TV Talk

"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" for young and old alike

The Great Pumpkin has found a secure place in the holiday lore of a hero-hungry public.

The Pumpkin became an instant legend and a favorite with "Peanuts" cartoon fans when it was introduced in an animated Halloween television special in October 1966. Charles M. Schulz, creator of the daily cartoon strip and of the award-winning television versions, says that of all his years of "Peanuts" plots, creation of the Great Pumpkin is one of his special favorites and "maybe the most original of my ideas."

"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" will be rebroadcast Friday, Oct. 26 (8:30 p.m.) on CBS.

"The whole thing came about when I found myself imagining what might happen if a child got a couple of holidays ahead of himself and began to expect presents on Halloween as well as at Christmas," explains Schulz. "Someone (or something) would have to bring those presents, of course. And being Halloween night, who else could it be other than a giant pumpkin?"

Schulz admits that he was surprised at the immediate and enthusiastic acceptance of the Great Pumpkin among "Peanuts" viewers. "He is, after all, a homemade myth — a Johnny-come-lately entering the competition against such all-time gift-giving giants as Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy," says the artist.

"It's the Great Pumpin, Charlie Brown" has become one of the all-time favorites among the half-hour animated "Peanuts" specials — literally in answer to public demand.

"I think the show says something about Charlie Brown, about Linus and about all of us," says Schulz.

In the story, Charlie goes trick-or-treating with the rest of the kids, but gets nothing in his goodie-bag but rocks. "This so outraged the audience's sense of fair play that viewers of all ages sent sacks of candy to Charlie from all over the country," Schulz recalls.

In the beginning, Linus is the only one who really believes in the Great Pumpkin. He begs all his little friends to accompany him to the pumpkin patch to await the Pumpkin's arrival — but one by one they give up and go home, leaving Linus to continue the vigil alone.

"So what does this show say to us that is special?" asks Schulz.

"It says that Charlie, in spite of his bumbling, is universally loved and protected.

"It says that Linus represented a special quality of hope and belief, against all odds.

"And it says that we all need colorful, generous, romantic, inspired hero — even if he is only make-believe."

The spirit of Halloween again bewitches Linus in "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," animated special to be broadcast on Friday, October 26 on CBS.

'E/R' actress rides Hollywood roller coaster

By Gregory Garver

HOLLYWOOD — Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition was an ideal political concept, but it seems to be working better on "E R" than it did in the primaries. Just ask Lynne Moody, the actress who plays Nurse Julie Williams in the CBS sitcom, who happily explains the show's rainbow cast. "We have whites, blacks, Orientals and Mexicans in the cast," she says. "I don't know if it was planned that way, or just a happy accident."

Though Miss Moody claims Julie is one of the show's main characters, she adds that she knows little more about the role. "I've been told," she says, "that Julie is the kind of person who wants more, but isn't sure how to get it."

If she says that with a grin, it's because Miss Moody has always known how to get what she wants. The Detroit native wanted to be an actress since she was 3 years old. As a child, she recalls attending important $100-a-plate political dinners — her aunt was a close friend of Mayor Daley, the late Chicago mayor — and breaking into impromptu song-and-dance numbers.

LYNN MOODY

"My dad said I was the bravest of his six children," she says, "Because I chose the toughest profession. And though mom always told us we could do anything we wanted — even go to the moon — I joke that I'm the only Moody kid not doing well."

After graduating from Evanston Township High School, Miss Moody studied acting at the Goodman Theater in Chicago, before moving onto LA's Pasadena Playhouse and, later, to the University of Washington in Seattle. A career as a flight attendant for Northwest Orient Airlines never took off, and Miss Moody moved back to Los Angeles, hopping into her first "show-biz" job: as a Playboy Bunny. Six months later, in 1974, the actress won a regular role as Tracy Taylor on the ABC sitcom "That's My Mama."

Later this season, the actress will be seen in the CBS film, "The Atlanta Child Murders," and though she is happy with her role on "E/R," there's always room for doubt. "It's often been hard," Miss Moody says, "because sometimes I feel I'm on a roller-coaster ride beause there are so many ups and downs."

"Benson" Star Cited By California Lt. Gov. McCarthy

Robert Guillaume, star of the ABC Television Network's "Benson," was presented a resolution by California Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento on Oct. 2.

