Black Friday proves a blockbuster

By Doug Radunich

Black Friday turned out to be a smash hit for large retailers in the Tooele Valley. Total retail sales across the nation rose 8.3 percent to $10.3 billion on Friday, compared with $9.5 billion for the same period last year. The figures cut off the shrinkwrap allowing customers to dig into the merchandise.

Large crowds rush to get sale items Friday morning at Wal-Mart in Tooele. While the store is open 24 hours a day, the official Black Friday sale did not begin until 5 a.m., customers lined up for the weekend higher than they normally do. "It wasn't 'Wal-Mart busy,' but it was steadily busier than what we normally do," Widerburg said his store's sales also exceeded expectations. "Some of our items were sold out for the first time," Widerburg said. "Everything else declined from last year, but we sold out of almost everything in our open area within a day or a day and a half. We still have people asking us about our specials." Although Maceys Food and Drug, which is a part of the Deerfield, Ill.,-based chain, did advertising in our store with fly for a long time. "It's paper that's around it, so unless there's a huge wall of fire, we don't think it's going to burn," Arnold said.  

No structures are threatened. Firefighting efforts have includd using hoses to cool off the edges of the landfill, and utilizing heavy equipment — loaders and bulldozer — to put on the dirt around the flames. The Tooele County Sherrif's Office, Tooele Senior Volunteer Fire Department, North Tooele Fire Department, and Wendover City Fire Department all responded to the blaze Saturday before turning firefighting efforts over to local personnel that evening.

Some living on the reservation were shocked the smoke fire could have adverse impacts on their driving and shopping. Margene Bullcreek lives on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation and is concerned about pollution coming from the burning landfill. Bullcreek said smoke was thick and heavy over the weekend and "It's not safe to go out at all, with all the smoke and the poision, that may be in the air," she said. Bullcreek said she hasn't ventured outside since the fire began.

Marilyn Syen helps 135 shoppers feel like one big family. See B1

EnergySolutions hopes to store European waste at Clive facility

By Doug Radunich

Tooele County may soon receive a few non-exempt products from Italy — and it's not funky rail or gourmet foods. EnergySolutions is considering disposing of 3,000 tons of radioactive waste from Europe in its Clive facility in the next desert.

Company representatives have said they want to bring 20,000 tons of waste to the United States through ports located in New Orleans and Charleston, S.C., and then process a percentage of it in Bear Creek, Tenn. Afterward, about 8 percent of the total imported material would finally be stored in the remote area of Clive, which is approximately 60 miles west of Tooele.

"Some of the waste will be disposed at Clive, while the rest will be processed and recycled," said EnergySolutions spokesperson John Widerburg.

EnergySolutions has drawn criticism from the local community. The local government and residents have been against EnergySolutions since the company received permission from the state to store radioactive waste in the Clive facility.

Committee bills provide preview of upcoming 2008 legislative session

By Tim Cottle

In a series of committee hearings Wednesday, the Tooele County Democratic caucus of state politicians received reports from state agencies and staff, discussed issues and proposed legislation for the upcoming general session. Some of the bills being discussed are:  

The committee continued to discuss the "Benefit Fund" in the subject line. For additional information see B5.

Contest to add color to holiday scene

Break out the crayons, colored pencils or watercolors because the 17th Annual Tooele County Christmas Coloring Book contest is here.

Copies of this year's book are available in today's edition and will also be distributed to designated businesses to be individually distributed to local schools. Each page features a picture sponsored by one of 48 participating merchants. Once little artists — ages 10 and under — are finished adding color to these pages, they may return their pictures to designated businesses to be individually judged.

Over $2,000 in prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place entries at each of the participating businesses.

The colored pages must be returned by Dec. 17 to be considered for judging.

Benefit Fund (deadline Dec. 7)

Time is winding down to nominate a family for the Tooele Transcript-Bulletin Christmas Benefit Fund. Please send all nominations before Dec. 7 to the Tooele Transcript-Bulletin Christmas Charity Fund, PO Box 808, Tooele, Utah, 84074. Four or more nominations to the Newspaper is Editor Sarah Milley at bp@tooeletranscript.com with the words "Benefit Fund" in the subject line. For more information about this fund, please contact Community News Editor Sarah Milley at 801-555-1511, Ext. 114, or via e-mail at bp@tooeletranscript.com.

