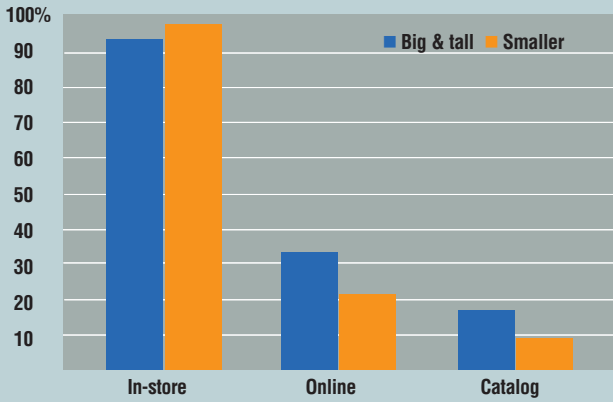


BY THE NUMBERS

Got my size?

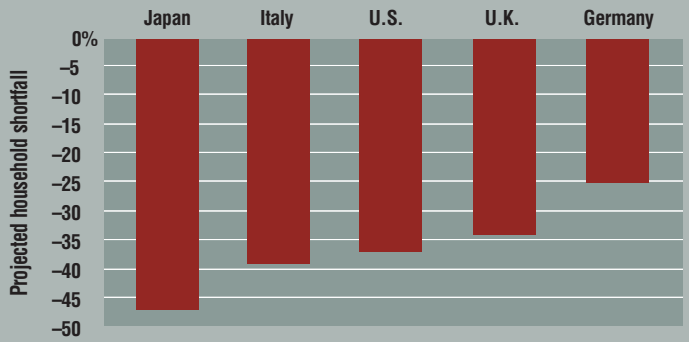


Large American men are more likely to buy their clothes from home — online or by catalog — than smaller men, primarily because stores often fail to stock bigger sizes, according to one market study.

Source: NPD Group

Older and poorer

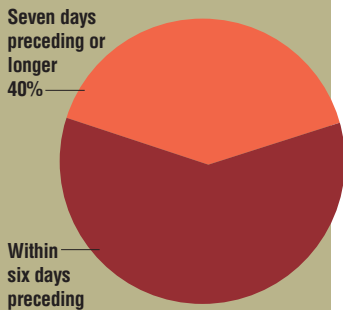
Household wealth will decline worldwide over the next 20 years



The balance between people who are in their peak income and savings years and those retiree households that save relatively little or not at all is shifting around the world. This will drive down global growth of net financial wealth from about 4.5 percent historically to 1.3 percent over the next two decades.

Source: McKinsey Global

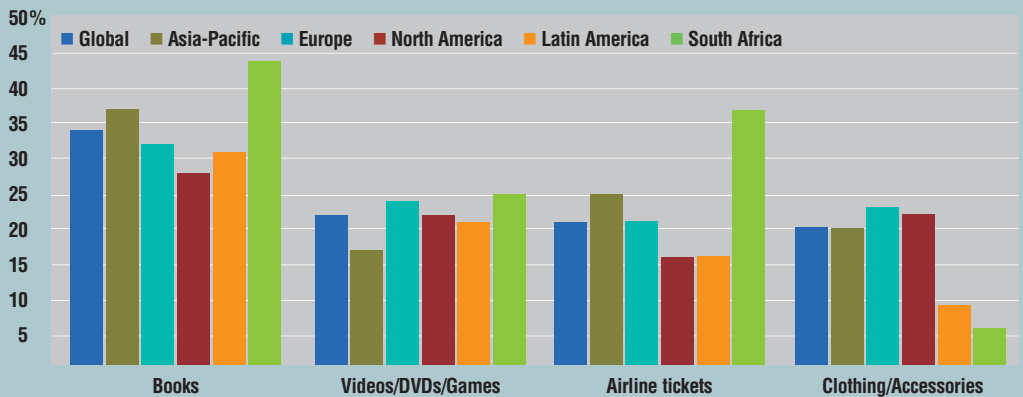
Last-minute Lotharios



Most Valentine's Day cards are purchased during the six days preceding Feb. 14 — proving, perhaps, that there are lots of procrastinators out there.

