

THE ADVENTURES OF HARRY NILE

1976 – 2017

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STATUS NOTES:

Effective Friday, March 31, 2017 Jim French Productions has ceased the production of the weekly syndicated version of *Imagination Theatre*.

Starting in July 2017, new episodes of *The Adventures of Harry Nile* and *The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* are being produced and broadcast on a less frequent basis. These episodes will only be broadcast on Seattle radio station KIXI and they will be available for listening on the *Imagination Theatre* YouTube channel.

First Show: 01/01/1976

Last Show: Series is still in production.

Number of

Episodes:

296 and still Counting.

Information received from Jim French Productions in July, 2008 indicated that an episode, "Two Sets of Tweeds," was recorded and scheduled to air sometime in June, 1978.

However, there is no proof that this episode was actually broadcast and no copy of this episode is currently known to exist.

As there is insufficient evidence to prove that the "Two Sets of Tweeds" was broadcast, it is not counted as an episode in this log.

The script for "Two Sets of Tweeds," was later extensively modified and broadcast as "A Scheduled Murder" on 11/13/2005.

Audition

Show: See **ORIGINS:**

SERIES BACKGROUND:

The Adventures Of Harry Nile was a detective series written and produced by Jim French in Bellevue, WA. This series started on January 01, 1976. The

Harry Nile series was a survivor - not even a 12 year hiatus (1978-1990) could stop it. It has aired on four different radio stations in the Seattle area. Since 1996 it has also been syndicated nationally and was available internationally.

The Adventures Of Harry Nile aired as part of *Imagination Theatre* from March 17, 1996 thru February 26, 2017. *Imagination Theatre* syndication by TransMedia commenced on 03/17/1996 and continued through the end of 2006. Starting in January, 2007, Jim French Productions assumed syndication operations. These shows were syndicated as part of *Imagination Theatre* on radio stations throughout the United States. *Imagination Theatre* was also heard in New Zealand and worldwide over the Internet. Effective September 11, 2016 selected episodes of *The Adventures of Harry Nile* are airing on the Sirius/XM satellite RadioClassics Channel #148.

The series was heard locally in the Seattle/Puget Sound area on:

Imagination Theatre on KIXI (episodes 123 - 293),

Imagination Theatre on KNWX (episodes 126 - 142),

PEMCO Imagination Theatre on KNWX (episodes 114 - 125),

The KIRO Mystery Playhouse (Episodes 025 - 113), and

Theater Of he Mind on KVI (episodes 001 - 024.)

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Harry Nile, a fictional private detective in Los Angeles and Seattle during the 1940's, 50's and 60's, was the title character of this New-Time Radio detective series. Like many private eyes, Harry started out as a cop. Harry's real last name was actually Nilette; he changed it before he joined the force to protect his family from potential retaliation by the Mob. As a rookie on the Chicago Police Department, Harry was recruited by the department's Internal Affairs Division.

When his Blues singer wife was killed in a night club shooting, Harry's life hits the skids. He turns up precinct-wide police corruption and was eventually forced to resign from the Chicago police force. After he runs up substantial gambling debts and was unable to pay them, Harry agrees to travel to L.A. to do a "little favor" for the holder of his markers, a Windy City casino owner/crime boss. The "little favor" involves the murder of a Los Angeles crime boss. Harry manages not to do the deed and ends up staying on the West Coast, working as a private eye, first in Los Angeles, and later, in Seattle.

Harry's World War II adventures are chronicled in the sub-series **War Comes To Harry Nile**.

Harry was definitely not a hard-boiled P.I. He seldom uses his gun or gets into a fight, but he's no wimp. This guy can be tough when necessary. Here's a detective who was a real human being. He never became rich or had a fancy office; he was usually one step ahead of the bill collectors. Even after years in the business, he was not completely cynical. He cared about his clients and his greatest strength was his humanity.

He was aided in his investigations by his associate Murphy, a red-haired, former librarian, who made her debut in the episode "The Twenty Dollar Trackdown." Murphy was not the stereotype P.I.'s secretary; this lady was no

dummy. She was initially enamored by the supposed glamour of the P.I. business and sometimes accompanies Harry on cases. For several years, she was Harry's unpaid assistant. Now she's basically Harry's partner and great at finding important information. While she has always been infatuated with Harry, she's smart enough not to push it.

ORIGINS:

The Adventures Of Harry Nile started as part of another Jim French series: *Crisis*. The first four *Harry Nile* episodes initially aired on *Crisis*. (Their first airing dates as part of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* series are listed in parentheses after their respective titles in the **LOG**.)

Jim French supplied the following information on the origins of the name of the series' main character. "It's a twisted anagram of 'Harry Lime', a favorite character from the film 'The Third Man'. Originally, I thought I'd make Harry Nile a more mysterious character than he finally came to be."

RECORDING SESSIONS:

This series was unusual in that more than 165 episodes, from the early 1990's to the present, had been recorded before a LIVE audience.

Until the end of January, 2000, these live audience episodes were recorded at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle.

The Kirkland Performance Center (KPC) in Kirkland, WA was the facility used by Jim French Productions for audience recording sessions which occur at roughly two month intervals.

Usually, episodes of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* and *The Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes* and/or *The Classic Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes* were recorded at each session. (The remainder of the new *Harry Nile* episodes were recorded at Jim French's studio in Bellevue, WA.)

CREW:

Creator: Jim French.

Directors: Pat French, Jim French, and Larry Albert.

Writers: Jim French unless otherwise noted.

Gordy Donnell:

"The Doomsday Book."

