

President approves economic bill; rebate checks to be sent in May

WASHINGTON - President Bush signed a multibillion-dollar economic rescue package on Wednesday that means \$300 to \$1,200 rebates for many American households.

Bush called the measure "a booster shot for our economy" to stave off a recession.

Several dozen members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, stood on the stage behind Bush as he signed the bill.

Rebates are to go out beginning in May to taxpayers and low-income people, including seniors living off of Social Security and veterans who depend on disability checks.

Businesses would get tax breaks for investing in new plants and equipment.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples from the Internal Revenue Service, with an additional \$300 per child.

People earning at least \$3,000 and those who owe little or no taxes would get \$300 for singles, \$600 for couples.

Those making more than \$75,000 and couples with income exceeding \$150,000 are to get smaller rebates — \$50 less per \$1,000 they make over those thresholds.

Economic analysts generally believe the \$168 billion package Bush signed will help prevent the current downturn from ballooning into a crisis. But if the rebates don't spur a consumer spending spree strong enough to cure what ails the economy, Congress is ready to throw more money at the problem. Bush said the measure was "large enough to have an impact."

Democrats and Republicans who put aside deep differences to craft the plan and rush it to enactment joined the president at the White House for the signing ceremony

in the East Room. The package is designed in part to inoculate lawmakers from voter blame should the economy continue to lag as the November elections bear down.

Congressional leaders already are considering more economic rescue measures that could include transportation spending, unemployment aid and measures to address the housing crunch that's at the root of the current economic doldrums.

In the meantime, economists are debating how effective the rebates will be, with critics arguing that debt-burdened consumers will use the money to pay bills rather than spending the checks and spurring growth.

An Associated Press-Ipsos poll found that only 19 percent of those surveyed said they planned to spend their rebate checks. Forty-five percent said they would pay bills, while 32 percent said they planned to invest the money.

Old fashioned toys are better

Dear Dr. Brothers: I have two grandchildren, and I'm skeptical about the educational benefit of the complex electronic toys they have taken to playing with. To me, these toys are closer to arcade games or television, and they don't let the kids use their imagination or play actively. My own kids disagree, and buy all the fanciest new toys when they come out. Is there any validity to my bias against these types of toys? Might it be better to give my grandkids more "old-fashioned" toys? -- E.G.



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

Dear E.G.: There is some evidence in the field of child psychology that toys allowing children to play more interactively and expand their imagination and creative-thinking abilities are more educational than modern gadgets that promise to improve the child's intelligence or teach her a foreign language. Children need to learn to solve problems creatively and discover the world around them. When we give them toys that allow them only one option of how to play or force them to interact in only certain ways, we limit their developmental capacities.

"Old-fashioned" toys, as you put it, are not by definition better for our children, but a lot of them may allow our kids to use their imagination. Building blocks, hula hoops, crayons -- all of these are toys that now seem old-fashioned but actually will provide kids with a lot of stimulation and educational fun. Toys that encourage kids to play together also are especially important.

Kids need to learn to play

alone, but the cooperation and negotiation skills they learn from playing with others are critical for them later in life. There's nothing wrong with your grandchildren's parents wanting them to have the best toys available, but you can help by providing your own toys. If your grandkids end up spending more time playing with your simple toys than the expensive, complex ones their parents give them, they'll start to get the message.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My brother and I have children about the same age, but they are very different. My kids are somewhat overweight and don't enjoy sports or other activities that might encourage them to lose weight, while my brother's kids are very active and love sports. Since their genes are similar, could this be something that I am doing wrong as a parent? I'm not very active myself, and I've never played sports, so could this be rubbing off on my children? -- R.R.

Dear R.R.: You are right to be concerned with your children's level of physical activity. Children who are not active and have unhealthy diets may be at risk for certain adult diseases, and there may be associations

between a child's lifestyle before the age of 5 and childhood obesity.

In a recent study in the British Medical Journal, researchers found that there was a correlation between how active parents were during pregnancy and their children's early years, and how active their children were.