Writing Contest (deadline Dec. 18)

For those interested in a Holiday writing contest must be received on or before Dec. 18. This year's contest, which will feature three categories for those age 18 and older, will be published in the Christmas edition of the newspaper. For additional information see B5.
Valley Weather Forecast

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Ned Bevan, Tooele's weather observer

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The training also prepares the pilots to reach the Air National Guard.
**Community Action Program slow to turn up HEAT after recent move**

**Sex offender sentenced to jail**

**Man sentenced in retaliation beating**

**HEAT manager for Salt Lake Community Action Program.**

By Suzanne Ashe

KENNETH KOURIS

A 41-year-old Tooele man who pleaded guilty June 12 to forcible sex abuse of a minor was sentenced today to 36 months probation, the maximum allowed for the crime.

Kenneth Keris, also known as Kenneth Kouris, was sentenced by Tooele District Court Judge Mark Kouris during the sentencing hearing.

Kouris, who pleaded guilty Oct. 11 to forcible sex abuse, a second-degree felony, was sentenced today to 36 months probation, the maximum allowed for the crime.

Kouris was convicted of raping a 15-year-old girl in January 2000.

Kouris was sentenced to 36 months probation on a count of forcible sex abuse, a second-degree felony.

Kouris had been scheduled for a change of plea hearing in October. However, the hearing was post-posted pending the appointment of a new judge in the case.

For more information call: 1-877-224-3956

**Adopt-a-Horse**

**Naughty or Nice? Either way we will loan you $1,500 for the holidays!**

**HEAT applications, we need out phones and Internet access since the month proceeds.**

By Suzanne Ashe

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Children see two sides to Santa Claus during Grantsville Christmas Parade

The tie between two write-in candidates for a seat on the Ophir Town Council was broken Wednesday afternoon by drawing lots. Doug Tate will hold the four-year town council position after seeing his name pulled out of a box last week in the Tooele County Clerk's Office. Tooele County Clerk Marilyn Gillette said two pieces of paper exactly alike with Tate's name on one and Scott Degelbeck's on the other were placed in a raised envelope box, and one piece of paper was drawn out. Ophir Mayor Walt Shubert, recently elected council member Ed St. Clair, Tate and Degelbeck were in attendance, as well as three employees of the Clerk's Office. Gillette said it was the first time she had drawn lots. She said she gave those in attendance the choice to do something else to break the tie, like flip a coin, but they decided to draw by lot. During the November election, Tate and Degelbeck both garnered 18 votes, requiring a tiebreaker. Tate will join St. Clair, Robert Johnson and Al Isi on the council.

We gave a $400,000 member gift last year...

The subject is
The changing face of Jesus in Art by Ron Allen
2000 Years of Adaptation
Ron Allen is a highly regarded artist and art critic and teacher at the USU Tooele Campus.
The date is
Friday, November 30 • 7pm
at USU Tooele Campus (1021 W. Vine)
This is part of the ongoing lecture series at the campus.
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Moving Forward Together

Santa and Mrs. Claus ride down Grantsville’s Main Street on a fire engine Saturday during the town’s annual Christmas Parade. The parade route ended at the Grantsville fire station where kids told Santa their Christmas wishes. Tooele will hold its Christmas Parade on Saturday.

Photography/ Maegan Burr
"Bad Santa" from the Asylum 41 Haunted Hospital in Tooele rides atop a pirate ship Saturday during the Grantsville Christmas Parade. Children had an opportunity to meet the "good Santa" at the Grantsville fire station after the parade.

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Rockhold, who sells gourmet foods at in-home par- ties, sees her income from September and October for Christmas spending. She sets that money aside and go out and do the majority of the shopping in one day,” she said.

Others make monthly bank deposits in holiday savings accounts, often called Christmas Clubs. The accounts, which can be opened in January through late fall, are designed to help people save for short-term financial goals, said Virginia McGuire, spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association.

The key to managing holiday spending is creating a budget that covers as many potential expenditures as possible — not just gifts, Weston explained. Other costs include decorat- ing, entertaining, traveling, clothing, charitable dona- tions and eating out.

“Once you write all this down, you’re going to go ‘Ahh!’” Weston said.

If you need to scale back, start with your gift list.

Winston suggests cutting any- one for whom you buy a gift card. If you don’t know them well enough to select a gift, she asked, why are you giving them one?

Let people know early that you are downsizing your gift giving this year though suggesting an end to a gift exchange may seem awk- ward, you might be pleas- antly surprised by the reac- tion from those people.

