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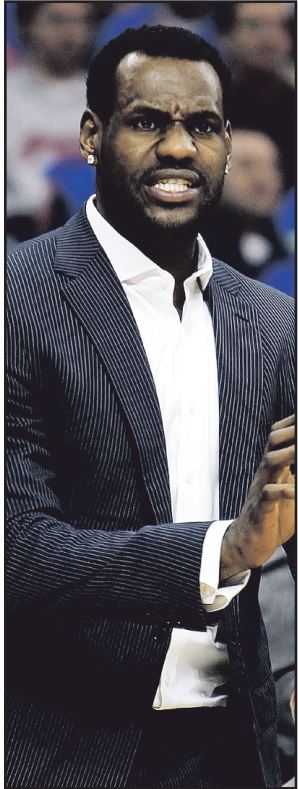
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No LeBron, no problem
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Crafts bazaar

The 42nd annual Spring Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be held Friday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Memorial Building, 785 E. State St. The Salem Memorial Building Association is hosting the event with over 60 tables available for all kinds of crafts, candies and baked good that will be for sale. Pictured are volunteers, Linda Gregorino, left, of Columbiana and Brittany Northrup of Salem. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

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Perry trustees want more time on hydrant rules

By **LARRY SHIELDS**
Staff Writer

PERRY TOWNSHIP — Trustees want more time to review adopting rules regarding the location and distribution of fire hydrants in the township by future developments.

Fire Chief Phil Panezott presented trustees with the Ohio Revised Code section on the issue while noting they would be adopting the same regulations that Green Township had.

Last month, Green Township Fire Chief Todd Baird said if Salem installs new water lines as the result of a recent annexation into the township, he will enforce the fire code adopted by trustees last November.

In January, Salem city council approved legislation to provide services to a proposed annexation of 99.855 acres in Perry and Green townships in both Mahoning and Columbiana counties.

It was the first big move toward obtaining the Quaker City Raceway property north of town that Salem Mayor Jerry Wolford said he wants for economic development.

Panezott said the trustees could adopt a "standard code" with set the location and distribution within the township. He said there were hydrants on the bypass and one on Pine Lake Road.

"We have to truck in water now," Panezott said, adding his

See **PERRY, 5A**

Lisbon board member opposes paying volunteer

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — The decision to begin paying a Lisbon high school teacher for volunteering as an adviser resulted in a rare "no" vote at Monday's school board meeting.

The board voted 4-1 to create a supplemental contract position of mock trial adviser and named Ron Witman to the position. He will now be paid an additional \$574 for his efforts.

Board member Jeff Elliott voted no, saying he had nothing against Witman but disagreed with turning a volunteer position into a paid contract, especially since the mock trial competition occurs during school hours when Witman is drawing his teacher's salary.

Witman has served as mock trial adviser without compensation for the past five years, and Superintendent Don Thompson said a board member suggested it was time to make it a supplemental contract so he could be paid.

"The feeling was it was due," said Thompson, noting Witman also spends a considerable amount of time after school hours preparing his mock trial team for competition. This year's teams sent 30 students to district mock trial competition.

Elliott works as the maintenance man at Columbiana County Courthouse, where the mock trial competition is held. He noticed that on several occasions assistant county prosecutor Ryan Weikart, a Lisbon graduate who also serves as an adviser, was there preparing students but the school board doesn't intend to compensate him.

Board member Gene Gallo said it is a matter of fairness, noting most advisers go above what is required and should be compensated in some fashion for volunteering after hours.

"We're not just talking about an hour after school," he said. "I think it's the right thing to do."

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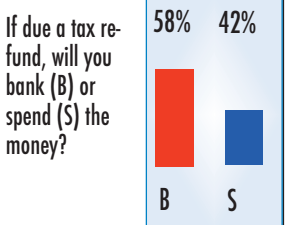
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Monday's Question



Today's question

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Electric aggregate deal discussed

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer

At the township trustees' regular meeting Monday night, Trustee Chair Bob McCracken reported that the Mahoning County Commissioners recently approved a countywide electric aggregate contract.

Goshen Township residents elected in November to participate in the program that will save money on the generation portion (approximately half) of their electric bills. The program is optional and

► GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

residents may opt out if they can find a better deal.

McCracken reported that the commissioners approved a three-year contract with GEXA Energy that will provide a discount for residents of 9.1 percent the first year and 6 percent the following two, and for businesses and farms of 7.2 percent the first year and 4 percent the following two.

See **ELECTRIC, 5A**

Columbiana cop cited for backing crash

By **MATTHEW SCHOMER**
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — An on-duty city police officer was cited for improper backing following a two-vehicle crash Saturday on state Route 14, but he will not face any punitive action from his department.

Officer Matthew Jones, 21, received the citation from the Ohio State Highway Patrol following the accident, which occurred at 2:10 p.m. Saturday on state Route 14. The report states Jones had been driving his cruiser west and attempted to make a three-point turn in the roadway to head east when he backed up the vehicle and it struck a vehicle driven by Kayla Neuberger, which was stopped behind his cruiser.

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Rollover

A 50-year-old Columbiana woman reportedly escaped injury after a single-car accident on state Route 558 near Signal Road in Fairfield Township early Monday morning. According to trooper Brian Cannon, Connie Cosgrove was eastbound on Route 558 shortly after midnight when she reached over to pick up her cell phone and lost control of the car. The Ford Focus went off the left side of the road, hitting a small tree before rolling over and hitting a telephone pole. New Waterford firefighters and EMS responded to the accident scene. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)



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Jake Westbrook makes his return for the Indians. 3B

BACK ON TOP

Kansas returns to the top in new AP Top 25 poll. 2B

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Cavs take down Spurs

LeBron misses second straight game with sore ankle

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James was in street clothes. Shaquille O'Neal was nowhere to be found, and Antawn Jamison was in the locker room icing his sore knee.

If they had lost, the Cleveland Cavaliers had plenty of excuses.

They didn't have to use one. Mo Williams made two free throws with 9 seconds left and Delonte West made the kind of plays down the stretch reserved for James as the Cavs won for the first time in three seasons without their superstar, beating the San Antonio Spurs 97-95 on Monday night.

Cleveland had been 0-9 since 2007-08 without James.

"We had a great opportunity. Not many teams can come here and win," said Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, who scored a season-high 38. "LeBron wasn't playing, Jamison didn't play the second half and Shaq wasn't there. We blew a big one."

Williams finished with 17 points for the Cavs, who were playing their second straight game without the injured James. The NBA's reigning MVP is nursing a tender right ankle as well as other bumps

and bruises and Cleveland coach Mike Brown is taking advantage of a lull in Cleveland's schedule to get him rest.

West had 16 points and made a key steal in the final minute as Cleveland became the first team to reach 50 wins this season.

"Without LeBron, Shaq and Antawn, that's the three main guys," Williams said.

"We so often get the ball to LeBron and play through him. We did a good job of finding a way."

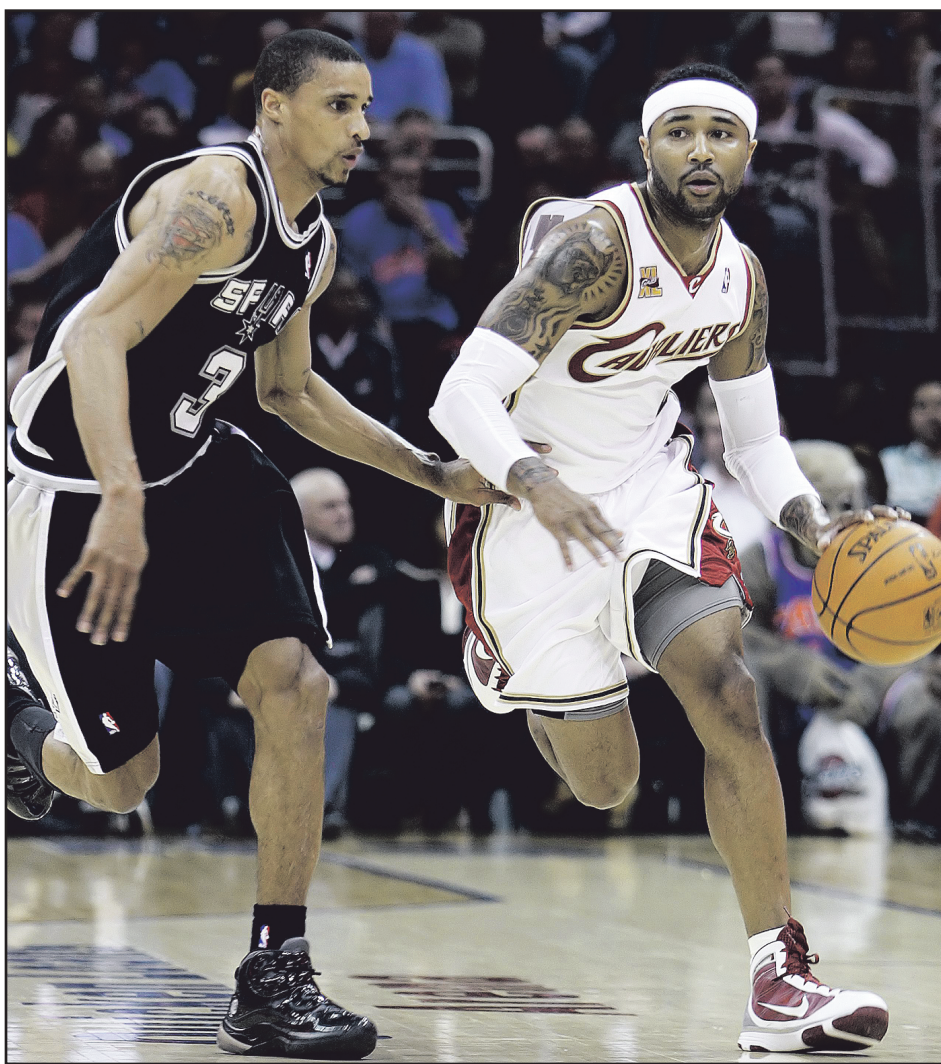
The Spurs were also short-handed, playing for the first time this season without guard Tony Parker. He's out six weeks with a broken hand suffered on Saturday in Memphis.

The Cavs may suddenly have more to worry about than just James or O'Neal, out until the playoffs after having thumb surgery.

Jamison left late in the third quarter with an apparent left knee injury and did not return. He will undergo an MRI on Tuesday.

