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Week of December 22, 1992



President Bush grants a pardon to former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger - eliminating any pending criminal prosecution in the six-year Iran-Contra case. Five other former government officials also received pardons.

In the first action in the area since the Persian Gulf War - the United States shoots down an Iraqi fighter plane after two such aircraft flew 20 miles into the "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq. Baghdad Radio called it "a criminal act of aggression" and threatened to respond "in the appropriate manner."

President-elect Clinton chooses some names for his cabinet: Warren Christopher (67) as Secretary of State, Les Aspin (54) as Secretary of Defense, Anthony Lake (52) as National Security Adviser; Madeleine Albright (55) as U.N. Ambassador, Bruce Babbitt as Secretary of the Interior and Federico Pena - transportation secretary.

Clinton names **Zoe Baird** as the nations' first female attorney general.

The U.S. led operation Restore Hope has its first causality in Somalia. A car carrying four Americans hit a land mine near Bardera killing one and injuring three.

Lee Iacocca (68) retires as the chairman of Chrysler Corp - a position he held for 14 years.



Albert Gore Sr. - father of the Vice-President elect turns 85 this week. Gore served as a Tennessee senator from 1953 to 1971 and led the crusade to create the interstate highway system. He celebrated quietly with his family - including his son and daughter-in-law.



Singer **Harry Connick Jr.** is released from jail after trying to board a TWA plane with an unlicensed, unloaded pistol in a flight to New Orleans from Kennedy airport. He said the gun was a Christmas gift.

Lou Rawls raises more than \$11 million in his 13th annual telethon for the United Negro College Fund.

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Guests included Whitney Houston, Dionne Warwick and Michael Jackson.

Audrey Hepburn returns to her home in Switzerland in a private jet - courtesy of Gregory Peck. She had been in Los Angeles to have a cancerous tumor and part of her colon removed.



Passing - **Pierre Culliford** (64)- created the Smurfs ... of a heart attack.

Passing - Bobbie LaKind (47) - Percussionist for The Doobie Brothers, after a long battle with cancer.

In sports - The Phoenix Suns win their 12th straight - beating the Seattle SuperSonics 113-110. It's their longest winning streak... Free agent Mark McGwire is staying with the Oakland Athletics - signing a new five-year contract with the team. The \$28 million deal includes a \$7 million signing bonus.

At the store - Quicken 2.0 for Windows - "The World's #1 bestselling finance software - \$19.48

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TV Ratings - 60 Minutes (20.9), Monday Night Football (17.0), Mrs Ames Goes To Paris - (16.8), Home Improvement (16.2), Roseanne (16.0), Murder She Wrote (15.60), Dateline NBC - (14.8), Evening Shade (14.6), Parenthood (14.1), Coach (14.1), 48 Hours (13.7), Murphy Brown (13.7), Unsolved Mysteries (13.7), Bob (13.5), Rescue 911 (13.4), Full House (13.3), Northern Exposure 913.20, Fresh Prince Of Bel Air (12.8), The Jackie Thomas Show (12.8), Blossom (12.0), Hangin' With Mr. Cooper (12.0), Hearts Afire (12.0), Just My Imagination (11.5), 20/20 (10.7).

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Tuesday Night TV - CBS - Rescue 911, Movie ... NBC - Quantum Leap, Reasonable Doubts, Dateline NBC ... ABC - Full House, Hangin' With Mr. Cooper, Roseanne, The Jackie Thomas Show, Going To Extremes... PBS - Nova, Frontline, Somalia: A Country Is Dying

60 Minutes this week reports on the Jehovah's Witnesses, a school for at risk children and how Britain is dealing with drugs.



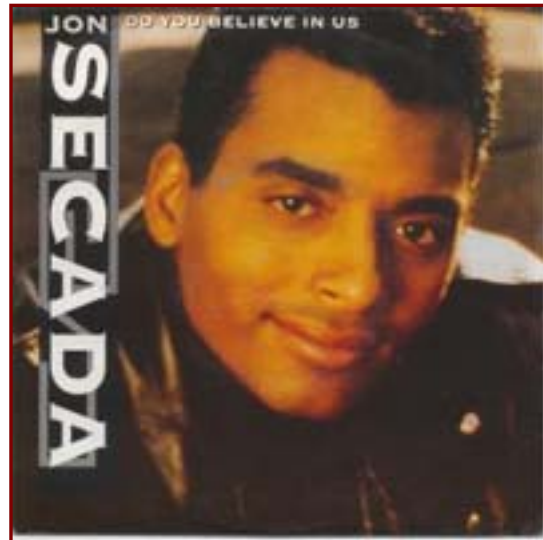
The E! Channel says it will broadcast the old **Smothers Brothers** shows of the late 60's - originally run on CBS. Says Tom Smothers - "I'm nervous as hell. I don't know whether the shows will hold up. I see them and I still want to edit something or fix something."

Magic Johnson is rehired by NBC as a sports analyst. He'll serve as second

analyst on nine games.

Pop charts -

"I Will Always Love You"- Whitney Houston, "To Love Somebody"- Michael Bolton "In The Still Of The Night" Boyz II Men, "Deeper & Deeper" - Madonna, "Layla"- Eric Clapton, "Do You Believe In Us"- Jon Secada, "When "She Cries" Restless Heart," Rhythm Is A Dancer" - Snap!, "Faithful"- Go West, "Walking On Broken Glass"- Annie Lennox, "End Of The Road" - Boyz II Men, "Never A Time"- Genesis, , "7"- Prince, "The Last Song"- Elton John, "Sometimes Love Just Ain't Enough"- Patty Smyth, "Ditty" - Paperboy, "A Whole New World" (Theme From Aladdin)- Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle, "Rump Shaker" - Wreckx-N-Effect, "Good Enough" - Bobby Brown, "Back To The Hotel" - N2Deep, "If I Ever Fall In Love" - Shai, "I'd Die Without You" - PM Dawn, ""Homeless" - Lighter Shade Of Brown, "Saving Forever For You" - Shanice.



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Top Albums - "The Bodyguard" - soundtrack, "Unplugged" - Eric Clapton, "Breathless" - Kenny G, "The Chase" - Garth Brooks, "Timeless" - Michael Bolton, "Home For Christmas" - Amy Grant, "Aladdin" - soundtrack, "Ten" - Pearl Jam, "Christmas Album" - Neil Diamond, "A Very Special Christmas 2" - various artists.

Top Country - "She's Got The Rhythm (And I Got The Blues)" - Alan Jackson, "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away" - Vince Gill

Top Country Albums - "The Chase" - Garth Brooks, "Beyond The Season" - Garth Brooks, "Some Gave All" - Billy Ray Cyrus, "Pure Country" - George Strait, "It's Your Call" - Reba McEntire, "Brand New Man" - Brooks & Dunn, "Ropin The Wind" - Garth Brooks, "Wynonna" - Wynonna Judd, "I Still Believe In You" - Vince Gill.

At the movies -

"A Few Good Men" - Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson, JD Walsh, Kevin Bacon, Kevin Pollak

"Aladdin"

Home Alone 2

The Bodyguard - Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston

Forever Young - Mel Gibson, Elijah Wood

Hoffa - Jack Nicholson, Danny DeVito

"Trespass" -

Distinguished Gentleman - Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith

Toys - Robin Williams, Michael Cambon, Joan Cusack

Malcolm X - Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett

Muppet Christmas Carol

"Leap Of Faith" - Steve Martin, Debra Winger.

