








# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 47 Low 20	High 47 Low 24	High 53 Low 26

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. Wind chill values between zero and 10. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between -1 and 9 early. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 12 and 17. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast.

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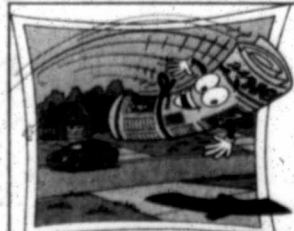


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## Obituaries

### Janice Duncan Hyatt, 83

AMARILLO—Janice Duncan Hyatt, 83, died January 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Jim Shelburne, pastor of Washington Ave. Christian Church of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hyatt was born November 20, 1927, in Quanah to J. B. (Jim) Duncan and Tressie Savage Duncan. She moved to Pampa as a teenager and attended Pampa schools. Janice married J. C. (Jake) Hyatt on November 4, 1946, in Pampa. She was the love of his life and they were married for 41 years before Jake passed away in September of 1987.

Janice worked for Pampa ISD, retiring in 1995. She moved to Amarillo in 2004 to be closer to her family. Proverbs 31:25-31 describes Janice. She was a mother who lived to serve others and never wanted to be served. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her son, Gary J. Hyatt and wife Kathy of Amarillo; her daughter, Sherry Gray and husband Lee of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Ryan King and wife Dawn of Pampa, Katie Hoyler and husband Alex of Canyon, Cody Hyatt and wife Erin and Kacie Holland and husband Jeff, all of Amarillo; nine great-grandchildren who loved their "MeMe"; two brothers, Hubert (Tiny) Duncan and wife Linda of Pampa, and Dennis Duncan and wife Achsa of Hugoton, Kan.; and many nieces and



Hyatt

nephews from all over the west.

Memorials may be made to Turn Center (formerly Children's Rehabilitation Center) 1250 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Larry "Doodle" Donaldson, 57

Larry "Doodle" Donaldson, 57, died January 8, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending.

Mr. Donaldson was born March 14, 1953, in Charlotte, N.C. He attended schools in North Carolina and worked as a painter. In September of 2000, he moved to Pampa where he worked in the oil and gas industry, and later owned Elliott Glass. He married Debbie King on August 14, 2008. Larry enjoyed the outdoors where he loved to fish, camp and barbecue. He loved kids and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Donaldson of the home; three sons, Michael Mojica of Pampa, Daniel Mojica of Houston and Eric Mojica of Tulsa, Okla.; five daughters, Kristie Rosales, Kimberly Miranda and Megan Mojica, all of Pampa, Lori Donaldson and Sonja Donaldson, both of North Carolina; a brother, Buddy Donaldson of North Carolina; two sisters, Dianne Gettings and Donna Howell, both of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Clifton Donaldson.

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Donaldson

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Continued from Tues.

### Police Department

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of South Anne.

An assault was reported in the 700 block of Deane.

A threat was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Craven.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Coffee.

**Sunday, Jan. 9**  
Officers checked a building in the 400 block of West Foster.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1900 block of North Barnes.

An assault was reported in the 400 block North Doyle.

An alarm was reported in the 500 block of Davis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hamilton and in the 500 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Wells.

A threat was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Lea, in the 2100 block of North Banks, in the 2100 block of North Faulkner, in the 500 block of North Wells, in the 400 block of South Pitts and in the 1500 block of North Nelson.

Water was shut off in the 400 block of North Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Sierra.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Tyng and Somerville.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 2100 block of Beech.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Tyng.

**Monday, Jan. 10**  
A threat was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A violation of city ordinances was reported in the 400 block of South Gillespie.

Officers made a welfare check in the 600 block of North West.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North West.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Police reported 12 traffic-related calls and two accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported seven animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported two ambulance calls.

**Monday, Jan. 10**  
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Maple and Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of South Tignor.

Lefors Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a fire investigation on Texas Highway 273.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Lefors.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Officers assisted another agency in the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Holly.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of South Graham.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
A fire alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Duncan.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
Jeffrey Allen Parish, 49, was arrested by deputies on a Dallam County warrant charging him with violation

of probation in connection with a driving while intoxicated charge.

