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PORTLAND, Ore-If you want a jump on your holiday spirit, you might try the Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland early next week. An 85-foot tall Douglas fir donated by Willamette Industries is going up on Monday. The tree was harvested from a sustainable manage forest.

Square

### 13-Year Old Found Guilty of

PONTIAC, Mich. - A 13-year old boy was found guilty of second-degree murder in a crime he committed when he was just 11. Nathaniel Abraham was found guilty of shooting Ronnie Greene, 18, outside a convenience store on Oct. 29, 1997. Nathaniel was the first youth to be charged with first-degree murder and tried as an adult under a January 1997 Michigan law.

#### FBI Takes Over EgyptAir Probe

NEWPORT, R.I. - The FBI is taking over the investigation of the crash of EgyptAir 990, Clinton administration officials said an indication that officials think that the plane may have been brought down by a criminal act. Investigators will try to determine whether the perpetrator was assisted by a terrorist group in a suicide plot or acted alone because of a personal problem.

#### Hurricane Lenny Threatens Caribbean

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Forecasters say Hurricane Lenny is gaining and headed for Puerto Rico. The storm, carrying winds as high as 100 mph, was about 230 miles south-southwest of Santo Domingo at 10 a.m. EST. Weather experts say Lenny could hit Puerto Rico within the next couple days. It also is threatening Haiti and the Dominican Republic with heavy rain.

#### Thailand Orders Top Officials Home

BANGKOK, Thailand - The Thai government is barring senior officials from traveling abroad Dec. 29 to Jan 5, saying they must be at their posts to deal with any problems arising from the Y2K bug. Thai Airways is also considering canceling New Year's Eve flights despite earlier running a public a test to assure the country that the state-owned carrier would be safe at the turn of the millennium.

#### **Industrial Production Surges** WASHINGTON-The Federal Reserve in a report said industrial production at the nation's factories, utilities and mines surged in October, rebounding from the hurricane that had depressed production by .1 percent of the month before. Industrial production rose a bigger-than-expected .7 percent, the largest jump since 0.7 percent increase in

## Karolyi To Oversee U.S. Gym

INDIANAPOLIS-Bela Karolyi, who helped Nadi Comaneci, Mary Lou Retton and Kerri Strug win gold medals, is taking charge of the U.S. women's gymnastics program less than a year before the Olympics. Karolyi, who retired after the 1996 Olympics, will be the women's national team coordinator but he will not coach the Sydney Olympics.

## Children in north Portland schools Jackson to benefit from book donation



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Hundreds of children participating in the SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) program at four elementary schools in Portland will benefit from books donated recently by Kaiser Permanente.

One hundred hardbound health-related books - 25 each - were donated to Meek, Beach, Buckman and Creston elementary schools in Portland. This is the first year for the SMART program at these schools. "Kaiser

Permanente's generous donation to these four new SMART schools will help build their permanent collections," says Valerie Anderson, Multnomah County area manger for the SMART Program. "We thank Kaiser Permanente for this very important, creative, and useful gift and in supporting SMART and their commitment to building healthy communities."

Kaiser Permanente Regional President Barbe West was pleased to make this donation of non-fiction health books, specifically targeted toward young readers. "There books are a great way to promote healthy living in children while developing their reading skills," says West, a SMART volunteer at Applegate

also volunteer their time helping young children with their reading through the SMART program at a number of schools through out the Portland area. Kaiser Permanente is a prepaid, group practice health care organization serving the health care needs of about 440,000 people in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

# arrested at Decatur protest

Leading a made-for-TV demonstration that evoked the style of the civil rights movement, the Rev. Jesse Jackson was arrested Tuesday as he stepped onto the grounds of a high school to protest the expulsion of six students for a brawl at a football game.

Jackson was taken away in handcuffs after leading a throng of ministers and other protesters to Eisenhower High. He had promised to force his own arrest to dramatize the students' cause.

"It is an honor to be arrested for a righteous cause," Jackson said hours later, when he and three supporters were released after promising to appear in court Dec. 16.

