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Arlo Guthrie plays at M.K. Brown



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On Sunday night at 7 p.m., Arlo Guthrie, son of folk music legend and former Pampa resident Woody Guthrie, performed at Pampa's M.K. Brown Auditorium as part of a centennial celebration of Woody Guthrie's birthday. Bob Santelli, executive director of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, led a question and answer session with the musician. The show in Pampa was preceded by a concert Saturday evening in Tulsa, which featured musicians

like John Mellencamp, the Flaming Lips and Arlo Guthrie himself. "One hundred years ago, (Woody Guthrie) was born in Okemah, Oklahoma," said Santelli. "So the Grammy Museum teamed up with the Woody Guthrie family, and we figured we would create this yearlong celebration of his life and do it in a biographical way. Since he was born in Oklahoma, we figured we'd start in Oklahoma, and since the Woody Guthrie archives are coming to Tulsa, Okla., we figured we'd start from **ARLO** cont. on page 3

As part of a centennial celebration in honor of famous father Woody Guthrie, Arlo Guthrie played in spoke yesterday at the M.K. Brown Civic Center, close to where dad used to spend his days playing his guitar.

Robinson talks Relay scholarships

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First announced shortly before the Gray County Relay for Life's 2012 kickoff event on Monday, Christy Robinson, chairwoman of the local branch of the American Cancer Society revealed more details about the two \$500 scholarships the Relay will be giving out to local kids.



Robinson

"It's a new thing we're doing this year," Robinson said. "Some of the other Relays have done it and it turned out really good. (The scholarships) will be offered to a graduating senior in Gray County, which would be Pampa, Lefors or McLean. (The schools) were all each involved in the Pink-Out."

The scholarship, she continued, will be awarded to a pair of deserving students who take active roles in promoting cancer awareness in Gray County. With this year's Hero of Hope being Pampa High School senior Ashtin Sackett (who is currently fighting osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer), Robinson is hopeful to get more young people involved in the Relay and other cancer awareness events.

"It's hard to get the youth involved, so this is something that will recognize the ones who do get involved," Robinson said. "It will be to the kids most deserving. They'll have to have participated in the Relay or the Pink Out, those kinds of things. They'll have to fill out (an application). We want to give it to the kids who are **SCHOLARSHIPS** cont. on page 3

PAMPA KIDS IN CONCERT

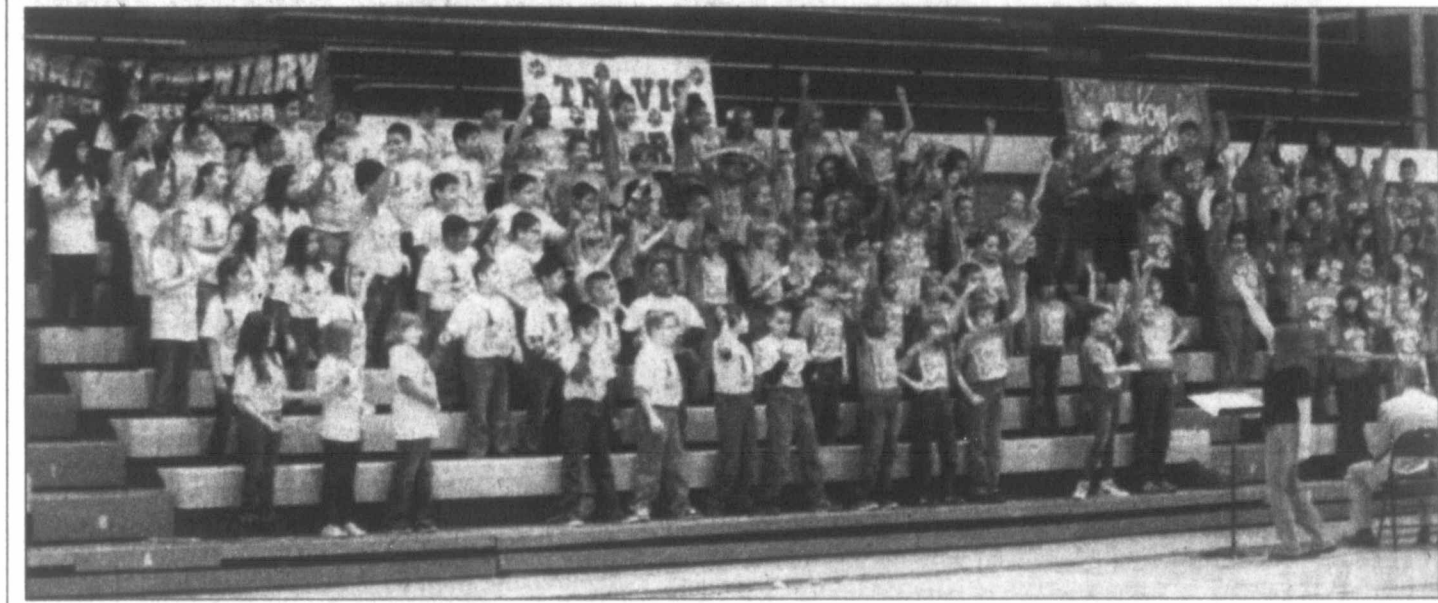


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Lamar, Travis and Wilson Elementary students perform during the 2012 Fifth Grade Spring Concert on Thursday.