Thomas Dale Jedele, 23, was arrested by police on a warrant charging him with interfering with public servants in the discharge of their duties.

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police Officers reported nine traffic-related calls.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported on medical call.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of S. Prairie Dr.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Clark.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of Deane Dr.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Identity theft was reported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Wells.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of Jordan.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of Williston.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1300 block of N. Williston.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1300 block of Coffee.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 800 block of Foster Ave.

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A message was delivered in the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Carbon monoxide was investigated in the 700 block of N. Deane Dr.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 300 block of S. Gray.

A special assignment was carried out in the 100 block of E. Randy Matson Ave.

A special assignment was completed in the 300 block of N. Ballard.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

Water was shut off in the 500 block of N. Dwight.

A welfare check was conducted at Twiford and Powell.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1500 block of N. Williston.

An information call was reported in the 900 block of Browning.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1900 block of Hamilton.

A message was delivered at Crawford and Barnes.

An information call was reported in the 1200 block of S. Faulkner.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of Juniper Dr.

An information call was reported in the 500 block of S. Barnes.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

**Wednesday, Jan. 12**  
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of S. Prairie Dr.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of Murphy Ave.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
Charles Eric Wood, 30, was arrested by deputies on grand jury indictment on two counts of possession of a controlled substance and two capias pro fine warrants.



# AFTERNOON RUSH *Bolin*

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## Stabbing suspect caught

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A suspect has been caught in the apparent random stabbing of a 12-year-old girl at a McDonald's restaurant near the Texas A&M University campus.

College Station police early Wednesday announced the arrest of 23-year-old John Robert Murphy III of College Station. Tips led to Murphy, who was captured in the Houston area.

Murphy is charged with injury to a child with serious bodily injury. Officer Rhonda Seaton says Murphy will be returned to College Station. She had no details on an attorney for him.

Seaton says the victim was standing inside the restaurant, near the exit, when she was stabbed Monday night by a departing man.

Seaton says an adult was with the girl, but not beside her when the child was attacked.

The girl's name has not been released.

## 12 years for 8 bank robberies

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico man has pleaded guilty to eight bank robberies in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Gonzales says 34-year-old Kacey Allen Fisher of Bloomfield entered pleas Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Alan Torgerson in Albuquerque under a plea agreement.

The agreement recommends a sentence of 12-and-a-half years and requires him to pay restitution. No sentencing date was set.

Fisher was charged with three bank robberies in Farmington in northwestern New Mexico, three bank robberies in Arizona and two in Colorado between late February and early April 2008.

Federal grand juries in New Mexico and Colorado indicted him in 2008, while a federal grand jury in Arizona indicted him in July 2010.

Fisher has been in custody since his arrest in August 2008.

## McCartt not seeking 4th term

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Three-term Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt is not seeking re-election.

The city's first female mayor made her announcement Tuesday.

McCartt says her accomplishments include securing more police officers and firefighters, plus improving emergency communications.

McCartt, who took office in 2005, says she's looking forward to seeking new challenges.

Amarillo voters on May 14 will elect a new mayor.

## Former Customs officer jailed

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer has been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in federal prison after pleading guilty to transporting illegal immigrants and bribery.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno announced the sentence of 44-year-old Rudy Trace Soliz III on Tuesday. Soliz had entered a guilty plea in August.

Prosecutors say Soliz admitted he let a woman bring illegal immigrants through his vehicle inspection lane at B&M International Bridge in exchange for sexual favors.

## Airfare increase likely to stick

DALLAS (AP) — The airlines are at it again, imposing the first fare increase of the new year and the third within a month.

The increase on many domestic routes ranges from \$4 to \$10 per roundtrip ticket, depending on the length of the flight.

Southwest Airlines boasts about low fares, but it appears to be the prime mover behind the latest price hike. FareCompare.com CEO Rick Seaney says after other airlines made modest increases on flights in the Midwest last week, Southwest jumped in and raised fares across most of its routes. Other airlines then matched the broader fare increase.

## DART to by nat gas buses

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Area Rapid Transit, in an effort to clear the air, is spending \$217 million on up to 452 buses-powered by compressed natural gas.