Adapted from an original concept by Albert Clarke:

"A Little Out Of Town Job".

Jim French & Larry Buck:

"The Case of The Feline Fee" (1996 and 2001 productions), and "Find Ben Stagg".

Jim French & Larry Albert:

"The Two Freddies", "Model 386-A", "Who Killed Harry Nile?," "The Leave Her To Heaven Killing," and "The Big Kiss Off".

Jim French from stories by Larry Albert:

"Ten Percent of Nothing" and "The Case of the Bitter Banker".

Jim French from an idea by Bill Brooks:

"Bulletproof".

Bob Shayne:

"Tony Macaroni Still Owes Me \$600" and "The Line Up".

Jim French from a story by Sable Jak:

"Silent Witness".

Sable Jak:

"The Nightmares Of Melinda Magee," "The Case Of The Dueling Divas," "Is Anyone There," "The Fatal Felines of Phinney Ridge," "Poetic Justice," "What's In Grandma's Piano," "The Moxie Sisters," "Eighty Miles Of Bad Road," "Blood on the Snow," "A Thief's Duty," "Remy's Regret," "Rosie Rides Again," "Just to See Her Smile," "Harry and the Hobos," "Murder on the Empire Builder," "Harry and the Computer," "The Case of the Thirty Year Wait," "The Bloody Bell Ringer," "Missing Murphy," "The Case of the Hobo's New Year," "s "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part One," "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Two," "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Three," "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Four," "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Five," "Hidden in Plain Sight," "It Ain't Over 'Til The Fat Man Sings", and "The Case Of Death In Small Doses."

Albert Clarke and Jim French:

"A Scheduled Murder".

M. J. Elliott:

"P. T. Barnum Was Right," "Writing Wrongs," "Paid In Full," "Minute Like An Hour," "The Trouble With Harry," "Too Little, Too Late," "Patience Is A Vice," "Knock On Wood," "Deadlier Than The Mail," "Trouble Is My Beeswax," "Harry's Game," "The Case Of The Busy Body," "Fifteen Years Later," "Don't Forget to Write," "The Case Of The Golden Cavalry Part One," "The Case Of The Golden Cavalry Part Two," "Five Feet Under," "Its Kind Of A Funny Story," "Vendetta," "It's Complicated," "It's More Complicated Than You Think," "And Your Little Dog Too," "The Out-Of-Towner," "The Hardest Working Corpse in Show Business Part One," "The Hardest Working Corpse in Show Business Part Two," "What Would The Neighbors Say," "It's Not That Complicated," "Nothing Says Goodbye Like A Bullet," "The Other Side of the River," "Just My Type," "Harry and Murphy," and "Once More With Feeling."

M. J. Elliott from an idea by Larry Albert:

"No Worries".

M J Elliott from on an idea by Andee Albert:

"I Witness".

Gareth Tilley with additional material by Larry Albert:

"A Dangerous Game".

Mike Murphy:

"Case of the Ambitious Corpse," "The Christmas Tree Caper," and "The It's A Casket Not A Coffin Caper."

Producer: Jim French.

Music: David Shire - The main theme, "Farewell, My Lovely," is from the 1975 Raymond Chandler movie of the same name. Incidental music by Michael Lynch.

Sound Effects: Stew Conway, Cheryl Jacobs, Scott Anderson, Sean O'Meara, David Freed, Ben Pedersen, Bruce Rogerson, Jeff Thompson, David Persson, Frank Rosin, Curtis Takahashi, and others.

Engineers: Kearney Barton, Bob Schoy, Ed Gately, Peggy Stokes, Jason Shavey and Mike Bray.

Announcers: Jack Spencer, Jay Green, Terry Rose, and Jim French.

CAST:

Starring:

Phil Harper as Harry Nile through episode 156;

Larry Albert as Harry Nile thereafter.

Pat French as Murphy through episode 230;

Mary Ann Dorward as Murphy from episode 232;

Mary Kae Irvin as Murphy from episode 294.

There are characters who have appeared in several episodes of this series.

They include:

Marvin Asher	a fast-talking lawyer from Harry's Los Angeles days played by Jay Green;
Lt. Dutcher	a Los Angeles and later Seattle cop played by Larry Buck, Doug Young, and John Murray;
Det. Lou Butterfield	a Seattle cop played by Sheldon Jacobs and Stephen Weyte;
Manny Fine	a tailor and Harry's Los Angeles landlord played by Wayne Shannon, Norm Bobrow, Lee Corrigan, and Richards Sanders;
Bill Barnett	a Seattle beat cop, later Detective played by Bill Brooks;
Mr. Osterman	Murphy's Seattle landlord played by Terry Rose;
Lt. Bartolo	a Columbo-style cop played by Larry Albert;
Lt. Nick Bolano	a Seattle detective played by Larry Albert and John Patrick Lowrie;
Det. Ralph Meeker	an obnoxious and not-too-bright Seattle detective played by Terry Rose;
Joey Niletta	Harry's youngest brother played by Derek Turner;
Vinnie Niletta	Harry's other younger brother played by Ed Gately,

Angela Niletta	William Duftris, and Dennis Bateman; Harry sister played by Diane Forth and Marlene Phillips;
Annette Niletta	Harry sister-in-law played by Kathleen Warren and Lorraine Montez;
Keys Louise	a bag lady who collects keys played by Peggy Jordan and Susanna Burney. (Peggy Jordan is the granddaughter of Jim and Marian Jordan, Radio's Fibber McGee and Molly.);
Dorothy Leland	Harry's war-time girl friend played by Ellen McLain;
William Grant	Harry's war-time boss at A-1 Fabricators played by John Patrick Lowrie;
Miss Hasbrook	William Grant's secretary at A-1 Fabricators played by Ellen McLain;
Remy La Porte	Ski Instructor and former French Resistance fighter played by David Natale.