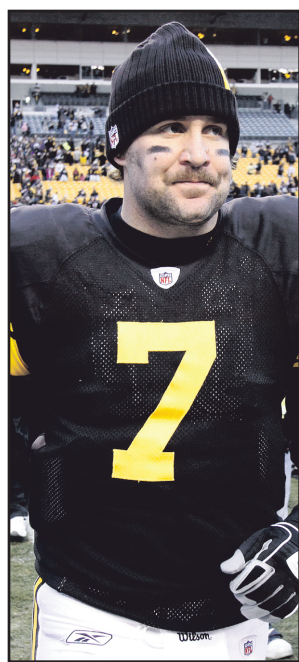
"Everything was fine in the first half. In the second half, it stiffened up," Jamison said. "I couldn't get the range of motion I needed. I had a slight case of this the first month of the season. It's not anything to really be worried about."

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Cleveland Cavaliers' Mo Williams brings the ball up against San Antonio Spurs' George Hill during the first quarter Monday, in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

► NFL



In this Dec. 27, 2009 file photo, Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger leaves the field after a game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo)

Steelers QB attorney: 'No sexual assault occurred'

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — A high-profile defense attorney hired by Pittsburgh

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Monday disputed a college student's claim that the two-time Super Bowl winner sexually assaulted her at a Georgia nightclub.

The 20-year-old told police Roethlisberger, who had been out barhopping with friends, assaulted her early Friday. Roethlisberger has not been charged.

"The facts show that there was no criminal activity. No sexual assault occurred," attorney Ed Garland said in a statement Monday. "Ben is completely innocent of any crime."

Milledgeville police said at a press conference that they expect to interview Roethlisberger in the next several days. They said they have not taken a DNA sample from him but probably will.

Authorities also said the woman has hired an attorney, though they would not identify him or her. The woman's name has not been released.

They expect to interview about eight people and said they are reviewing video footage obtained from several businesses. They declined to elaborate.

"The investigation is ongoing. It would be premature to make any announcement at this time," said Fred Bright, district attorney for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit. "When the facts are in and a decision is made, we will let you know."

Roethlisberger, who owns a home about 30 miles north of Milledgeville on Lake Oconee, is also being sued by a woman who claims he raped her in 2008 at a hotel-casino in Lake Tahoe hotel and casino, an allegation he strongly denies.

Steelers President Art Rooney II said in a statement Monday that the team is closely monitoring the Milledgeville situation.

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► MLB

Masterson getting comfortable in starting rotation



Cleveland Indians' Justin Masterson works against the Cincinnati Reds during a spring training baseball game Friday, in Goodyear, Arizona. (AP Photo/The Plain Dealer, Chuck Crow)

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Justin Masterson isn't ready to kick back in a bullpen and wait for his chance.

The big right-hander, bounced to the bullpen and back in Boston, became a full-time starter in Cleveland after the Indians acquired him just before the trade deadline in July.

"I like being able to concentrate on one role," Masterson said Monday in the Cleveland clubhouse as he waited out a desert drizzle before going outside for some conditioning work.

"Mentally, it's a good place to be," he said. "In one sense, I can relax, just throw strikes, and get the work in. In another sense, I'm working hard, because I know what I'm working toward."

Red Sox manager Terry Francona liked Masterson coming in with runners on base

and throwing his sinker to hopefully induce a ground ball and end the rally.

"I understood their thinking: to get two outs with one pitch at a crucial time," Masterson said.

New Indians manager Manny Acta wants Masterson to start. He believes Masterson working more innings can boost a pitching staff that in 2009 ranked next-to-last in the AL in earned run average.

"You look at his size (6-6, 250 pounds) and his stuff and what's not to like?" Acta said. "He's going to have some ups and downs. All young pitchers do, but he's one who can give us some big ups and be a workhorse."

Acquired with prospects Nick Hagadone and Bryan Price for All-Star catcher

See **TRIBE, 3B**

Pirates drop pair of split squad games

Despite loss, pitcher Brad Lincoln impressive against Rays

By PAUL LADEWSKI
Special to the Salem News

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Brad Lincoln entered spring training as the darkhorse candidate for the fifth spot in the rotation.

After a second consecutive respectable performance on Monday afternoon, he may be ready to move up in class.

In a 4-3 loss against the Tampa Bay Rays at Charlotte Sports Park, Lincoln allowed one run and one hit in two innings. One of the 10 batters that he faced hit the ball hard.

"I don't know what (team management) is thinking," Lincoln said of the No. 5 position. "Nobody said to me anything. But I go out there every day thinking that I have a chance and I'll represent myself that way. I'll work my butt off every day to let them know that I'm here to make the squad. I'm here to make my presence felt."

The news was not nearly as positive in Bradenton, where a split squad managed only one hit against the New York Yankees in a 6-0 setback.

The home team had only one baserunner advance as far as second base. The first 13 batters went down in order before first baseman Steve Pearce singled in the fifth inning.

It was a different story at Charlotte Sports Park.

"I was able to keep the ball down, and when I missed, it was down," said Lincoln, who said that he felt looser in the more seasonable 71-degree weather at game time. "I had some control issues, and the result were the walks. I have to limit those. I'm pretty good at that, but today I got away from it. I got caught up in the moment a bit too much, but I limited the damage."

The only blemish: The right-hander walked three batters,

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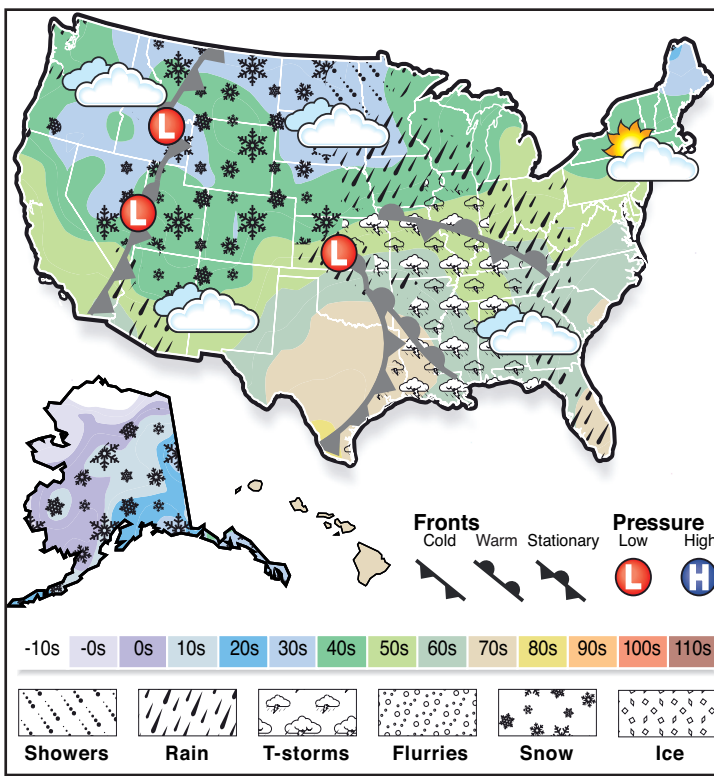
Tampa Bay Rays right fielder Desmond Jennings, right, gets tagged out at second base by Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Ronny Cedeno during the second inning of a spring training baseball game Monday, in Port Charlotte, Fla. (AP Photo)

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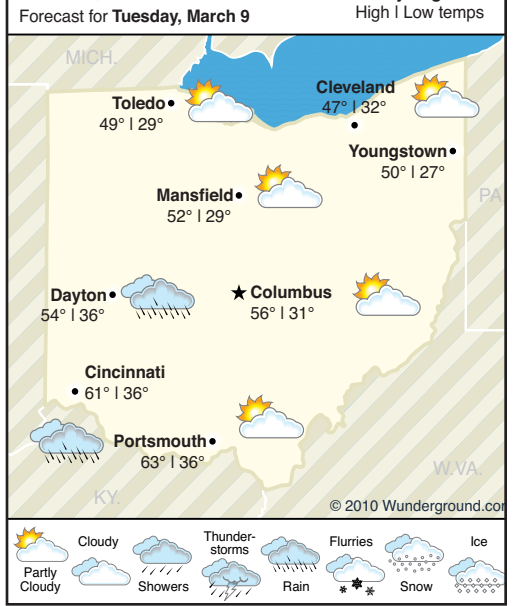
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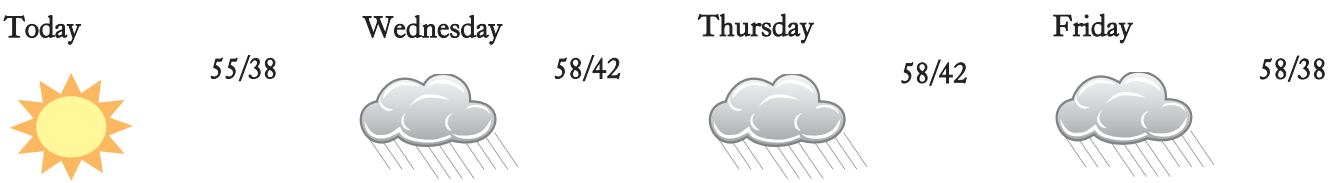
Today's Forecast



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Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2010. There are 297 days left in the year. Ten years ago: John McCain suspended his presidential campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore. Five years ago: Dan Rather signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

Extended Forecast



NATION/WORLD

Obama appeals for health care bill; Dems talk details

GLENSIDE, Pa. (AP) — Stirring memories of his campaign for the White House, President Barack Obama made a spirited, shirt-sleeved appeal for passage of long-stalled health care changes Monday as Democratic congressional leaders worked behind the scenes on legislation they hope can quickly gain passage.

"Let's seize reform. It's within our grasp," the president implored his audience at Arcadia University, the first outside-the-Beltway appearance since he vowed last week to do everything in his power to push his health care plan into law.

The president's pitch was part denunciation of insurance companies — "they continue to ration care on the basis of who's sick and who's healthy," he said — and part criticism of his Republican critics. "You had 10 years. What happened? What were you doing?" he taunted members of a party that held the White House for eight years and control of Congress for a dozen.

The outcome could affect almost every American, changing the ways they receive and pay for health care — and extending coverage to tens of millions more people — if the legislation gains final approval.

"I'm kind of fired up," Obama said at the beginning of his remarks, a variation on his oft-stated 2008 refrain, "Fired up. Ready to go." And he included an appeal to his audience — many of whom were students — to help in the same ways they might in a campaign. "So I need you to knock on doors. Talk to your neighbors. Pick up the phone," he urged them.

Haitian judge frees U.S. Baptist missionary

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — One of two U.S. Baptist missionaries still held on kidnapping charges in Haiti was released Monday, but the group's leader remained in custody.

