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C-SPAN'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY INTERVIEWS

Personal Portraits of Sen. Albert Gore and Rep. Newt Gingrich

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- On Christmas Day, C-SPAN's "Great American" interviews provide cable viewers with personal portraits of two key legislators -- both familiar faces to C-SPAN's nationwide audience. During two hour-long programs -- each airing three times on December 25 -- Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tennessee) and Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) talk about themselves, their careers, and influential politicians they work with in the nation's capital. These two politicians, both in their 40's, reveal their thoughts about the success of the 100th Congress under the leadership of Rep. Jim Wright and speculate on President Reagan's successor.

C-SPAN's interview with Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA) airs on December 25 at 8:30 am ET, 5:00 pm ET, 9:30 pm ET, and on December 26 at 1:00 am ET.

The 60-minute interview with Sen. Albert Gore (D-TN) airs on December 25 at 9:30 am ET, 6:00 pm ET, 10:30 pm ET, and on December 26 at 2:00 am ET.

In addition to the "Great American" interviews, C-SPAN offers cable viewers holiday festivities from the nation's capital by airing two special Christmas tree lighting ceremonies. The Capitol Hill Tree lighting airs on December 24 at 10:30 pm ET, and the National Christmas Tree Pageant of Peace from the White House airs on December 25 at 1:00 am ET.

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