Guest Stars:

Andee Albert, Larry Albert, John Amendola, Richard Arnold, John Armstrong, Dennis Bateman, Katrina Baxter Hodiak (daughter of motion picture actors John Hodiak and Anne Baxter), Don Brady, Norm Bobrow, Mathew Booth, Bill Brooks, Larry Buck, Frank Buxton, Shelly Burch, Susanna Burney, Charles Canada, Anna-Lisa Carlson, Karen Kay Cody, Art Cahn, Susan Connors, Tracy Conway, Lee Corrigan, Ray Court, Ulric Dihle, Beth DeVreies, Mary Ann Dorward, William Duftris, Michael Morgan Dunne, Diane Felty, Diane Forth, David Freed, Jim French, Ed Gately, John Gilbert, Jay Green, Sean Griffin, Demene Hall, Gin Hammond, Tom Hammond, Alan Harrison, Karen Heaven, Andy Hellman, Ilona Herlinger, Paul Herlinger, Stephen Hilliard, Jeffrey Hitchin, Randy Hoffmeyer, Susan Hutchinson, Sheldon Jacobs, Peggy Jordan, Tony Karloff, Peter Kelley, Bobbi Kotula, Dan Kremer, John Patrick Lowrie, Valerie Mamches, Steve Manning, Rick May, Sharva Maynard, Ellen McLain, Terry McManus, Lorraine Montez, Christine Mosere, John Murray, David Natale, Norman NewKirk, Catherine Odegaard, Sean O'Meara, Loy Norrix, Pam Nolte, Rebecca Olson, Lee Paasch, Brad Perkins, Marlene Phillips, Joy Rinaldi, Marv Rosand, Terry Rose, Wayne Shannon, Bob Shane, Robert Schenkkan, Sarah Schenkkan, Kathryn Shield, Dean Smith, Jeff Steitzer, Cynthia Lauren Tewes, Derek Turner, Paul Walsh, Kathleen Warren, Veronica Weikel, Stephen Weyte, David White, Richard Zima, Irving Zimmer, and many others.

While mainly Seattle-area actors were used on *Harry Nile*, several nationally-known television stars have appeared, including: Bill Macy of *Maude*, Kurt Kaznar of *The Land Of The Giants*, Peg Wood and Cynthia Geary of *Northern Exposure*, Harry Anderson of *Night Court* and *Dave's World*, Richard Sanders of *WKRP in Cincinnati*, Russell Johnson and Dawn Wells of *Gilligan's Island*, John Ratzenberger of *Cheers*, and Cynthia Lauren Tewes of *The Love Boat*.

Actors from The Golden Age of Radio Drama have also appeared, including:

Alice Backes, Parley Baer, Richard Beals, Jean Rouverol, Hans Conried, Tommy Cook, Jerry Hausner, Jimmy Lydon, Merrill Mael, Tyler McVey, Jan Merlin, Rosemary Rice, Gil Stratton Jr., Ginny Tyler, Beverly Washburn, Rhoda Williams, and Douglas Young.

PHIL HARPER: A MEMORIAM

Phil Harper, the long-time voice of radio private investigator Harry Nile and Seattle radio personality, passed away on October 10, 2004. Phil was born in Illinois in 1940. He grew up listening to radio drama and wanted to be a part of it. By the time he got into the radio through American Forces Radio and Television Service in 1962, he found radio drama had all but disappeared. After Phil got out of the Army, he worked as a DJ on radio stations in Colorado Springs, CO, Albuquerque, NM, and Portland OR.

In 1974 he moved to KING-AM in Seattle, WA and learned of an opportunity to become involved in radio drama. He heard that Jim French was writing and producing radio dramas for another Seattle station, KVI. Phil auditioned and was cast in a half-dozen episodes of Jim's anthology series *Crisis*. In late 1975 Jim wrote a *Crisis* script about a down-on-his-luck 1940's private detective and was convinced that Phil would be perfect for the lead role of the detective Harry Nile. That radio play, "West For My Health," aired on January 1, 1976. Nearly a year later, Jim wrote another Harry Nile radio play for *CRISIS* and then two more in early 1977. The popularity of these detective radio dramas led to the creation of a new series: *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* with Phil starring in the title role.

In a 1998 interview, Phil told me that he used his remembrances of some of the great radio detectives as inspiration for his portrayal. "I drew some of my character's rumbly voice from Howard Duff who played Sam Spade and from Edmond O'Brien who was one of the actors who played Johnny Dollar on the radio."

Twenty-four *Harry Nile* episodes were aired in 1977 and 1978 before programming changes at KVI brought a temporary end to the series. Phil stayed in Seattle and continued working as an on-the-air radio personality on various stations and voice-over artist on commercials. He became one of the best-known voices in the Puget Sound radio market.

In 1990 Jim French found a new home for his radio dramas on KIRO AM in Seattle. *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* and its star, Phil Harper, were back on the Seattle airwaves. In 1996, Harry Nile and Phil Harper became known to a much larger audience when Jim French dramas began national syndication on *Imagination Theatre*. With the advent of the Internet, Phil and Harry became familiar to a world-wide audience. Phil Harper starred in 156 episodes of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* prior to his death.