This link is not likely to be due to genetic or biological factors, as you are right to assume, but instead due to the fact that parents' behavior can easily influence their children's behavior.

Because of this, increasing your own level of activity will help not only yourself, but it may help your children to become more active. If you are able to start doing some moderate exercise, you should encourage your children to do so as well.

Make sure to keep these conversations positive, and make the activities in which you're trying to engage your children fun. Instead of watching a video as a family, play a game of basketball.

When you're at the pool or beach, get in the water and play and swim instead of lying on your towels. Small steps like these can make a big difference in your children's future health.

Colby Kids Wrestling Results

6 and Under

Lewis Haines, 40 lbs; 1st
Brayclen Lynn, 40 lbs; 2nd
Tyler Voss, 43 lbs; 3rd
Kensley Garrett, 43 lbs; 4th
Thane Wildeman, 43 lbs;
DNP
Riley Kraft, 43 lbs; 1st
Kurt Schroeder, 46 lbs; 1st
Dalton Schuette, 46 lbs; DNP
Rathe Aschenbrenner, 46 lbs;
SNP
Konnor Griffin, 46 lbs; 4th
Austin Reed, 46 lbs; 2nd

Aaron Platt, 49 lbs; 1st
Blaise Vrbas, 49 lbs; 4th
Bradyn Blackhart, 49 lbs; 3rd
Colton Davis, 52 lbs; 1st
Karson Haggard, 52 lbs; 3rd
Brett Morris, 55 lbs; N/A
Tate Siruta, 58 lbs; 4th
Declan Ryan, 61 lbs; 4th
Tucker Branum, 67 lbs; 1st
Aaron Kurth, 67 lbs; 2nd
Zachary Johnson, 70 lbs; N/A
Tristan Slinger, HWT; 1st

8 and Under

Peyton Moeder, 46 lbs; 1st

Braiden Lynn, 49 lbs; DNP
Job Thompson, 52 lbs; DNP
Sean Rall, 61 lbs; 3rd
Tanner Reed, 58 lbs; N/A
Rex Branum, 61 lbs; 2nd
Nicholas Johnson, 70 lbs;
N/A
Tyler Schritter, 40 lbs; 3rd
Aaron Curry, 76 lbs; N/A
Kyler Britt, 80 lbs; 3rd
Parker Hamel, 80 lbs; DNP
Austin Hamel, 88 lbs; 4th
Lander Niblock, 110 lbs; 3rd

Trojan teams both fall at Butler County

The Colby Community College men's and women's basketball teams each got off on the wrong on the start of their three-game road-trip at Butler County Community College in El Dorado Wednesday.

The Lady Trojans lost a tough 64-61 decision while the men were blown away by Butler 106-71.

No statistics were available by press time.

The Lady Trojans fell to 11-15 overall and 6-6 in the Jayhawk Conference. They remain in fifth place in the Western Division, 2 1/2 games behind Seward County for fourth with four to play.

Colby's men's team now sits alone in the Western Division cellar at 7-19 overall and 3-9 in the league. They are a game behind Butler for eighth place.

If they don't catch them in these last four games, they will miss the Regional Tournament for a second consecutive year.

Both squads will look to rebound at Cloud County Saturday. The women's game begins at 6 p.m. The men start at 8 p.m.

The Cloud women are ranked #21 in the country at 20-4 overall and 9-2 in league play. They are in second place in the Western Division.

They defeated Colby 76-53 Jan. 16 at the Colby Community Building.

Cloud's men's team is 16-9 overall and 8-3 in the Jayhawk; good for third place in the Western Division.

They also beat Colby earlier this year, 76-51.