Charisa Coulter was taken from her jail cell to the airport by U.S. Embassy staff more than a month after she and nine other Americans were arrested for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti after the earthquake.

Coulter, wearing a red tank top and sunglasses, declined comment as she

quickly got into an SUV that took her to the airport.

Hundreds dead in Nigeria in latest religious violence

DOGGO NAHAWA, Nigeria (AP) — The killers showed no mercy: They didn't spare women and children, or even a 4-day-old baby, from their machetes. On Monday, Nigerian women wailed in the streets as a dump truck carried dozens of bodies past burned-out homes toward a mass grave.

Rubber-gloved workers pulled ever-smaller bodies from the dump truck and tossed them into the mass grave. A crowd began singing a hymn with the refrain, "Jesus said I am the way to heaven." As the grave filled, the grieving crowd sang: "Jesus, show me the way."

At least 200 people, most of them Christians, were slaughtered on Sunday, according to residents, aid groups and journalists. The local government gave a figure more than twice that amount, but offered no casualty list or other information to substantiate it.

The horrific violence comes after sectarian killings in this region in January left more than 300 dead, most of them Muslim. Some victims were shoved into sewer pits and communal wells.

Quake kills 51 in Turkey; survivors shiver in cold

OKULAR, Turkey (AP) — Hundreds of earthquake survivors huddled in aid tents and around bonfires Monday in eastern Turkey, seeking relief from the winter cold after a strong tremor knocked down stone and mud-brick houses in five villages, killing 51 people.

The damage appeared worst in the Kurdish village of Okular, which was almost razed. At least 15 of the village's 900 residents were killed, the Elazig governor's office said, and the air was thick with dust from crumpled homes and barns.

The pre-dawn earthquake caught many residents as they slept, shaking the area's poorly made buildings into piles of rubble. Panicked survivors fled into the narrow streets of this village perched on a hill in front of snow-covered mountains, with some people climbing out of windows to escape.

"I tried to get out of the door but it

wouldn't open. I came out of the window and started helping my neighbors," Ali Riza Ferhat of Okular told NTV television. "We removed six bodies."

Parties predict al-Maliki's coalition will lead Iraq vote

BAGHDAD (AP) — Early estimates from a range of Iraqi parties on Monday predicted a coalition led by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki would take the lead in the parliamentary election, though official results were not expected for a few days.

A win by al-Maliki could signal Iraqis' rejection of the religious parties that have dominated the country since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. The prime minister has been trying to distance himself from his party's religious roots and portray himself as more of a nationalist.

Sunday's voting was the latest test of Iraq's fragile democracy and will determine whether the country can overcome the deep sectarian divides that have plagued it for the past seven years.

Turnout for Iraq's second election for a full parliamentary term was 62 percent of about 19 million eligible voters, the election commission said. That is lower than the last full parliamentary election in December 2005, in which roughly 76 percent of eligible voters turned out.

Officials attributed the drop to a combination of voter intimidation, more stringent ID requirements at the polls and a drop in voter excitement. A spate of attacks on election day — some directly on voters and polling stations — killed 36 people.

Rapper begins sentence of year in NYC jail for gun

NEW YORK (AP) — After saying goodbye on concert stages and online video streams, Lil Wayne had nothing to add as he was sentenced Monday to a year in jail for having a loaded gun on his tour bus.

The Grammy Award-winning rapper delivered only a brief bow to fans and supporters as he was led out of a courtroom in handcuffs to start serving his sentence.

With that, Lil Wayne headed off to face his punishment in a case that had shadowed him as he became one of music's most prolific and profitable figures in recent years.

Not more quakes, more people in quake zones

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

First the ground shook in Haiti, then Chile and now Turkey. The earthquakes keep coming hard and fast this year, causing people to wonder if something sinister is happening underfoot.

It's not. While it may seem as if there are more earthquakes occurring, there really aren't. The problem is what's happening above ground, not underground, experts say.

More people are moving into megacities that happen to be built on fault lines, and they're rapidly putting up substandard buildings that can't withstand earthquakes, scientists say.

And around-the-clock news coverage and better seismic monitoring make it seem as if earthquakes are ever-present.

"I can definitely tell you that the world is not coming to an end," said Bob Holdsworth, an expert in tectonics at Durham University in northern England, referring to the number of quakes.

A 7.0 magnitude quake last month killed more than 230,000 people in Haiti. Less than two weeks ago, an 8.8 magnitude quake — the fifth-strongest since 1900 — killed more than 900 people in Chile. And on Monday, a strong pre-dawn 6.0 magnitude quake struck rural eastern Turkey, killing at least 51 people.

On average, there are 134 earthquakes a year that have a magnitude between a 6.0 and 6.9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. This year is off to a fast start with 40 so far — more than in most years for that time period.

But that's because the 8.8 quake in Chile generated a large number of strong aftershocks, and so many occurring this early in the year skews the picture, said Paul Earle, a seismologist at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Also, it's not the number of quakes, but their devastating impacts that gain attention with the death tolls largely due to construction standards and crowding, Earle said.

"The standard mantra is earthquakes don't kill people, buildings do," he said.

Toyota Prius with stuck accelerator glides to stop

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — A California Highway Patrol officer helped slow a runaway Toyota Prius from 94 mph to a safe stop on Monday after the car's accelerator became stuck on a San Diego County freeway, the CHP said.

Prius driver James Sikes called 911 about 1:30 p.m. after accelerating to pass another vehicle on Interstate 80 near La Posta and finding that he could not control his car, the CHP said.

"I pushed the gas pedal to pass a car and it did something kind of funny... it jumped and it just stuck there," the 61-year-old driver said at a news conference. "As it was going, I was trying the brakes...it wasn't stopping, it wasn't doing anything and it just kept speeding up," Sikes said, adding he could smell the brakes burning he was pressing the pedal so hard.

A patrol car pulled alongside the Prius and officers told Sikes over a loudspeaker to push the brake pedal to the floor and apply the emergency brake.

"They also got it going on a steep upgrade," said Officer Jesse Udovich. "Between those three things, they got it to slow down."

After the car decelerated to about 50 mph, Sikes turned off the engine and coasted to a halt.

The officer then maneuvered his car in front of the Prius as a precautionary block, Udovich said.

In a statement, Toyota said it has dispatched a field technical specialist to San Diego to investigate the incident.

Toyota has recalled some 8.5 million vehicles worldwide — more than 6 million in the United States — since last fall because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius.

Toyota owners have complained of their vehicles speeding out of control despite efforts to slow down, sometimes resulting in deadly crashes. The government has received complaints of 34 deaths linked to sudden acceleration of Toyota vehicles since 2000.

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OUR SIDE

Let Postal Service do what it must

But for its origins as a federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service already would have made drastic cuts to its services, facilities and faced the economic music years ago.

But, as a quasi-government agency, which still faces the wrath of Congress every time it announces a rate increase or a service reduction, the Postal Service has taken years to see the handwriting on the wall: The budget deficit it faces won't improve with time, wishing or political maneuvering.

The facts are what they have been, only accelerating and worse. Americans are, by and large, shifting rapidly to e-mail for communications and alternative physical forms of delivery, i.e. UPS, FedEx and other private-industry services, to get packages from place to place. There were 213 billion items handled by the Postal Service in 2006 to 177 billion last year.

It still faces the need to deliver everywhere, thanks to the federal guarantee of universal service. That means that not only must the Postal Service deliver to every new address established thanks to urban sprawl — some 923,595 addresses were added last year — it also cannot eliminate delivery to largely abandoned sections of cities. Every address is to receive delivery under the mandate.

The result: A \$7 billion projected loss this year and the potential to lose \$238 billion over 10 years, not factoring in further and more rapid decline in its business.

The Postal Service is, for the second year in a row, talking about eliminating Saturday delivery, which, of course, has set some in Congress to chattering.

When it combines or proposes closure of facilities, there is an immediate backlash in Congress.

Imagine if FedEx or UPS faced having every executive decision second-guessed by 535 people who want to be re-elected. Their business models would be in chaos, too, we believe.

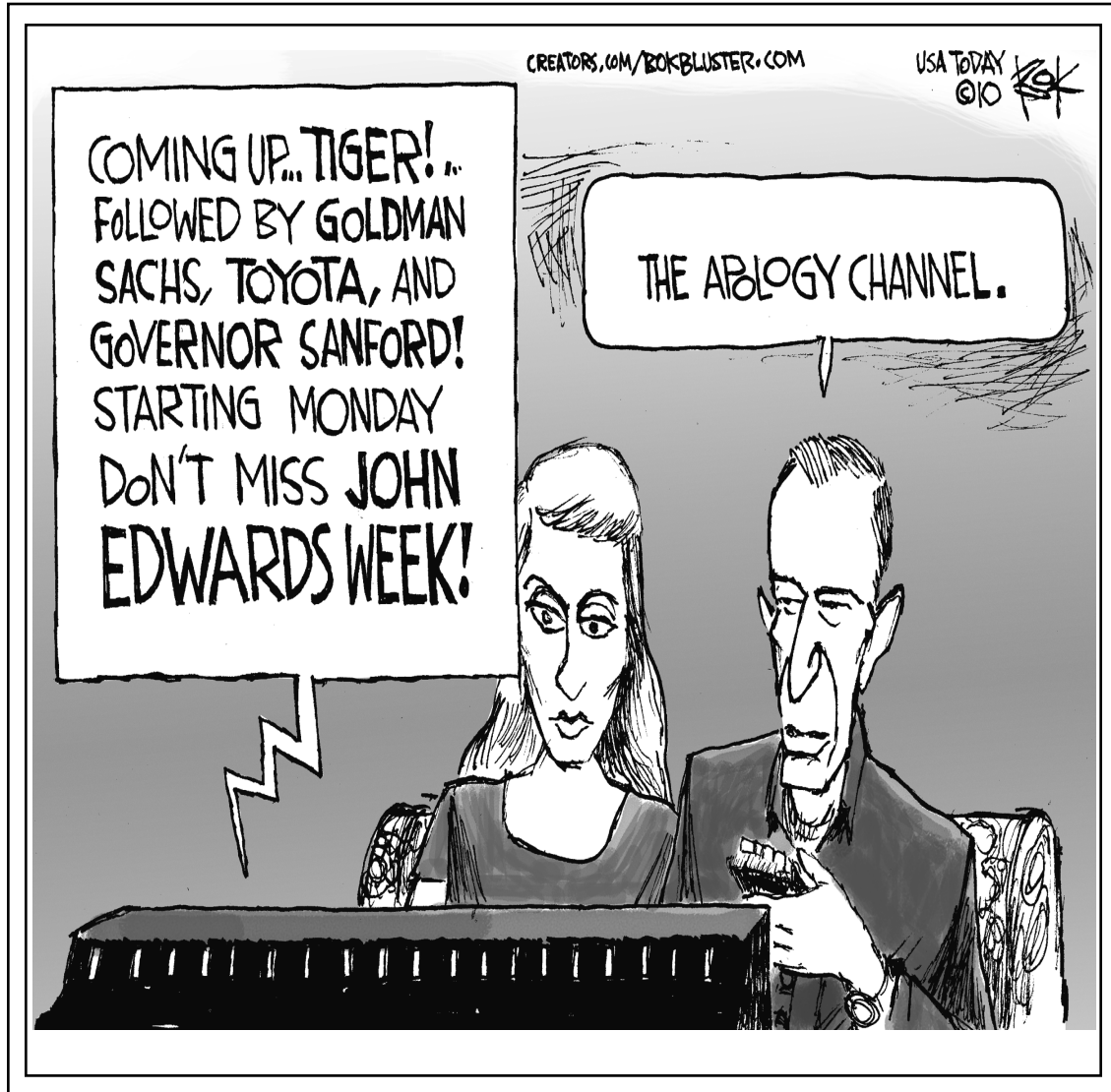
The Postal Service says the issue includes the need to keep workers on the payroll to handle that sixth day of delivery a week. A simple solution would be to make postal carriers work a six-day week, but there are union issues to deal with, and the union surely would have Congress on its side. Indeed, the National Association of Letter Carriers opposes the elimination of the sixth day of delivery.

