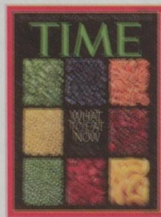


LIGHTBOX

Happy Birthday, Jimi

Twitter ignited on Nov. 27 as TIME's photo blog posted rare images of Jimi Hendrix on what would have been his 70th birthday. The photos, taken by legendary rock photographer Jim Marshall, have an intimacy that spoke to many readers. "Nearly cried," commented one Twitter user, while another, John Edwin Mason, who teaches the history of photography at the University of Virginia, neatly summed up the gallery: "Greatest guitarist. Greatest rock photog." For more of the Hendrix images, go to [lightbox.time.com](http://lightbox.time.com).

MAIL



Feeding Frenzy

Dr. Oz made good points on food nutrition and cost in "Give (Frozen) Peas a Chance" [Dec. 3]. If these considerations existed in a vacuum, I'd have no complaint. But

I also consider food-production practices: Do they expose workers to toxic levels of pesticides? Pollute local waterways? Poison wildlife? When possible, I buy to affirm. Shopping is like voting; we vote with our dollars, not just on price point but on whether we want healthy, sustainable farms, factories and communities. I'm not a snob—I'm a consumer.

*Pascha Campbell, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.*

The cover story's central thesis, that you can obtain nutritious foods in the frozen-or canned-food aisles, is correct but only

to a point. You don't have to be a foodie to understand that flavor and texture are important. How many people refuse spinach because their initial exposure to it was from a can? If a food is not eaten, its nutritional value is zero.

*William B. Jacobs, LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIF.*

Israeli Air Strikes

Re Karl Vick's story "The Gaza Problem" [Dec. 3]: The first thing to clarify is that this is not a Palestinian-vs.-Zionist problem or a Muslim-vs.-Jew problem but a struggle between right and wrong. The people in Gaza are being denied basic human rights that are spelled out in international law and that Israel is refusing to comply with. The first Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions gives people under foreign occupation the right to use armed forces to resist and fight against racist regimes.

*Musa Musleh, ORLAND PARK, ILL.*

TECHLAND  
Passion Play

Our picks for the All-TIME 100 greatest video games set off a lively debate among high-intensity gamers, who posted more than 1,300 comments—mostly about what they couldn't believe we'd left out:



The absence of *Zelda: Ocarina of Time* is one of the greatest insults I have ever seen. CAMERONBROWNLEE

What about *Donkey Kong 64*? No one is mentioning that game, and it was the first one that needed an expansion pack—come on! SHELBYMAVILLE

This list is an abomination. It really needs the *Baldur's Gate* games on it—they defined the RPG genera more than any other game in my lifetime. JACOBWAYNESWEENEY

Vick writes that "Israel's surgical strikes did not mean Palestinian civilians were out of harm's way." But they could have been: before those strikes, Israel sent text messages, made 20,000 phone calls and dropped yellow leaflets warning Palestinians to move away from rocket-launching areas. Hamas continues to stage rocket strikes from populated areas, using schools, hospitals and mosques as shields. As long as the loss of life makes headlines that give the impression Israel targets civilians, I fear Hamas will keep using Palestinian women and children in this way.

*Shlomis Peikes, PASSAIC, N.J.*

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

➤ In "Outsmarting the Surge," we misstated which government agency oversees the GOES weather-tracking satellites [Nov. 12]. It's the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), not NASA.

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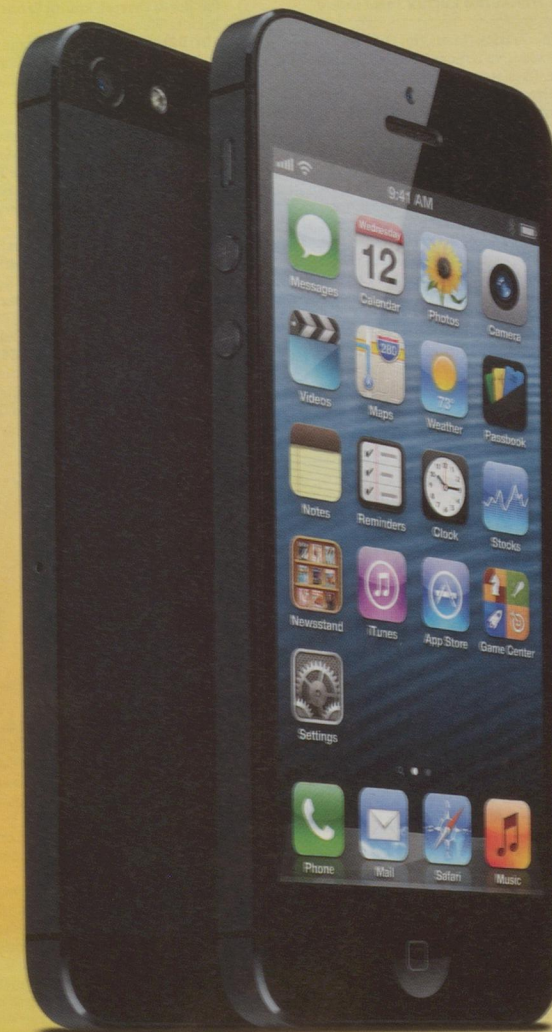


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