One grand jury indictment in Hemphill County

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A Hemphill County grand jury issued a single indictment this month in the 31st Judicial District Court of Texas. Cesar Garcia-Aguilar, 32, was indicted for assault of a family/household member for scratching Kendy Baca. Aguilar had previously been convicted of the same offense in September of 2010. Garcia-Aguilar's bond was set at \$10,000, with the condition that he is prohibited from communicating with the victim, including direct contact, written correspondence, email, telephone calls and contact through a third person. The 31st Judicial District includes Hemphill, Gray, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Amarillo Venom indoor football player Darius Battles (right) reads to Brenda Cryer's Austin Elementary second grade class as teammate Donta Bright looks on. Austin held a "Drop Everything and Read" day on Friday.



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
High 77 Low 45	High 80 Low 50	High 79 Low 52

Today: Sunny, with a high near 77. Wind chill values between 30 and 40 early. West wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Public Meeting Agendas

Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees

6 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below.

Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. Declaration of a quorum / Call meeting to order

II. Spotlight on Excellence

III. Public Hearing: Optional Flexible School Day Program (6:15 p.m.)

IV. Public Comments (7 p.m.)

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consideration and action to approve board minutes: January 19, 2012, January 30, 2012, February 6, 2012, February 7, 2012, February 13, 2012, February 16, 2012, and March 5, 2012

B. Consideration and action to approve monthly financial reports

C. Consideration and action to approve Fall Sports Bids

D. Consideration and action to approve the sale of delinquent tax property

E. Consideration and action to approve instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2012-2013

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and possible action to approve a request to TEA for approval for an Optional Extended School Day Program

B. Discussion and possible action to approve an inter-local agreement with Perryton ISD for the purchase of the Patriot Hall portable building.

C. Consideration and possible action to purchase real property located at 1429 Charles Street, Pampa, Texas

D. Discussion and possible approval with Gray County to pay the legal fees for negotiating mineral lease to benefit the school district

E. Discuss bids for the former Pampa Junior High School property, and possible action to make revisions for a possible future invitation to bid on portion or portions, or all, of the former Pampa Junior High School property.

F. Consideration and possible action to approve a request to TEA for expedited and general waivers for the 2012-2013 school year

G. Consideration and possible action to approve the Pampa ISD 2012-2013 calendar

H. Discuss election to fill expired terms on Region 16 ESC Board of Directors

I. Discussion and possible action to support a resolution concerning high stakes, standardized testing of Texas public school students

J. Consideration and possible action to adopt an agreement with SECO (State Energy Conservation Office) to reimburse for the purchase of HVAC equipment

K. Discussion and possible action to revise board policy GKD (LOCAL) and GKD (REGULATION): Community Relations - Nonschool use of school facilities

L. Consideration and possible ac-

tion to revise policy EIE(LOCAL): Academic Achievement: Promotion and Retention

M. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to waive for one year the 15 percent requirement for end of course exams found in policies EIA (LOCAL), EIA (EXHIBIT A), EIA (EXHIBIT B), AND EIA (REGULATION).

N. Consideration and possible action to approve revised Pampa ISD employment contract documents

O. Discuss the Pampa ISD Superintendent Search

VII. REPORTS

A. Hear a report on the Pampa ISD Early Literacy Study

B. Hear report on oil and gas lease for Gaines County land for Gray County

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. Consideration and possible action to approve and renew Pampa ISD administrator and professional contracts

B. Consideration and possible action to approve and renew Pampa ISD educator term contracts

C. Consideration and possible action to approve and renew Pampa ISD probationary educator contracts

D. Consideration and possible action for termination of educator probationary contract(s) at the end of the contract term

E. Consideration and possible action for non-renewal of educator term contract(s) at the end of the contract term

F. Employ professional employee(s)

Obituaries

Leta Faye Morris, 83

Leta Faye Morris, 83, died Saturday March 10, 2012, in Pampa, TX.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Briarwood Church with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Morris was born December 29, 1928 in Chillicothe, Texas to Charlie and Nancy Stewart. She was a graduate of Quanah High School. She married Joe William Morris on July 18, 1945 in El Dorado, Oklahoma, moving to Pampa in 1955. She worked at Highland General Hospital as a nurse's assistant for 10 years, and was secretary at Highland Pentecostal Holiness church for 23; where she also was a founding member. Mrs. Morris was very faithful to her church and love spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed going to the annual family reunions and attending the Bluegrass festival in Mobeetie.

She is survived by husband: Joe William Morris of Pampa; two daughters: Shirley Morris of Albuquerque, N.M. and Sheila Swany and husband Rick of Carrolton; three sons: Tom Morris and wife Barbara of Albuquerque, N.M., Joe Morris and wife Patsy of Pampa, and Robert Morris and wife Cara of Amarillo; one sister: Virginia Clay and husband Jim of Graham; 17 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Leta was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers: Cecil, Austin, Dean, Robert, and Charlie Ray. four sisters: Betty, Ruby, Dorothy, and Martha. two grandchildren: Jeremy Morris and Sheri Popejoy; two daughter-in-laws: Sandra Morris and Marilyn Morris.