They’re likely being pressed by the same econ- omic forces you are: higher gas prices, ballooning mort- gage payments, rising insur- ance costs.

“People actually respond well to that,” said Sally Herigstad, an accountant in Kent, Wash., and author of “Help! I Can’t Pay My Bills: Surviving a Financial Crisis.”

Another option is giving gifts of time, said Allana Barnes, the parties and entertaining expert on the how-to Web site www.ehow.com. Give a child a pair of gloves with an invitation to a snowball fight, or present an old friend with a walking stick and a promise to hit the local trails.

Another place to cut spending is entertainment. Henderson plans writing your holiday calendar is critical.

“If we just start spending money, we don’t get the most for it,” she explained.

She recommends potluck dinners, less expensive than eating out.

“What I eat in eating more. It’s more hygienic,” she said. “Dug out the old family recip- es and make everybody’s favorite.”

Winston’s time to start spending, do it thoughtfully.

Some people can’t handle cash because they feel they have to spend it. Winston said.

Others get carried away with credit cards.

Ask yourself, “What would I do if I didn’t have a job?”

Put a pause button in your spending experience,” she said. “Take a minute to take a breath and ask, ‘Is this really what I want?”

Added Henderson, you may think I deserve this. But do you deserve the stress that comes with having spent the money?”

“Your holiday spending will be short lived” when the bills start rolling in, she said.

Setting a budget and cutting costs can reduce holiday stress and bills

by Melissa Konner Davis

Sharp Rockhold would love to give his four children the Christmas of their dreams. But she knows she would regret boosted her budget by overindulging.

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Keeps holiday separate

As many of you know, Saturday was the Santa Claus Parade. Many of us had 4- and 5-year-old children who were excited to see the holiday happenings that make Christmas so special. Unfortunately, what we saw was a pirate ship勃勃的旅游

scurrying down with scary painted faces and a lead torching Santa. (Gifs and video: Please see photo on page 34.) Not wanting to have to explain something that I didn’t understand myself, I had ‘em call the Santa Claus Parade and block their view until the ship passed over us. What a shame—a shame for those who actually thought that a pirate ship belonged in the parade, and out of what those who let this entry participate, and a shame for those who are nothing wrong with exposing little children to a Santa Claus that belonged in a circus monster. The Santa Claus that followed was spectacular, and could have been a more perfect fit for the parade. While waiting to sit on the real Santa’s lap, the children were entertained with crafts, coloring, hot chocolate and cookies—all on the street. The Santa that I remember was spectacular, and couldn’t have been more perfectly fit for the parade. While waiting to sit on the real Santa’s lap, the children were entertained with crafts, coloring, hot chocolate and cookies—all on the street.
Coradean Porter Anderson

Coradean Porter Anderson, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on November 25, 2007. A memorial will be held at a later date. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, sisters, and their spouses. Her children and their relatives are to be notified of her passing.

Coradean was born on January 14, 1934, in Grantsville, Utah. She was a greatly missed family member who lived a full and rich life. She will be remembered as a loving and patient grandmother who always put the needs and happiness of her grandchildren first. She had a great sense of humor and was always there to support and encourage them. She was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and took part in many church activities.

Coradean was a woman of great strength and faith. She was known for her kindness, generosity, and compassion. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who always put the needs of her family before her own. She was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and took part in many church activities.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Porter; her son, Darrel (Donna) Porter; her daughter, Cynthia (Barbara) Cox; her eight grandchildren; and her 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers, Bud (Donna) Johnson, Milt (Marilyn) Thompson, and Roger (Diana) Anderson; and her sisters, Darlene (Ted) Anderson, Carol (Jerry) Dallin, Judi (Jack) Dallin, and Mary (Jim) Porter.

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Working mill will provide new grant for visits to historic site

by Damon Binder

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A fully-functional replica of the Benson Grist Mill is cur-
rently being constructed just north of the old mill itself near
Stansbury Park. The new mill will show visitors how the old
mill functioned, while the old mill will remain as a pre-
served historic landmark.

The new mill will process corn and
wheat flour in a manner that is
new,” said Higley, refer-
ing to an annual gathering of
the Society for Preservation
of Old Mills. “I thought we could
keep the old mill as a display
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with the new mill we could
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cess.”

