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Prices these days aren't always cheaper, so it does pay to compare

BY SARAH HALZACK

THE WASHINGTON POST

There are plenty of reasons to do your shopping online instead of in stores: Maybe you can find a deeper selection of merchandise on digital shelves. Or maybe you just prefer shopping from the com-

fort of your couch. But if what keeps you swiping and typing your way to a purchase is the belief that it'll get you the lowest prices, you may want to rethink your strategy.

Researchers at Anthem Marketing Solutions compared online and in-store prices on a wide assortment of typical household products. They controlled for brand and package size, and only assessed items that were available in at least three brick-and-mortar stores and at three online outlets.

In 75 percent of their observations, they found no difference in price for a given item. Stephanie McAndrew, senior project manager at Anthem, said that since the team began conducting the semi-annual study in 2010, it has seen a consistent move toward more uniformity between online and in-store prices.

The finding suggests that retailers are unifying their prices as people get comfortable jumping between channels

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The increased consistency on pricing may also reflect a move by many stores to develop a more holistic view of their inventory. In the past, many retailers had separate silos for items to be sold online and in stores. As they move to a single inventory pool, it's easier for them to maintain uniformity on prices.

The researchers found that price consistency was highest in the household products category, which includes items such as detergent, garbage bags and air fresheners. With prices being the same 80.8 percent of the time, this is the category in which there is perhaps the least incentive to check prices across channels. Meanwhile, the beauty category had the lowest price consistency, 62.1 percent. So it might be helpful to do some research before you pick up a new lipstick or nail polish.

Overall, researchers found



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Al and Erika Baker of Hermon take a moment to look online for an item they couldn't find in the store while shopping at the Bangor Target on Black Friday 2015.

that when there was a differ- tertainment category, compared ence, online prices were better in 75 percent of the cases they observed. But the depth of the deals online varied widely.

For instance, there is potential for deep savings on entertainment items such as DVDs, video games and board games. And the chasm is growing fast: In Anthem's previous study, there was a 43 percent average savings online in the en-

with nearly 74 percent this year.

At the other end of the spectrum is groceries, the only area where there is more of an opportunity for savings in stores than online. Grocery is a retailing category that has been among the least disrupted by the boom in online shopping, and perhaps the price difference is in part why some have not given online grocery shopping a try.

Shopping online may not be such a deal Maine Brew Bus to tap Boston area this spring

BY KATHLEEN PIERCE **BDN STAFF**

PORTLAND — The bright green buses "driving you to drink local' in southern Maine for more than three years are heading south. The Maine Brew Bus announced Friday, "We are expanding our company into Boston, and we plan to begin offering brewery tours and more in the area very soon.'

Starting this spring, The Boston Brew Bus will take guests on behind-the-scenes tours of up to 20 different Beantown craft beer and spirit makers. They already have a website, though routes haven't been announced.

Since its inception, these guided tours of Maine breweries, distilleries and wineries have shuttled 7,000 guests on three buses to taste and learn the craft. The company plans to hire 10 people for the Boston outfit.

"This seems like an ideal time to expand our Brew Bus business into the Boston market," said founder Zach Poole in a prepared statement. "By our count there are over 40 breweries and brewpubs currently operating or soon to be open in the area."

For the last year and a half, owner Poole and assistant principal Don Littlefield scouted locations in Massachusetts, "making key connections and developing plans for tours in Boston."

Poole plans to expose people to brewers that are "brand new or not even open yet, and do not currently have visits from any tour operators.

Don't worry, beer drinkers, there are no plans to hit the brakes in Maine. The beverage bus is doubling down, moving into a larger facility in Portland and adding jobs.

'By no means will we lose our focus here in southern Maine. In fact, we have been hiring additional team members and have plans to soon expand our tour itineraries here in Maine," said Poole.

Details about locations, itineraries and pricing are not final at this time.

traditional Roman fare to Bangor at 96 Hammond St., the current lo- in the council room of City Hall in

BY SHELBY HARTIN **BDN STAFF**

Massimo's Cucina Italiana, confirmed Friday the restaurant is in the process of being sold and paperwork is being finalized. Massimo's Cucina Italiana has offered

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residents since 2007.

Brett Settle, the owner of Giaco-Massimo Ranni, the owner of mo's, which offers gourmet sandwiches in downtown Bangor, is to purchase the business from Ranni. Settle submitted a liquor license application to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages for Brahma Grill, place at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22,

cation of Massimo's Cucina Italiana. The request indicates the starting date for new ownership of the business is March 1.