The Postal Service says it would keep counter service open at post offices for Saturdays, so losing all access to a sixth day of service is not an issue.

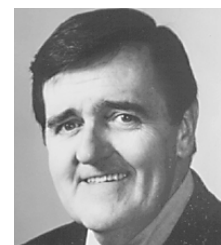
There also are issues of the Postal Service being allowed to account for its retirement programs as other industries do, rather than by the federal method meant to prop up a skyrocketing deficit picture that is hardly the fault of the Postal Service in the first place.

The agency needs to make changes, modernize, upgrade and promote its wide range of existing services, but it must also be allowed to make the changes it would have to face as a truly private company.

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Texas' lone star



MARK SHIELDS

Former Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Texas, who died last month, was rightly remembered for the central role he had in changing the history of Afghanistan after the Soviet Union invaded and occupied that sad land. Former Texas state Sen. Joe Chrisite, Wilson's close friend from their days and nights together in Austin, eulogized him

well: "He took his work seriously, but he never took himself seriously. He changed the course of history, but he was not self-important. That's why he was so damn much fun to be with."

My personal favorite Charlie Wilson memory goes back nearly a quarter century when the Texan was being investigated for — ultimately baseless — allegations that he had used cocaine. This was at a time when every male politician who was caught molesting a young woman or a young man or found with thousands of unexplained dollars in his coat offered by way of defense either A) his previously undiagnosed alcoholism or B) tearful testimony of his overnight religious conversion.

Here is how grown-up Charlie Wilson responded to the charges against him and won the admiration and gratitude of many of us who cover this stuff: "Regardless of whatever happens, I can promise you that to save myself I will never blame it on booze or publicly turn to Jesus Christ."

What brought this to mind was the news that Texas Gov. Rick Perry had won a landslide victory in the Republican state primary over U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who had been hand-somely winning statewide elections herself since 1990.

This is the same Rick Perry who, last year, after a Tea Party rally in Austin where many shouts of "Secede" could be heard, addressed that implausible subject when asked by reporters. "There's a lot of different scenarios,"

Perry began. "We've got a great union. There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we're a pretty independent lot to boot." He added that when Texas entered the union in 1845, the understanding was that Texas could, if it decided to, pull out of the deal.

Wrong. There was never any such deal or escape clause. In 1861, Texas of course did try to secede from the United States and joined an armed rebellion against the first and greatest Republican president, Abraham Lincoln. The secessionists, including Texans, lost that war in which an estimated 623,056 Americans died.

The idea of Rick Perry, whom the late and irreplaceable Texas columnist Molly Ivins referred to as Gov. Goodhair, following Texas political leaders as memorable as Sam Rayburn, Lyndon Johnson, Ann Richards, George H.W. Bush and Charlie Wilson proves that Darwin was wrong.

As of this date, I have never heard anybody from the bluest precincts of Blue America — from Cambridge or Berkeley, Madison or Manhattan — even under the influence of non-prescription pharmaceuticals, so much as whisper the word "secede."

No, any talk of secession is heard in the flag-waving, "America — Love It or Leave It" neighborhoods whose residents have helped make Rick Perry, who succeeded George W. Bush, the longest-serving governor in Texas history. George W. Bush once humorously confided to an off-the-record dinner of reporters that he treasured the political advice he had been given by legendary Washington lawyer and native Texas Democrat Bob Strauss: "Mr. President, you can fool some of the people all of the time — and those are the ones you have to concentrate on."

Apparently, Gov. Perry has found 'em. To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

Time for Supreme Court to sweep away gun laws?



GEORGE WILL

It is said, more frequently than precisely, that the reasons the Supreme Court gives for doing whatever it does are as important as what it does. Actually, the court's reasons are what it does. Hence, the inter-

est in the case the Supreme Court considered last week.

It probably will result in a routine ruling that extends a 2008 decision and renders dubious many state and local gun control laws. What could — but, judging from the justices' remarks during oral argument, probably will not — make the ruling momentous would be the court deciding that the two ordinances at issue violate the 14th Amendment's "privileges or immunities" clause. Liberals and conservatives submitted briefs arguing, correctly, that this clause was intended to be a scythe for slicing through thickets of state and local laws abridging fundamental liberties. The Second Amendment says: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms,

shall not be infringed." Until 2008, the court had never clarified whether the prefatory clause makes this right conditional: Does the amendment protect an individual's right to own firearms, or does it protect that right only in connection with a state's right to organize a militia?

In 2008, the court struck down a District of Columbia law that effectively banned possession of handguns even in an owner's home — it banned all guns not kept at businesses, or disassembled or disabled by trigger locks. The court held, 5-4, that the Second Amendment protects individuals' rights. But the court answered only the question then posed, which concerned the federal enclave of D.C. Left unanswered was whether the amendment protects that right against severe restrictions by state and local laws.

The oral argument concerned ordinances in Chicago and suburban Oak Park that are indistinguishable from the D.C. law. The court probably will overturn those ordinances by holding that another part of the 14th Amendment — the guarantee that no state shall deny liberty "without due process of law" — "incorporates" the Second Amendment. The justices evinced scant interest Tuesday in resurrecting the "privileges or immunities" clause

by revisiting an incoherent decision rendered in 1873.

To the drafters of the 14th Amendment, the phrase "privileges or immunities" was synonymous with "basic civil rights." But in 1873, the court held that only some of the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights restrict states by being "incorporated" into the 14th Amendment's "due process" clause. Since 1897, the court has held, with no discernible principle, that some rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights are sufficiently fundamental to be "incorporated" but others are not. This doctrine bears the oxymoronic name "substantive due process." Substance is what process questions are *not* about.

If the court now "incorporates" the Second Amendment right via the "due process" guarantee, that will be progress because it will enlarge the sphere of protected liberty. And even Justice Antonin Scalia, who recognizes that "substantive due process" is intellectual applesauce, thinks it is too late to repudiate 137 years of the stuff. Still, three points argue for using the "privileges or immunities" scythe against the two gun ordinances.

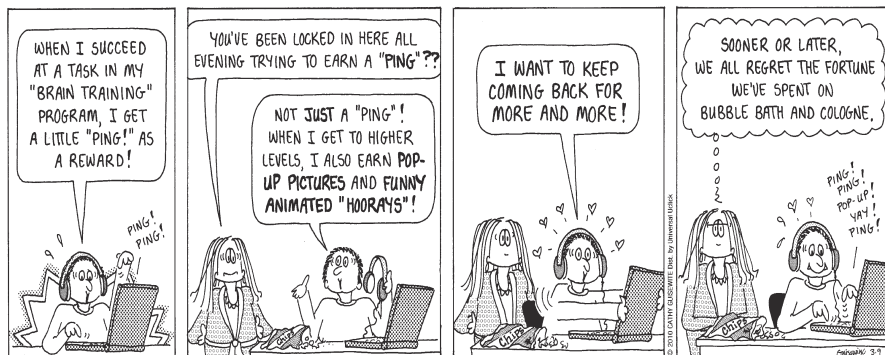
First, protecting the individual's right to keep and bear arms for self-defense was frequently mentioned by those who drafted and ratified the 14th

Amendment, the purpose of which was to protect former slaves and their advocates from being disarmed by state and local governments determined to assault their security and limit their autonomy. Second, the central tenet of American political philosophy is that government is instituted not to bestow rights but to protect pre-existing rights, aka natural rights — those essential to the flourishing of our natures. In its 2008 decision, the court affirmed that the Second Amendment did not grant a right to keep and bear arms, it "codified a pre-existing right."

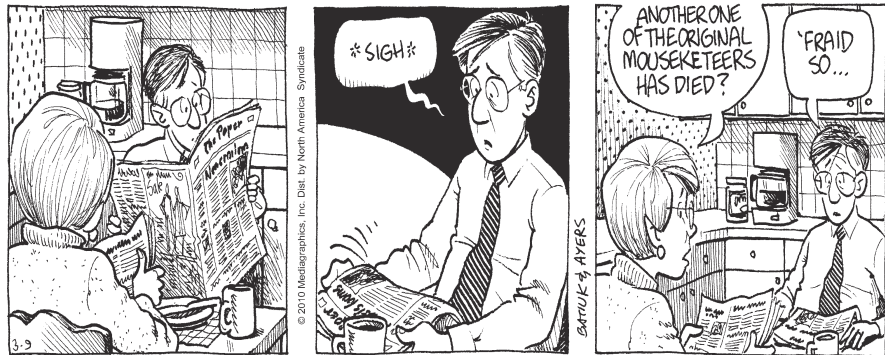
Third, "privileges or immunities" are all those rights that, at the time the 14th Amendment was ratified, were understood to be central to Americans' enjoyment of the blessings of liberty.

Liberals might hope and conservatives might fear that a revived "privileges or immunities" clause wielded by liberal justices would breed many new "positive rights" — to welfare, health care, etc. But conservatives know that "substantive due process" already has such a pernicious potential. And they believe that if — a huge caveat — it remained tethered to the intent of its 19th-century authors, the "privileges or immunities" clause would be useful protection against the statism of the states.

