for everyone on your holiday list.

Plaza del Prado at Willow & Pfingsten Roads in Glenview has shops full of gifts for everyone.

Satisfy everyone on your list by shopping at Village Crossing Shopping Center at Touhy, Niles Center & Carpenter Rds. in Skokie/Niles.

Town & Country Shopping Center at the intersection of Rand, Palatine & Arlington Hts. Rd. in Arlington Hts. has 30 great retailers for holiday shopping.

For the cigar lover, buy premium cigars from the Cigar-of-the-Month Club. Call 1-800-89-CIGAR.

Kaehler Luggage has a unique collection of practical and not so practical gifts. 1-888-KAEHLER.

Visit Schaefer's in Skokie for their wonderful gifts of wine, food and spirits. 847-677-WINE.

# Support the Neediest Kids Fund and Join Us as We Rock Around the Christmas Tree

This year, start a new holiday tradition and celebrate the season with Steve and Johnnie, hosts of the *Street Carols Christmas Concert*. The show is scheduled for Saturday night, December 14th at the Holiday Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana and features The Drifters, The Crystals, Donald Kinsey, The Chi-Lites, Bobby Helms, Stormy Weather and more. Tickets are \$27, and \$5 from each ticket sold goes to benefit WGN Radio's Neediest Kids Fund. Tickets are available by calling the Star Plaza box office at 219/769-6600 or can be purchased at all Chicagoland and Northwest Ticketmaster outlets. For group sales, call 219/757-3593 or 312/721-4600.

Some of the most requested Christmas music WGN plays comes from Stormy Weather's *Street Carols* and *Street Carols...December Voices* albums which contain many of the artists and songs featured on the Dec. 14th *Street Carols* concert. Stormy Weather has been a big help to the Neediest Kids Fund for the past several years, donating their time, talent and proceeds from individual albums. This year they are even donating a portion of the sales from all of their albums through January 1st. This includes not only their *Street Carols* albums but also their *Vox Poppin* and just released *Doo-Wop and Lollipops*. The albums are available all over Chicagoland or by calling 1-800-720-5152.

The Neediest Kids Fund provides Christmas toys and clothing to needy children throughout the Chicagoland area. It was created by Wally Phillips in 1969, and now, 27 years later, the WGN Radio supported effort has raised over \$21 million. All contributions go directly to organizations that benefit children from poverty stricken families, children with disabilities, or kids in foster homes, public housing or hospitals. All donations are matched by the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, one dollar for every three dollars raised.

If you can't make the *Street Carols Christmas Concert*, you can still contribute to the Fund. Checks should be made payable to the "Neediest Kids Fund," and can be sent to:

WGN Radio Neediest Kids Fund  
435 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614

Everyone here extends an extra, special thanks to all of you for opening your hearts and wallets...we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. And we hope to see you "rockin' around the Christmas tree" on December 14th!!



# THE SPORTS PAGE

## N O R T H W E S T E R N



### Northwestern Basketball 1996-97

Select Northwestern basketball games will be broadcast on WGN Radio, featuring the live call of Pat Hughes and Sean Morris (with occasional fill-ins by Dave Eanet and Rob Grady)

PREGAME	DATE	TIP-OFF	OPPONENT	PLAY BY PLAY/COLOR
6:45 p.m.	JAN. 2	7:00 p.m.	@ Iowa	Hughes/Morris
(post NFL)	JAN. 4	tape delay	vs. Michigan	Hughes/Morris
11:00 a.m.	JAN. 11	11:15 a.m.	@ Purdue	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	JAN. 15	7:00 p.m.	vs. Indiana	Eanet/Morris
1:15 p.m.	JAN. 18	1:30 p.m.	@ Michigan State	Eanet/Morris
6:45 p.m.	JAN. 22	7:00 p.m.	vs. Penn State	Hughes/Grady
12:00 p.m.	JAN. 25	12:15 p.m.	vs. Ohio State	Hughes/Morris
5:45 p.m.	JAN. 29	6:00 p.m.	@ Wisconsin	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	JAN. 1	7:00 p.m.	vs. Minnesota	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	FEB. 5	7:00 p.m.	@ Illinois	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	FEB. 8	7:00 p.m.	vs. Wisconsin	Hughes/Grady
6:15 p.m.	FEB. 13	6:30 p.m.	@ Ohio State	Hughes/Morris
11:00 a.m.	FEB. 15	11:15 a.m.	@ Penn State	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	FEB. 19	7:00 p.m.	vs. Michigan State	Hughes/Grady
11:00 a.m.	FEB. 22	11:15 a.m.	@ Indiana	Hughes/Morris
6:45 p.m.	FEB. 26	7:00 p.m.	vs. Purdue	Eanet/Morris
6:45 p.m.	MAR. 5	7:00 p.m.	@ Michigan	Eanet/Morris
2:45 p.m.	MAR. 8	3:00 p.m.	vs. Iowa	Eanet/Morris

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Above: Jack Brickhouse and his wife Pat.



