

BITS AND PIECES

Roger Moore becomes TV's 'Man Who Wouldn't Die'

Former 007 Roger Moore stars in the upcoming ABC telefilm *The Man Who Wouldn't Die*, now in production. Moore plays Thomas Grace, a crime novelist-turned-hack reporter whose last book makes headlines when the real-life criminal (Malcolm McDowell) on whom it was based begins to copy its plot. Nancy Allen co-stars as a psychic who predicts the killer's murders.

The movie marks the first TV project in 16 years for Moore.



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Brandon Tartikoff recently announced that he would probably return to his "first love, first language" — television, following the New Orleans sabbatical he will take. As reported in *Daily Variety*, Tartikoff, the former president of entertainment for NBC, says he resigned from Paramount Pictures Oct. 29 to spend more time with his daughter, who was injured two years ago in an automobile accident.

Another reunion? You bet your sweet bippy. *Laugh-In's 25th Anniversary Special* is set to air on NBC in February. George Schlatter, creator of *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, will produce, write and direct the special, which features vintage clips and appearances by original cast members.

Where's Ross? *Firing Line* host William F. Buckley is sponsoring another of his prime-time debates, this one on Monday, Dec. 14, to discuss the \$4 trillion question of the national debt. Buckley will head up a team arguing for making deficit-reduction a top priority in the next four years, while best-selling author/economist Lester Thurow and three panelists will play devil's advocate. Buckley has picked two of his three team members, but needs to make one more choice. Perhaps he'd consider naming H. Ross Perot — the man who made the national debt an election-year issue — to the remaining seat.

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