Benson will be elected Lt. Gov. in the series this season ("The Election" episode, airing **FRIDAY, OCT. 26**) and Guillaume was invited by McCarthy to see how the real second-in-command spends a day. The resolution reads:

"State of California from the office of Lt. Governor Leo T. McCarthy to Robert Guillaume: Whereas Robert Guillaume has made significant contributions through television, theater and all aspects of the entertainment industry, and whereas his appearance at the Democratic Convention reminded us of the best our government can offer, and whereas the 'Benson' television series will increase the public's awareness and utilization of the office of the Lieutenant Governor, and whereas the people of the state of California can always use a leader with kindness, good sense and a sense of humor, Therefore, I, Leo McCarthy, hereby name Robert Guillaume as acting Lieutenant Governor of the State of California. Signed, Leo McCarthy, Lieuenant Governor."

The day's agenda included Guillaume being introduced by McCarthy at the opening session of the Senior Legislature where he received a standing ovation from the body. This was followed by a news conference before the capitol press corps where McCarthy presented Guillaume with the resolution.

Guillaume was then escorted to the airport, where they were joined by an expert from the Quality Control Board, and flew over Northern California toxic waste sites. The party then attended a luncheon of leading California developers. A motorcade then traveled to San Francisco where McCarthy dedicated a high-rise building in the Chinese financial district where the two men added their signatures to the last beam before it was hauled skyward. McCarthy then escorted Guillaume to San Francisco's ornate City Hall for introductions to supervisors and other government officials for the final "official" function of the day.

The "Benson" series is entering its sixth season and airs **FRIDAYS** (8:00-8:30 p.m., ET).

