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## Indecency on TV

The Supreme Court will decide whether it is indecent when someone drops the F-word on TV. The court will rule based on two incidents broadcast on Fox:

- A Dec. 2, 2003, broadcast of the Billboard Music Awards, when singer Cher used the phrase "F---em."
- A Dec. 10, 2003, Billboards broadcast where reality-show star Nicole Ritchie said "It's not so f---g simple."

Source: The Associated Press

## High court tackles F-word

It will weigh the FCC's expletives ban in its first big broadcast indecency case in three decades

BY JOHN DUNBAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will decide whether it is indecent when some foul-mouthed celebrity drops the "F-word" on live television, stepping into its first major broadcast indecency case in 30 years.

The high court said Monday it will hear arguments in a case over whether the government can ban "fleeting expletives," one-time uses of familiar but profane words.

The case grew out of a decision by the Federal Communications Commission in 2006 that two broadcasts of the "Billboard Music Awards" show were indecent, though the agency levied no fines. Cher uttered one fleeting expletive beginning with "F" and Nicole Richie uttered a variation of the same word and another one beginning with "S."

Fox Broadcasting Co. and others appealed the decision, saying that the agency had changed its enforcement policy without warning and that the new ban was unconstitutional.

A federal appeals court in

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Partly cloudy skies, with highs in low 50s north; sunny skies and 56 to 64 south.

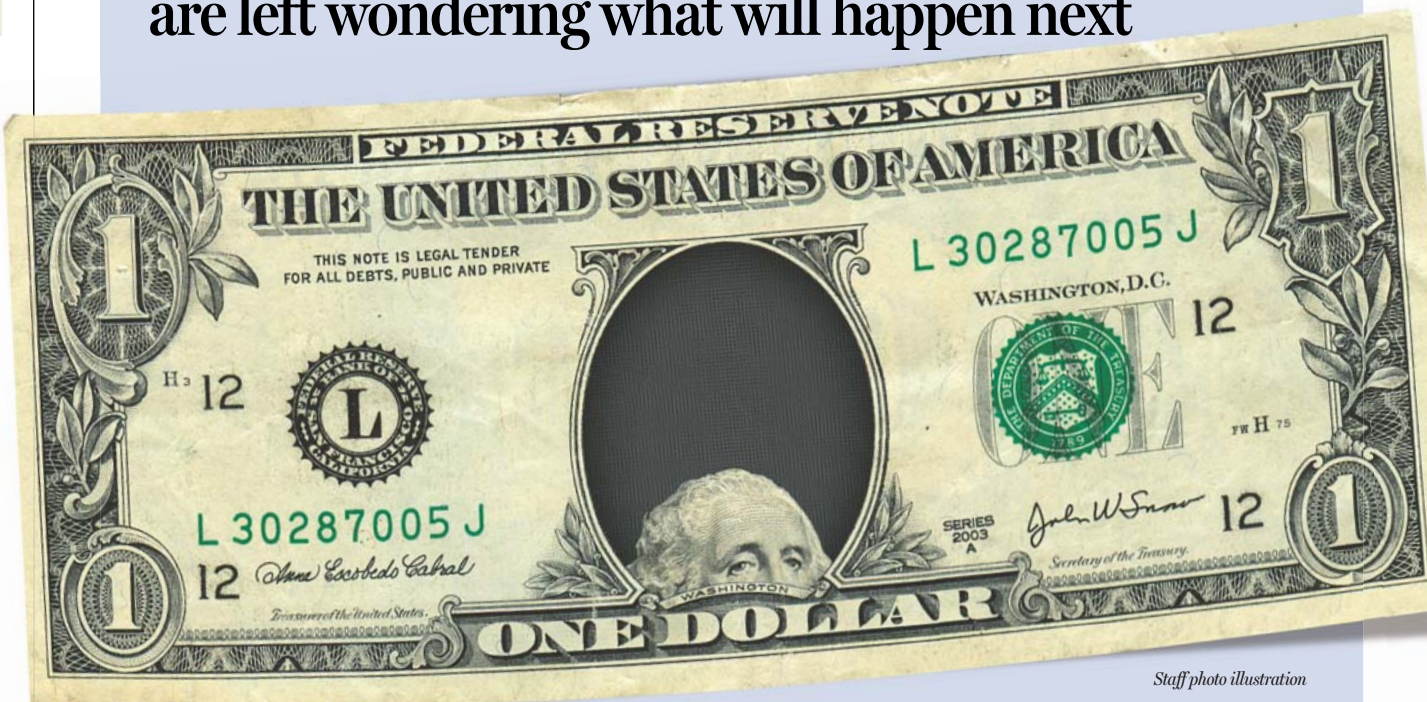


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The nation's economy »