DART's order for new buses will be the nation's largest and will be the first big purchase to include electric air conditioning. The Dallas Morning News reported in its Wednesday editions.

A DART board committee voted unanimously Tuesday for the fleet purchase, with service expected to begin in 2013.

DART will build CNG fueling stations, with the federal government helping cover the cost. Current buses run on diesel fuel.

"This is one of those game-changing decisions that affects all of North Texas," said William Velasco, DART board chairman. "Cleaner air is better air and this helps clean the pollutants out of the North Texas region."

The declining price of natural gas was another reason for DART's endorsement of CNG buses.

## NM plans centennial events

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Gov. Susana Martinez says next year's centennial is New Mexico's once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shine.

Martinez marked New Mexico's 99th birthday last week by announcing ongoing plans for a 16-month commemoration of next year's Statehood Centennial.

Plans include numerous exhibits, lectures and community projects statewide and educational efforts to encourage young people to learn about New Mexico history.

Martinez says the state intends to take full advantage of the occasion to increase tourism, generate economic activity and bring positive attention to New Mexico.

In November, Union Pacific Railroad will sponsor special events with its historic vintage steam locomotive from Tucumcari to Lordsburg.

In addition, an official centennial hot air balloon will be part of select activities statewide.

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A photograph of Kenzee watched over the courtroom from an overhead screen as Day testified. Clad only in a diaper and a tag tied to the baby's left foot, Kenzee lay on her back with her eyes closed and head turned to the right side.

Day described the breathing mask hooked to a bottle of oxygen that he

held over the baby's face until the ambulance crew arrived, placed the baby on a back board and took her to the emergency room at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Bolin rode in the passenger seat of the ambulance, Day said. Littlefield and Morehart rode in the back of the ambulance with Kenzee. Day said he stayed at the home to get more information from the father.

Day testified that there were not cuts or bruises on the baby.

Under questioning by defense counsel Mark Buzzard, Day said the father did not appear to be emotional when Day talked with him.

Day said that at first the parents seemed cool, calm and collected, but they later cried.

Testimony was to continue this afternoon.

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during which the official would have to run for re-election if he or she wished to keep the position.

In other business:

- The Commission passed on second and final reading an ordinance amending the funding of PAWS, the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, to match a \$2,500 donation by Madeleine Pickens, the wife of billionaire oilman T. Boone Pickens.

"I think it will be a wonderful help," said Faustina Curry, president of PAWS.

- Commissioners also adopted a resolution to apply for a grant by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management for the purchase of a backup generator at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Fred Courtney, the city's Emergency Management Coordinator, said the total cost of the emergency generator and site preparation

would be about \$153,200. Seventy-five percent of the cost would be paid for by the federal government through the governor's office.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said part of the city's share of the cost would be covered by providing the labor to install the generator.

- The Commission also named Phil Gentry to the Lovett Library Board for a two-year term.

- In a housekeeping mea-

sure, the Commission authorized the city manager to enter into an amended solid waste disposal agreement with eight cities and four waste disposal companies that had been negotiated last year.

- The Commission also re-awarded a bid for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Distribution System Improvement project to Triple L Utilities of Dumas. Because several items in the initial bid were

deemed unnecessary, they were removed from the bid, lowering the cost from \$273,540.90 to \$188,825.90.

- Commissioners also went into executive session to discuss the purchase of real property with the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. No action was taken.

- The city commission recognized Sheila Dallas, Pampa's IT coordinator, upon her retirement for 30 years of service to the city.

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*Gray County*  
**Livestock Show & Sale**

**Saturday**  
 January 15 • 8:00 am  
 Clyde Carruth Pavilion  
 Goats, Sheep, Steers, Heifers,  
 Mini Steers and Barrows

**Buyer's Supper & Sale**

**Monday, January 17**  
 • Supper - 5:30 pm  
 • Sale - 6:30 pm  
 MK Brown Auditorium

## Bank

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said. "They'll be doing things like making announcements on Tuesday mornings to remind kids to bring money for the bank on Wednesday."


She said the school has signs that will be put out in the schoolyard every Tuesday afternoon at dismissal time so parents will remember that Wednesday is bank day.