The creator of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* series, Jim French, paid his friend a wonderful compliment, "Oddly, Phil didn't consider himself much of an actor, until the nationwide popularity of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* became too obvious for him to deny. By then, Phil had developed the instinct for the role that made it almost

unnecessary to direct him; he knew exactly how a line was meant to be read. I have always attributed any success of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* in very large part to the big bear of a man who took my dialogue and turned it into a real person."

During the 1998 interview Phil told me that he felt that each opportunity to play Harry Nile was an incredible gift and he hoped that *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* would continue after he passed on. Phil considered himself a very lucky man: he got to fulfill a childhood dream even though the Golden Age of Radio ended. He got to perform in radio dramas.

Phil Harper has left the stage, but his spirit continues to be with radio drama fans: his alter ego, Harry Nile, lives on.

EPISODE NOTES:

Double-Length Shows:

Most episodes of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* were approximately a half-hour (with commercials) in length.

The following episodes are double-length, approximately one hour (with commercials) long:

"West For My Health",

"Hair of the Dog",

"Blood Ties",

"Unhappy Birthday",

"Finding Portland",

"Always Leave 'Em Wanting More",

"Murder By The Book",

"The Friends of Jules Riskin",

"Twenty Grand",

"The Case Of The Interstate Stalker",

"The Judge From Whiskey Dick,

"The Proximity Fuse: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 2",

"Fifteen Years Later: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 10",

"Harry and the Computer", and

"Harry and Murphy."

Multi-Part Episodes:

"The Trophy Room" is comprised of two single-length shows.

"The Killing House" is comprised of two single-length shows.

"The Case Of The Golden Cavalry" is comprised of two single-length shows.

"The Hardest Working Corpse in Show Business" is comprised of two single-length shows.

Mini-Part Serial:

In 2016, Jim French Productions aired its first mini-serial: the five episode "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66."

Long-Delayed Broadcast:

Episode 025, "Favor For A Friend," was originally scheduled for airing on 06/20/1978, but the program format at KVI was changed before it was

broadcast. It was not broadcast until over 12 years later, on 12/16/1990. Actors from The Golden Age of Radio Drama, Hans Conried and Jerry Hausner, star in this episode.

Live Broadcast:

Episode 075, "The Case Of The Blue Leather Chair," was broadcast live on New Year's Eve 1995. It is the Only *Harry Nile* episode to be broadcast live.

New Productions of Previously Used Scripts:

Episode 124 – "Little Boy Lost":

was a re-working of episode 034, "The Case of The Midnight Caller." There are significant changes in the locale, plotting, dialog, and characters. Episode 034 will not be broadcast again.

Episode 133 – "The Case of the Feline Fee":

was a new production of Episode 084, done with an all professional cast. With the exception of Harry and Murphy, the first production of "The Case of the Feline Fee" was done with amateurs who'd won their parts at a society auction. Episode 084 will not be broadcast again.

Episode 135 – "The Pete Lambert Case":

was a new production of *The Adventures Of Dameron* Episode 010, "Why Would Anyone want to Kill a Nice Guy Like Pete?," which was originally broadcast on 12/05/1972.

Episode 157 – "This Corpus Ain't Habeas Anymore":

was a new production of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* Episode 028, "Heat Goes to Cold" which was originally broadcast on 07/14/1991. There were significant changes in dialog, characters, cast, and locale. Episode 028 will not be broadcast again.

Episode 160 – "The Scottie Scam":

was a new production of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* Episode 102, "The No More No-Mo Matter," which was originally broadcast on 02/22/1998 in the Seattle area only. There were significant changes in dialog and characters. Episode 102 will not be broadcast again.

Episode 225 – "A Weekend In Heaven":

used plot line elements from *The Adventures Of Dameron* Episode 002, "Don't Point At Me, You're Loaded," which was originally broadcast on 10/03/1972. There were significant changes in dialog and different characters and locales.

500th Imagination Theatre Broadcast:

On 10/16/2005, "The Third Gate," a special program for the 500th week of *Imagination Theatre*. Featured were characters from various Jim French series: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson (*The Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*), Harry Nile and Murphy (*The Adventures Of Harry Nile*), Raffles and Bunny (*Raffles, the Gentleman Thief*), Hilary Caine (*The Hilary Caine Mysteries*), and Michael Kincaid, Shelly Mars and Randall "Biggie" Bigelow (*Kincaid, The Strangeseeker*) all appearing in one adventure as written by Jim French and British writer M. J. Elliott.

Special Imagination Theatre 15th Anniversary Broadcast:

"Fifteen Years Later"

This episode was Chapter 10 of **War Comes to Harry Nile**. The time is June, 1944 and following the events of Chapter 3, "D-Day Minus One" Harry was still in England waiting to get a flight home. However, he wasn't bored. He manages to get himself involved with murder, treason and a former "girl" detective. He also encountered an aged consulting detective; a reformed, at least for the duration of the war, gentleman thief; and a nut job who said he was a seeker of the strange and unusual.

This special double-length story celebrates 15 years of *Imagination Theatre* broadcasts and features guest stars

John Patrick Lowrie from *The Classic* and *Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*,

Terry Rose from *Kincaid*, *The Strangeseeker*,

John Armstrong from *Raffles*, *The Gentleman Thief*,

and

Karen Heaven from *The Hilary Caine Mysteries*.