A public hearing for consideration of the application for a liquor license for Brahma Grill will take

Bangor.

Ranni could not confirm the exact date when Massimo's Cucina Italiana will close, but Massimo's Pizza Bar, a new undertaking at 130 Hammond St., which will offer hearthstone-baked pizza, beer and wines, is slated to open in March, he said.

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Autodesk	49.91	+2.16	1.9	Oracle	36.78	+0.15	3.2	Bank of America (BAC)	18.48	10.99	12.13	-0.11	-0.90		\blacksquare	\blacksquare	-27.93	9.0	0.2	
AvidTch	7.30	-0.02	0.0	Orange	17.70	-0.01	3.2	Bar Harbor (BHB)	37.98	28.97	33.49	+0.31	+0.93	•	•	•		13.3	1.1	
BcoSantSA	3.86	-0.09	0.0	Penn Gmng	13.58	-0.36	0.6	Camden Nat'l (CAC)	47.49	36.91	38.62	+0.42	+1.10	•	•	•	-12.41	13.9		
BestBuy	29.95	-0.80	0.3	Penney	7.32	-0.31	0.7								•				1.0	Ľ
BkNYMel	34.93	+0.39	0.9	PepcoHold	26.42	-0.27		Cisco (CSCO)	30.31	22.46	26.55	+0.12	+0.45	A	•	•	-2.23	13.1	1.2	ľ
BkofAm	12.13	-0.11	0.7	PepsiCo	99.58	-0.04	0.0	Delhaize (DEG)	26.86	19.56	25.48	+0.05	+0.20				+4.90	32.8	1.0	1
Boeing	115.16	-2.41	0.2	Pfizer	29.49	-0.06	1.1	Domtar (UFS)	48.30	29.88	32.89	-0.86	-2.55		▼	\blacksquare	-10.99	15.1	0.4	
BP PLC	29.75	-0.03	4.4	PhilipMor	91.94	+0.29	2.8	Dover (DOV)	78.21	50.91	60.62	-1.03	-1.67		•	•	-1.13	16.4	1.6	Ľ
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Caterpillar	65.42	-0.70	1.5	ProctGam	81.79	-0.19	1.5	General Dynamics (GD)	153.76	121.61	135.26	+0.21	+0.16	A	•	•	-1.53	14.9		
CBS B	45.09	-0.70	3.1	Prudentl	35.30	-0.22	3.0	General Electric (GE)	31.49	19.37	29.02	-0.06	-0.21	_	\blacksquare	\blacksquare	-6.84	645.2	2.8	
CenterPnt	18.44	-0.12	0.6	OstDiag	66.31	+0.26	2.7	HCA Holdings (HCA)	95.49	43.91	67.62	+0.10	+0.15				-0.01	13.5	0.9	ľ
Chevron	86.50	-0.23	1.0	Rayonier	21.10	-0.03	1.2	Idexx Labs (IDXX)	164.48	61.58	71.34	+0.71	+1.01	•		•	-2.17	34.4		
Citigroup	38.99	+0.07	4.3	Raytheon	123.57	+1.99	1.6								▼	-				1
CocaCola	43.77	+0.16	0.2	ReynAmer	49.51		1.0	ImmuCell (ICCC)	11.40	5.50	6.06	-0.04	-0.66	•			-19.63	15.9		
Corning	18.55	-0.18	1.4	RylCarb	70.85	+0.98	2.7	International Paper (IP)	57.90	32.50	34.01	-1.31	-3.71	•	•	•	-9.79	16.5		
Deere	77.00 95.01	-3.33 -0.16		Schwab SearsHldgs	24.44 16.71	+0.28	1.7 1.5	KeyCorp (KEY)	15.70	9.88	10.70	+0.06	+0.56		\blacksquare	\blacksquare	-18.88	10.0	1.8	
Disney DowChm	47.08	-0.10	1.4	Sherwin	255.51	+0.73	0.2	Kimberly-Clark (KMB)	132.43	103.04	130.43	+0.68	+0.52				+2.46	47.0	0.3	
DukeEnrg	74.55	-1.66	1.8	SiderurNac	1.12	+0.73	0.0	Kraft Heinz (KHC)	81.20	61.42	73.52	+0.07	+0.10	•	•	•	+1.04	0.0	3.7	
DuPont	34.93	+1.07	3.3	Siemens	94.04		3.4													1
ExxonMbl	82.50	+0.05	1.9	SonyCp	21.97	-0.25	0.1	Lake Sunapee Bank (LSBG)	16.35	13.25	14.00	+0.08	+0.56	•	•	•	-0.23	12.0	2.3	
Facebook	104.57	+1.10	2.9	Starbucks	57.67	+0.71		Northeast Bancorp (NBN)	11.02	9.10	9.91	+0.16	+1.64	A	•	\blacksquare	-5.62	12.5	0.6	