### DePaul Basketball

PREGAME	DATE	TIP-OFF	OPPONENT
6:40 p.m.	Nov. 23	7:00 p.m.	vs. Eastern Illinois
12:40 p.m.	Nov. 30	1:00 p.m.	@ Georgetown
11:40 a.m.	Dec. 7	12:00 p.m.	vs. Northwestern
6:40 p.m.	Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	vs. Louisiana Tech
<b>1997</b>			
6:40 p.m.	Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	@ Marquette
12:40 p.m.	Jan. 26	1:00 p.m.	vs. Marquette
*4:40 p.m.	Feb. 1	*5:00 p.m.	@ Cincinnati
12:40 a.m.	Feb. 8	1:00 p.m.	@ UAB
5:40 p.m.	Feb. 16	6:00 p.m.	@ St. Louis
2:40 p.m.	Mar. 1	3:00 p.m.	vs. St. Louis

\*Game time may change, will confirm this or alternate time.

## JACK BRICKHOUSE INDUCTED INTO THE RADIO HALL OF FAME

by David Kaplan

On October 27th, I had the privilege of attending the Radio Hall of Fame Induction of WGN's own Jack Brickhouse. Jack was given broadcasting's highest honor during a black tie dinner at the Museum of Broadcast Communications which is located in the Chicago Cultural Center.

Along with Jack, this year's honorees included Jerry Williams, Susan Stamberg, James H. Quello, and Wolfman Jack. Jack had WGN Broadcaster and former Cubs star, Ron Santo introduce him during the ceremony that was broadcast coast to coast. Ron

talked about his days as a Cubs player and what Jack Brickhouse meant to the Cubs and WGN.

Jack then took the stage and spun a few stories of his days with WGN and broadcasting baseball. As I sat in the audience and listened to Jack, I thought back to the days I would listen to him talk about Ron Santo, Billy Williams, Ferguson Jenkins and my beloved Cubbies. To have had the opportunity to be present on the night that Jack Brickhouse was inducted into the Broadcast Hall of Fame was both an honor and privilege.

# Sound Advice

by Joe Bartosch,  
Executive Producer/Music



Since it's that time of the year, here are my ten (plus a few extra) required holiday albums:

**A Charlie Brown Christmas - Vince Guaraldi Trio** (Fantasy)  
My absolute, forever fave!! The best!

**The Christmas Song - Nat "King" Cole** (Capitol)  
An all-time classic! Wouldn't be right without it.

**The Beach Boys Christmas Album** (Capitol)  
Santa hits the surf!

**A Motown Christmas - Various Artists** (Motown)  
Pop/soul at its very best!

**Andy Williams' Christmas Album** (Columbia)  
A most wonderful tradition.

**A Christmas Gift To You - Phil Spector** (Philles)  
Wall of sound wonder!

**Carpenters Christmas Album** (A&M)  
If you don't cry during *Merry Xmas, Darling*'- check your heart.

**A GRP Christmas Collection, Vol. 2 - Various Artists** (GRP)  
Cool contemporary jazz!

**Elvis' Christmas Album** (RCA)  
Just so everybody can practice their imitation of *Blue Christmas*.

**A Very Special Christmas, Vol. 1 & 2 - Various Artists** (Sony)  
Rockers spread the spirit for charity.

## HONORABLE MENTION

**The Sounds of Christmas - Johnny Mathis** (Columbia)  
Merry Christmas from the Brady Bunch (MCA)

## Super Groovy Trivia:

One of the most frightening moments of the "Brady" Christmas album is Cindy doing *Frosty*. Name the lippy young lady who played Cindy Brady.

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## ROGER'S FORECAST

December is usually the best month of winter. First of all, it's the holiday season. Secondly, the winter solstice, which occurs on the 21st, signals the beginning of longer days. (Spring is only ninety days away!)

The preliminary outlook for December calls for both normal temperatures and precipitation. This means temps start out with a high/low of 40/26 degrees and end at 32/20 degrees. We normally have our first significant snowfall in December with about 9 to 10 inches of snowfall for the month. A brief peek at the remaining winter months (January, February) suggests both normal temps and precipitation, but we will update that for you next month.