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church, 1733 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Favorite Charity.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com

Rolland Nelson, 91

Rolland Nelson age 91 of Pampa, TX, formerly of Arkadelphia, died Wednesday, March 7, 2012. He was born August 27, 1920 the son of John Davis and Hattie Golder Nelson.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and a member of the Trinity Temple Assembly of God Church in Arkadelphia.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Nora Kathleen

Nelson, two sons, Randy (Jennifer) Nelson of Bismarck, Richard (Angie) Nelson of Springfield, MO, one daughter, Janie (Ronnie) Richard of Pampa, TX one sister, Marie Furnatter of Magnolia, TX, a sister-in-law, Leona Nelson of Ft. Smith, AR, six grandsons, Alan Richard, Richie, Joey, Michael, Jeremy, and Aaron Nelson, four granddaughters, Sherri Murray, Tracy Abbott, Joanna Nelson, and Hanna Hawthorne, four great grandsons, Zach Murray, Tyler Lindgren, William Martini, and Elijah Hawthorne, four great granddaughters, Angela Bentley, Terra Lavrenz, Alexis Martini, and Layne Nelson, four great great granddaughters, Aubrey Nelson, Delannie Hawthorne, Arianna Phillips, and Alyssa Diers, two great great grandsons, Bryson and Bradlee Lavrenz.



Nelson

Funeral services will be 2 PM Monday in the Trinity Temple Assembly of God Church in Arkadelphia with Pastor Rick Mays officiating. Visitation will be 4-6 PM Sunday at Ruggles-Wilcox Funeral Home in Arkadelphia. Burial will be in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hillcrest Children's Home, A G Family service agency, 2325 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901.

Sign on line guest book at www.ruggleswilcox.com.

Betty Bural McCracken, 82

Betty Bural McCracken, 82, died Saturday, March 10, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Jerry Lane, pastor of the United Methodist Church in White Deer, officiating.

Burial will be at Farview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCracken was born May 2, 1929 in Groom to Bert & Willie Bural. She married James McCracken on July 29, 1949 in Claude. She and James farmed and ranched together since 1949. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in White Deer. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and painting. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband James McCracken of Pampa; one son: Larry McCracken and wife Ann of Harlingen; one daughter: Marsha Harmon and husband Walt of Stillwater, Okla.; two grandchildren: Scott Harmon and wife Jill of Tonkawa, Okla., Melissa Alford and husband Nathan of Cherokee, Okla., 6-great grandchildren: Rogan Alford, Bailey Alford, McKenzie Alford, Harley Alford and C.J. Alford all of Cherokee, Okla. and Addyson Harmon of Tonkawa, Okla.; 2 sisters: Billie Chauveaux and husband John of Claude and Mozelle Ferguson of Amarillo.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marjorie Thompson.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church in White Deer, 101 W. 8th. Avenue.

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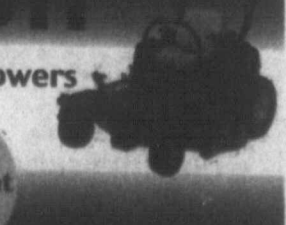
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HSA applied broadly

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's Homeland Security Act, written to restrict access to security-related details and prevent terrorist attacks, is being applied broadly to withhold a variety of information.

A review by the Austin-American Statesman found that government lawyers have argued that the law shields diagrams of school classrooms, drawings of underground rock formations and exterior pictures of the Governor's Mansion.

In 2010, Texas appellate judges cited the law to rule against releasing images from cameras in a Capitol hallway. They said it could enable a terrorist to thwart the building's security system. A half-dozen other state and local agencies have cited that decision to deny similar open records requests.

Sunshine Week, an annual recognition and review of open government sponsored by the American Society of News Editors, began Sunday.

Oil traffic takes toll on roads

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Oil field traffic is crippling rural roads in the Eagle Ford Shale formation never built to withstand the beating of so many heavy trucks.

In the Texas Department of Transportation's Corpus Christi district, where three of the 10 counties sit atop the lucrative formation, officials project road maintenance needs during the next five years to reach \$500 million. District Engineer John Casey told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times (<http://bit.ly/zwqiP0>) that is triple the amount projected before the drilling boom.

The hydraulic fracturing process requires huge amounts of heavy liquid, often carried by trucks. Rick Collins, the director of research and technology implementation at the transportation department, says the truckloads for a single well are equivalent to adding the weight of 8 million car trips on rural highways and county roads.

Taser use up among Austin cops

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin police officers used Tasers to subdue suspects on average 1.3 times every day in 2011, double the amount the same department used the electric stun guns three years ago.

An analysis by the Austin American-Statesman found that in 2010, police used the devices at least once a day. During this growth period use of the devices in other Central Texas departments has remained flat.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo says the increase is due to police more frequently encountering aggressive suspects that require force to subdue. Austin police filed reports saying that they faced resistance from suspects nearly three times as often as in 2008. But the increase also coincides with a policy change in June 2008 that allowed officers to begin using Tasers to stop fleeing suspects.