FedExCp	129.76	-1.57		SwstAirl	39.31	+0.31	0.1	People's United Fin (PBCT)	16.95	13.62	14.67	+0.17	+1.17		•	\blacksquare	-9.16	16.8	0.0	
FidINFin	32.93	-0.31	1.0	Symantec	19.93	+0.12	0.8	Plum Creek Timber (PCL)	51.63	35.20	36.54	-1.53	-4.02		•	•	-23.43	33.8	0.7	
FidNatInfo	59.71	+0.54	0.8	Target	72.32	-0.21	0.3	PNC (PNC)	100.52	77.67	82.82	+0.24	+0.29		•	•	-13.10	11.1	1.8	
FrontierCm	4.44	-0.10	1.0	Textron	33.28	-0.47		- , -,						_						
GenElec	29.02	-0.06	0.4	TimeWarn	188.84	+1.09	2.2	RR Donnelley (RRD)	20.22	12.07	13.33	-0.36	-2.63	•	•	•	-9.44	28.1	2.0	
GlaxoSKIn	39.76	+0.39	0.9	Toyota	105.31	-2.14	0.1	Sappi Limited (SPPJY)	4.72	2.67	4.30				•	•			1.0	
GoldmanS	146.91	-0.82		Travelers	108.09	-0.76	3.0	State Street (STT)	81.26	50.73	56.19	+0.61	+1.10		\blacksquare	\blacksquare	-15.33	12.3	0.0	
Google	700.91	+3.56	2.4	UPS B	97.37	-0.09	2.4	Sysco (SYY)	44.99	35.45	44.99	+0.47	+1.06	•	•	•	+9.73	34.2	1.4	
Hershey	91.03	+0.54	2.6	ValeroE	57.05	+1.49		· •	22.56	16.20	18.77	-0.01	-0.05	_	_	-	-8.30	12.5		
HewlettP	10.32	-0.20		Vodafone	30.57	-0.39	3.1	The First Bancorp (FNLC)						_						
Hitachi	42.66		2.3	WalterEn	0.04		2.4	United Technologies (UTX)	124.45	83.39	88.23	-0.13	-0.15	A	•	•	-8.16	19.1	0.9	
HomeDp	121.69	+1.72	0.5	Waste Mng't		+0.19	2.3	Unum Group (UNM)	38.15	23.99	27.52	+0.14	+0.51	A	•	▼	-17.33	7.8	2.6	
Honda	25.93	-0.32	1.0	WellsFargo	48.09	+0.36	1.7 0.0	Verizon Comm (VZ)	51.20	38.06	50.86	-0.08	-0.16	•		A	+10.04	11.7	0.7	
IBM Intel	133.08 28.71	+0.63	2.4	Yahoo Zimmer	30.04 94.79	+0.62	0.0	WalMart (WMT)	84.86	56.30	64.66	+0.54	+0.84	•	•	•	+5.48	14.1		
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AMCP A	24.23	+0.04 -8.7	Balanced	20.07	+0.02 -7.1	Core Bond Sel	11.75	unch. +2.1			-0.04	
Bal A	23.09	-0.01 -3.0	Blue Chip Gr	61.03	+0.21 -10.1	LAZARD				9.79	-0.1	-17.4
Bond A	12.72	-0.01 +0.9	Capital & Inc	8.66	-0.01 -8.2	Emg Mkt Eq Inst	12.98	-0.06 -24.6	THORNBURG			
CIB A	54.90	-0.12 -6.8	Contrafund	90.47	+0.39 -5.6	LOOMIS SAYLES			Intl Val I 22	32	-0.05	-9.7
CWGI A	40.56	-0.05 -11.9	Dividend Gr	28.49	unch8.5	Bd Inst	12.44	-0.03 -9.8	VANGUARD			
EuPc A	41.29	-0.09 -13.1	Dvsd Intl	32.02	+0.04 -10.6	OPPENHEIMER			500 Index Adm 177	.44	+0.02	-6.7
FInv A	47.39	unch6.1	Freedom 2020	13.82	+0.01 -7.4	Dev Mkts A	28.17	-0.02 -21.2	GNMA Adm 10).79	+0.01	+2.6
Gro A	37.42	+0.09 -7.8	Freedom 2025	11.75	+0.01 -8.2	PERMANENT			Health Care Adm 82	.77	+0.16	-4.9
HIA	8.97	-0.02 -12.2	Freedom 2030	14.18	+0.01 -9.7	Port Permanent	35 49	+0.01 -6.2	Infl-Prot Inv 13	3.03	+0.01	-0.7
ICA A	32.01	-0.07 -7.5	Gro Company	119.40	+0.7 -10.5	PIMCO	00.10	. 0.01	Ins T StMk Ins+ 42	2.86	+0.02	-8.7
Inc A Mut A	19.66 32.86	-0.04 -6.3 $-0.07 -6.9$	Inc GNMA	11.64	unch. +2.3	All Asset Inst	9.96	-0.04 -11.7	Instl Indx Inst 175	.69	+0.02	-6.7
NPer A	32.75	+0.03 -7.4	Low-Prcd Stk	44.99	-0.09 -7.8	Comm RR Str Ins		-0.05 -29.0	Int-Tm Inv Adm 9	9.73	unch.	+1.7