# PET OF THE WEEK


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 The animals can be seen through the window of the shelter any time.  
**The Shelter is open to the public Mon. - Sat. from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2011. There are 353 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake, killing as many as 300,000 residents and leaving over 1.5 million people homeless.

### On this date:

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized, in Charleston, S.C.

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, after serving out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

**Ten years ago:** The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concluded a two-day hearing on Florida's 2000 presidential election, with members accusing Secretary of State Katherine Harris of presiding over a "disaster" and trying to shift blame to others.

**Five years ago:** Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who'd shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, was released from an Istanbul prison after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey for the plot against the pontiff and the slaying of a Turkish journalist.

**One year ago:** U.S. and Mexican authorities announced the capture of alleged drug kingpin Teodoro Garcia Simental, known as "El Teo."

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Ray Price is 85. Singer Glenn Yarborough is 81. The Amazing Kreskin is 76. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 72. Boxing Hall of Famer Joe Frazier is 67. Singer-musician George Duke is 65. Actor Anthony Andrews is 63. Movie director Wayne Wang is 62. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 60. Actress Kirstie Alley is 60. Writer Walter Mosley is 59. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 59. Radio personality Howard Stern is 57. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 54. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 53. Actor Oliver Platt is 51. Actor Olivier Martinez is 45. Actress Farrah Focke is 43. Actress Rachael Harris is 43. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 38. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 37. Contemporary Christian singer Jeremy Camp is 33. Actress Naya Rivera is 24. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books that nobody reads." - George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright (1856-1950).



## We need to stop playing an ugly game

Within an hour of the tragic shooting in Arizona, it had begun. The Blame Game. The effort to score political points.

The attacks on the ugliness of the political debate mimic the very ugliness they condemn.

The sheriff blamed Rush Limbaugh. Liberal bloggers went after conservative talkers. Conservative talkers lashed right back at the sheriff and the liberal bloggers. Drudge kept running the headline that the shooter was remembered by high-school acquaintances as a "liberal pothead."

My own rule of thumb, in the days since, is that anyone who is out there blaming someone else is probably equally to blame.

Obviously, the person to blame is the one who pulled the trigger. If, as all evidence suggests, that man was Jared Lee Loughner,

then it is perfectly clear that the man to blame is a deeply disturbed, mentally ill, deranged individual who -- in my book at least -- knew what he was doing and knew that it was wrong. And that is all that is required to defeat an insanity plea and establish his responsibility.

He deserves a vigorous defense. And if, as the evidence suggests, he is guilty, he deserves the ultimate penalty.

That is the easy part. The hard part is what we do with it.

First and foremost, of course, we pray. We send our sympathies to the families of the victims. We take a moment -- more, I hope -- to hug our loved ones, count our blessings, cherish the privilege we have to live in a country where such an action is so unusual, so aberrant,

as to stop us in our tracks.

Then what?

Do we use it? Do we use the death of a 9-year-old child, of a respected federal judge, of a young congressional aide, to score points in a political debate?

Political discourse in America is a nightmare: vicious, ugly, mean-spirited and personal. It wasn't always this way, but it is now. Sadly, it mostly serves the interest of those who engage in it. And it mostly works. And Tucson has made it worse, not better.

At a time when we need to be pulling together as a country, reaffirming our fundamental values, sending the message loud

and clear to whack-jobs everywhere that violence has no place in American politics, we're head-over-heels in blaming each other.

I turn on the radio, and the left is blaming the right and the right is blaming the left.

Enough already. Stop. Shut up. A child is dead. A wonderful judge is dead. A congressional aide is dead. A woman saying hello to her congresswoman is dead. And more. And more injured.