Complaint filed against mayor

ARLINGTON (AP) — An ethics complaint filed against the Arlington mayor accuses him of asking the only minority City Council member whether he was attending a conference for "a bunch of Mexicans."

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which obtained the document through an open records request, said it was filed against Mayor Robert Cluck by an unidentified city employee.

The complaint says Cluck made the comment Feb. 7 in council member Robert Rivera's office.

Cluck said he recalls asking Rivera whether he was attending a Latino event at a Mexican restaurant. He said he apologizes if anyone was offended by something they thought they heard him say.

Rivera told the mayor he was attending the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. The complaint alleges Cluck said, "Oh, a bunch of Mexicans?"

21 years for child pornography

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth man accused of secretly videotaping children while they showered was sentenced to more than 21 years in federal prison on child porn charges.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that a judge passed down the sentence for 39-year-old Michael Sean Starowicz, who pleaded guilty to two counts of receiving child pornography. Starowicz also must serve a lifetime of supervised release.

Starowicz was arrested in December 2010 after a 10-year-old neighborhood girl told her parents that she saw a camera on a pole in front of a bathroom window as she showered.

Police seized numerous computers and other equipment from Starowicz's home. A police analysis revealed what a prosecutor called a "mountain of child pornography" that detectives spent weeks going through.

No charges for cop in shooting

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin policeman will face no criminal charges or departmental discipline in a May shooting.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that a Travis County grand jury declined Friday to indict officer Nathan Wagner in the death of Byron Carter Jr. The same day, Police Chief Art Acevedo said he found that Wagner violated no departmental policies.

Officials said Wagner fatally shot 20-year-old Carter after a car in which Carter was a passenger charged toward Wagner and his patrol partner, Jeffrey Rodriguez. The officers were involved in an effort to target car burglars downtown and began following Carter and a 16-year-old because the officers thought they were acting suspiciously.

SSI is not the same as Social Security

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you

Near the end of last year, around the holidays, I wrote a column that addressed what I called the 12 Myths of Social Security. It was supposed to be a takeoff on the "12 Days of Christmas" — get it?

Anyway, earlier this year, I wrote another column addressing what I said was an even bigger misconception about Social Security benefits (that I hadn't included in the list of 12 Myths) — the fact that a person may not take reduced benefits on a spouse's Social Security record and then later switch to full benefits on his or her own account. (But please note that this rule does not apply to widows and widowers.)

Also note that "reduced" is the key word in that rule. A person who waits until age 66 to start Social Security can take spousal benefits and then later, at age 70, for example, switch to full benefits on his or her own record and get a 32 percent delayed retirement bonus.

But recently it's dawned on me that I left out the biggest Social Security misunderstanding of all from both of those columns. And that is the confusion people have between Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income payments.

Not a day goes by that I don't get dozens of emails from people who tell me things like: "I am getting SSI benefits ..." or "I am about to turn 62 and want to sign up for my SSI checks" when they mean to say "I am getting Social Security" or "I want to sign up for my Social Security checks ..."

And the confusion isn't just a matter of semantics. Social Security and Supplemental Security Income are two very different programs. Their only similarities are their names and the fact that they're both managed by the Social Security Administration.

Most people know very well what Social Security is, and they have a general idea about how it operates. You work, you pay

taxes, and then you either retire or become disabled and start collecting monthly benefits. Or you die, and your eligible survivors start getting monthly checks on your account. The benefits you or your dependents receive depend entirely on what you paid into the system. In a nutshell, the more you pay in, the more you get out.

But Supplemental Security Income is an entirely different animal. SSI is a welfare program paid for out of general tax revenues — not Social Security taxes. People qualify for monthly payments if they're over 65 or disabled, and if they are poor. As a general rule, you must have less than \$2,000 in liquid assets and less than about \$850 per month in income. But that latter number is flexible and changes from one state to another, so you'd have to check with your local Social Security office if you're wondering what the SSI eligibility limits are where you live.

And the amount of your SSI payment depends on such things as your other income, where you live, with whom you live, and other factors.

Many people who are getting Social Security disability benefits think (and constantly tell me) that they're getting SSI. Here's an example of how that can lead to all kinds of confusion.

I recently got an email from someone who said, "I am getting SSI disability. If I inherit \$50,000 from my mother's estate, will I lose my SSI checks?" I wrote back and told her that her SSI checks would stop as soon as she got the inheritance. (Again, SSI is a welfare program, and someone with \$50,000 in the bank doesn't qualify for welfare benefits.)

But a while later, she contacted me to tell me that her Social Security office told her she would

not lose her monthly checks. She sort of scolded me for "lying" to her. But I didn't lie. After questioning her some more, I learned that she was not getting "SSI disability," as she told me. She was getting Social Security disability benefits. And because Social Security is not a welfare program, she could have inherited a million dollars and kept getting her monthly Social Security disability checks.

So please, dear readers, help me clear up this problem. Do not confuse any kind of Social Security benefit with any kind of SSI benefit. It's not just a matter of apples and oranges. It's like apples and baseballs — two very different things!