1,000th Imagination Theatre Broadcast:

On 05/17/2015, "The Three Gifts of Malebolgia or Three of Our Actors Are Missing," a special program for the 1,000th week of *Imagination Theatre* aired on a one-time basis only. Featured were three leading actors from various Jim French series: John Patrick Lowrie (Sherlock Holmes), Lawrence "Larry" Albert (Dr. Watson and Harry Nile), and Terry Rose (Michael Kincaid.) Also appearing out-of-character were John Armstrong (*Raffles, the Gentleman Thief*), Rachel Glass (*The Hilary Caine Mysteries*), David Natale (*Mr. Darnborough Investigates*), Kathryn Shield and Richard Sanders (Shelly Mars and Bigelow of *The Strange Seeker*), Jay Green, Mary Anne Dorward (Murphy of *The Adventures of Harry Nile*) and the man responsible it all, Jim French. The script was written by writer M. J. Elliott.

LOG:

Collector-assigned and alternate titles that have surfaced are shown in square brackets [] in a separate line immediately following the primary show title entry.

All dates are the date of original airing on Seattle radio.

Date	Num	Title
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01/01/1976	001	West For My Health (11/22/1977)
12/02/1976	002	Seattle Blues (11/29/1977)
02/17/1977	003	The Neptune Trading Company (12/06/1977)
05/19/1977	004	Malibu (12/13/1977)
12/27/1977	005	The Case Of The Dead Ringer [Dead Ringer]
01/03/1978	006	For This I Bought A New Suit? [And For This I Bought A New Suit?]
01/10/1978	007	The Eddie Mayhew Matter
01/17/1978	008	Avalon

01/24/1978	009	A Vacation With Bullets [And What Did You Do on Your Vacation, Officer?] [How Was Your Vacation, Officer?]
01/31/1978	010	The Case of The Nasty Niece [The Case Of The Not So Nice Niece]
02/07/1978	011	Photo Finish
02/14/1978	012	Harry Dabbles in Oil [Tale of Two Texans]
02/21/1978	013	The Doomsday Book [Dooms Day Book] [The Doomsday]
02/28/1978	014	Figueroa Street
03/07/1978	015	A Little Out Of Town Job
03/14/1978	016	The Case of The Matinee Murder
03/21/1978	017	The Lonely Ghost Matter
03/28/1978	018	The Twenty-Three Pound Clue [The 23-Pound Clue] [The 231 Pound Cure] [The 231 Pound Clue]
04/04/1978	019	Stand-In for Murder
05/09/1978	020	Calendar Girl [Callender Girl]
05/16/1978	021	The Twenty Dollar Trackdown [The 20-Dollar Trackdown] [The \$20 Trackdown] [The \$20 Track Down]
05/30/1978	022	The Wandering Wife Matter
06/06/1978	023	Angel's Flight [Angels' Flight] [Angels Flight]
06/13/1978	024	The Case Of The Lispng Lover
12/16/1990	025	Favor For A Friend
06/23/1991	026	Black Widow (Short Version) Black Widow (Long Version. This version was not aired; it was just too long for broadcast and could not be edited. It was less than 2 minutes longer than the Short Version.)
12/22/1991	027	Maybe There Is A Santa Claus [The Ray Stanton Story]
07/14/1991	028	Heat Goes to Cold
06/07/1992	029	Blood Ties [Bloodties]
01/05/1992	030	Hair of the Dog
02/02/1992	031	S.L.O.B. [S-L-O-B] [S. L. O. B.]
03/01/1992	032	The Case Of The Fatal Fall

04/05/1992	033	The Case Of The Puzzling Puzzle [The Case Of The Puzzling Puzzler]
07/05/1992	034	The Case Of The Midnight Caller
08/02/1992	035	The Lady in the Green Hat
09/06/1992	036	It Pays To Advertise
10/11/1992	037	Mr. Fixer
11/01/1992	038	Floater
11/29/1992	039	Sob Sisters
12/20/1992	040	Sticky Fingers
01/03/1993	041	Unhappy Birthday
02/07/1993	042	The Trianon Kid
04/04/1993	043	Crime In A Bottle
05/02/1993	044	The Key
06/06/1993	045	The Case Of The Hot Yacht
07/04/1993	046	The Case Of The Exeter Audition
08/01/1993	047	Deadline For Murder
09/05/1993	048	Aloha Means Goodbye
10/03/1993	049	The Case Of The Sinister Scavengers
11/07/1993	050	Almost As Good As New [New Used Car]
02/06/1994	051	The Case Of The Ten-Story Tombstone
01/09/1994	052	Murphy: Wanted For Murder
03/06/1994	053	The McLaughlin Matter
04/10/1994	054	The Hour of My Death [Honor of My Death]
05/08/1994	055	Funeral At Midnight
06/05/1994	056	Solitaire Sam
07/31/1994	057	The Case Of The Fisheye Murders
08/07/1994	058	The Case Of The Sinister Minister
10/09/1994	059	The Case Of The Sands of Time
11/06/1994	060	The Meatloaf Matter
12/04/1994	061	The Case Of The Baffled Ballerina
01/01/1995	062	The Case Of The Dominant Seventh
02/05/1995	063	Osterman's Dreams
03/05/1995	064	Third Floor Rear
04/02/1995	065	Harry Goes Underground
05/05/1995	066	The Sam Navola Matter
06/04/1995	067	Blues for Maggie Brown
07/02/1995	068	My Kid, The Cop
08/06/1995	069	The Case Of The Missing Matisse
09/03/1995	070	The Dollar Value of Death
10/01/1995	071	Field of Screams
10/15/1995	072	Harry and The Homework
11/05/1995	073	West Bay Road
12/24/1995	074	The Mary Christmas Caper
12/31/1995	075	The Case Of The Blue Leather Chair