I don't care who is to blame. If we cannot come together now, if we cannot say no to all the people who are playing this ugly game and have been for so long, if now is not the moment when we say enough, no more, it doesn't matter whether this shooter was from the



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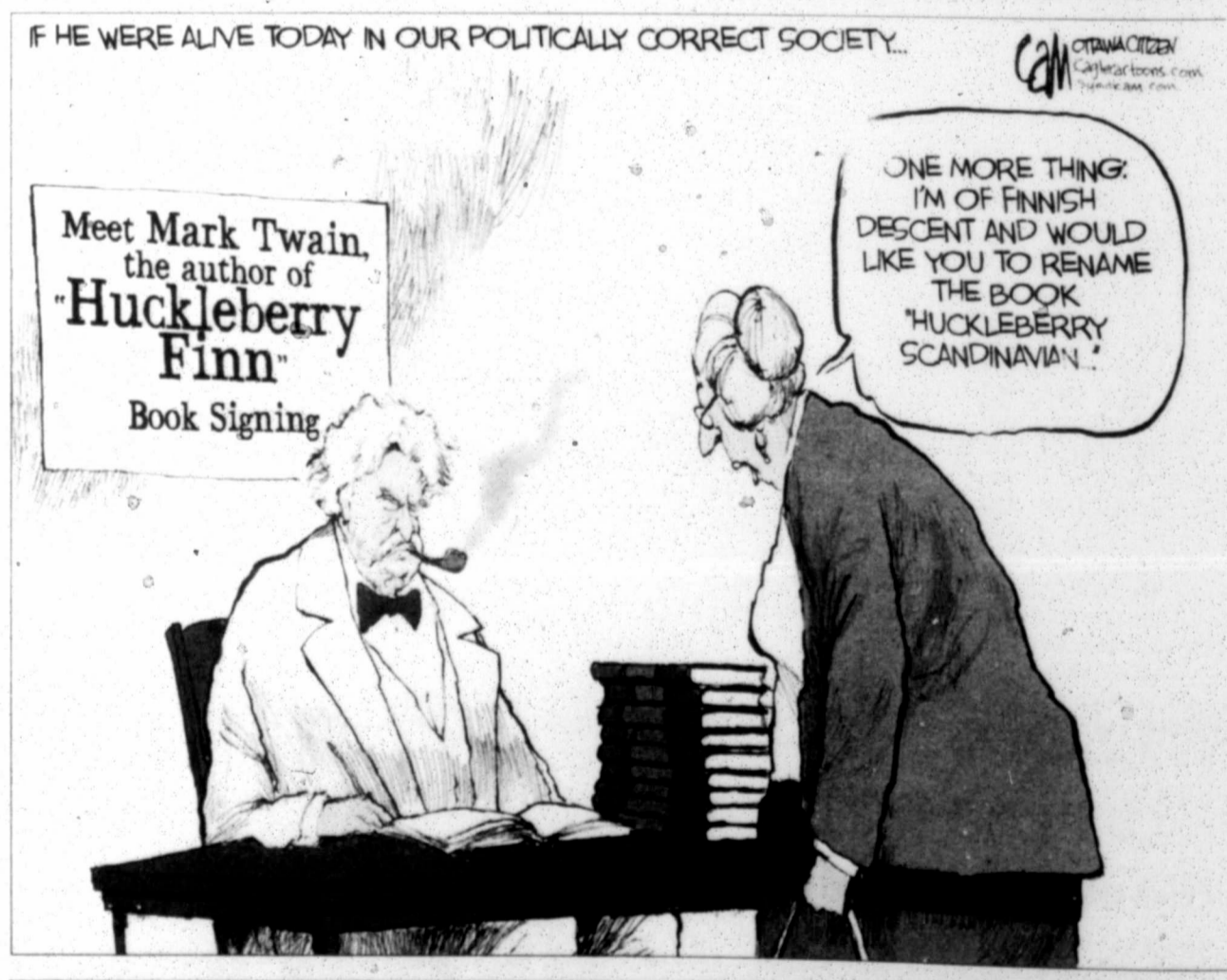
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# Denial exacerbates behavior problems

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The word "acceptance" gets a bad rap. Acceptance is not resignation. It's not defeatist or complacent. Acceptance is powerful and progressive — a symbol that marks that point in time when a person seizes control of their life. Acceptance is the antidote to denial.

Denial fuels paralysis. It destroys relationships, drains bank accounts, limits potential, inhibits progress, wreaks havoc on our health and leaves questionable politicians in power for far too long. And it's certainly no way to deal with a dog.

An acquaintance of mine is having trouble with his neighbors — if you ask him. If you ask them, they're having trouble with his dogs.