Q: I am getting SSI. I'm thinking of moving in with my sister, who lives in another state. If I move, will the amount of my SSI change?

A: I'm going to assume that you are indeed getting SSI checks, as you said. If that's the case, the amount of your SSI check will very likely change when you move. It may even stop. There are several reasons why.

One is because SSI rates vary from one state to another. Another is because your payment amount depends on your living arrangements with your sister. If you simply move in with her and stay there rent-free, you get one payment rate. But if you move in with her and split the costs of rent, food, utilities, etc., then you get another payment rate. You'll have to go over all of this with someone at your local Social Security office.

If, on the other hand, you meant to say that you're getting Social Security checks, then nothing will change when you move. Your Social Security payment amount stays the same no matter where or with whom you live.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Arlo

Tulsa, Okla.

Songs during the concert were interspersed with humorous anecdotes from Arlo.

"People ask me songwriting questions, especially some of the young kids," he said. "For me, songwriting's always been more like fishing than anything. Most of it's just sitting there. Every once in a while, a song swims by, and if you got a pen, you can catch them."

Towards the end of the concert, Santelli presented Thelma Bray, a founder of Pampa's Woody Guthrie Folk Center, with a plaque that describes Woody Guthrie's connection to Pampa.

Arlo Guthrie performed a little bit of everything, backed by a band of two of his sons and his grandson. Arlo and the band performed songs that included

Steve Goodman's "City of New Orleans," "St. James Infirmary" and "This Land is Your Land."

Joe Weaver, a fixture at the Woody Guthrie center's biweekly jams, was happy to experience the concert.

"To have a performance of this magnitude in

Pampa is impressive," he said. "The fact that he has a personal connection to Pampa, along with his father, adds to that."

Ken Wilson, President of the folk center board, noted many visitors from out of town at the event.

"It's stirring up interest in the Woody Guthrie

center," he said. "We've met lots of people from Amarillo, and it's giving us more visibility in the community and area."

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Today in History

Today is Monday, March 12, the 72nd day of 2012. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Ga., founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides, a movement which had originated in Britain along with the Boy Scouts.

On this date:

In 1664, England's King Charles II granted an area of land in present-day North America known as New Netherland to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was promoted to the rank of general-in-chief of the Union armies in the Civil War by President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1913, Canberra was officially designated the future capital of Australia.

In 1932, the so-called "Swedish Match King," Ivar Kreuger, was found shot dead in his Paris apartment, an apparent suicide, leaving behind a financial empire that turned out to be worthless.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his 30 radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1938, the Anschluss merging Austria with Nazi Germany took place as German forces crossed the border between the two countries.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson won the New Hampshire Democratic primary, but Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota placed a strong second. The African island of Mauritius became independent of British rule. (On this date in 1992, Mauritius became a republic.)

In 1971, Hafez Assad was confirmed as president of Syria in a referendum.

In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed in May 1994.)

In 1987, the musical play "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

Ten years ago: Houston homemaker Andrea Yates was convicted of murder in the drowning deaths of her five children in the family bathtub. (Yates was later retried and found not guilty by reason of insanity.) Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge announced that America was at yellow alert as he unveiled a color-coded system for terror warnings. The U.N. Security Council approved a U.S.-sponsored resolution endorsing a Palestinian state for the first time. The space shuttle Columbia returned to Earth, ending the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission. Martin Buser captured his fourth victory in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush promoted free trade as a salve to Latin America's woes as he spoke out against poverty during a visit to Guatemala; the president then traveled to Mexico. Masked Palestinians kidnapped BBC reporter Alan Johnston at gunpoint in Gaza City. (He was released several months later.) R.E.M. and Van Halen were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

One year ago: Fifteen passengers were killed when a tour bus returning from a Connecticut casino scraped along a guard rail on the outskirts of New York City, tipped on its side and slammed into a pole that sheared it nearly end to end. (The driver faces charges of manslaughter and reckless driving.) A Cuban court found U.S. contractor Alan Gross guilty of bringing satellite phones and other communication equipment to Cuba illegally while working on a USAID-funded democracy-building program and sentenced him to 15 years in prison. The Arab League asked the U.N. Security Council to impose a no-fly zone to protect Libyan rebels. Legendary American jazz drummer Joe Morello, 82, a member of the Dave Brubeck Quartet, died in Irvington, N.J.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Edward Albee is 84. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 80. Actress Barbara Feldon is 79. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 76. Singer Al Jarreau is 72. Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is 66. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is 65. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 64. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., is 64. Rock singer-musician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 63. Actor Jon Provost ("Lassie") is 62. Author Carl Hiaasen is 59. Rock musician Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) is 56. Actor Jerry Levine is 55. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 55. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 52. Actor Titus Welliver is 51. Former MLB All-Star Darryl Strawberry is 50. Actress Julia Campbell is 49. Actor Aaron Eckhart is 44. ABC News reporter Jake Tapper is 43. Rock musician Graham Coxon is 43. Country musician Tommy Bales (Flynnville Train) is 39. Country singer Holly Williams is 31. Actor Samm (cq) Levine is 30. Actor Tyler Patrick Jones is 18. Actress Kendall Applegate is 13.