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SATURDAY		FEBRUARY 16										
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLB/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday		Good Morning America (N) (CC)		Good Morning Kansas Saturday		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Today (N) (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Jacob Two Two	Dragon (E)	Friend Rabbit	Pen-guins	Veggie-Tales	Jane-Dragon
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	The Early Show (CC)				News (N)				Sushi Pack (E)	Dino Squad	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	Business	Market-Market	Beren-Bears	Make-Noddy	Bob the Builder	Thomas-Friends	Mama-Movies	Signing Time!	Lassie's Pet Vet	Motor-Week (N)	Wood-wright	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College GameDay (Live) (CC)		College Basketball	
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Bride of Chucky ** 1/2 (1998) An evil doll and its mate seek human form.				Movie: Twilight (1998) A retired detective investigates an old disappearance case.			
TBS (38)	(5:10) Movie: Grumpy Old Men		Movie: Multiplicity (1996) Scientifically created duplicates complicate a man's life.		Movie: In Good Company *** (2004, Comedy-Drama) Dennis Quaid. (CC)				Movie: The Wedding Planner			
WGN (39)	Paid Program	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Whit-taker		Even Stevens	Even Stevens
TNT (40)	Law & Order: Breeder (CC) (DVS)		Movie: I Spy ** (2002) A spy recruits a boxer to help him retrieve a stolen plane.		Movie: National Security ** (2003, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. (CC)						Movie: Ali *** (2001) Will Smith.	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Man vs. Wild Everglades (CC)				MythBusters Paper Crossbow (CC)		Dirty Jobs Mud Mineral Excavator	
A&E (47)	Biography Mick Foley (CC)		Biography Andre the Giant (CC)		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Sell This House!	Flip This House It's a Rat Race (CC)		Flip This House (CC)	
HIST (48)	The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones Masks of Evil (CC)				Wild West Tech Shootout Tech (CC)			UFO Files H.G. Wells. (CC)	Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Ancient Discoveries (CC)	
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Barn-yard	Tak and Power	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Johnny-Sprites	Tigger & Pooh	Tigger & Pooh	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Ein-steins	Handy Manny	Bunny-town	Charlie & Lola	Movie: Holes *** (2003) (CC)	
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Movie: Agent Cody Banks ** (2003)	
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 1 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)		7th Heaven (CC)		7th Heaven Seven Is Enough (CC)		Movie: Skylark *** 1/2 (1993, Drama) Glenn Close, Christopher Walken. (CC)			

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLB/ABC (4) (6)	NBA All-Star Special		Paid Program	Paid Program	Madness	College Basketball: Regional Coverage -- Oklahoma State at Texas A&M or Stanford at Arizona. (Live) (CC)					Paid Program	ABC News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	Triathlon: Ironman World Championship, Kona, Hawaii.		Snowboarding: USSA Chevrolet Grand Prix. (CC)				World of Adventure Sports (N) (CC)		Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	College Basketball: Carolina. (Live) (CC)		Virginia Tech at North Carolina. (Live) (CC)		PGA Tour Golf: Northern Trust Open -- Third Round. From Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee This Old Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Home-time (N)	For Your Home	Food	Test Kitchen	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Place of Own	Antiques Roadshow (CC)	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Providence. (Live) (CC)		Louisville at Mississippi State. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball: Arkansas at Mississippi State. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Texas at Baylor.	
USA (37)	Movie: Frequency *** (2000) A man communicates with his long-dead father via ham radio. Dennis Quaid.		Movie: Pay It Forward ** 1/2 (2000, Drama) A classroom assignment inspires a boy to help others.		Movie: Kiss the Girls ** (1997) An escaped victim and a forensic expert trail a killer. Morgan Freeman.				Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)
TBS (38)	(11:15) Movie: The Wedding Planner ** (2001) (CC)										Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)
WGN (39)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Soul Train Peabo Bryson; Stargard.		Movie: The Breakfast Club *** 1985, Comedy-Drama) Emilio Estevez. (CC)				American Idol Rewind (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: Ali *** (2001, Biography) Will Smith. (CC)		Movie: Drumline *** (2002) Rivalry between two drummers threatens a college band. Nick Cannon.						Inside the NBA (Live) (CC)			
DSC (42)	Fight Quest Brazil		Search for the Sea Serpent (CC)		Search for the Loch Ness Monster			Best Evidence Bigfoot (CC)	Inside Area 51 (CC)		Dive to Bermuda Triangle (CC)	
A&E (47)	Dead Men Talking (CC)		Movie: The Execution of Wanda Jean *** (2002) Wanda Jean Allen. (CC)		Back in the Hood: Gang War 2 (CC)				Movie: True Lies *** (1994) A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man.		Modern Marvels (CC)	Modern Marvels (CC)
HIST (48)	Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Cities of the Underworld (CC)		Cities of the Underworld (CC)				Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)	
NICK (55)	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Ned's School	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh
DISN (56)	(11:00) Movie: Holes *** (2003)		That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Cory in the House	Hannah Montana	Wizards-Place	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana
FAM (58)	(11:00) Movie: Agent Cody Banks		Movie: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London ** (2004) Frankie Muniz. (CC)		Movie: Ice Princess (2005) A teen chases her dream of becoming a figure skater.				Movie: A Season for Miracles ** (1999, Drama) Carie Gulgino, David Conrad. (CC)			
HALL (60)	Movie: Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End ** 1/2 (1999, Drama) Glenn Close.		Movie: Fallen Angel (2003, Drama) Gary Sinise, Joely Richardson. (CC)									