He said the new mill will take
on the exact same design as the
Benson Grist Mill, though it
must meet new building
requirements. When the build-

ing is completed, he said,
Higley plans to sell a second
history ticket to allow vis-
itors to enter the old mill and
the replica mill.

“Some may not have ever
seen the old mill,” Higley said.
“How does it feel to be in a slow,
36-inch diameter stones, and
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will show visitors how the old
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Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium

The holiday season is the perfect time to release a movie like “Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium.” With its magical elements and sweet storyline, it’s bound to get children excited for Christmas. In fact, kids may be so hip to all of the products in Toys-R-Us don’t come to life.

It’s quite clear that “Mr. Magorium” is director Zach Helm’s first attempt behind the camera. There are a few too many plot holes and too much syrupy sweetness to make for an excellent movie. While this film is enjoyable for the most part, it tends to drag toward the end with too much dialogue and not enough magic.

For a film that tries to show the spirit of believing, I had a hard time seeing Dustin Hoffman play 243-year-old toy shop owner Mr. Magorium. His over-excentricity combined with a strange look didn’t add anything to “Mr. Magorium.” However, Natalie Portman, who plays Molly Mahoney, is enjoyable and fits her role perfectly. Every time she was on screen the film instantly became better.

The same can be said about Zach Mills, who plays the shy hat-collector Eric Applebaum. If there’s any true magic in “Mr. Magorium,” it’s in showing that a young kid can believe in something so much it may eventually come true. Now that can be said about everything, but considering the spirit of this film, it’s a nice thought.

As told through chapters of a book, Mr. Magorium has been running his magically induced toy emporium for five years. It’s considered to be one of the best in the world. Stuffed animals and toys come to live in a dreamland of wonder and magic. Mahoney has helped Mr. Magorium run the store for a few years while he struggles as a composer and musician. She has a strange trait where her fingers seem to move independently as if they were constantly playing the piano.

Mr. Magorium hires Honey Weston (Jason Bateman), an accountant — or as Magorium so lovingly calls him, a “mutant!” — to help get the store ready to turn over to Mahoney. But Mahoney is not ready and does not want to run the store, because that means Mr. Magorium is dying. As it turns out, Magorium had purchased a high quantity of the same pair of shoes that he could wear until he died. Now that he’s almost worn out the last pair, he means he will depart from this life.

Meanwhile the emporium is not happy about Mr. Magorium leaving either. The store throws a temper tantrum and suddenly all magical life is sucked out, leaving nothing but gray, sad-looking toys. After Mr. Magorium’s death it’s up to Mahoney to see the store running or sold. First she needs to find in herself the magic to make the store come to life again.

“Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium” is cute and sweet in its animations, but unfortunately nothing more. Mr. Magorium is one of the best cameos in any recent film — by one of my all-time favorite characters — he isn’t featured enough. Still, this is a movie that will get young kids riled up for Christmas.
Tooele Pratt will start for Snow in national title game

Mark Pratt
Sports

Former Tooele High football player Mark Pratt will be in the middle of all the action on Dec. 1 when Snow College attempts to win its second National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) football championship.

Pratt is the starting center for the Snow College Badgers who will face Butler Community College of Kansas in the NJCAA title game in Hutchinson, Kansas at 11 a.m. on Dec. 1.

“My brothers were a big inspiration for me; they encouraged me to purse football,” Pratt said.

Mark Pratt
Snow College center

Mark’s older brothers, Russ, Scott, Trent and Paul were all top college football players and Kyle is the starting shortstop for Dixie State College.

“My brothers were a huge inspiration for me; they encouraged me to pursue football,” Mark said. He said he is excited about the big game for the national title. Both teams enter the contest as 1-0 having spent the entire season ranked in the NJCAA top five.

Butler has won four NJCAA football championships — most recently in 2003 — and is playing in the title game for the seventh time. Snow won its only appearance in an NJCAA title game in 1985.

Pratt received full-ride scholarship offers from Dixie State College and Southern Utah University. He said he had a scholarship offer from BYU, but the Cougars pulled the offer at the last minute and wanted him to walk on.

The Snow center plans to go on an LDS mission and then return for a sophomore season at Snow College.

Snow is a recruiting hot bed for four-year schools and Snow players have gone on to play in the NFL, including Philadelphia starting receiver Kevin Curtis from Bingham High and Utah State. Former Badger and BYU player Brett Keisel won a Super Bowl ring with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Pratt mentioned that recruits are always attending practices.