Thought for Today: "A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience." - Miguel de Cervantes, Spanish novelist, dramatist and poet (1547-1616).



Republicans gain Hispanic, but will he keep seat?

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press Analysis

AUSTIN (AP) - Rarely does the Texas governor, attorney general, state comptroller and House speaker heap praise on a freshman lawmaker, but that's what happens when a Hispanic state representative becomes a Republican at a time when the party considers its dominance in danger.

Gov. Rick Perry congratulated Harlingen Rep. J.M. Lozano for placing personal convictions over party loyalty. Attorney General Greg Abbott pledged the Republican Party's support for Lozano and all Hispanics who want to join the party that places God over government.

Perry didn't shy away from why. "For the Republican majority to continue to grow and expand we need a new generation to step forward. We need those fresh faces from communities where our party has underperformed," Perry said on Thursday. "In particular, we need those Hispanic leaders to carry the banner of the party."

But if history and the current political mood are any indication, grassroots Republicans are a little less welcoming to newcomers than the state's top elected officials.

Lozano follows in the footsteps of Rep. Aaron Pena, another Hispanic from the Rio Grande Valley who switched parties last year. Pena served four terms as a Democrat before switching parties, and once inside the Republican caucus he stayed true to his relatively moderate politics.

But Pena's first year as a Republican also turned out to be a redistricting year. His Republican colleagues drew Pena into a district where he stood little chance of winning. He chose not to run again, but remains a loyal member of the party.

Republican lawmakers did a better

job drawing a friendly district for San Antonio Republican Rep. John Garza, but a federal court redrew his district putting him in a Democrat-leaning area. He is expected to face a tough re-election bid.

Lozano's switch comes after he saw that new House District 43 voted for Republicans at the presidential level in the past, but they voted for Democrats in down-ballot races. This might help him in the general election, but first Lozano must survive a Republican primary challenge from Portland architect and Republican donor Bill Wilson and former Ingleside Mayor Willie Vaden.

Needless to say Democrats will target Lozano, especially after he accepted \$147,000 from top party donors attorney Steve Mostyn and Texans for Insurance Reform. But some Hispanic Democrats predict he won't make it to the general election.

"Latino Republicans have the highest attrition rate of any caucus in the Legislature this cycle," said Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, a Democrat who leads the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. "Out of six Latino Republicans, only one may be back next session. This loss rate is proof positive that Texas Latinos face significant obstacles to advancement in the Texas Republican Party."

Republican primary voters surprised political observers in 2010 when they ousted incumbent Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo to nominate little-known accountant David Porter to run in the general election. Carrillo said he lost because of his Spanish surname.

But the problem is not only about ethnicity. Former Democrats have a hard time convincing Republican primary voters that they are dyed-in-the-wool conservatives in a year when that matters most. Party activ-

ists distribute scorecards based on voting records that make it hard for many veteran Republicans to defend themselves against right-wing attacks, little alone someone who voted with fellow Democrats just last year.

Another Democrat who became a Republican in 2010 is Rep. Alan Ritter from Nederland, near Port Arthur. He received a failing grade from influential conservative group Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and is facing a Republican primary challenger who doesn't hesitate to paint the incumbent as a moderate.

Rep. Chuck Hopson of Jacksonville switched to the Republican Party in 2009 and won re-election in 2010. But Texans for Fiscal Responsibility gave Hopson a letter grade of D for his voting record and endorsed conservative challenger Travis Clardy, an East Texas attorney.

"Travis Clardy has demonstrated himself to be a strong conservative who is best suited to represent the values and principles of East Texas' voters," said the president of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Michael Quinn Sullivan. "In Travis Clardy, taxpayers will have a legislator who opposes new taxes, fights for a stronger Texas economy, and limits government spending."

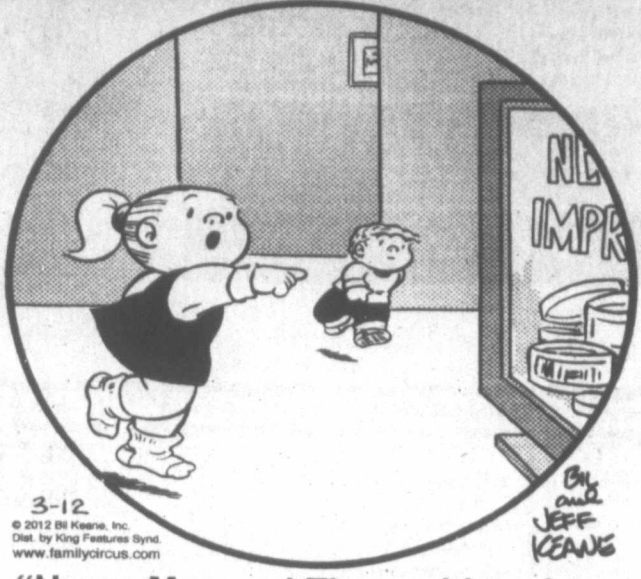
With the primary election taking place the day after Memorial Day and a run-off on July 31, political analysts predict party activists will play a major role in the results. But how well conservative Republicans do in the general election will depend a lot on what happens in the presidential race.