NWId A	46.00	-0.01 -16.2	Magellan Fund	81.55	+0.21 -8.1	High Yield Inst	8.02	-0.03 -25.0 -0.02 -6.0	Int-Tm TxEx Adm 14	.43	unch.	+4.2
SMCP A	38.76	+0.1 -10.2	Puritan	19.15	+0.02 -6.4	Low Dur Inst	9.79	-0.02 -6.0 unch0.3	Intl Gro Inv 19	9.00	unch.	-14.6
Wash A	36.60	-0.05 -6.5	Sp S&P 500 Inv	67.59	+0.01 -6.7				Ltd-Tm TxEx Adm 11	.11	unch.	+2.0
BLACKROCK		-0.03 -0.3	Srs Inv Gd Bd	11.09	unch. unch.	Real Rtn Inst	10.51	unch3.4	PRIMECAP Inv 91	.46	+0.04	-8.8
GI Alloc A	16.92	-0.06 -8.3	Strat Inc	10.00	-0.01 -3.8	Tot Rtn Inst	10.04	-0.02 +0.1	Sh-Tm Inv Adm 10).59	unch.	+1.1
COLUMBIA	10.52	0.00 0.0	Total Bond	10.26	-0.01 -0.9	Uncons Inst	9.93	-0.01 -5.6	Sh-Tm Tx-Ex Adm 15	.85	unch.	+0.8
Acorn Z	17.18	+0.1 -15.5	FIRST EAGLE			JPMORGAN			STAR Inv 22	2.13	unch.	-7.2
DAVIS	17.10	TO.1 15.5	Global A	50.19	-0.13 -6.1	Cap S&P 500 ldx	29.71	+0.01 -6.8	T StMk Idx Inv 47	7.35	+0.03	-8.9
NY Venture	A 27.31	-0.03 -11.0	FRANKLIN			T ROWE PRICE			Tgt Ret2015 Inv 13	3.87	unch.	-4.8
DFA	A 27.01	0.00 11.0	CA TF Inc A	7.57	unch. +3.9	BC Gro	64.21	+0.26 -6.4	-	5.24	-0.01	-6.0
Emg Mkts V	10 20 ا مبياه	-0.02 -24.6	Cust Inc A	1.99	-0.01 - 13.5	Сар Арр	24.19	-0.02 -0.8	Tgt Ret2025 Inv 14	1.99	-0.01	-7.0
DODGE & CO		0.02 24.0	GM0			Eq Idx500	51.72	+0.01 -6.9		6.41	-0.01	-8.1
Balanced	88.99	-0.02 -9.1	Quality VI	18.96	+0.04 -2.1	Eq Inc	26.93	-0.12 -12.3	•	5.92	-0.01	-9.1
Income	13.24	-0.01 -1.5	HARBOR			Gro Stk	47.39	+0.12 -7.0	•).81	unch.	+1.6
Intl Stock	31.73	-0.26 -25.4	Cap Apprec Inst	53.16	+0.27 -8.6	MC Gr	66.86	+0.22 -7.8			-0.04	
Stock	148.96	+0.01 -13.1	J HANCOCK II			New Inc	9.44	unch. +0.5			-0.03	
FAIRHOLME	. 10.00		Ls Bal 1	13.46	-0.01 -8.5	Ret 2020	18.84	unch7.0	,		-0.04	
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Bank of Ameri (BAC)	12.13	-0.11	-0.9	1207935
Intel (INTC)	28.71	-0.71	-2.4	416528
Pfizer (PFE)	29.49	-0.06	-0.2	397219
FCX (FCX)	6.92	-0.23	-3.2	388452
Marathn Oil (MRO)	6.73	-0.20	-2.9	386062
GE (GE)	29.02	-0.06	-0.2	360616
Apple (AAPL)	96.04	-0.22	-0.2	352712
Applied Mate (AMAT)	18.38	+1.21	+7.0	351449
Devon Energy (DVN)	18.65	-1.05	-5.3	339139
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	Close	Chg	YTD%	Volume
Weight Watche (WTW	14.92	+2.31	+18.3	168452
Vince Holdin (VNCE)	5.86	+0.77	+15.1	7117
Century Alum (CENX)	5.96	+0.78	+15.1	75373
Surgery Part (SGRY)	13.82	+1.72	+14.2	1932
Chefs (CHEF)	17.61	+2.06	+13.2	8734
Brady (BRC)	25.16	+2.91	+13.1	9050
vTv (VTVT)	6.81	+0.75	+12.4	548
Arista Netwo (ANET)	65.00	+6.85	+11.8	43173
AMN Health Sr (AHS)	27.92	+2.87	+11.5	42474
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	Close	Chg	YTD%	Volume
Trinity Ind I (TRN)	16.43	-4.69	-22.2	234072
Swestn Energy (SWN)	7.09	-1.40	-16.5	336953
Alliance Fib (AFOP)	12.03	-2.29	-16.0	10905
TrueCar (TRUE)	5.04	-0.73	-12.7	57246
SWM (swm)	32.87	-4.36	-11.7	7798
TRACON Pharm (TCON	6.35	-0.82	-11.4	790
Greenbrier (GBX)	23.05	-2.56	-10.0	16453
Valeant Pharm (VRX)	84.99	-9.12	-9.7	147552
Ladder Capit (LADR)	10.40	-1.09	-9.5	3757