01/07/1996	076	The Case Of The Ruptured Duck
02/04/1996	077	The Russian Cut
03/03/1996	078	Target: Harry Nile
04/07/1996	079	Hush Money
05/05/1996	080	Murder on a Rainy Night
06/02/1996	081	The Case Of The Flatted Fifth
07/07/1996	082	The Counter-Balance Case
08/04/1996	083	Don't Be A Stranger
09/01/1996	084	The Case Of The Feline Fee
10/06/1996	085	The Verdict on Hannah Bayliss
11/03/1996	086	What's In A Name
12/08/1996	087	Metaphor For Murder
01/12/1997	088	The Jake Burley Matter
02/02/1997	089	Murphy's Outlaw
03/02/1997	090	Find Ben Stagg
04/06/1997	091	Body of Work
05/04/1997	092	Slant City
06/01/1997	093	Family Secret
06/22/1997	094	Comeback
08/03/1997	095	The Case Of The Spectral Wife
09/07/1997	096	The Case Of The Mauritius Orange
10/05/1997	097	The Bosendorfer Matter
11/01/1997	098	Murder At Hidden Lake
11/09/1997	099	Finding Portland
12/21/1997	100	The Case Of The Bitter Banker
01/04/1998	101	The Case Of The Sleeping Witness
02/22/1998	102	The No More No-Mo Matter
03/22/1998	103	Ten Percent of Nothing
04/05/1998	104	Always Leave 'Em Wanting More
05/03/1998	105	Two Freddies
06/07/1998	106	The Voice From the Lake
08/16/1998	107	The Toni Parsons Story
09/16/1998	108	The John Doe Murders
10/04/1998	109	Rich Little Poor Girl
11/01/1998	110	The Case Of The Compromised Cop
12/06/1998	111	Murder By The Book
01/17/1999	112	Model 386-A [Model 386A]
02/07/1999	113	Bulletproof
04/04/1999	114	Rachel's Dream
04/25/1999	115	The Fighter And The Phantom
06/06/1999	116	Cold Reading
07/08/1999	117	The Case Of The Desperate Dealer
08/01/1999	118	Who Killed Harry Nile?
09/05/1999	119	The Ivor Lindman Matter
09/19/1999	120	The Suitcase

10/03/1999	121	Keys Louise
11/07/1999	122	The Value of Details
12/26/1999	123	The Lady In The Hudson
01/02/2000	124	Little Boy Lost
02/13/2000	125	Elsa's Pool [Elisa's Pool]
05/07/2000	126	The Set-Up [The Set Up] [The Set-UP]
07/30/2000	127	Seeking Sarah Banks
08/13/2000	128	The Old Masters Murder Case
09/24/2000	129	Murder in Miniature
12/23/2000	130	Christmas in Paradise
02/25/2001	131	The Friends of Jules Riskin
06/10/2001	132	Submarine Warfare
08/12/2001	133	The Case of the Feline Fee
11/11/2001	134	The Southern Double Cross
01/20/2002	135	The Pete Lambert Case
05/12/2002	136	The Skip Trace
07/21/2002	137	Dutcher's Beat
08/11/2002	138	Miracle Mile
09/08/2002	139	A Key To Murder
10/20/2002	140	Harry And The Lost Art
12/08/2002	141	Beacon Hill
12/22/2002	142	Backfire
05/11/2003	143	The Music Box Caper
06/08/2003	144	Motive
07/20/2003	145	The Worthington Collection
09/21/2003	146	Twenty Grand
10/12/2003	147	Iron Dust
01/11/2004	148	The Gooey Duck Caper
02/08/2004	149	A Number of Friends
03/21/2004	150	The Handshake
05/09/2004	151	Wired For Murder
06/20/2004	152	The Rickman Matter
07/11/2004	153	Tony Macaroni Still Owes Me \$600 [Tony Macaroni Owes Me \$600]
08/08/2004	154	The Fifth Letter
09/19/2004	155	The Case Of The Interstate Stalker
11/21/2004	156	The Mobius Matter
01/09/2005	157	This Corpus Ain't Habeas Anymore
01/30/2005	158	The Line Up
02/20/2005	159	The Mystery Of The Galena
03/13/2005	160	The Scottie Scam
04/17/2005	161	A Death At The King Neptune
05/08/2005	162	Silent Witness

06/19/2005	163	The Judge From Whiskey Dick
07/10/2005	164	A Season For Killing
08/14/2005	165	A Bag Of Money
09/11/2005	166	The Case Of The Crying Corpse
10/09/2005	167	The Nightmares Of Melinda Magee
11/13/2005	168	A Scheduled Murder
12/25/2005	169	The Unexpected Gift
01/29/2006	170	Power Play
02/19/2006	171	The Pink Bicycle
03/12/2006	172	P. T. Barnum Was Right
04/09/2006	173	The Case Of The Bogus Bettor
05/14/2006	174	Writing Wrongs
06/25/2005	175	The Arsonist's Letter
07/09/2006	176	The Waitress And The Wheelman
08/13/2006	177	The Dying Game
09/17/2006	178	A Trail To A Corpse
10/15/2006	179	The Strange Case Of Harvey Flax
11/19/2006	180	Paid In Full
01/07/2007	181	Harry's Luck
02/11/2007	182	Evidence
03/18/2007	183	The Prisoner On 9th Avenue
04/22/2007	184	Ed: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 1
05/20/2007	185	The Case Of The Goggled Girl
06/10/2007	186	Minute Like An Hour
07/08/2007	187	The Proximity Fuse: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 2
08/12/2007	188	A Night For Surprises [A Night Of Surprises]
09/09/2007	189	The Trouble With Harry
10/14/2007	190	D-Day Minus One: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 3
11/18/2007	191	Dead Air
12/16/2007	192	Two For The Price Of None
02/10/2008	193	Box 111
03/09/2008	194	The Missing Pages: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 4
04/13/2008	195	Too Little, Too Late
05/11/2008	196	Fool's Gold
06/08/2008	197	Change of Life
07/13/2008	198	Source Alpha
08/10/2008	199	The Funeral Of Fast Buck Feldman
09/14/2008	200	Patience Is A Vice
10/12/2008	201	The Naked Soldier: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 5
11/16/2008	202	The Case Of The Dueling Divas
12/21/2008	203	The Christmas Cookie Caper
01/18/2009	204	Knock On Wood
02/08/2009	205	The Trophy Room
03/15/2009	206	Marvin Always Makes A Buck: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 6