Lozano's re-election bid as a Republican will be watched as a bellwether for Hispanics in the Republican Party in the primary election, and then as gauge of Republicans' chances in Hispanic-majority South Texas in the general election.



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 13, 2013:

This year when you are confused, go within. You have a remarkable sixth sense, and this gift will evolve over the next 12 months. Travel, education and a foreigner could play into your year. Your perspective widens enormously. Use caution with your finances. It is quite possible that someone you trusted could cause a problem. If you are single, you will be drawn to someone quite unique. After June, be careful not to mix business with pleasure. If you are attached, as a couple you gain more understanding by imagining what it is like to be the other person. **SCORPIO** understands your emotions.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You move through a problem with ease. Your sense of direction could be off, as your mind climbs many imaginary mountains. A misunderstanding could trigger angry reactions. Stay cool, and let any unkind words fall on deaf ears. Tonight: Escape the here and now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A close associate could add to the confusion. This person also could be a cherished partner. You might gain a lot of insight by pulling back. Somehow, your detachment gives you new insight. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others come forward and could cause your well-planned day to fall apart. Listen to requests and perhaps accept an invitation or two. Popularity does exact a heavy price. Decide what your priorities are. You will grow and gain knowledge. Tonight: Defer to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Assess a situation surrounding your daily life. You might not know which way to go with a personal decision. Don't decide until you feel certain. Others might be unusually irritable. Chill out, and handle a personal matter. Tonight: Let your mind drift to a favorite form of entertainment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ While others stress out, you discover how uptight you are. Listen to news and integrate it, knowing that better outcomes lie ahead. A smile helps others relax. Curb a tendency to try to make peace at all

costs. Tonight: Romp the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your focus on security takes a prominent role in decision making. You suddenly could become irritated and feel as if you are not getting anywhere. Try to mellow out. Walk in others' shoes. Tonight: Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to relax before you try to understand what is happening. Others are reacting. The unexpected shakes up a partner, like it or not. Speak your mind, but be ready for a lot of questions. Express your anger in a way that someone can hear. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be aware of what is going on financially — the unexpected could run riot. You might want to evaluate information that is coming forward. A friend could be angry and on a real tear. Try not to get involved. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are all smiles. Confusion surrounds a personal matter. Attempts to gain clarity ultimately prove to be unsuccessful. A boss, older friend or relative could be unusually demanding. You might decide to handle a matter differently. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use today to gather information. You might not like everything you hear. You could be shocked by some of the news and insights that come forward. You will have much to ponder. Good communication occurs, even if someone's anger becomes hard to tolerate. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your desires and ability to focus come through. A meeting could be far more important than you realize. Confusion surrounds a financial matter, as you wonder which way to go with an important issue. A partner could be difficult. Fortunately, you have other matters to smile about. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be stressed out by someone who creates a lot of tension — just by hearing his or her name. There might not be an immediate solution. Look within to see why you take on so much responsibility. Others seem quite temperamental at this point. Tonight: In the limelight.

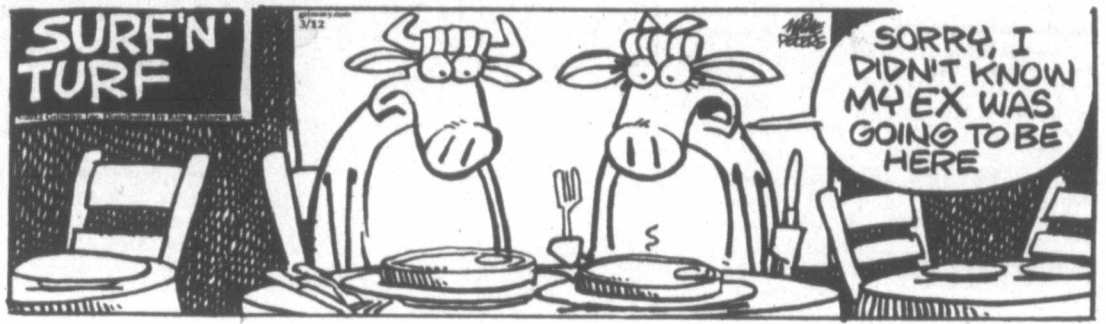
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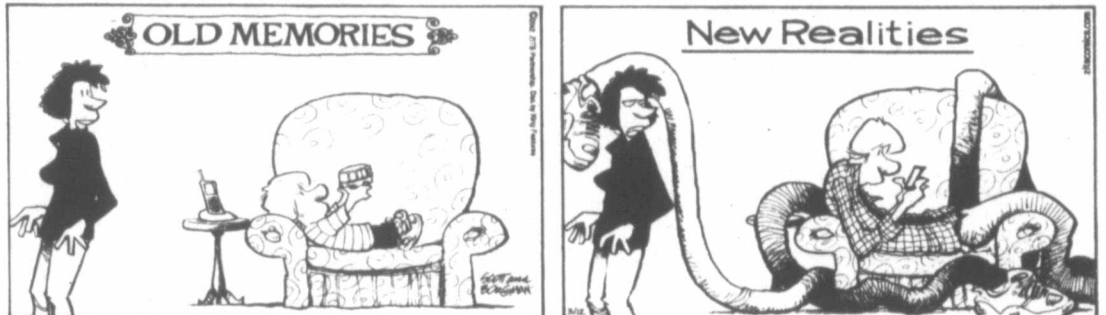
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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Dara," who is a single mom. From time to time she has watched my kids while my husband and I have traveled on business. For this reason I have given her our garage door combination. Now, every time she visits, she uses our garage code and walks in through our back door. She drops off items for us and lets herself in when we're not home, then texts me afterward about "how happy the dog was" to see her or tell me to look for something she dropped off.