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Wall St. ends flat, indexes post best week of 2016

BY LEWIS KRAUSKOPF REUTERS

Wall Street ended little changed on Friday, as Applied Materials helped lift the tech sector and offset a renewed drop in oil prices, with major indexes capping their best week of the year.

The Nasdaq rose, helped by a 7 percent jump in Applied Materials shares after the chip equipment provider gave a strong profit and reve-

nue forecast for the current quarter. Buoyed by big gains on Tuesday and Wednesday, the major indexes posted their best weekly performances this year, with the Nasdaq

tallying its strongest week since July. The S&P 500 remains down 6.2 percent this year, however, hurt by oil's prolonged slide and fears of China-led slowdown in the global economy.

The performance of equities has been tightly linked with that of oil. The commodity's price fell 4 percent on Friday as record high U.S. crude stockpiles heightened supply concerns, and the S&P energy sector ended down 0.4 percent.

Nordstrom shares dropped 6.7 percent after the department store operator's quarterly profit missed expectations. On Thursday, Wal-Mart Stores' tepid sales outlook had weighed on stocks.

"We have seen oil come back off and that has put some pressure on the market," said Walter Todd, chief investment officer at Greenwood Capital Associates in Greenwood, South Carolina. "Some of these earnings that we have gotten out of the past couple of days from retailers have not exactly been confidence inspiring."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.44 points, or 0.13 percent, to 16,391.99. The S&P 500 lost 0.05 points, ending roughly flat, at 1,917.78. The Nasdaq Composite added 16.89 points, or 0.38 percent, to 4,504.43.

Investors also digested data that showed rising rents and healthcare costs lifted underlying U.S. inflation in January, a sign of a pick-up in price pressures that could allow the Federal Reserve to gradually raise rates this year.

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