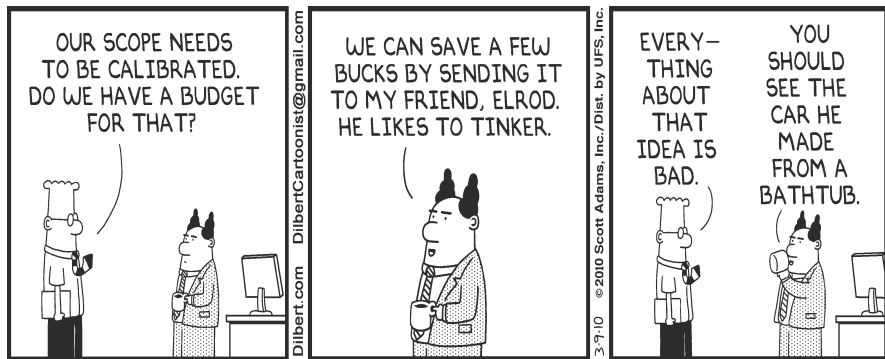
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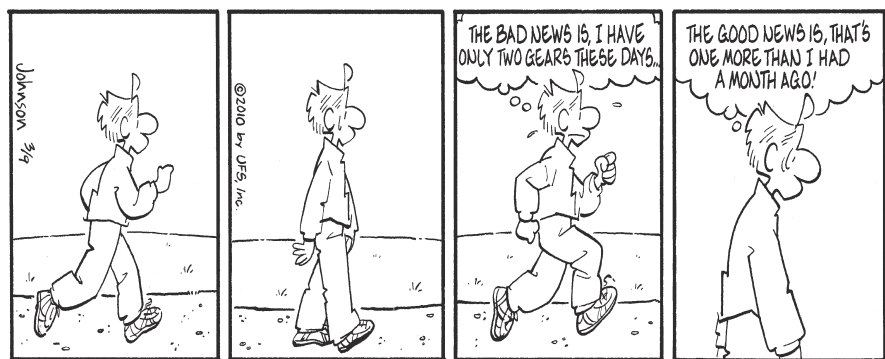
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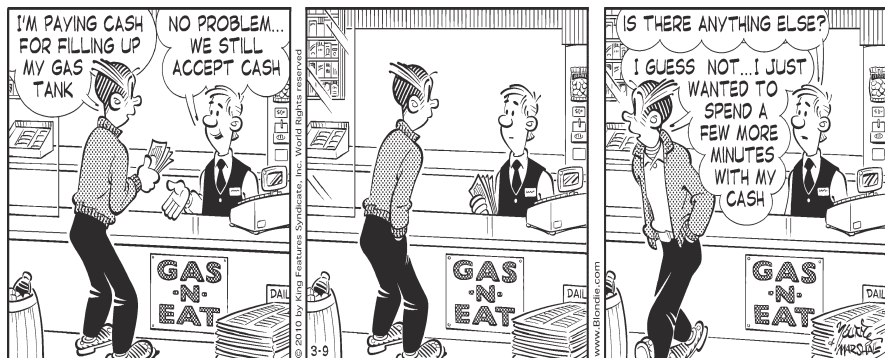
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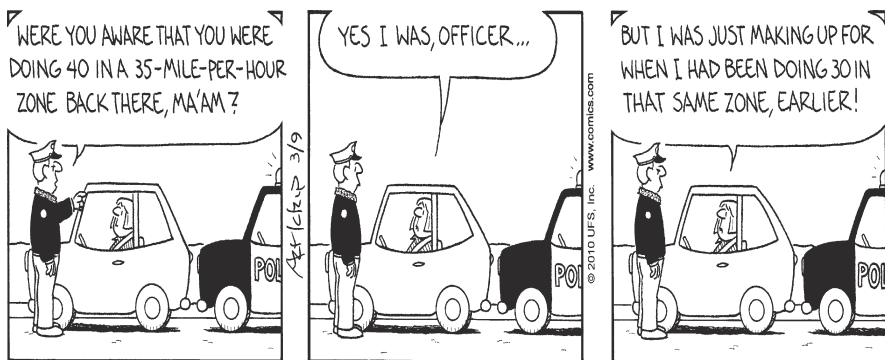
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- Emery boards
- Not on the sched.
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- Harp kin
- Force open
- Aware of
- Maude of TV
- Paris street
- Excellent
- Have supper
- Gopher st.
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- Future tur-

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- Hill dweller
- Molasses-based drink
- Bills of fare
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- Look after
- Still
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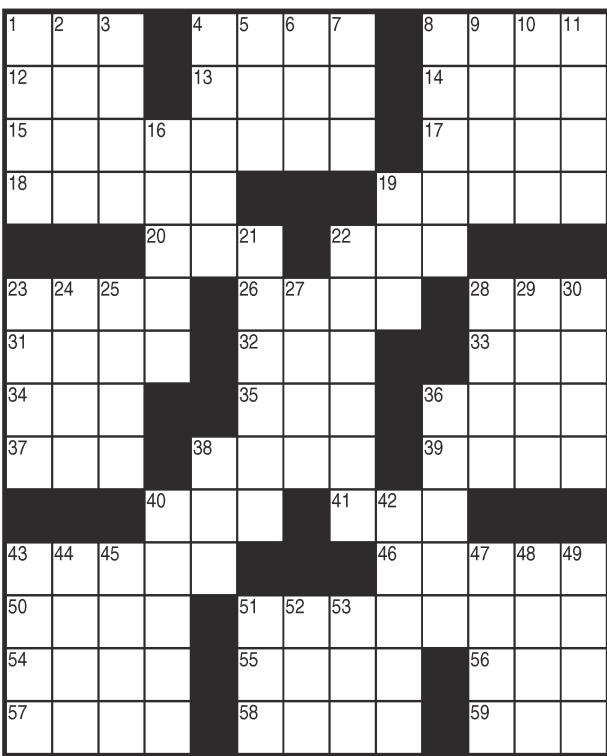
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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argrillon and Jeff Kurek

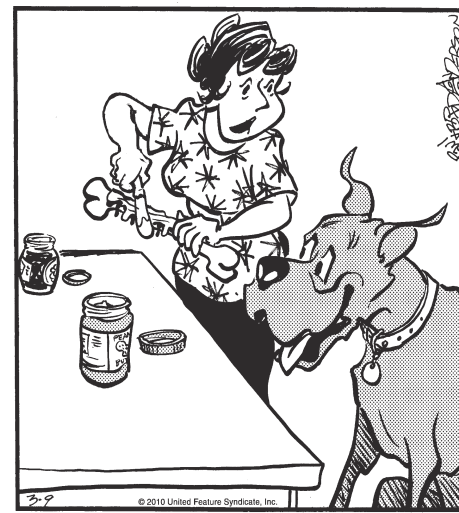
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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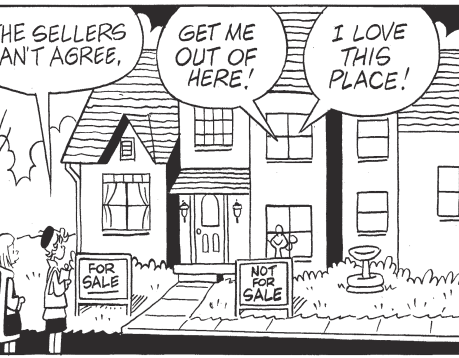
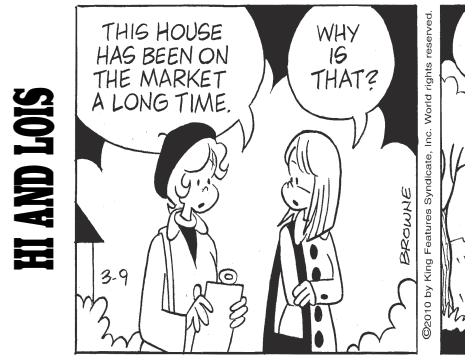
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LIMIT DITTO BAFFLE WISELY
Answer: What her aging husband faced when he decided to diet — A "WAIST" OF TIME



"Where did we get this idea of peanut butter and jelly on a bone?"



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

AIG sells Alico unit to MetLife

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — American International Group Inc. said Monday that it will sell its American Life Insurance Co. division for \$15.5 billion to MetLife Inc. The government-approved deal, AIG's second big asset sale in two weeks, will give the insurer more cash to repay the billions of bailout dollars it still owes the government.

The purchase expands MetLife's presence in Japan and high-growth markets in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. American Life Insurance, known as Alico, operates in more than 50 countries. MetLife currently offers services in 17 countries.

It also moves AIG closer to repaying taxpayers. As of Dec. 31, the company owed the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York nearly \$130 billion. AIG's bailout package was originally worth up to \$182.5 billion.

Stocks trade flat after more dealmaking

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended mixed after a new round of mergers and acquisitions raised some hope for the economy.

Financial shares rose after insurer American International Group Inc. reached a deal to sell one of its major foreign divisions to MetLife Inc. for \$15.5 billion. Meanwhile, health care stocks fell after President Barack Obama called for passage of health care legislation.

The modest moves in the overall market follow a jump in stocks Friday. The government's February jobs report was stronger than expected. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 13.68, or 0.1 percent, to 10,552.52.

Arrow Energy gets \$3B takeover bid

SYDNEY, (AP) — Arrow Energy Ltd., a major owner of natural gas assets in northern Australia, said Monday that a company jointly owned by Royal Dutch Shell and PetroChina has sent it a takeover bid worth \$3.3 billion Australian dollars (\$3 billion).

Nearly half of Shell's production of oil and equivalents comes from gas, so Arrow is a natural target for Europe's largest oil company — and Shell already owns a 10 percent stake of Arrow's operations outside Australia.

Shell confirmed it was considering acquiring the Australian company, and said talks were in an early stage.

Fed expands repurchase eligibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve said Monday it's making more financial institutions eligible for a program to drain some of the unprecedented liquidity it added to markets during the credit crisis.

The move is intended to make the program, under which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York temporarily sells some of its securities, more effective.

The New York Fed said Monday that domestic money market mutual funds with net assets of \$20 billion are eligible for the transactions, known as "reverse repurchase agreements." That's when the Fed sells securities from its portfolio with an agreement to buy them back later.

H&R Block profit up despite return dip

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — H&R Block Inc. says its fiscal third quarter profit rose 7 percent, as lower costs offset a revenue drop that stemmed from handling fewer returns.

For the three months ended Jan. 31, the nation's largest tax preparer earned \$50.6 million, or 15 cents per share, compared with \$47.4 million, or 14 cents per share, in the year-ago quarter.

