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Dust Off Your Winter Gear

Not only is santa coming so is the cold weather. You may now be asking santa for a new winter coat.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Impeachment Vote

President Clinton was voted by the House of Representatives to be impeached. An aggressive lobbying effort by Clinton's defenders are trying to stop a Senate impeachment trial and promote censure. Only 51 votes by Senators are needed to halt the trial and determine another form of punishment.

Yeltsin Impeachment

Russian lawmakers will be deciding on whether or not to impeach President Boris Yeltsin. Their reasons for impeachment include instigating the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, using force against hard-line lawmakers in 1993, launching the botched war in Chechnya and neglecting the military.

Iraqi Air Strikes

Iraq charged that the U.S. and British military have not ceased their air strikes. Two missiles were fired recently toward the southern city of Basra. Pentagon and British Defense Ministry officials have denied any recent missile firing. The last air raid attack ordered by President Clinton and Prime Minister Blair had hit 100 military and industrial targets in Iraq.

Big Cold Wave

Temperatures dropped across the nation, starting the cold winter season. The arctic air flooded over Canada and into the northern Rockies and Plains just recently. Traffic deaths have resulted from glazed roads with ice in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

Hot Air Balloon

Balloonists drifted high over the Himalayas, hoping to catch a jet stream out of prohibited Chinese airspace. They intend to find the fastest, most direct route out of China. The craft has been moving through China at 48 mph, instead of the required 115 mph to get around the world.

Interest Rates

The Federal Reserve has decided to leave short-term interest rates unchanged. The benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks stays at 4.75 percent. Interest rates have been cut three times this fall.

Gun Laws

A recent research report by the Journal of the American Medical Association found that handgun purchasers with a prior misdemeanor conviction were nearly five times as likely as gun buyers without a criminal record to be charged with new offenses involving firearms or violence. This report fuels the argument of keeping prospective buyers who have committed misdemeanors from buying guns.



President William J. Clinton

BY YEMA MEASHO

Days after the approval of two articles of impeachment on perjury and obstruction of justice,

four House Republicans who voted to impeach President Clinton, urged the Senate in a letter to consider strong censure than removal from office. Like the 63 percent of

Four House Republicans Suggest Censure

■ *Despite Their Vote For Impeachment*

Americans surveyed in CBS-New York Times poll, the four moderate Republicans say they want to see the matter brought to the end with a censure.

According to a report in CNN, a dozen more House Republicans share the views of the four congressmen.

Reps. Sherwood Boehlert and Benjamin Gilman of New York, Michael Castle of Delaware and Jim Greenwood of Pennsylvania sent the letter to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) asking to "allow the Senate to consider strong censure as a remedy."

All four representatives voted for the first article of impeachment that charged the president lying under oath in his August 17 grand jury testimony. In their conclusion, both impeachment articles approved by mostly party-line vote, declare that Clinton's deeds justify the "removal from office."

However, in their letter, the four representatives said that they don't want their votes to impeach Clinton to be interpreted to mean the removal from office as the only way out of the case. But to mean, "factors may lead the Senate to conclude that a remedy short of removal is in order."

During the debate last week, Democrats cautioned Republicans to consider censure

asserting that voting impeachment proposes voting to remove the president from office.

The editorial that was published in *The New York Times* op-ed column by the two former presidents, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, also proposes the idea of bipartisan censure resolution. In an effort to bring the two parties in agreeable terms, Ford and Jimmy Carter jointly offered a suggestion that Clinton should admit lying under oath but his admission should not be used against him in a future trial.

The president's defense team is working towards two feasible strategies, a possible compromise on censure and a legal challenge to the House impeachment matter. Vice President Al Gore also repeatedly called for a bipartisan effort to resolve the impeachment proceedings.

Even with majority 55-seat held by the Republicans, it is anticipated that the Senate will fall short to have the two-third or 67 required votes to remove the president from office.

Despite approval of impeachment of articles, CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll indicates that President Clinton's approval rating is an all-time high; a ten points jump to 73 percent, while the number of Americans with unfavorable view of the Republicans has jumped 10 points. ■

Bess Kaiser To Be Adidas National Headquarters

BY LEE PEARLMAN

To the delight of city and neighborhood leaders, Adidas America will make the former Bess Kaiser Hospital property their national headquarters.

The 18 acre property at 5055 N. Greeley Ave., which Kaiser Permanente closed in 1995, will be home to 500 employees after a \$25 million renovation expected to take 18 months, company and city officials announced last week. At present the athletic shoe and apparel company has no single national headquarters in the United States.

"The prospect of creating a home for

our company here excites every one of our employees," Adidas America chief executive officer Steve Wyne said. He said that the proposed facility, and its retail store at 5020 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., "proves

"This is the most significant development proposal the city has seen in 10 years"

that we belong to the community, that we're not just guests of the community."

Mayor Vera Katz and commissioner Erik Sten were particularly impressed that Adidas chose to locate in North Portland. "The commitment of businesses to move into the city from the suburbs, or to stay in the city, is very important to us," Katz said.

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Former Bess Kaiser

(Photo by M. Washington)



Santa, Fawn Hudson and Lawrence Dark of the Urban League of Portland

Holiday Program

The Multicultural Senior Center had their Holiday Program on Friday, December 18, 1998.

Entertainment featured Laquasha Thompson * The Night Before Christmas, The Urban League Street Academy and the Multicultural Senior Center Chorus and Kertley Burgraf (Pianist). There was picture taking time with Santa, a Raffle and Bingo.