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strophy Association. all said in an interview that achronisms from the Las Vegas hotel-main event of the Telethon, iners imping said, "there later than 18 ad by Ed McMahon with the David Hartman and Chad g demolished t, there will be a simulta-So we wer o 19th cen lisco-rock performance as

es because called Superdance, U.S.A.," anyway." "and we expect 3,000 parhour versi its at the Las Vegas Convenhe switch a nter. We'll be shooting over me from NB ally to other rom time to time and it will

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ist of guests is enormous and w on the all includes Ed Asner, ry," a two Davis Jr., Danny Thomas,

voices, James' Orsonian tones sud-ANGELES - The voice of denly stopped other conversation

ing for a big voice and I developed the character with associate pro-ducer Jim O'Keefe. He worked with me to get the right feel," James said in a conversational tone.

"Orson is supposed to be a very large person and, although emotion-less, he at times gets involved but

tries not to. "Mork can show emotions, though. He's sort of an Orkan Tom Sawyer, so he was sent to Earth to study humans.

James is thoughtful in answering questions about Orson and interjects Orkan lore not heard on the show — the supporting fantasy that helps the actor become the charac-

"I don't know if Orson is great in a religious sense, a sense of omnipotence. But he is a potent force. Mork is the only person who doesn't march to his drumbeat.

Ork, you know, is very advanced in technology in the universe," he said

At the end of the show, the interchange between Mork and Orson often ends with the Orkan sprite re-ferring to the celestial voice as He was working as a disc jockey in San Diego in the late 1950s. "One day I woke up and decided I didn't

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"Your Blimpness "The script probably said, 'Your Immenseness.' Don't forget, Mork key is a test tube creation. Something

could have gone biochemically awry at his birth James developed the voice in radio and on the stage of the Globe Theater in San Diego, after five years asstevedore in his native San

Pedro, the harbor district of Los Angeles. He went back to the docks for a while after a stint as a medical corpsman with a Marine unit during

World War II, then decided to study with a professional radio school in Hollywood. His first on-the-air job was in a station in Bastrup, La. "It was a small place near the Ar-

kansas line, as desolate a place as you could imagine," he said. 'Radio in those days was like being in the minor leagues in baseball. You refined your talents until you reached bigger markets.

The bigger markets, from his launching pad in Bastrup, were Lake Charles, La., to Harlingen, Texas, to Fresno, Calif. He was fired from his all-night

disc jockey position in Fresno for letting kids come in the studio and dance to the music.

want to be a 40-year-old disc joc-

He went on the newside of the station, KCBQ, and the announcer's position eventually landed him a job at the ABC-owned station in Los Angele

In 1964 he started free-lancing as an actor, a job that's landed him in 10 movies, 41 television shows and about 5,000 voiceover commercials in radio and television, many of them in different voices and dialects

He does about 100 vocal variations and dialects.

James is married for the second time and his wife, Suzanne, is working on a master's degree in psychology. His 20-year-old daughter, also named Suzanne but who goes by the name Charity, is in college trying to decide between a medical career and show business.

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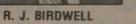


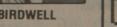
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