The Kathy and Judy Show

Weekdays (9:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m., 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

You call them on the air to ask their opinion. Now Kathy and Judy are picking up their pens to offer advice on the problems we sometimes face. If you have a question you would like the girls to address, whether it be about relationships, kids, fashion, etiquette or otherwise, drop us a line at:

The Advice Ladies  
c/o What's Goin' On  
435 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL

## Question:

Over the course of the past few weeks, my husband of 18 years seems to be increasingly troubled by something. He's become more reserved and almost a bit more isolated. When I ask him if there's something wrong, he gets a little defensive and either says there's nothing wrong, or he says it's nothing he can talk about right now. Should I demand he tells me what's wrong, or should I just consider this a phase?

## JUDY:

This is a tough one, cause inherent in "I can't talk about it now," is a sort of passive aggressive behavior that puts you in the position of having to ferret the info out. It's a bit coy and a bit hostile. "Demanding" someone tells you something hardly ever works. If there's any chance you can tough it out a few more weeks, I'd say, "Okay fine don't tell me now, but I do need to hear what this is, and if you need time to sort out your thoughts and feelings, then take two more weeks. But if at the end you still can't talk to me about it, then we have to go see a therapist, because this is changing your behavior and it's causing a problem in our relationship." I think people can wrestle privately with thoughts and problems, but if it's altering their behavior and affecting the marriage, then the issues really do need to be aired.

## KATHY:

You've been married to this guy for 18 years; your radar picks up the signals. So, sure, something probably is going on, but you can't force him to tell you if he's not ready. And you could waste a lot of time guessing -job? money? girlfriend? illness? - and still not get it right. So the best you can do right now is to tell him how you feel (scared? anxious? worried? powerless?), suggest that he talk with a shrink or counselor, and hang in there for a reasonable period of time. Don't give him a pass on accepting his responsibilities for parenting or stuff around the house; life does go on whether he's having a crisis or not. If a few months pass and he still won't tell you what's going on but he buys a red convertible and says he needs two weeks to get away by himself and "have some space," you might want to ask around about good lawyers.



## EXTENSION 720

with Milt Rosenberg (Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m.)

*"It is our experience that political leaders do not always mean the opposite of what they say."*

Abba Eban

Eban, the former Foreign Minister of Israel, served, earlier in his career, as his country's Ambassador to the United States and then to the United Nations. Could he have presidential aspirants?

All the election coverage we did this year set me to remembering the many people hoping to be President, trying to decide whether they wanted to be President and, of course, the one actual former President who have appeared on Extension 720 over the years. And with Eban's insight in mind I have tried to grade them on the ingenuousness-disingenuousness scale (i.e. did they more often speak with forked or unforked tongue?).

By the way, that scale runs from 1 for "totally honest, frank, sincere and authentic" to 10 for "every word he utters is a lie including and and the."

Here is an alphabetized list of all the people who have been on the program and who were touched, in varying degrees of open avowal, with the Presidential obsession: John Anderson, James Baker, William Bennett, Lloyd Bentsen, Bill Bradley, Harry Browne, Jimmy Carter, Michael Dukakis, Gary Hart, Al Gore, Jesse Jackson, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, Colin Powell and Paul Simon.

Who ranks particularly high on the ingenuousness side of the scale? Having sat across the table and pestered them with what were meant to be challenging questions I was most impressed (or perhaps most effectively taken in) by Jimmy Carter, Paul Tsongas and Harry Browne.

But then I remember what Sir Francis Bacon said exactly three hundred and ninety-one years ago: "It is as hard and severe a thing to be a true politician as to be truly moral."

The one clear conclusion that can be drawn from perusing the list of program guests reproduced above is that if you are thinking of running for the presidency and want to appear on Extension 720 you ought to arrange to have your family name begin with the letter B.

# RADIO 720 REVUE

The following is an excerpt from an October 17 interview with two-time Academy award winner, Tom Hanks. The interview took place after Steve and Johnnie saw his movie, *That Thing You Do*, directed by and starring Hanks himself.

**Steve:** Every Tom Hanks movie is different...you're not following the typical Hollywood mold, you're not doing what's hot this summer.

**Johnnie:** And how do movie directors say what is a Tom Hanks movie? You know how director's would look at certain movies and say, "this is a Sylvester Stallone movie?"