04/12/2009	207	The Trophy Room Part 2
05/10/2009	208	Welcome Home, Jane Doe
06/21/2009	209	Deadlier Than The Mail
08/09/2009	210	Twisting The Past: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 7
09/13/2009	211	The Collector
10/11/2009	212	Trouble Is My Beeswax
11/15/2009	213	The Killing House Part One
12/27/2009	214	The Killing House Part Two
01/31/2010	215	Harry's Game
02/21/2010	216	Dead Drop: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 8 [Drop Dead]
04/11/2010	217	Is Anyone There
05/09/2010	218	The Case of the Mad Millionaire
06/13/2010	219	The Fatal Felines of Phinney Ridge
07/11/2010	220	The Leave Her To Heaven Killing
09/12/2010	221	The Body In Mystery Bay
10/10/2010	222	The Case Of The Busy Body
11/14/2010	223	The Durwood Case
12/12/2010	224	No Worries
01/30/2011	225	A Weekend in Heaven: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 9 [Weekend in Heaven]
02/20/2011	226	I Witness
03/13/2011	227	A Dangerous Game
04/10/2011	228	Fifteen Years Later: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 10
05/08/2011	229	Poetic Justice
06/19/2011	230	Saturday Night Special
07/17/2011	231	A Calculated Risk
09/11/2011	232	Don't Forget to Write
10/09/2011	233	The Deed
11/13/2011	234	What's In Grandma's Piano [The What's In Mama's Piano Matter]
12/18/2011	235	Secret Mission: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 11 [Secret Weapon] [A Secret Mission]
01/15/2012	236	The Case Of The Golden Cavalry Part One
01/22/2012	237	The Case Of The Golden Cavalry Part Two
02/12/2012	238	What Would Harry Do
03/18/2012	239	A Minor Detail: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 12
04/29/2012	240	The Effect: War Comes To Harry Nile Chapter 13
05/20/2012	241	Five Feet Under
06/10/2012	242	The Case Of The Bronze Horse
07/15/2012	243	The Big Kiss Off
09/09/2012	244	It's Kind Of A Funny Story [Its A Funny Kind Of Story] [Its Kind Of A Funny Story]

10/14/2012	245	The Nazi Next Door: War Comes to Harry Nile Chapter 14
11/11/2012	246	Bad Blood
12/16/2012	247	Harry, A Kid and A Tree
01/27/2013	248	The Moxie Sisters
02/17/2013	249	Vendetta
03/10/2013	250	Eighty Miles Of Bad Road
04/21/2013	251	It's Complicated
05/19/2013	252	Blood on the Snow
06/09/2013	253	Ghost
07/14/2013	254	It's More Complicated Than You Think
09/08/2013	255	A Thief's Duty [The Thief's Duty]
10/13/2013	256	The Day After: Chapter 15 War Comes to Harry Nile
11/10/2013	257	And Your Little Dog Too
12/08/2013	258	Christmas on the Cheap: War Comes to Harry Nile Chapter 16
01/19/2014	259	Full Moon
02/09/2014	260	The Greenwood Shooting
03/23/2014	261	The Out-Of-Towner [The Out of Towners]
05/25/2014	262	The Hardest Working Corpse in Show Business Part One [The Hardest Working Corpse in Showbusiness Part One]
06/08/2014	263	The Hardest Working Corpse in Show Business Part Two [The Hardest Working Corpse in Showbusiness Part Two]
07/13/2014	264	Remy's Regret
09/14/2014	265	What Would The Neighbors Say
10/12/2014	266	Rosie Rides Again
11/09/2014	267	It's Not That Complicated
12/14/2014	268	Just to See Her Smile: Chapter 17 War Comes to Harry Nile
01/18/2015	269	Nothing Says Goodbye Like A Bullet
02/08/2015	270	The Trip Back
03/15/2015	271	Harry and the Hobos
04/26/2015	272	Murder on the Empire Builder
05/24/2015	273	Harry and the Computer
06/14/2015	274	The Case of the Thirty Year Wait
07/19/2015	275	The Case of the Ambitious Corpse [Case of the Ambitious Corpse]
09/13/2015	276	The Bloody Bell Ringer
11/08/2015	277	Missing Murphy
12/13/2015	278	The Christmas Tree Caper
12/27/2015	279	The Case of the Hobo's New Year
02/14/2016	280	The Fine Art of Murder
03/13/2016	281	Saturday Night at the Movies
04/17/2016	282	You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part One
05/08/2016	283	You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Two

