

TV will catch the spirit with Bach, Baryshnikov

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12:30 p.m. - "Christmas at Merre-hope." Music from the Merre-hope House in Meridan, Miss.

3:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. - "Nebraska High School Caroling Choirs — Henderson"

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

9:00 a.m.; 8:00 p.m. - "Nebraska High School Caroling Choirs — St. Patrick's (North Platte)."

9:30 a.m. - "Bach's Christmas Oratorio: The Nativity" (repeated).

11:00 a.m. - "Christmas at Merre-hope" (repeated).

12:30 p.m. - "A Brandywine Christmas Carol."

1:00 p.m. - "Bach's Christmas Oratorio: The Epiphany."

2:30 p.m. - "An American Christmas."

3:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. - "Nebraska High School Caroling Choirs — Holdrege."

7:00 p.m. - "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Based on Dylan Thomas' poem about Christmas in a small Welsh town.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

8:30 a.m. - "The Snowman" (repeated).

9:00 a.m.; 8:00 p.m. - "Nebraska High School Caroling Choirs — Millard North."

9:30 a.m. - "Sounds of Christmas."



10:30 a.m. - "Christmas with Flicka" (repeated).

12:30 p.m. - "The Snowman" (repeated).

1:00 p.m. - "Sing-It-Yourself Messiah."

3:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. - "Nebraska High School Caroling Choirs — Lincoln High."

7:00 p.m. - "Handel's Messiah with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony."

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

9:00 a.m. - "Handel's Messiah with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony" (repeated).

10:00 a.m. - "A Christmas at Pops." The Boston Pops Orchestra celebrates with favorite carols.

11:00 a.m. - "Christmas at Boys Town."

1:00 p.m. - "Robert Shaw's Christmas Festival."


2:30 p.m. - "Christmas in Vermont."

10:30 p.m. - "Carols from Kings."

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

7:00 p.m. - "Live from Lincoln Center: New Year's Eve Gala."

9:00 p.m. - "Happy New Year U.S.A.!" Harry Anderson, Mel Torme and others in concert.

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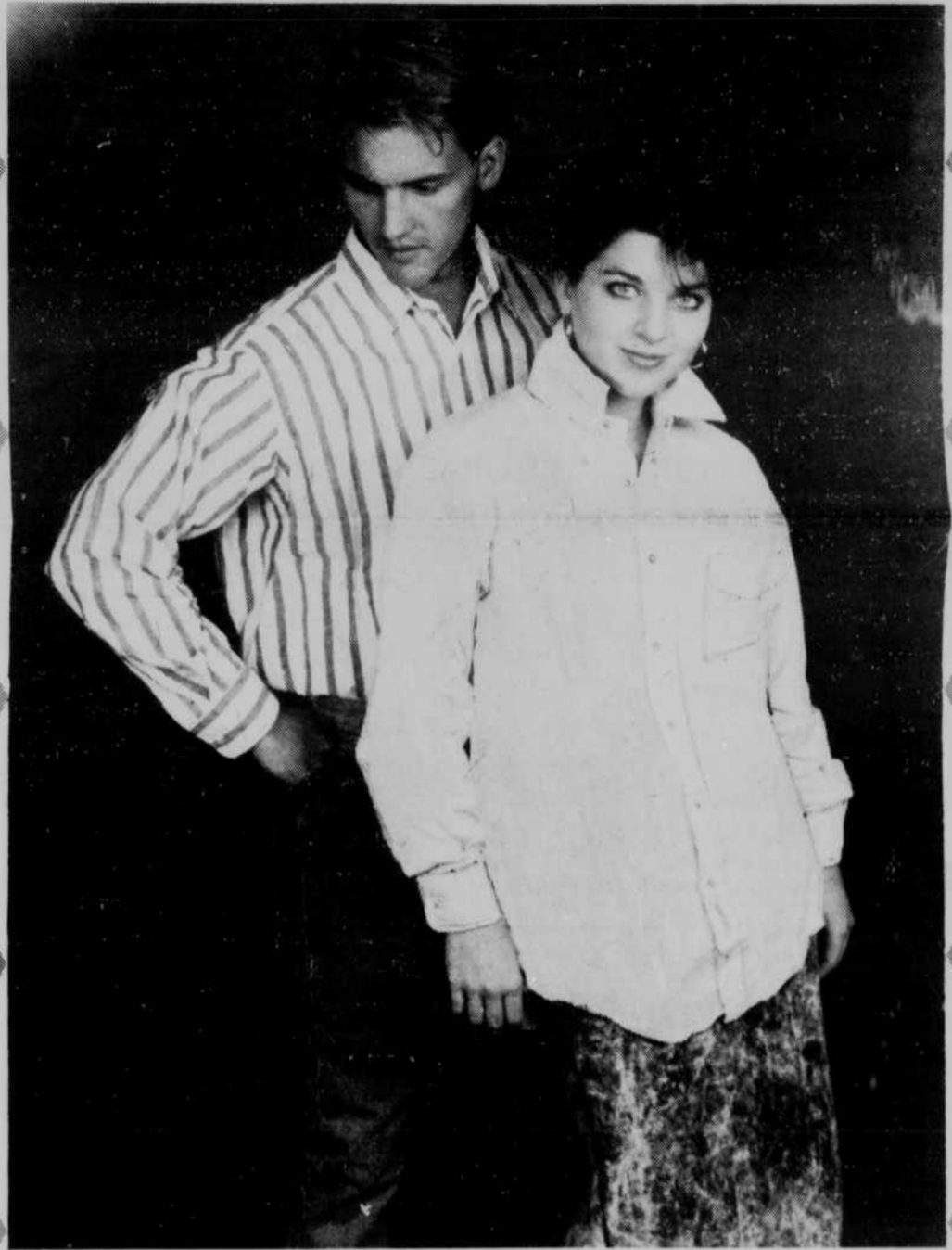
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Companies hope board games will help them win some profits

By The Associated Press

Is there life after Trivial Pursuit? Game manufacturers are trying to persuade consumers this Christmas that there is, indeed, a rejuvenation of the adult game market, stimulated by board games like Trivial Pursuit and Scruples and Pictionary.

These board games and others like them "have had the effect of bringing people together in a social setting and reminding them that games could be a fun way to spend an evening," K mart toy buyer George Colgan recently told "Toy and Hobby World" magazine.

According to the Toy Manufacturers of America, \$253 million was spent on adult board games last year.

Some of this season's entries: — The Dictionary Game comes to the United States through Canada, introduced by Davis-Gradowski Inc., a Miami-based importer of toys and games. Players create definitions to unfamiliar words that seem more believable than the actual dictionary and try to bluff others. The more convincing the definitions, the more points they gain in a race to reach "genius" on

the game board. — Another Canadian import is Therapy the Game. The board game, sold by Pressman Toy Corp., asks players to master the stages of life from "infancy" to the "cosmos." The first player to move his "couch" across the finish line wins.

Other Pressman games are spinoffs of television shows, including a junior edition of Wheel of Fortune, Deluxe Jeopardy and Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous.

— Win, Lose or Draw and Whatzit are among the board games from Milton Bradley. In the former, players try to decipher doodles of some phrase or expression taken from a card in a deck. The latter game plays with words that are turned around, upside-down or jumbled. Like: Thingthing (One thing after another.)

— Pictionary — one million games were produced in its introductory year last year, according to its marketers, The Games Gang — now has a junior version geared to 7-to-11-year-olds. It's the same charades on paper game, but with different reading levels, and it includes word-off boards and crayons.