The Tube

TV program guide for Baltimore/Washington

Friday, October 26, 1984 to Thursday, November 1, 1984

WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

DAYTIME

MORNING

—5:00—
(5) SURGSAT (FRI)
(8) HAWAII FIVE-0 (WED)
(HBO) COUNTDOWN TO LOOKING GLASS (TUE)
—5:25—
(11) MUPPETS (MON)
—5:30—
(5) EYESAT (FRI)
(HBO) NOT NECESSARILY TELEVISION (THU)
—5:45—
(11) DEVOTIONS
—5:50—
(13) NEWS
—5:55—
(23) JIM BAKKER
—6:00—
(2) 20 MINUTE WORKOUT
(4) (8) MORNING STRETCH
(5) PANORAMA
(7) ABC NEWS THIS MORNING
(9) CBS EARLY MORNING NEWS
(11) LEARNING TO READ (MON, WED, FRI)
(11) LEARNING TO DO (TUE, THU)
(13) JIMMY SWAGGART
(HBO) MOVIE (THU)
—6:30—
(2) (4) NBC NEWS AT SUNRISE
(7) (11) NEWS
(11) CBS EARLY MORNING NEWS
(13) GREAT SPACE COASTER
(13) FARM DAY
(HBO) MOVIE (FRI)
(HBO) NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (MON)
(HBO) ROBBERS, ROOFTOPS AND WITCHES (TUE)
(HBO) WE THINK THE WORLD IS ROUND (WED)
—6:45—
(13) A.M. WEATHER
—7:00—
(2) (4) TODAY
(5) GREAT SPACE COASTER
(7) (11) GOOD MORNING AMERICA
(9) (11) CBS MORNING NEWS
(20) BUGS BUNNY AND FRIENDS
(23) INSPECTOR GADGET
(33) FOCUS ON SOCIETY (FRI)
(33) AMERICAN STORY (MON, WED)
(33) GROWING YEARS (TUE, THU)
(HBO) THE HALLOWEEN THAT ALMOST WASN'T (WED)
—7:30—
(5) HE-MAN AND MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
(20) WOODY WOODPECKER
(24) LILIAS, YOGA AND YOU
(33) VOLTRON, DEFENDER OF THE UNIVERSE
(33) SESAME STREET (R)
(HBO) NOT NECESSARILY TELEVISION (MON)
(HBO) MOVIE (TUE, THU)
(HBO) FRAGGLE ROCK (WED)
—8:00—
(5) THE FLINTSTONES
(20) SUPERFRIENDS
(29) MACNEIL / LEHRER NEWSHOUR
(33) FAT ALBERT
(HBO) MOVIE (MON, WED, FRI)
—8:30—
(5) TOM AND JERRY
(20) HEATHCLIFF
(33) FLINTSTONES
(33) MISTER ROGERS (R)
—9:00—
(2) (9) DUNAHUE
(4) FANTASY ISLAND
(5) I LOVE LUCY
(7) TIC TAC DOUGH
(9) LOVE CONNECTION
(11) PEOPLE ARE TALKING
(20) W.O.W.I
(28) SESAME STREET (R)
(33) TODAY'S SPECIAL
(33) FAMILY
(33) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
(HBO) REMEMBER WHEN: THE IMAGE MAKERS (TUE)
—9:30—
(4) SUPER PASSWORD
(5) LEAVE IT TO BEAVER
(7) JOKERS WILD
(9) BODY LANGUAGE
(11) ROMPER ROOM
(13) POLKA DOT DOOR
(HBO) VIDEO JUKEBOX (THU)
—10:00—
(2) ALICE
(4) FACTS OF LIFE (R)
(5) ANDY GRIFFITH
(7) LET'S MAKE A DEAL
(9) MORNING BREAK
(11) $25,000 PYRAMID
(13) HOUR MAGAZINE
(28) (33) 700 CLUB
(33) SESAME STREET (R)
(33) ELECTRIC COMPANY (R)
(HBO) MOVIE (WED-FRI)
(HBO) COUNTDOWN TO LOOKING GLASS (MON)
(HBO) TOXIC TIME BOMB: THE FIGHT AGAINST DEADLY POLLUTION (TUE)
—10:30—
(2) LAVERNE & SHIRLEY
(5) SALE OF THE CENTURY
(7) BEWITCHED
(7) FAMILY FEUD
(9) LET'S MAKE A DEAL
(9) 3-2-1 CONTACT
(11) SPACES (FRI)
(20) DIMENSIONS IN SCIENCE (TUE)
—11:00—
(2) (4) WHEEL OF FORTUNE
(5) MEDICAL CENTER
(7) (11) TRIVIA TRAP
(9) PRICE IS RIGHT
(20) (33) MISTER ROGERS (R)
(28) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING (TUE, FRI)
(HBO) MOVIE (TUE)
—11:30—
(2) (4) SCRABBLE
(7) RYAN'S HOPE
(9) FAMILY FEUD
(20) LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE
(28) 3-2-1 CONTACT
(33) VEGETABLE SOUP
(33) INDEPENDENT NEWS
(33) SPECIAL PROGRAMMING HOUR (WED-FRI)
(HBO) REMEMBER WHEN: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES (FRI)
(HBO) HBO COMING ATTRACTIONS (MON)
(HBO) NOT NECESSARILY TELEVISION (WED)