06/12/2016	284	You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Three
06/19/2016	285	You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Four
06/26/2016	286	You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66 - Part Five
07/10/2016	287	Hidden in Plain Sight
09/11/2016	288	The Other Side of the River
10/09/2016	289	The It's a Casket Not a Coffin Caper [The Casket Caper]
11/20/2016	290	Just My Type: War Comes to Harry Nile Chapter 18
12/18/2016	291	It Ain't Over 'Til The Fat Man Sings
02/12/2017	292	The Case Of Death In Small Doses
02/26/2017	293	Harry and Murphy
10/28/2017	294	Once More With Feeling
12/23/2017	295	Murphy Christmas And A Harry New Year
04/07/2018	296	A Guy Named Jim

AVAILABILITY:

As of 03/31/2017 Shows can no longer be purchased through Jim French Productions.

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Countertop Video Tape Sets:

Between 1994 and 1998, 60 episodes were released for sale by in eight, two-cassette tape volumes marketed by Countertop Video, now Topics Entertainment. The first seven volumes had eight episodes each and the eighth volume had four double-length episodes. These sets are no longer available.

Topics Entertainment Tape Set:

In 2001 a set of sixteen episodes of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* was released for sale on cassette tapes by Topics Entertainment. This set is no longer widely available.

Compact Discs, Compact Disc Sets, and MP3 Downloads from Jim French Productions:

The Adventures Of Harry Nile

"The History Of Harry Nile" (Starring Phil Harper)

Compact Disc Sets:

Jim French Productions released the episodes starring the late Phil Harper in case chronological order: in the order that the cases happened, not in the order they were written and broadcast.

Twenty-seven volumes were available; volumes 1 through 26 are two audio CD sets; volume 27 was a single CD. As of January 1, 2014, these one or two CD volumes were no longer available in CD format, but were available as MP3 downloads.

Volume 1: 1939 - 1940

- Volume 2: Winter / Spring 1941
- Volume 3: Spring / October 1941
- Volume 4: 1941 - 1942
- Volume 5: December 1942 - July 1946
- Volume 6: Summer 1947 - February 1950
- Volume 7: March 1950 - Summer 1950
- Volume 8: June 1950 / October 1950
- Volume 9: October 1950 / Christmas 1950
- Volume 10: February 7 / October 21, 1951
- Volume 11: October 1951/Spring 1952
- Volume 12: Spring - Summer 1952
- Volume 13: August, 1952 - August 12, 1953
- Volume 14: October 15, 1953 - March 18, 1954
- Volume 15: March, 1954 - Summer, 1954
- Volume 16: Summer, 1954 - Winter, 1954
- Volume 17: Winter, 1954 - March, 1955
- Volume 18: March, 1955 - August, 1955
- Volume 19: Fall, 1955 - Winter, 1956
- Volume 20: January, 1956 - April, 1956
- Volume 21: May - Fall, 1956
- Volume 22: Summer, 1956 - May, 1957
- Volume 23: June - December, 1957
- Volume 24: Spring, 1958 to Summer, 1958
- Volume 25: Summer, 1958 to Fall, 1958
- Volume 26: Jan 10, 1959 to Spring, 1959
- Volume 27: April, 1959 to November 1, 1959

The first twenty-four volumes consisted of in six Boxed Sets of eight audio CDs each. The last three volumes were available in a Boxed Set of five audio CDs.

The Adventures Of Harry Nile (Starring Larry Albert)

Compact Discs:

With the passing of Phil Harper in 2004, a new era began for Harry Nile with a new voice, Larry Albert, bringing to life the latest adventures of America's Favorite Private Eye. Jim French Productions released audio CD sets of episodes of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile* starring Larry Albert in the title role.

Six single CD volumes were released: Volume 1 contained one single- and one double-length show. Volumes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 contained three single-length shows. As of January 1, 2014, these single volumes were no longer available in CD format, but were available as MP3 downloads.

The Adventures of Harry Nile Collectors Sets:

Collectors Set 1 contained Volumes 1 - 6 in a boxed set of six audio CDs.

Collectors Set 2 contained eighteen single-length shows in a boxed set of six audio CDs.

Collectors Set 3 contained eighteen single-length shows in a boxed set of six audio CDs.

Collectors Set 4 contained eighteen single-length shows in a boxed set of six audio CDs.

Collectors Set 5 contained eighteen single-length shows in a boxed set of six audio CDs.

"War Comes To Harry Nile" Compact Discs:

The World War II Adventures of Harry Nile.

Volume #1 contains Chapters 1 & 2.

Volume #2 contains Chapters 3 & 4.

Volume #3 contains Chapters 5 & 6.

Volume #4 contains Chapters 7 & 8.

Volume #5 contains Chapters 9 & 10.

Volume #6 contains Chapters 11 & 12.

Volume #7 contains Chapters 13 & 14.

Volume #8 contains Chapters 15, 16, & 17.

Mini-Serial - "You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66."

5-part serial on 2 CDs.

MP3 Downloads:

Many individual *Harry Nile* episodes of this series were available for download in MP3 format.

All volumes of *The Adventures of Harry Nile* (Starring Larry Albert) and the Collectors Set were also available for download in MP3 format.

All Volumes and Boxed Sets of "**The History of Harry Nile**" were available for download in MP3 format.

The "**War Comes To Harry Nile**" Compact Discs were also available for download in MP3 format.

The mini-serial - "**You Shouldn't Detour off Route 66**" could also be downloaded in MP3 format.

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