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Ravens RB Jamal Lewis fends off a Falcons defender on his way to scoring a touchdown Sunday. - Chris Ammann/Examiner

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## Lewis looms large in victory

Running back Jamal Lewis ran for three touchdowns and the Ravens' defense came up big Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons at home. The win helped the Ravens keep a four-game advantage over their AFC North rival and defending Super Bowl champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, whom they will face this week. » Pages 48-49

# Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman dies at age 94

Longtime professor argued for economic freedom in numerous books, articles

By Justin M. Norton

Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist who championed individual freedom, influenced the economic policies of three presidents and befriended world leaders, died Thursday in San Francisco. He was 94.

"America has lost one of its greatest citizens," President Bush said in a statement.

"Milton Friedman was a revolutionary thinker and extraordinary economist whose work helped advance human dignity and human freedom."

In numerous books, a Newsweek magazine column and a PBS show, Friedman championed individual freedom in economics and politics. The longtime University of Chicago professor pioneered a school of thought that became known as the Chicago school of economics. Friedman's work is still widely influential in the business world, academia and politics.

"Milton Friedman revived the economics of liberty when it had been all but forgotten," said former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. "He was an intellectual freedom fighter. Never was there a less dismal practitioner of a dismal science."

Friedman's theory of monetarism was adopted in part by the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations. It opposed the traditional Keynesian economics that had dominated U.S. policy since the New Deal.

Friedman was a member of Rea-

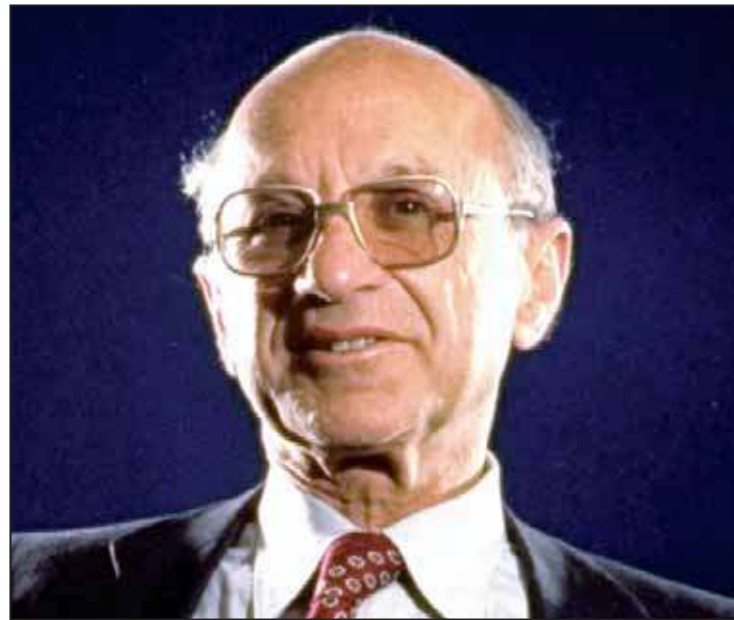
gan's Economic Policy Advisory Board.

His work in consumption analysis, monetary history and stabilization policy earned him the Nobel Prize in economics in 1976.

Friedman favored a policy of steady, moderate growth in the money supply, opposed wage and price controls and criticized the Federal Reserve when it tried to fine-tune the economy.

A believer in the principles of 18th century economist Adam Smith, he consistently argued that individual freedom should rule economic policy.

Friedman argued that government should allow the free market to operate to solve inflation and other economic problems. But he also urged adoption of a "negative income tax" in which people who earn less than a certain amount would get money back from national coffers. - AP



Milton Friedman won the 1976 Nobel Prize for economics. - AP

## LEAD FREE

# Coalition to hold vigil for lead victims

Head of organization event calls for O'Malley's support in prevention effort

By Karl B. Hille  
Examiner Staff Writer

No level of lead is safe for a child's blood.

That is the message being spread today by the Baltimore-based Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning at a candlelight vigil at War Memorial Plaza.

The coalition and supporters will gather to light more than 200 candles in honor of the 1,331 Maryland children diagnosed with dangerous levels of lead in their blood in 2005.

"We want to make sure people understand there had been good success on this issue, but we have a long way to go," said Ruth Ann Norton, executive director of the Lead Safe Coalition.

The vigil is not raising money, but Norton said the aim is quite political. "We wanted to make sure Gov. Elect Martin O'Malley and [legislators] understand that we have a job to finish together."

O'Malley signed a pledge to help make Maryland's children lead free by 2010.

While they have achieved about 97 percent success, she said, too many new children continue to be diagnosed each year — most from lead poisoning from paint, dust and building materials in their homes.

However, the final hurdles are significant, she said, and they affect more than just inner city residents who can't afford new housing.

Baltimore County had 110 new

## Lead-laced toy recall comes ahead of holiday gift-giving

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation Target Stores, announced a voluntary recall of various Kool Toyz children's products for risks of lead exposure and sharp edges that could harm children.

"Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed," the recall notice stated.

About 190,500 products, ranging from military playsets to playground and dreamhouse suites were sold by Target Stores, based in Minneapolis. The toys were produced by Toy Century Some of these toys contain lead paint, according to the CPSC, which is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause brain damage and developmental disorders or death. Also, some of the toys have sharp points.

Target has received four reports of toys breaking apart, exposing sharp points, according to

the release. No injuries have been reported.

The recall involves Kool Toyz brand toys, including sets containing die-cast cars, playground set, doll house set, dinosaurs, trucks, boats and planes. The packaging is primary blue and has the Kool Toyz logo is on the upper left corner of the packaging.

### PRODUCTS RECALLED FOR LEAD HAZARDS:

- » Truck Carry Case
- » Tiny Playground Set
- » Dream House Play Set
- » Air Land Sea Defense Play Set
- » Tank Action Figure Play Set
- » Helicopter Action Figure Play Set

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

cases of lead poisoning last year according to state statistics, more than Montgomery and Prince George's counties combined.

Grant money in Baltimore City isn't always helping the children most affected, she said. "Only 4 percent of the grant money is going to rentals with poisoned children."

Nearly 500,000 children live with lead levels high enough to cause ir-

reversible damage in this country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Lead does not break down or decompose, meaning lead from old paints, windows and discarded batteries remains in the environment.

This is the first in a series commemorating National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

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