AFTERNOON

—12:00—
(2) (4) (7) (9) (11) (28) NEWS
(5) PANORAMA
(20) FAMILY
(28) WHITE COURSE (WED, FRI)
(28) FRUGAL GOURMET (MON)
(28) AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SURVEY (TUE, THU)
(33) MACNEIL / LEHRER NEWSHOUR
(33) SHO VALLEY
(33) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING (MON, TUE)
(HBO) MOVIE (MON, WED, THU)
—12:30—
(2) (4) SEARCH FOR TOMORROW
(7) (11) LOVING
(9) (11) YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS
(33) FOCUS ON SOCIETY (WED, FRI)
(33) GREAT CHEFS OF NEW ORLEANS (MON)
(33) CONGRESS: WE THE PEOPLE (TUE, THU)
(33) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING (WED-FRI)
(33) DIMENSIONS IN SCIENCE (MON)
(HBO) MOVIE (FRI)
(HBO) VIDEO JUKEBOX (TUE)
—1:00—
(2) (4) DAYS OF OUR LIVES
(5) (11) MOVE
(7) (11) ALL MY CHILDREN
(9) HOGAN'S HEROES
(20) WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (FRI)
(28) WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP (MON)
(28) MYSTERY! (TUE)
(28) FIRING LINE (WED)
(28) CONSTITUTION: THAT DELICATE BALANCE (THU)
(28) EVENING EXCHANGE
(33) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING (MON)
(HBO) MOVIE (TUE)
—1:30—
(2) (11) AS THE WORLD TURNS
(28) INDEPENDENT NEWS
(28) THIS OLD HOUSE (MON)
(HBO) MOVIE (MON)
—2:00—
(2) (4) ANOTHER WORLD
(7) (11) ONE LIFE TO LIVE
(9) EYE ON WASHINGTON
(9) DO IT YOURSELF SHOW (MON)
(9) MASTERPIECE THEATRE (TUE)
(20) NOVA (WED)
(28) OPEN MIND (THU)
(28) BLACK FORUM (FRI)
(28) JUST FOR YOU (MON)
(28) HOWARD PERSPECTIVES (TUE)
(28) COMMON CENTS (WED)
(28) TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL (THU)
(HBO) HBO COMING ATTRACTIONS (WED)
(HBO) COUNTDOWN TO LOOKING GLASS (THU)
—2:30—
(2) HISPANIA (FRI)
(5) (11) CAPITOL
(7) POOCHIE (FRI)
(9) KID'S BREAK (MON-THU)
(9) NEW TECH TIMES (MON)
(9) PRESIDITE (THU)
(9) THIS OLD HOUSE (FRI)
(9) WOODWRIGHT'S SHOP (MON)
(9) LAST CHANCE GARAGE (TUE)
(9) MOTORWEEK (WED)
(9) DO IT YOURSELF SHOW (THU)
(HBO) MOVIE (TUE, WED, FRI)
—3:00—
(2) (4) SANTA BARBARA
(5) TOM AND JERRY
(7) (11) GENERAL HOSPITAL
(9) (11) GUIDING LIGHT
(9) STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND THE BABY WITHOUT A NAME (FRI)
(20) SCOOBY DOO (MON-THU)
(20) MISTER ROGERS (R)
(28) I SPY
(28) POOCHIE (FRI)
(28) CAPTAIN CHESAPEAKE / SUPER-FRIENDS (MON-THU)
(28) TEACHING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (FRI)
(28) BEGINNINGS (MON, WED)
(28) GED (TUE, THU)
—3:30—
(5) INSPECTOR GADGET
(20) SUPERFRIENDS
(28) ELECTRIC COMPANY (R)
(33) VOLTRON, DEFENDER OF THE UNIVERSE
(33) MISTER ROGERS (R)
(HBO) NOT NECESSARILY TELEVISION (MON)
(HBO) VIDEO JUKEBOX (THU)
—4:00—
(2) (4) JEOPARDY
(5) FAT ALBERT
(7) ABC AFTERSCHOOL (FRI)
(7) LOVE CONNECTION (MON-THU)
(9) HOUR MAGAZINE
(11) SANFORD AND SON
(11) LOVE BOAT
(33) VOLTRON, DEFENDER OF THE UNIVERSE
(28) (33) SESAME STREET (R)
(33) ANOTHER LIFE
(33) HE-MAN AND MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
(HBO) MOVIE (MON, FRI)
(HBO) NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (THU)
—4:30—
(2) JOKER'S WILD
(7) PEOPLE'S COURT
(11) HE-MAN AND MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
(7) ANYTHING FOR MONEY (MON-THU)
(9) JEFFERSONS
(9) BUGS BUNNY AND FRIENDS (FRI)
(20) GOBOTS (MON-THU)
(28) PAINTING CERAMICS (FRI)
(28) MAGIC OF OIL PAINTING (MON)
(28) MAGIC OF ANIMAL PAINTING (TUE)
(28) MAGIC OF WATERCOLORS (WED)
(28) MAGIC OF FLORAL PAINTING (THU)
(28) SCOOBY DOO
(HBO) ROBBERS, ROOFTOPS AND WITCHES (TUE)
(HBO) FRAGGLE ROCK (WED)
—5:00—
(2) NEWSCOPE
(4) (9) NEWS
(5) LOVE BOAT
(7) EVERY SECOND COUNTS
(9) BARNEY MILLER
(11) THREE'S COMPANY
(11) DUKES OF HAZZARD
(28) SESAME STREET (R)
(28) THE BRAIN (FRI)
(28) CONGRESS: WE THE PEOPLE (MON)
(28) FIRING LINE (TUE)
(28) WORKING WOMEN (WED)
(28) NOVA (THU)
(33) STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND THE BABY WITHOUT A NAME (FRI)
(33) FAT ALBERT (MON-THU)
(33) ELECTRIC COMPANY (R)
(HBO) THE HALLOWEEN THAT ALMOST WASN'T (WED)
(HBO) MOVIE (THU)
—6:30—
(2) (7) (9) NEWS
(4) TAXI
(11) CONGRESS: WE THE PEOPLE (MON)
(28) AMERICA WORKS (WED)
(33) MUSIC VIDEO
(33) COLORSOUNDS
(HBO) FRAGGLE ROCK (FRI)
(HBO) MOVIE (MON-WED)