Snow’s offense and defense this year are both second in the nation.

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In the game against ALA Jensen, and Marisa Bobbins combined for 34 points with 17 each. Jensen had four 3-point field goals and two 3-pointers while Bobbins came on two 3-pointers and one 3-pointer. "Jensen is a big offensive threat and very athletic," her coach said. "She's a great rebounder and can play guard or small forward."

"Marisa got a lot of time in the opening game last week. She was very impressive defensively in our first game with seven steals. She'll start at point guard for us," Newton said.

The coach is also impressed with the hard work of sophomore shooting guard Wells who started last year as a freshman. "She's a hard worker and all her time in the gym has paid off. She's strong on both the offensive and defensive ends," her coach said.

Wells scored 14 points in the opening game last week. Providing leadership to the squad in senior post player Erickson. "Kyle is very positive and is one of the leaders on the team. The other girls look up to Kyle. The good thing about Kyle is that she can score both inside and outside," Newton said.

Rounding out the starters is Rachel Ippson who will play inside. "She gives us a lot of biz- tle and is a hard worker," her coach said. Other players who will see action on the varsity squad this year include Lynnea Ware, Ashley Barfield, Jessica Martinez, Mallory Shipkeys, Sage Whitehouse, Taylor Chasey and McKenna Perine. Fans can expect and tempo style of basketball from the Comets with a various assortment of defense press.

Grantsville hosts Delta tonight for their season opener. "Delta beat us last year and we beat Park City. We face a competitive pre-season which includes a game in defending state champion Emery. Most of the teams on our schedule are in the top half of 3A. We will definitely have to bring our 'A' game to win these games. I told them not to expect to win all the pre-season games, but to keep improving as we move forward," Newton said.

Grantsville will also take a trip to southern Utah to face Canyon View and Snow Canyon.

Region action begins Jan. 3 when the Comets travel to Logan.

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Holiday shoppers (above) crowd into Wal-Mart on Friday in search of after-Thanksgiving specials. Enrique Franco (right) watches the cart while his wife continues to shop during Wal-Mart’s Black Friday sale. A Wal-Mart customer (bottom right) carries a stack of Black Friday finds through the store.

“Black Friday continued from page A1

er out front, starting a week before Black Friday, and we also didn’t have any advertis-
ing mailed to homes.”

Resch said Maceys did pretty well for its first year of participating in Black Friday. “Our ipod speakers and digital picture frames sold completely out,” she said. “We opened at 6 a.m. and had about 30 people lined up outside our store at 5:30 a.m. the first day.”

Loertscher said Liddiard’s will stick with its successful Black Friday formula. “I don’t know if we’ll change anything for next year because, as the saying goes, ‘If it’s not broken, don’t fix it,’” he said. “I just hope that next year we can get more people to help with sales, because I expect that we’ll have an overabundance of customers again. This year we had big store sales in every depart-
ment and weren’t heavy in just one area.”

While the big chain stores took in most of the Black Friday haul, several smaller independent shops said their weekend was comprised of below-average sales. “Because Black Friday is hyped so much with the big department stores, the smaller stores don’t get a big amount of business,” said Michelle Christensen, owner of Tooele clothing boutique Delicious.

Bob Southwick, owner of Redux music, said he wished more people would stay in Tooele to do their Black Friday shopping. “I did less business over Black Friday than a normal week at my store, and I’m assuming it’s because a lot of people headed to Salt Lake,” he said. “I saw a bunch of cars lined up on the road headed out of town, which is kind of a shame because it would be nice to keep them all here locally for Black Friday.”

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One beauty of meatballs is they are adaptable. Meatball recipes may begin as a mixture something like a meatloaf, but they are adaptable.

The Tooele High School marching band competes in the Bridgerland Band Invitational in October 2007 at Utah State University.

Director of award-winning THS band makes members feel like one big family

Marilyn Syra has been at the forefront of making the Tooele High School band program a success for a decade. With countless competitions and individual wins under the belts of Syra’s student musicians, the importance is not about winning trophies but performing with pride to the best of their abilities.

Syra, 52, has been the THS band director and teacher since 1997 and has played an influential role in helping her students improve their talent. It’s no coincidence that this year’s band theme is “Pride and Performance,” as each member of the band strives to do well whether in marching, concert, pep or jazz band.

