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Holiday gift packages organized by Deni Dax and volunteers, sent via AnySoldier.com.
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Get your popcorn: Blue Tent area resident Deni Dax sends this. She's the lady who has worked very hard to organize packages to a group of soldiers in Iraq that she met through the Web site AnySoldier.com:

"A special two-hour show will air on Tuesday on the National Geographic channel at 8 p.m. It was filmed on the USS Ronald Reagan during the surge deployment earlier this year. Our-son-in law is assigned to that carrier, and he was on board during the filming."

Deni and her cadre of volunteers stitched up dozens of gift bags stuffed with goodies and Christmas cards from Boy Scout Troop No. 855 to send to military men and

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women stationed in Iraq, and thanks them all. Deni says her contact there, Capt. John Reynolds, has a new post on the Web site.

On the buy locally front: At the noon news broadcast on Black Friday, KCRA 3 interviewed shoppers thronging the Toys R Us store down the hill.

An early bird shopper enthused about the bargains to be found. "We don't have anything like this in Grass Valley!" she said.

But turn-about is fair play. When the outdoor catalog retailer Cabella's opened its 125,000-square-foot store in Verdi, just over the Nevada state line on Highway 80, reporters from the Reno Gazette-Journal went out to see the crowds lines up before dawn on opening day a week before.

The first person in line was a fellow from Sacramento.

Band concert on Sunday: The 50-piece Nevada County Concert Band will play this Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1866 Ridge Road, across the street from NUHS.

The Winter Concert will feature music from "Carnival of the Animals," "The Nutcracker Suite," and "Gaelic Rhapsody" - a medley of favorite Irish tunes.

As part of the program, band member Kristina Young, 17, will perform and conduct "Celebration" (by Mannheim Steamroller) for her senior project.

The concert is free and donations are accepted; learn more at www.nccb.org, nccbband@yahoo.com or 272-6228.

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