Source: Hallmark

What was the last item you bought online?



In general, books are ahead of other kinds of Internet purchases, according to a survey of 21,100 consumers worldwide. A significant number of the respondents said a book was the most recent thing they bought over the Internet.

Source: A.C. Nielsen

Stanching U.S. retail vacancies

Most-improved

	3Q '04	3Q '05
1 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	6.3%	4.6%
2 Seattle	8.6	7.1
3 Houston	15.4	14.2
4 Salt Lake City	10.4	9.2
5 Orange County, Calif.	5.7	4.5
6 Washington, D.C.	6.9	5.7
7 Miami	7.4	6.3
8 New York	5.4	4.4
9 Las Vegas	17.5	16.7
10 San Francisco	6.6	5.8

Least-improved

	3Q '04	3Q '05
1 Austin, Texas	10.2%	14.0%
2 Jacksonville, Fla.	14.3	15.8
3 Milwaukee	11.9	12.7
4 Minneapolis	10.3	10.7
5 Kansas City, Mo.	12.5	12.7
6 San Antonio	13.3	13.4
7 Detroit	12.5	12.6
8 Dallas-Fort Worth	15.1	15.1
9 Cleveland	13.1	13.1
10 Orlando, Fla.	14.4	14.3
U.S. AVERAGE	9.6%	9.3%

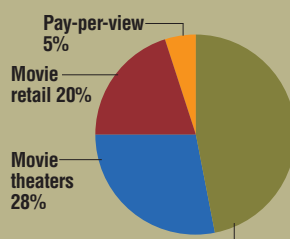
Among major U.S. markets, Austin has made the least progress stemming retail vacancies in the past year, as measured by basis points. But Fort Lauderdale has done very well indeed.

Source: Marcus & Millichap

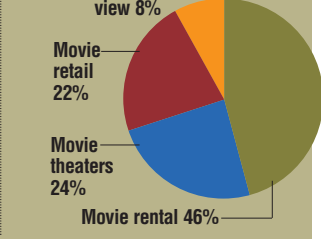
Sit back and enjoy the show

The pay-per-view TV and movie retail segments are stealing market share from movie rental outfits and cinemas as American viewing habits shift.

2004

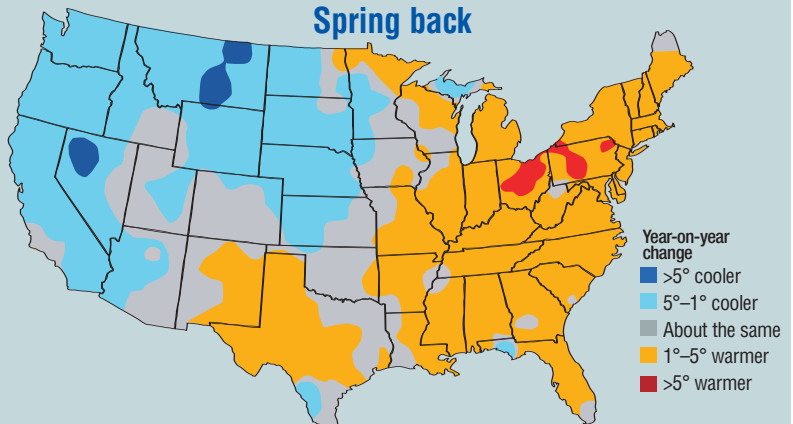


2005



Sources: Blockbuster, Kagan Media Research

Spring back



This March will be generally warmer and drier than last year. Historically, favorable weather around the spring holidays combined with good promotions yields healthy sales and high traffic. So despite the Easter holiday shift back into April this year, sales should at least match last year's gains of 4 percent. The north-central U.S. is at the greatest risk for snowier and much wetter weather, which could dampen sales in that region, especially the front half of the month.

Source: SDI/Weather Trends