I have told Dara she scares me and my kids when she comes in unexpectedly. We expect her to ring the doorbell like a normal guest. I have made light jokes, but she hasn't picked up on them. What she's doing is rude, and I don't understand how she can be so comfortable doing it. Do you have any advice for me? — INTRUDED UPON IN WISCONSIN

intrusive behavior hasn't been enough to get your message across. That's why the next time she walks in on you, you should tell her plainly, directly and in all seriousness that you expect her to ring the doorbell when she visits, and to refrain from coming into your home in your absence unless she has been specifically requested to do so. And if it happens again, change the code on your garage door.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters' hit the ball well, rout North Side

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In the last two games, the Lady Harvesters' bats were held in check as they were held scoreless. On Saturday in Fort Worth, Pampa's hitting returned in huge proportions, as Pampa batted around twice in the first inning of a 13-0 victory over the Fort Worth North Side Steers in the Cowtown Classic.

"When (the ball) was in the strike zone it was right over the plate and pretty slow," senior catcher Alanna Stephens said. "It was like slow-pitch."

The Lady Harvesters (8-6) were only able to play one game because of the weather. It was raining and there was

lightning in the area. Saturday was the first time Pampa has been on a field since its last practice on Tuesday. Assistant coach Stephanie Cameron said she was glad they were able to get something out of the trip.

"I was glad that we got to play and were able to play well," Cameron said.

Senior Heather Coffee (3-3) started and only allowed two base runners, facing two batters above the minimum. North Side had runners at first and



Cameron

second in the second inning, but Coffee got a ground out to end the inning. Stephens said Coffee was throwing the ball well.

"She was hitting pretty much every spot," Stephens said. "They couldn't hit off of her. That was good."

The Lady Harvesters scored all the runs they needed in the first inning. A double by senior Nakayla Hardman and an infield single by senior McKinlee Stokes put Pampa ahead 2-0. Senior



Stephens

Alanna Stephens scored on an error by the first baseman. Joanna Villanueva got Coffee to ground out, but Pampa was far from finished in the first. Thirteen Lady Harvesters batted scoring 10 runs on six hits. The game was called after the third due to the 10-run mercy rule. Stephens said the game boosted the team's confidence after struggling in last week's Little Elm Tournament.

"It gives us confidence all around," Stephens said. "We weren't hitting good off of slow pitchers and we did off of this one. It shows we can."

Pampa doesn't play until it hosts the Vernon Lady Lions for a double header on Friday at 1 and 3 p.m.

Pampa boys track ties for fourth, girls take third at Panther relays

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The Pampa Harvesters track team tied for fourth and the Lady Harvesters finished third at the Panther relays on Friday.

The Harvesters scored 63 points and were one point behind third place Canadian. Senior Trent McAnear finished third in the 1600-meter run (5:00.87). Pampa didn't place in the 200-meter dash, 1600-meter relay. Boys head coach Tad Smith said several people performed well.

"Latigo (Collins) ran really well, especially in the 800-relay," Smith

said. "Kody Maddox ran well. He won the 100. I was really excited for Reid (Miller). He fell in the hurdles and came back and ran a good leg in the 800-meter relay. This was the first meet that we had Joseph Vizcaino. He ran well in the 800-meter relay and the 1600-meter relay."

The Lady Harvesters scored 100 points and was seven behind Canadian and 17 behind first place Bushland. Freshman Madison Brown finished second in the 200-meter dash (28.91). Junior J'Cee Holmes finished second in the 1600-meter run (5:47.63). Pampa finished fifth in the 1600-meter

relay (4:33.09). Girls head coach Mark Elms said it was a good showing.

"Our 800-meter relay improved by four seconds," Elms said. "Our 400-meter relay maintained its same time. Our 1600-meter relay improved by 10 seconds. Madison Brown long jumped for the first time, she got second even with putting her hand back. ... (Holmes) did a good job running the 3200 and the 1600. She improved her time a little bit in both of them."

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters will compete in the Top O'Texas Relays March 23 at Randy Matson Track and Field.

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The Pampa News athletes of the week

McKinlee Stokes
Pampa High School

Latigo Collins
Pampa High School

Pampa High School senior softball player **McKinlee Stokes** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Stokes was a perfect 2-for-2 and scored two runs in the Lady Harvesters' 13-0 victory over Fort Worth North Side. This is Stokes' second athlete of the week honor for 2011-12.

Pampa High School senior track athlete **Latigo Collins** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Collins was a part of the winning 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams. Collins ran the first leg in both events. The senior's performance helped the Harvesters tie for fourth.



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