“It doesn’t matter how many trophies we’ve got as long as we’ve done a good job,” Syra said, adding that those trophies she’s accumulated over the years are just “icing on the cake.”

Syra has an extensive background in music, beginning with her degree from Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D. Although she had her degree in music education, Syra didn’t want to teach after going through student teaching. After going to college, Syra moved to Rifle, Colo., and worked as a receptionist and later in nursing at a hospital.

She married her husband Gary in 1980 and they began a long life of travel. They moved from Arizona back to Colorado and finally settled in Mingo, Okla., where Syra taught music for eight years at a small school. During her time there, she received the Educator of the Year award.

Syra heard about a position that would be opening as the band director at TFS. Roy Ferrin, who taught at TFS for 34 years, was retiring and someone needed to fill his shoes. So she and her husband packed their bags and moved to Tooele where Syra was a permanent substitute teacher for a year before becoming the band director.

That first year of substituting helped Syra become familiar with the high school level, as she also teaches the Tooele Junior High band and beginning band for elementary school students.

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HOMEFRONT

The holidays are here and with the holidays come opportunities to entertain yourself or at least bring a potluck to a party. It is also a very busy period and it can be difficult to find the time to cook up extra special dishes for parties. What is needed is something special to serve without spending an expanse of time in the kitchen — ideally, something that can be made nearly anytime and tucked into the freezer until time to serve.

With such a dish, you are prepared well ahead of time, perhaps before you even know you need a dish.

Enter meatballs. Meatballs are perhaps a little underrated. Meatball recipes may begin as a mixture something like a meatloaf, but they are adaptable.

Diane Sagers
CORRESPONDENT

Meatballs made with ground beef, or you can mix the ground beef with ground pork for a slightly different flavor. Or you can simply put the frozen balls into the pizza meatballs. Or you can simply put the frozen balls into the skillet and fry them without browning.

Here are a number of ways to use meatballs made with ground beef, or you can mix the ground beef with ground pork for a slightly different flavor. Use your favorite meatball mixture and mix and mold them the day before freezing and put them in the freezer until they are hard. Then place the frozen balls in a freezer container or bag and put them back in the deep freeze and you are ready to use them.

You also have the option of browning them just after you make them, then throw them away in the freezer. Browning them before freezing means one less step between the freezer and the table.

Just put the cooked meatballs in a pan with a sauce and simmer until hot and serve. On the other hand, if they are frozen without cooking, you can thaw them and add other ingredients as you choose, such as breading the cheese cube into the pizza meatballs. Or you can simply put the frozen balls into the skillet and fry them without browning.
## Tuesday

**7 p.m. on FOX**

Oh, my-what fun! The fun is in the new episodes, the body of a wriggling woman crosses a street in a car near a mall. But how did we get here? (Continued from Sunday; more to follow.)

**7 p.m. on FOX**

Live by the sword, die by the sword. Never mind. Mason (Robert Sean Leonard) returns to his best friend's house for a party, where all things mean half to face the confluence of childhood memories. After a dramatic decision time for House (Hugh Laurie) who without notice to Cord and his dog is forced to return to work, the news that game-ends online and chooses his decision time for House (Hugh Laurie) who without notice to Cord and his dog is forced to return to work.

**8 p.m. on FOX**

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

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If you’re a fan of “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit,” you’ll find this new episode packed with action. The story follows a young girl’s search for her missing sister, and she turns to ask for his help. A titled Saboteurs and manipulators.

**9 p.m. on FOX**

Futurama

**9 p.m. on FOX**

This episode includes reminiscences by John DiMaggio, who voiced the character of Fry, and a special appearance by Mitchel Musso as a young version of himself. The episode also features guest stars such as Linda Hunt and Will Arnett.

**10 p.m. on FOX**

The Simpsons

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### Christmas in Rutledge Center

7 p.m. on NBC

If you’re in the mood for a holiday special, this one’s for you! Watch as the Rutledge family celebrates Christmas with their friends and neighbors. There are games, caroling, and a photoshoot with Santa. Don’t miss this heartwarming special! (Continued on Wednesday)

**8 p.m. on NBC**

The Office

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See what’s on tap for this week’s episode of “The Office.” Watch as Jim, Pam, Dwight, and the rest of the Scranton branch deal with their resolutions for the new year. (Continued from Tuesday)

**9 p.m. on NBC**

11th Hour with Brian Williams

**9 p.m. on NBC**

Keep an eye out for the return of your favorite characters in this special holiday themed episode. Expect a mix of laughs and tears as the crew reunites for one last hurrah. (Continued from Tuesday)

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Join us as we wrap up another exciting week of television with our favorite current events and late night news programs. Catch up on all the latest stories and stay informed.