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 26, 1984

DAYTIME SPECIALS

—11:30—
(HBO) REMEMBER WHEN: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES Examines the changes in morality from Puritan beliefs to today's sexual permissiveness.
—2:30—
(28) POOCHIE Animated. A little dog named Poochie and its robot friend Hermes fly to Egypt to help a friend who's searching for his missing father
—3:00—
(33) STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND THE BABY WITHOUT A NAME Animated. Strawberry Shortcake and her new friend, a baby without a name, go on a camping trip full of adventures that include monsters and the Purple Pieman.
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—4:00—
(7) ABC AFTERSCHOOL "The Almost Royal Family" The members of the Henderson family set up their own kingdom on Great Mosquito Island.
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DAYTIME CHILDREN'S SHOWS

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(HBO) FRAGGLE ROCK Junior Gorg sells the family mansion in return for the Peas of Power

DAYTIME MOVIES

—8:30—
(HBO) "David Copperfield" (1983) Animated. Voices by Rose Higgins, Phillip Hinton. Charles Dickens' classic about a poor orphan boy who survives a cruel childhood to become an author
—8:00—
(HBO) "The Chosen" (1981) Maximilian Schell, Rod Steiger Based on Chaim Potok's novel. A friendship slowly develops between a worldly, assimilated Jew and the son of a Hasidic rabbi. "PG"
—10:00—
(HBO) "Yor" (1983) Reb Brown, Corinne Clery A young warrior tries to find his identity in a prehistoric land filled with flying reptiles and other awesome creatures. "PG"
—12:30—
(HBO) "Table For Five" (1983) Jon Voight, Richard Crenna. A man who was divorced five years earlier returns to his now-remarried wife to take a more active role in raising his children. "PG"
—1:00—
(3) "Melvin Purvis -- G Man" (1974) Dale Robertson, Harris Yulin. When a prominent playboy is abducted, a relentless lawman sets out in hot pursuit of Machine Gun Kelly and his gang.
(8) "Thrill Of A Romance" (1945) Van Johnson, Esther Williams. A young woman finds herself falling in love with another man while on her honeymoon.
—2:30—
(HBO) "Blue Skies Again" (1983) Harry Hamlin, Mimi Rogers. A woman attempts to try out for a spot on a big-league baseball team despite the opposition of men in the club and the owner "PG"
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EVENING

—6:00—
(2) (4) (7) (9) (11) (28) NEWS
(2) WKRP IN CINCINNATI
(5) DIFFERENT STROKES
(9) 3-2-1 CONTACT
(28) MACNEIL / LEHRER NEWSHOUR
(33) STAR TREK
(HBO) REMEMBER WHEN: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES Examines the changes in morality from Puritan beliefs to today's sexual permissiveness.
—6:30—
(2) NBC NEWS
(4) TAXI
(5) CBS NEWS
(7) WHAT'S HAPPENING!!
(9) BUSINESS REPORT
—7:00—
(2) WHEEL OF FORTUNE
(4) NBC NEWS
(5) THREE'S COMPANY
(7) (11) ABC NEWS
(9) CBS NEWS
(9) $100,000 NAME THAT TUNE
(11) JEFFERSONS
(28) MACNEIL / LEHRER NEWSHOUR
(28) (33) BUSINESS REPORT
(33) ANYTHING FOR MONEY
(HBO) INSIDE THE NFL Hosts: Len Dawson, Nick Buoniconti.
—7:30—
(2) TIC TAC DOUGH
(4) $100,000 NAME THAT TUNE
(5) M*A*S*H
(7) ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT
(9) WHEEL OF FORTUNE
(11) PEOPLE'S COURT
(28) EVENING MAGAZINE
(28) SANFORD AND SON
(28) EVENING EXCHANGE
(33) CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS
(33) WILD, WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS
—8:00—
(2) (4) V
(7) P.M. MAGAZINE
(9) BENSON