Revenue fell 6 percent to \$934.9 million from \$993.4 million last year.

Wall Street was expecting profit of 14 cents per share, on revenue of \$949.6 million.

ABC back on Cablevision, talks go on

NEW YORK (AP) — Cablevision and ABC were negotiating a deal Monday that tentatively ended a dispute over fees and restored millions of viewers' access to the Academy Awards telecast in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut shortly after the broadcast began.

The two sides, who had been hammering at each other for days in the media, said a deal had been reached Sunday night, nearly 15 minutes into the Oscar awards broadcast.

Neither side released details about the deal, and it was unclear how permanent it would be.

McDonald's key sales figure rises

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — Strong overseas growth for McDonald's Corp. in February outweighed U.S. sales that barely nudged upward as the world's largest fast-food chain posted a 4.8 percent increase in sales at restaurants open at least a year.

The results come on the heels of January's 2.6 percent rise and were a welcome return to steady growth after back-to-back months of declines in the key sales figure late last year.

Sales at restaurants open at least a year are a key indicator of performance because they measure growth at existing locations rather than newly opened ones.

UK agency probes Kraft-Cadbury deal

LONDON (AP) — Campaigners to save British jobs at Cadbury have made a complaint to regulators that Kraft Inc. misled employees during its takeover of the chocolate maker after it backtracked on plans to keep a factory open.

Amoreo Radford, who led a campaign to preserve the Keynsham factory in Somerdale, western England, said she had lodged an official protest with the Takeover Panel.

Toyota disputes critics who blames electronics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota, dogged by millions of recalls and claims that it still has not fixed its safety problems, took its strongest step yet Monday to silence critics who blame faulty electronics for runaway cars and trucks.

Toyota assembled a group of experts to refute studies by an Illinois professor who revved Toyota engines simply by short-circuiting the wiring. Toyota's experts say the experiments were done under conditions that would never happen on the road.

The automaker maintained its assertion that simpler mechanical flaws, not electronics, were to blame.

"There isn't a ghost issue out there," Kristen Tabar, an electronics general manager with Toyota's technical center, told a news conference at the company's North American headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

Meeting with reporters, Toyota addressed the work of David W. Gilbert, an automotive technology professor at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, whose work has been the basis of doubts about Toyota's mechanical fixes.

At least one outside expert said that even if Toyota's criticisms are accurate, the professor's work shows the systems that allow brakes to overcome stuck gas pedals can be compromised.

Toyota is mounting a public campaign to reassure its drivers about their safety and defending itself against critics who question the fix for 8 million recalled cars and trucks. Regulators have linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by the accelerator problems.

The company's fix addresses gas pedal parts and floor mats that can cause the accelerator to become stuck in the depressed position. More than 60 Toyota owners who have had their cars repaired have complained the problem has persisted.

Toyota dealers have fixed more than 1 million vehicles. But the government has warned that if the remedy provided by Toyota does not properly address the problem, federal regulators could order the company to come up with another solution.

Gilbert told a congressional hearing Feb. 23 that he recreated acceleration in a Toyota Tundra by short-circuiting the electronics behind the gas pedal — without triggering any trouble codes in the truck's computer.

The trouble codes send the car's computer into a fail-safe mode that allows the brake to override the gas. Gilbert called his findings a "startling discovery."

House lawmakers seized on the testimony as evidence Toyota engineers missed a potential problem with the electronics that could have caused the unwanted acceleration.

But Monday, Chris Gerdes, director of Stanford University's Center for Automotive Research, and a consulting firm, Exponent Inc., rejected the professor's findings.

Toyota's assembled experts said the professor's experiments could not be recreated on the actual road. For example, they said, Gilbert had shaved away insulation on wiring and connected wires that would not normally touch each other.

"There is no evidence that I've seen to indicate that this situation is happening at all in the real world," Gerdes said. He added that the professor's work "could result in misguided policy and unwarranted fear."

YOUR STOCKS

Table of stock market data including NYSE, NYSE AMEX, and NASDAQ sections with columns for Name, Last, Chg, and various market indices.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market performance including NYSE, NYSE AMEX, and NASDAQ sections, along with DIARY, INDEXES, and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

YOUR FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including sections for Legg Mason Partners, Van Kampen, and various other fund categories.

HOROSCOPE

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Venus transiting Aries ramps up the competition, especially in matters of the heart. We'll spring to the defense of our relationships and make a greater effort to pursue our attractions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Express your creativity. You'll feel powerful when you are making something that didn't exist in the world before.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make time for love, and love will stretch that time in wonderful ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a lot that has to happen before you can put your thoughts into action.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You control how quickly you move up in the world by monitoring how much you give.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). However much you're moving your body, it's time to turn it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A prideful person you know may be making a mistake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as there is a solid scientific reason that oil and water don't mix, there is a very sound logic behind your decision to stay away from a certain person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone's idea about what is attainable is different. What's realistic to you may be extremely unrealistic for someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's highly unlikely that you'll fall into a comfortable groove over the next few days, but that's a good thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The thing you used to enjoy so much is now becoming slightly tedious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give yourself a time limit. If you think you have all the time in the world, that's how long it will take to get things done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An upcoming event is too important to deal with casually.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). You believe the best in others, and that's what they'll show you.

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Patient's viewpoint



Heloise

Dear Heloise: Regarding the letter from the nurse about VISITORS: Visitors should come when the patient is in the hospital, a few days before the person is to be released.

At home, I feel my house has to be tidy and clean for visitors. I feel a need to entertain and offer refreshments, and am uncomfortable telling people not to come so early or stay so long!

Granted, thoughtful guests will not expect a clean house and will bring refreshments or a meal, or will monitor their time, but many do not.

Dear Heloise: I read the column regarding recycling pill bottles. Be careful! Remember, these bottles may have contained drugs that could cause allergic reactions.

My daughter borrowed a couple of headache tablets from a fellow student that were carried in a pill bottle. It had previously contained penicillin, which my daughter is allergic to.

CAUTION
Dear Heloise: I read that a reader staples her appliances' user booklets, receipts, etc., together.

I have a very thick three-ring binder and keep all of that in it, with dividers for kitchen, bathroom, outside, etc.

I photocopy the receipts and put a copy with the original packet. Most receipts are printed on a paper that will be unreadable within two years.

Man has OK to enjoy scenery, but not touch
DEAR ABBY: Regarding your answer to "Yoo-Hoo, I'm Over Here!"

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your answer to "Yoo-Hoo, I'm Over Here!" (Jan. 10), who was bothered by her husband's constant leering at women, you've got to be kidding.

DEAR ABBY: In marriage we promise to love and cherish our wives. That is not what "Yoo-Hoo's" husband is doing.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for 18 years, we have four children, and I can attest that all men do NOT do that.

DEAR ABBY: You said that if "Yoo-Hoo's" husband were 20 years younger, his behavior would be chalked up to "boys will be boys."

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Does heartburn lead to cancer?



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I was diagnosed a year ago with Barrett's esophagus with no dysplasia. I tried taking a generic version of Nexium, but it did not help at all.

I do plan to get regular endoscopies. I have been living in fear for the past year. Is Barrett's a death sentence for me?

ANSWER: In some people, the eruption of stomach acid into the esophagus — heartburn or, more formally, GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease — transforms lining cells in the lower part of the esophagus into cells that resemble cells that line the colon.

about 10 million Americans suffer from GERD. Around 1 million of these people eventually will develop the changes of Barrett's. People with Barrett's are at greater risk of developing esophageal cancer, but the risk is small.

"Dysplasia" indicates changes that are progressing to cancer. You have no dysplasia, and that's a great plus for you.

Standard treatment of Barrett's is taking medicine that greatly decreases production of stomach acid.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Several years ago, I read that dark beer prevents colon cancer. Since then, I've been drinking Guinness, one of the darkest I know of.

ANSWER: Sources I trust don't endorse beer as a preventive against colon cancer. They say that having more than two beers a day for men and one for women heightens the risk of colon cancer somewhat.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Recently I read an article that said any type of beer could cause many types of cancer. Is there any truth to either?

ANSWER: I trust don't endorse beer as a preventive against colon cancer. They say that having more than two beers a day for men and one for women heightens the risk of colon cancer somewhat.

The booklet on colon cancer describes this common cancer and its treatments. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 505, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

So shy he can't talk to girl on a date



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am 17, a senior in high school and have never had a girlfriend. It seems like no matter what I do, I never can find a girl to go out with.

I freeze up on dates and have no clue why. I've known one girl since I was 3, but for some reason couldn't find a single thing to say to her when we were out.

I am tired of this happening every time and don't want to go through the rest of the year like this.

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Body and Mind

Go Yoga!

Have you ever tried yoga? **Yoga** (YOH-gah) is an ancient practice and form of fitness. It can help people be healthy and feel good by building self-awareness, strength and flexibility in both mind and body. This week, The Mini Page learns more about this popular practice.

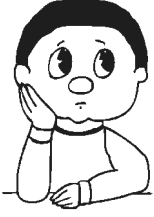
Who practices yoga?

Yoga postures, or **asanas** (AH-sah-nahs), are practiced by people of all ages all over the world. People don't have to be athletic or in great shape to do yoga.

Practicing yoga helps relieve stress and pain, improves circulation and digestion, and improves balance and concentration.

Yoga is non-competitive and fun to learn for kids and adults. Sometimes kids feel pressure or stress about their schoolwork, their friends or about competitive sports. They might become too critical of themselves and lose confidence.

Yoga can help; there is no judgment in doing a pose "perfectly." Instead, yoga encourages people to learn to relax and have fun while practicing.



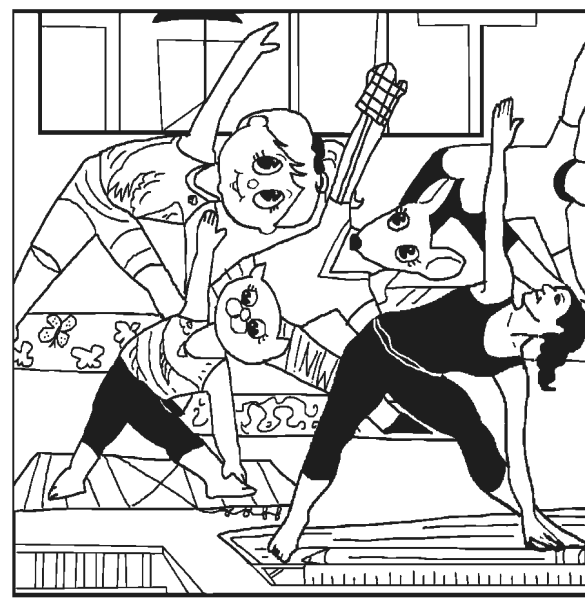
Alexandria and Julia practice yoga with their mom, who is an instructor, or yogi.

