

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS MONOLOGUE

CHARACTERS: 1 speaking

PROPS: Newspaper, rest can be done with pantomime

COSTUMES: Street clothes

SETTING: An office

At rise: Man (or woman) is praying aloud at his desk. During his prayer A walks in, places newspaper on his desk and exits

MAN:and Lord, just one more thing. More than anything else in the world, I'd like a copy of next week's newspaper today. Just once. That's all I need. Amen

(Confused) What's this? This newspaper wasn't here a minute ago. *(Getting increasingly excited)* Wait! My prayer! God answered my prayer! I gotta check the date to make sure..... Exactly one week from today. *(Man jumps up and does a little private victory dance)*

(Enthusiastic) Great! With this information I can make a killing in the market. *(Starts looking through the paper)* I'll be set for life. I'll never have to work again. I can spend of the rest of my life on a permanent vacation.

MAN: *(Interjecting pauses, and scribbling with one hand.)* Stock prices..... I never would have guessed. I'll sell that and that and buy this and....this. Let's check out the weather. You never know when there will be an earthquake or tornado..... no hurricanes.... That's a good thing. Hmmmmm... interesting. That much snow could definitely make a difference in how I good, good.

(Phone rings, answers while still looking through paper) Yeah... hi hon. *(Getting more and more exuberant as he speaks)* I'm afraid tonight's going to be a long one but tell you what, by next month I will be spending a whole lot more time with you and the kids..... I promise..... gotta go. Bye.

Sports..... You have to be kidding. They won against THEM! I have got to get a bet on that game. I bet the odds are..... *(Really excited)* speaking of odds, what's the winning lottery combination?

Obituaries... yeah, better see if any CEO's or even local politicians die. That could change the future..... *(Drops the paper)*

MAN: *(Numb)* My obituary is in this paper. *(More emotion, starting to crumble in the face of death)* I'm going to die in five days.

Lights out