Jackson was charged with mob action and two misdemeanors, solicitation to commit a crime and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His supporters were arrested on charges including mob action, resisting police and aggravated battery.

Detective Cmdr. Mark Barthelmey said two officers were struck in the face during a confrontation after Jackson was led away. He did not say who was involved. Later, Macon County State's Attorney Larry Fichter said at least one officer was treated for an injury, but the prosecutor would not elaborate.

The arrests came nine days after Jackson's arrival in Decatur brought national attention to school officials' decision to expel the students for their part in the Sept. 17 fight. Jackson had indicated earlier he would try to bring the students back to school, but the teen-agers did not approach the police line. We want the youth to stand still knowing that their parents and their ministers would cross the line for them," Jackson declared. "The parents will fight for their children. And that is a good and noble thing."

Jackson inched toward the school through a phalanx of reporters, photographers and TV crews holding boom microphones high

At one point, he asked the media throng to move out of the way so he could approach the police line and get arrested.

At the law enforcement center where he was held, about 75 people gathered, chanting, 'Let the children in, let the reverend out." Jackson had spent Tuesday morning in closed-door talks with school officials but made no headway.

# FBI role in EgyptAir probe delayed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials prepared Tuesday to turn over the investigation of the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 to the FBI - indicating suspicions of a criminal act-but delayed the move at Egypt's request.

The development came amid indications someone in the cockpit made a religious utterance just before the jet went into its fatal plunge, the Associated Press learned.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said in Washington that additional Egyptian experts were joining the investigation.

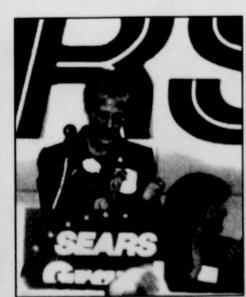
"Given this further development, it is only prudent for the National Transportation Safety Board to fully evaluate this information prior to any final decision on whether the responsibility for this investigation should transfer to the Federal Bureau of Investigation," Hall said.

Hall said at a news conference that the government would hire a private salvage company to retrieve the airplane wreckage from the ocean floor. He said officials were particularly interested in the cockpit. "Based on the evidence we have seen thus far - the flight data recorder, the cockpit voice recorder, radar data and the small bits of wreckage that have been recovered - we have found so far no sign of a mechanical or weather-related event that could have caused this accident."

Sears department store opens at Lloyd Center

FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

On Saturday, November 13 at 9:45 a.m., Sears held the grand-opening ceremonies for its new, full-line store near downtown Portland. The three-level, 145,000-square-foot Sears at Lloyd Center will offer apparel, cosmetics, shoes and fine jewelry, as well as home



fashions, tools, appliances and electronics. "We're proud to bring our urban customers a convenient, fashionable new place to shop," said Sears Store General Manager Maureen Deal. "Our store will offer the best of Sears products, values and service for the many people who live and work in downtown/East Portland."

The Sears at Lloyd Center, which is located near the Rose Quarter, features a dramatically refined interior developed by a New Yorkbased architectural firm.

With 96,000 square feet of selling space, the new Portland Sears will feature brand-name apparel, as well as Sears exclusive lines of clothing.

Sears also will offer an extensive home fashions department.

The new Sears also will offer conveniences such as Sears Gift Registry, Portrait Studio and Optical Shop, as well as miracle Ear. The new Portland Sears will employ about 300

associates, most of whom are new to the company. The Sears at Lloyd Center is one of 19 full-line

units that the company plans to open nationwide in 1999, as the retailer continues its \$4 billion building-and-remodeling program.



(Left) Sears store General Manager Maureen Deal (Above) The Sears, Roebuck and Co. officials present a check for the Make-a-Wish foundation.

Also during the ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Sears presented a grant to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon, Inc., for its worthwhile community efforts.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. is a leading U.S. retailer of apparel, home and automotive products and services, with annual revenue of more than \$41 billion.