Kids can learn many things from yoga practice, such as self-esteem, better focus and concentration, and respect for themselves and others.

Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and her friends are in triangle pose in yoga class. See if you can find:
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• flyswatter
• pencil
• letter V
• butterfly
• ruler
• sailboat
• heart
• fish
• letter T
• bird
• ladder
• kite
• number 7
• word MINI
• letter A
• letter L



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Mind and body

Many experts believe there is a strong connection between our mind and our body. Emotions and worries can show up in our bodies as tension, pain and upset stomachs. When we feel sad, we can be more likely to get sick.

If we can learn to release the tension in the body, the mind will relax, too.

In yoga, **guided imagery** is used to help our imagination change our emotions and our body. An instructor leads our thoughts so that we become relaxed and focused. Breathing connects the body to the mind and helps create calmness.

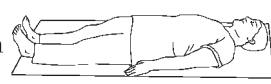
Starting out

Starting yoga is easy.

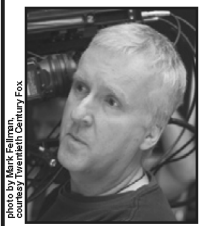
You need a clean floor and a mat. You should also have plenty of room to stretch and move.

Wear comfortable clothes that move with you and that don't dig in when you bend.

Have an empty stomach. Wait an hour after eating to do yoga.



Meet James Cameron



James Cameron wrote, directed and produced the movie "Avatar." He helped create a new camera to film the movie. The new camera shoots more realistic computer graphics involving live actors.

James, 45, was born in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada, and grew up near Niagara Falls. He moved to Brea, Calif., to study physics in college. There he worked as a machinist and truck driver. He quit his truck-driving job to make his first short film. He raised money to do it from a group of local dentists. He has written and directed many movies, including "Titanic." James co-developed a special 3-D camera system to film documentaries under the ocean. His company, Earthship Productions, has made several documentaries about life under the sea.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Andrea Riley
Height: 5-5 Birthdate: 7-22-88 Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Watching 5-foot-5 Andrea Riley play basketball is a treat for fans of the Oklahoma State women's team. On the other hand, it is usually torture for opponents.

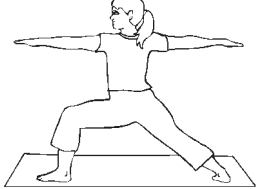
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Let's Learn Yoga

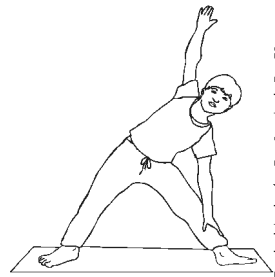
Are you interested in practicing yoga? Many communities have classes you can take. You might also rent or buy DVDs or videotapes that will guide you through the different poses. Let's learn a few here.

Be a warrior

In warrior pose, you step back with the right foot parallel to the back of your mat. The left knee is bent, and you are low over the floor. Your left knee points toward your left little toe. Your right leg is straight. Your arms are outstretched, palms down, and you are looking over your left hand.



Stay here for a few breaths, working on balance. This is good for making your legs and core strong as it opens your chest. You can also do this on the other side.



Now straighten out the left leg, and lean out over it with your left hand. Reach down to your ankle or calf, and reach up with your right hand. Both legs are straight. You are in triangle pose, or trichinasana. This standing pose is good for your mind and balance. Don't forget to do the other side!

Like a child

Child's pose is sitting back on your feet and stretching out your arms along the mat in front of you. Close your eyes and relax. This will calm you down and help you trust in yourself.



It's twisted

For seated twist pose, you cross your right foot over your left knee; your left leg can be straight out or bent in to go deeper. Stretch your left arm out straight along the outside of your right knee, while your right hand is on the floor behind your right hip. Turn your head to look over your right shoulder. Now do the other side.



Namaste! (I honor you!)

Some yoga classes end with shivasana. Lie on your back and close your eyes. Allow your body to relax. Picture every muscle of your body softening, and pay attention to your breath going in and out. When you are ready to return to your day, roll onto your right side for a few breaths before you sit up.

Yoga for You

It's time to try yoga! Look at the illustrations and follow them as closely as you can to be safe and for correct alignment. Remember to do each pose on both sides.

We are going to start with a sun salutation (sal-yoo-TA-shun). Salutation means "greeting."

Focus on breathing

Stand straight, close your eyes, and focus on your breath through your nose, down your throat, into your chest and belly, back out again. This is called the mountain pose.

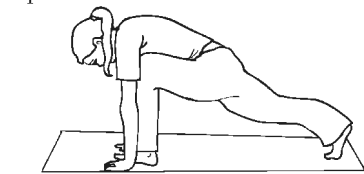
Open your eyes and stretch your arms up alongside your head. Breathe in as you look up.

Bend forward and exhale. This pose is called forward fold. It will help calm you and stretch your legs, and open your spine and chest. Reach to the floor and start a gentle sway side to side, like an elephant's trunk. Bring both hands to the mat. Take a few breaths.



Str-r-e-t-t-c-h

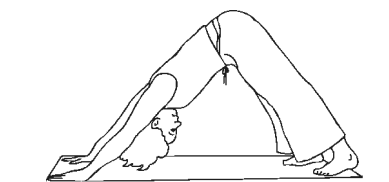
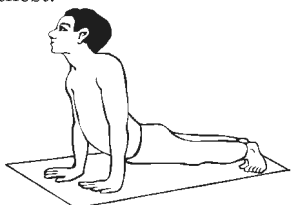
Step back with your right foot so you are in a lunge with your back heel off the floor. Gently push your hips back and forth as you lower them toward the floor. Hold for a few breaths. This helps to open up your hips. It also teaches balance.



Be strong

Step the left foot back to join the right. Now you are in a plank pose. This is sort of like a push-up, but with the elbows held tight to the ribs as you go down. This is called chaturanga. If it's too hard to hold, put your knees on the floor.

From here, let your hips down and gently push your hands into the floor. Look up toward the ceiling or sky as you inhale. This is called upward-facing dog. This pose is a good energizer, especially for students and adults who sit at desks for much of the day. It helps open your heart and chest.



Next, take your hips up to the sky with your hands and feet both on the floor. Exhale. Your head hangs down and your eyes look up toward your belly button. Open up all the fingers and put your palms to the floor. This is called downward dog pose. Stay here and try to push your heels down into the mat as you lift up your tail. Relax here for a few breaths. Feel your shoulders and spine stretch. This is a good pose to come back to anytime.

Greet the day!

From here, inhale and lift your right leg forward into a lunge — just like where you were before, but on the other side. Ease your hips lower to the floor and back and forth a little to stretch them out.

Now step your left leg up to join your right and stand up. You are back in mountain pose.

Relax and breathe. Try this whole series again, maybe as many times as your age. Each time you do it you will be able to stretch a little farther.

The Mini Page thanks yoga instructor Dawn Torti of Arlington, Va., for help with this issue.

Next week, The Mini Page is about the 2010 United States Census.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Yael: What did the yoga instructor say to get his dog to lie down?
Yasmin: "Downward dog!"

Yancy: What is a soldier's favorite yoga pose?
Yehuda: Warrior!

Yarita: What do students of yoga like to eat as a snack?
Yee: Yogurt!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Yoga TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of yoga are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: ASANA, BALANCE, BEND, CALM, CHATURANGA, CHILD, FLEXIBILITY, FOCUS, IMAGERY, MAT, MOUNTAIN, NAMASTE, POSE, REACH, RELAX, SALUTATION, STRENGTH, STRESS, WARRIOR, YOGA, YOGI.

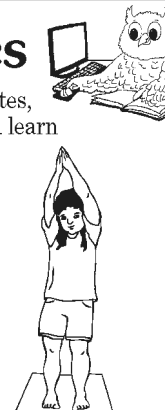
YOGA KEEPS ME IN GOOD BALANCE!

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Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for Web sites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

- On the Web:
• www.yogakids.com
• www.yoga4kids.org
At the library:
• "Yoga for All Kids" by Susan Kramer
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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

SCH Auxiliary to meet

SALEM – The Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Rick Setty, R. S., health commissioner, Salem City Health District, will present "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Salem's Health District."

Lisbon 1952 lunch

LISBON – The David Anderson High School Class of 1952 plans to meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Taste of Country.

'Alice in Wonderland'

COLUMBIANA – The Columbiana High School Drama Club will present "Alice in Wonderland" in the high school auditorium. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for senior citizens. Those attending should enter through the west door near the high school gymnasium.

20/30 Club to meet

AUSTINTOWN – The Mahoning Valley Professional 20/30 Club will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at O'Donold's Irish Pub, 6000 Mahoning Ave. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For information or to purchase advance tickets go to www.mvp2030.org or email social@mvp2030club.org.

All-you-can-eat breakfast

NORTH BENTON – An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at North Benton Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and free for under 5.

Used book sale in Salem

SALEM – Salem Public Library's semi-annual used book sale, sponsored by the Salem Public Li-

brary Memorial Fund Association, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul School gymnasium, 925 E. State St. Proceeds from the sale are given to the library to purchase new materials for the library. For information call 330-332-0042.

Waterford 1957 lunch

NEW WATERFORD – The New Waterford High School Class of 1957 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Heck's Restaurant in Columbiana.

Goshen 1959 lunch

SALEM – The Goshen High School Class of 1959 will meet for lunch at noon Saturday at Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Chicken dinner set

EAST ROCHESTER – A chicken dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Bayard Grange. The menu includes a choice of creamed chicken over biscuits or with noodles, or a sampler of both with green beans, choice of cole slaw or applesauce dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for large or \$5 for small. Carryouts are available. The grange is located on U.S. Route 30. For information call 330-894-2902.

Banquet in Salem

SALEM – An anonymous sponsor will provide the meal for the Banquet in Salem to be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Memorial Building. The menu offers baked pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, lima beans, cole slaw, fruit, vegetables and brownies. People interested in becoming an anonymous sponsor are asked to call 330-337-3125.

Cancer Support Group

SALEM – The Salem Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. March 15 at the DeJane home,

1841 Cleveland St. For information call 330-337-8489 or 330-337-3076.

Salem 1952 lunch

SALEM – The Salem High School Class of 1952 will meet for lunch at noon March 17 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Lisbon 1957 breakfast

LISBON – The David Anderson High School Class of 1957 will meet for breakfast at 10 a.m. March 18 at Taste of Country.