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KLB/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Kake News	Movie: Miracle *** (2004, Drama) The U.S. Olympic hockey team beats the Soviet team. Kurt Russell. (Premiere)		News (N) (CC)	American Idol Rewind (N) (CC)			Ent. Tonight			
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Bottomless (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Saturday Night Live (CC)		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Paid Program	Jericho Reconstruction (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N) (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	Without a Trace Penitence (CC)	
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Ameri-ca's Hrtl	Keeping Up As Time Goes By		The Lawrence Welk Show		Ro-mance	New Red Green	Austin City Limits Norah Jones (CC)		Soundstage John Fogerty (Part 2 of 2)	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Texas at Baylor.		College GameDay (Live) (CC)		College Basketball: Indiana. (Live) (CC)		Michigan State at		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Midnight Madness (2003)	
USA (37)	Monk Mr. Monk Is on the Run, Part 1		NCIS Hiatus (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		NCIS Hiatus (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		NCIS Shalom (CC)		House Safe (CC)		Movie: Bruce Almighty (2003)	
TBS (38)	King of Queens	King of Queens	Movie: Hitch *** (2005) A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. Will Smith. (CC)		Movie: The Legend of Bagger Vance *** (2000) A mystical caddy helps an ex-golfer regain his swing.							
WGN (39)	Funnies Pets	Funnies Pets	Movie: Blink ** (1994) A killer stalks a witness who recently regained her sight.		WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Reno 911!	Reno 911!		24 (CC) 911!	
TNT (40)	Slim Dunk Contest: Airborne	All-Star Pre.	NBA Basketball: 2008 All-Star Skills Competition. From New Orleans. (Live) (CC)					Swim-suit 2008	Movie: Spider-Man *** (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire.			
DSC (42)	Dive to Bermuda Triangle (CC)		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters Viewers Special 2		Smash Lab High Rise Escape		Some Assembly Required		Some Assembly Required	
A&E (47)	(4:00) Movie: True Lies *** (1994)		Movie: Erin Brockovich *** (2000, Drama) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. Julia Roberts.						Flip This House (CC)		Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)		Shockwave (CC)	
NICK (55)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly (CC)	Naked Brothers	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	Movie: Beethoven's 4th ** (2001, Comedy) Judge Reinhold. (CC)				Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: Uptown Girls **		Movie: Mean Girls (2004) A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates. (CC)		Movie: Mean Girls (2004) A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates. (CC)				Movie: Heathers *** 1/2 (1989) (CC)			
HALL (60)	Movie: What I Did for Love (2006, Romance-Comedy) Jeremy London. (CC)		Movie: South Pacific *** 1/2 (2001, Musical) A Navy nurse falls for a plantation owner during World War II. Glenn Close. (CC)						Movie: Sarah: Winter's End			

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