**Tom:** *Yeah, I gave it to the studio and I said if you think it can be made into a movie, then let's talk. If not, don't worry about it. I can make it go away...(the screenplay) I think it comes down to what sensibilities are, like, what I'm fascinated with. This is what I really like about the choices I make in the movies. There are no bad guys...there aren't the standard antagonist/protagonist thing that goes on where the bad guy beats the good guy and punches him in the face...that kind of thing. I want honest behavior and recognizable emotions. I think by saying no to the stuff that's more generic...the standard good guy, bad guy story telling mode. It's not easy to say no. It's hard. People are talented, and it pays good money...it's just not as interesting.*

**Steve:** Can you give us a hint as to what is in your future?

**Tom:** *Every day is a struggle, Steve. (Laughter)*

**Johnnie:** What? Every day getting up to go to the bank?

**Tom:** *No, I pay people to go to the bank...after they rub my shoulders and cook me a low-cal breakfast.*

**Johnnie:** Seriously, do you pinch yourself and say, wow! This is so cool!

**Tom:** *Constantly, constantly...are you kidding? I can't believe it! I always find myself looking at someone saying can you believe they are paying us to do this? This movie is like this...there was one point in the movie where the actors were playing the song, "Dance With Me Tonight," which was a total blast...for them and for me...where they were surrounded by a thousand screaming fans...playing as loud as they can...they really are singing and performing...gotta do this 15 or 20 times...and I'm telling them where the camera is going to be next...and the actors look at me and say, "look at us, can you believe this?" and I say it's a pretty good gig...not a bad job. Then we look at each other and have our movie moments - where we look at each other and say, "Can you believe it, we are having a movie moment...I can't believe I'm in a movie - Oh my Gosh!!"*

**Johnnie:** Do you follow the Cubs on WGN?

**Tom:** *Certainly the radio station, and the TV station. Nothing better than flipping thru the channels...flipping thru the channels and how many do we get now? 943? The Cubs are around channel 746, aren't they? Like that song, '57 channels and nothing on.' There is still nothing on - except a good Cub game.*

**Johnnie:** Well, thank you for making our evening...and for making the movie, *That Thing You Do*. I hope we can talk again. Tom, thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b>  Plumbing Council Chicago</p> <p> Bears at Green Bay pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off Noon</p> <p>New England at San Diego  6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b> San Francisco at Atlanta  7:45 p.m.</p> <p><i>December</i></p>	<p><b>3</b>  "The Witch Doctors: Making Sense of the Management Gurus"</p>	<p><b>4</b>  The greatest film directors of all-time</p>	<p><b>5</b>  Holiday gift ideas</p> <p> Philadelphia at Indianapolis  6:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>HANUKKAH</b> BEGINS AT SUNDOWN</p>	<p><b>6</b>  The historical Jesus</p>	<p><b>7</b>  DePaul vs. Northwestern pregame: 11:40 a.m. tip-off: 12:00p.m.</p> <p> JFK Healthworld Barrington</p>
<p><b>8</b>  Bears Game Soldier Field</p> <p> Bears vs. St. Louis pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off Noon</p> <p>Minnesota at Detroit  6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Kansas City at Oakland  7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b>  The mysteries of Romania</p>	<p><b>11</b>  The state of the Protestant Church</p>	<p><b>12</b>  The Quarterly Book Review</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  Bears Game Soldier Field</p> <p> Bears vs. San Diego pregame: Noon kick-off: 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Street Carols Christmas Concert</b> see page 7</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p> Seattle at Jacksonville 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b>  Buffalo at Miami 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b>  Health care and HMO's</p>	<p><b>18</b>  DePaul vs. Louisiana Tech pregame: 6:40 p.m. tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b>  Ethnic cuisines</p>	<p><b>20</b>  American Licorice- Jewel</p>	<p><b>21</b>  New England at New York Giants 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>New Orleans at St. Louis 2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Winter Begins</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p> Bears at Tampa Bay pregame: 9:00 a.m. kick-off: Noon</p> <p> Denver at San Diego 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b>  Detroit at San Francisco 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  The Year in Review</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  First Round Playoff Game #1 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>First Round Playoff Game #2 2:45 p.m.</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p> First Round Playoff Game #3 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  The Best of 1996</p> <p> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> Northwestern Football Bowl Game Keep listening for date and time</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>  Northwestern at Iowa pregame: 6:45 p.m. Tip-off: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>January</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>  Second Round Playoff Game #1 11:15 a.m.</p> <p> Second Round Playoff Game #2 2:45 p.m.</p> <p> Northwestern vs Michigan pregame:post NFL tip-off: tape delay</p>
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