Survivors of Suicide

LISBON – Help Hotline Crisis Center's Survivors of Suicide support group meeting begins at 11 a.m. March 18 at the Columbiana County Counseling Center on Route 154. For more information call 330-424-7767.

Soup/chili cook-off winners

SALINEVILLE – The Salineville-Southern Lions Club hosted its first soup/chili cook-off on Feb. 20. The winners were: Mayor Dave Berta, first place with his spicy, hot sausage chili; Sarai Wood, second place, Idaho Potato Bacon Soup; and third place, a tie between Pastor Pat Smith, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Judy Locklear, Secret Family Recipe Chili.

The next soup/chili cook-off is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. March 27 at the Salineville Fire Hall. For early registration call 330-679-2729 by March 23. Dishes may also be registered at the door the day of the event. The entry fee is \$20. All donations go to the club.

The club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Salineville United Methodist Church.

Salem Dems to meet

SALEM – The Salem-Perry Democratic Party regular monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Salem Chamber of Commerce building.

COMMON PLEAS

New Cases

Thelma Rist, 57, of Lisbon and William J. Rist; dissolution sought. Raymond Mostowski, 39, of Wellsville and Starr Mostowski, 33, of Wellsville; dissolution sought. HSBC Bank v. Daniel S. Tolson, etc; foreclosure sought against property on Wooddale Drive, Lisbon. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank v. Timothy and Lorelei Chaffin, etc; foreclosure sought against St. Clair Township property. First National Community Bank v. Stephen and Tina Jividen, etc; foreclosure sought against property on Smithfield Street, East Liverpool. Nationstar Mortgage v. Scott and Lori Brooks, etc; foreclosure sought against property on East 10th Street, Salem. David Huffman of Salem, as administrator for estate of the late Dustin Huffman, v. A-1 Tree Service and Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation; appeal sought of claim denial; Dustin Huffman died in a fall last summer at Beaver Creek State Park while on a break from his job with A-1; claim denied because accident wasn't job-related.

Docket Entries

Ronald K. Hooper v. James Lunger; lawsuit settled and dismissed. Beneficial Ohio Inc. v. Brenda Mayfield, etc; Beneficial Ohio reactivates case to active status, with foreclosure action to proceed. SunTrust Mortgage Inc. to Tanya S. Tasker, etc; foreclosure judgment set aside and foreclosure lawsuit dismissed by SunTrust. Wells Fargo Bank v. Steven R. Easton, etc; foreclosure ordered. Citifinancial Inc. v. Robert W. Childs, etc; foreclosure ordered against property on Orange Street, Beloit. HSBC Bank v. Cheryl S. Kinder, etc; foreclosure ordered against property on Hamilton Road, East Palestine. GMAC Mortgage v. Scott E. Ellis, etc; foreclosure ordered against property on Eastview Drive, Salem. Sarah L. Rouse of Hanoverton v. Ronald J. Rouse of Canton; divorce granted. William C. Windle of Salem v. Debbie S. Windle of Lisbon; divorce granted. Dale Anderson of Irondale v. Tammy Anderson of Butler, Pa.; divorce granted. Vito J. Weeda of Hanoverton and Vallene Weeda of Sacramento, Calif.; legal separation granted. Scott E. Ellis of Salem and Leslie M. Ellis of Salem; marriage dissolved. Brian T. Ours of East Liverpool and Melissa K. Ours of East Palestine; marriage dissolved.

Marriage Licenses

Michael A. Paskevitch Jr., 32, of New Waterford, truck operator; and Lori A. Williams, 36, of New Waterford, administrator.

4 secret indictments served

LISBON – Four secret indictments issued by the Columbiana County grand jury were served over the weekend on the following people:

- Leon R. Daugherty, 29, Park Avenue, Wellsville, charged with selling heroin in the county on Jan. 23, 2008.
- Jared M. Coil, 22, Steubenville Pike, Lisbon, charged with breaking into the Columbiana Foundry Co. in Columbiana, sheds belonging to James Kellner and Kevin Prus at Columbiana Space Center in Columbiana, and vandalizing the Columbiana Foundry. The alleged crimes occurred between October and November 2009.
- Jennifer R. Ussery, 28, Eagleton Road, Lisbon, charged with forging a prescription for the painkiller percocet in May 2008.
- Brandon T. Burkey, 25, state Route 172, Lisbon, charged with growing marijuana in August 2008.

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Ready for 'Alice'

The East Palestine High School Drama Club will present "Alice in Wonderland" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the auditorium. Admission is \$5 per person. Pictured are members rehearsing. Flowers are available in the lobby at \$3, and \$1 for "Happy Unbirthday." (Submitted photo)



Pizza winner

Hart's Bakery, owned and operated by Wade and Kayla Hart of New Waterford, was the winner of the pizza tasting contest held recently at Crestview High School. Other participants in the contest were Horst Sub and Deli in East Fairfield, owned and operated by Leon Horst; Pizza Joe's in East Palestine, owned and operated by Pam and Leonard Stanley; Mario's Pizza in New Waterford, owned and operated by Bill Watkins; and Pizza Hut in Columbiana, managed by Bard Warren. This was a fund raiser for the Rebel Hoops Club. Pictured are Wade and Kayla Hart, with Rachel and Dylan Hart. (Submitted photo)

2 of oldest people in U.S. die: in NH 114, Mich. 113

WESTMORELAND, N.H. (AP) — Two of the oldest people in the world have died on the same day.

Mary Josephine Ray, who was certified as the oldest person living in the United States, died Sunday at age 114 years, 294 days. She died at a nursing home in Westmoreland but was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

"She just enjoyed life. She never thought of dying at all," Katherine Ray said. "She was planning for her birthday party."

Ray died just hours before Daisy Bailey, who was 113 years, 342 days, said L. Stephen Coles, a director of the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks and studies old people and certifies those 110 or older, called supercentenarians.

"It's very rare that two of our supercentenarians die on the same day," Coles said.

Bailey, who was born March 30, 1896, died in Detroit, he said. She had suffered from dementia, said her family, which claimed she was born in 1895.

Ray, even with her recent decline, managed an interview with a reporter last week, her granddaughter said.

Ray was the oldest person in the United States and the second-oldest in the world, the Gerontology Research Group said. She also was recorded as the oldest person ever to live in New Hampshire.

The oldest living American is now Neva Morris, of Ames, Iowa, at age 114 years, 216 days. The oldest person in the world is Japan's Kama Chinen at age 114 years, 301 days.

Ray was born May 17, 1895, in Bloomfield, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She moved to the United States at age 3.

She lived for 60 years in Anson, Maine. She lived in Florida, Massachusetts and elsewhere in New Hampshire before she moved to Westmoreland in 2002 to be near her children.

POLICE REPORTS

GOSHEN POLICE DISTRICT

Driving under suspension

Steven Mango, of 875 Prospect St., Salem, was arrested for driving under suspension and drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop at 5:18 p.m. Feb. 2 for traveling left of center.

OVI

Robert F. Russell, of 528 Aetna St., Salem, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated, possession of drugs (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop at 1:17 a.m. Feb. 5 for speeding and traveling left of center.

Driving under suspension

Robert L. Walters, of 29549 U.S. Route 62 lot 307, Salem, was arrested for driving under suspension at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 following a traffic crash investigation.

Carl W. Young Jr., of 202 John St., Salineville, was arrested for driving under suspension and fictitious plates following a traffic stop for no front plate at 11:43 a.m. Feb. 12.

Arson

A man from the 14000 block of South Egypt Road reported at 6:43 p.m. Feb. 13 that someone had set on fire a couch that had been abandoned along side the roadway.

OVI

Dale A. Cramer, of 933 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated and no driver's license following a traffic stop at 11:33 p.m. Feb. 16 for traveling left of center and failure to use a turn signal.

Criminal trespass

A man from the 10000 block of West Calla Road reported at 10:05 a.m. Feb. 21 that someone drove snowmobiles onto his property, an ongoing problem for the past couple years. The case was referred to the detective division.

Driving under suspension

Thomas R. Coffman, of 13655 Woodworth Road, New Springfield, was arrested for driving under suspension and fictitious plates following a traffic stop at 5:51 p.m. Feb. 21 for traveling left of center. His passenger, Melissa J. Dunn, of the same address, was also arrested for wrongful entrustment.

OVI

Lisa A. Johns, of 34 Blue Lantern Drive, Salem, was arrested for operating a vehicle in-

toxicated and expired plates following a traffic stop at 11:29 p.m. Feb. 24 for failure to obey a stop sign.

Theft

A woman from the 1200 block of Goshen Road reported at 3:10 p.m. Feb. 28 that someone removed the hubcaps from her vehicle within the past day.

Driving under suspension

Eric P. Smith, of Canton, was arrested for driving under suspension following a traffic stop at 11:45 p.m. Feb. 28 for speeding.

OVI

Kurt L. Gudat, of 860 Cherry St., Washingtonville, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated following a traffic stop at 7:11 p.m. March 1 for traveling left of center.

Warrant arrest

Amanda S. Evans, of North Jackson, was arrested on an active warrant out of the Austintown Police Department and possession of drugs (marijuana) following a traffic stop at 11:07 a.m. March 2 for no front plate.

OVI

Daniel A. Persing, of Niles, was arrested for operating a vehicle intoxicated, carrying a concealed weapon (large knife) and open container following a traffic stop at 4:44 p.m. Thursday for reckless operation.

Driving under suspension

Aaron F. Hundzsa, of Diamond, was arrested at 12:50 p.m. Friday for driving under suspension and fictitious plates following a traffic stop for expired plated.

Warrant arrest

Adrienne L. Filbert, of 1052 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem, was arrested on an active warrant out of the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office following a traffic stop at 11:25 p.m. Friday for a missing headlight.

Driving under suspension

Douglas A. Beekman, of Wintersville, was arrested for driving under suspension following a traffic stop at 11:37 p.m. Friday for speeding and traveling left of center.

Warrant arrest

Charles E. Harton III, of 655 N. 15th St., Sebring, was arrested by the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office at 9:33 p.m. Saturday on an active warrant out of the Goshen department for menacing.

Police: Man shot at school playground

COLUMBUS (AP) —

Authorities say a man has been shot on the playground of a Columbus elementary school while classes were in session. Police say no children were on the playground and none were injured in the Monday shooting at Linden Elementary. The school was on a lockdown for about an hour shortly after 1:30 p.m., when police say at least four shots were fired. Columbus police Sgt. James Branam says a group of men was on a playground basketball court when one of the men was grazed by a bullet in the back of the head.

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