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Stay tuned as we continue to bring you the top stories from around the world. Our team of journalists will keep you informed and entertained with their analysis and insights.

### Thursday

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National Caregivers Month, if you care Caregiver rejuvenation day. Both days required to receive a certificate, which may decrease your auto insurance costs for three years. The cost is $15, payable at the first class. All class participants who have a valid driver’s license are not eligible. Call 435-882-4642 for more information and to sign up.

 MLA safe driving class Mountain West Medical Center’s Seniors’1st class will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. in the lobby. Call 882-2048 for more information.

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Churches Revival The Bible Baptist Church, 281 W. Seventh St., Tooele, will hold Revival on Nov. 28-30 at 7 p.m. On Dec. 2, 3, and 4 at 5 p.m. with a pot luck lunch at noon. Special guests will be the Benson Orchards Family. For more information call 882-7183.

MOMS Club of Tooele Valley Please join us for our monthly meeting this Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. at Leatherby’s Family Creamery, 61 E. 1280 North, Tooele. Contact Marilyn Gillette at 830-5463. Women of all ages are welcome. For more information contact Andrea at 833-1994 by Dec. 7.

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Valdez / Martin

Brett Valdez and Dyana Martin are pleased to announce their upcoming marriage on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception will be held that evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the LDS chapel at 303 S. 900 East, Orem. Brett is a 1997 graduate of Tooele High and is the son of Richard and Diane Valdez of Tooele. Dyana is a 2000 graduate of Orem High and is the daughter of Glenn and Carol Martin of Orem. If you were inadvertently missed, we apologize and hope you will come share in our excitement.
<p>Holidays are happier when you control your spending</p>

You might think that it's a bad idea to worry about your holiday shopping when your income is shared by the nation's retailers, many of whom are already beginning to inundate you with catalogs and advertisements.

Of course, you enjoy getting presents to surprise your children, but if you go overboard with your spending, you might find yourself stuck on credit card bills.

Can you avoid the "debt trap" and still be generous? Yes — if you plan ahead. By putting away even a modest amount of money each month, you'll have several hundred dollars built up as the holidays roll around again.

Hit the sales. As you know, many retailers have big "after-holiday" sales to boost business, so you may find a good bargain if you hit the stores before Christmas.

Mr.邮政 delivered the keynote speech once the sessions and heard from Dr. Rick Wright. A motivational speaker who talked to the FFA members about the phrase "It's not good enough" and how it can't be improved anymore if it can be improved.

The key note speaker was well known Ed Hymas of Rush Valley. Hyman's speech spoke about looking into the future and making the best of what it can be.

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Kids into the High School Band

For elementary school girls, Syra Gates got them started.

"With the band, you get the little kids into the high school program so we can go on trips to St. George or California and to be another family," Syra said. "The idea of the band being another family is so we can go on trips to Christmas and Thanksgiving."

She doesn't just teach the band — and go to competitions around the state and in California. Jazz band is a much smaller performance group who focus on swing and big band style music.

Also, the TSH drumline is comprised of various percussion instruments. Jazz band and the drumline perform throughout the year including the upcoming Christmas concert that will include the TSH orchestra and choir. This concert will be Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the auditorium and it's free to the public.

In the spring, the band pre- 

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Moat, a senior and the drum major, said he feels very close. "I went through her program last year. It was like another family," Syra said. "I'm at band." He added she loves it when people grow up, "I wouldn't get up at 4:30 a.m. to drive kids into the high school band for elementary school students constantly in there either chatting with Syra or playing with other bands. It's a place where ensembles or individuals can go on trips to Christmas and Thanksgiving."

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Mix all ingredients except cheese and cover tightly. Bake meatballs in oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and

"I see so cool to see them grow up," Syra said. "I just want them to remember their times in high school." She added she loves it when former students come into the band room to say a quick "hi" for a few minutes.

Because the TSH band performs pretty much year round, they have plenty of opportunities to feel proud of their accomplishments.

At the beginning of each school year, the TSH pep band practices and performs at home football and basket- ball games. They also have the marching and concert band — which includes everyone in the band — and go to competi- 

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