# SHOULD WE WORRY?

With a U.S. recession looming, consumers are left wondering what will happen next



Staff photo illustration

**THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IS REELING** from the collapse of investment bank Bear Stearns. The government offers reassurances that no other investment banks are set to collapse, but investors and consumers have their doubts — not only about investment banks but the fragile economy as a whole.

**What does the collapse of Bear Stearns say about the nation's financial markets in general? Should consumers be worried?**

"We're going through an interesting and scary period, but we're not looking at any kind of major financial collapse. The Federal Reserve is doing all kinds of things behind the scenes to protect the financial markets and the economy. Also Congress probably will come up with more programs to help home buyers. . . . We may be battered and bruised, but we'll be OK." — **Jeff Thredgold, economic consultant to Zions Bancorp.**



HENNY RAY ABRAMS/The Associated Press  
Edward McCarthy, center, tries to get a look at the monitors Monday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

**If we are entering a recession, how severe will it be? Will it be different from previous recessions?**

"We're expecting a relatively mild period of negative economic growth. Unlike the recent downturns in the past, this time we're also seeing some very high prices for energy and other commodities." — **Kelly Matthews, executive vice president and economist, Wells Fargo Bank.**

**Why should anyone care about Bear Stearns' demise and the response of the Federal Reserve?**

"Bear Stearns was intimately tied to multiple banks throughout the world. When the Fed stepped in, it did so to prop up the U.S. economy and the global financial markets and to put a floor under the fears of Wall Street." — **Sterling Jensen, senior managing director, Wells Fargo Capital Management, Salt Lake City.**

**If indeed we are now in a recession or one is looming, what strategies should ordinary Americans use to protect themselves?**

"What people generally can do is buckle down on their finances, spend a little less and save a little bit more. They should look for ways to improve their personal balance sheets so if they do see a job cut, they'll have a little bit more saved. This is a time for investors to be cautious. They should stick with good solid companies that are not too exposed to the economy. Stay away from housing and financial company stocks and stick with energy, food and pharmaceuticals — things that people need to have no matter what the state of the economy."

— **Toby Levitt, chief investment analyst at Albion Financial Group.**



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## Tibet unrest

Deadline passes; troops prepare to quell uprising

China vows Monday to protect its sovereignty in Tibet as troops mobilized to impede protests. A deadline for protesters to turn themselves in passes without surrenders or arrests. **WORLD, A3**



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## Deadly toxin

Sick man tells brother he believes he was poisoned by ricin

A man hospitalized since Valentine's Day tells his brother he was contaminated by the deadly ricin found in his hotel room. The man also says he never would have done anything to anyone. **NATION, A4**

## Fed up Utahns file for the Hill

Candidates running for state offices say the current Legislature isn't listening to constituents

BY SHEENA MCFARLAND AND CATHY MCKITRICK  
The Salt Lake Tribune

Dave Hogue is distancing himself from the Republican Party after being a registered member for 47 years because the party has moved away from him and — he says — from most Utahns.

The 10-year Republican lawmaker, who left his House seat in 2006 for an unsuccessful bid for state Senate, is running again, this time as a Democrat.



Dave Hogue  
Running for state Senate seat

"The purpose of the Legislature is to represent the people," Hogue said. "I've been disappointed in the way the Republican leadership has steered and guided legislation that is going away from citizens' "

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## Hopefuls flock to Jordan elections

101 people file for seats on new school boards

BY ROXANA ORELLANA  
The Salt Lake Tribune

Whether they supported the breakup of the Jordan School District or not, constituents clearly care about the future of the two new districts being formed, school board election filings show.

By Monday's filing deadline, 101 candidates had filed for a seat on one of the two boards being created to represent the new east-side district and what will remain of the Jordan School District after the split. As many as 16 candidates filed for a single seat; many seats had eight or more candidates.

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