I asked him what the problem was, and he said, "My neighbors say my dogs bark when I'm not home, but I don't think they do."

Not "but I know they don't because I recorded them while I was out."

Not "but I know they don't because I pretended to leave and then caught the neighbor-red-handed provoking my dogs."

Nope. For him it was enough to simply deny the possibility outright and assume his neighbors are lying. The irony is that he is an elementary-school teacher. No one is more familiar with the frustrations of denial than a teacher of young children.

"Thank you for coming in, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Your son hid a dead squirrel in my desk drawer today."

"Oh, our Bobby would never do that."

Barking is a behavioral problem that frequently gets blown all out of proportion because of denial. Yes, barking is communication, it's natural, it's protection. But it's also annoying and disruptive when excessive.

Barking isn't the problem. Excessive barking is the problem. And if your dog is accused, the first step should be determining whether he is an excessive barker. If so, there are a multitude of options available to help manage or cure the problem behavior. But if we're too busy denying it exists, they'll be of little help.

The simple truth is that training your dog is a whole lot easier than dealing with all of the long-term difficulties denial ultimately presents: cold wars with neighbors, legal battles, court fees, time away from work, surprise visits from animal control. And then there are those pets that mysteriously disappear from the backyard or meet their maker suddenly and under questionable circumstances.

Of course, barking isn't the only problem made worse by denial. I recently spoke with a man who had just adopted a dog from a shelter. He was distraught because the dog kept attacking his cats. I asked him what the folks at the shelter told him about the dog's personality prior to the adoption. He said, "They told me he doesn't like cats."

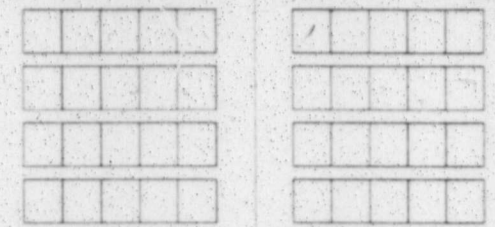
Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

## BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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ALIVE MERIT

Yesterday's Answer: ARMPIT, PREACH, CARPET, ENDEAR

# GOP-led Texas Legislature opens 2011

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature opened its 2011 session Tuesday with a blast of conservative chest-beating, a fizzled leadership challenge and a gigantic budget shortfall that could change state government as the people have come to know it.

Republicans, having fielded their largest House majority in Texas history, now dominate the Legislature more than ever. Most of them are promising to make deep cuts in spending, balance the budget without new taxes, strengthen ID requirements for voters, crack down on illegal immigration and require women to get a sonogram — and then look at it — before having an abortion.

The conservative tide was so strong it had threatened to sweep away relatively moderate House Speaker Joe Straus, but the San Antonio businessman beat

back an internal GOP challenge Monday and was re-elected Tuesday by a 132-15 vote. As speaker, Straus presides over the House and is one of the most powerful men in state government. He sets the agenda and controls what legislation makes it to the House floor for consideration.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, said lawmakers heard the voters that swept in the Republican tidal wave and urged them to be smart when casting their votes in what he called a "historic legislative session."

"You are asked to make decisions about the economy and social issues that affect people across this state, touch lives of the people we have the great privilege to serve," Perry said. "The actions that will be taken will make a big difference, make a difference between success and failure."

The official revenue esti-

mate shows the state is short as much as \$27 billion of the amount that would be required to maintain the current level of services when adjusted for inflation and caseload growth.

Democrats blamed Republican leaders for creating the shortfall and warn that critical programs will be curtailed as a result. Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, said Republicans "want to shortchange hard-working, overtaxed Texans by cutting basic services to make up the shortfall they created."

While Democrats might have power to block some Republican initiatives in the Senate, they are virtually powerless in the House. Republicans can pass legislation in that chamber even if the Democrats don't show up.

Perry also declared ending the practice of "sanctuary cities" for illegal immigrants and protecting private

property rights as his emergency items for the legislative session. His emergency declaration allows lawmakers to consider bills on those issues in the first 30 days of the session.

He also plans to propose reforms of "unfunded mandates" on local governments, or laws that require them to make expenditures but without giving them the funds to do so.

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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6 Rorschach test item

10 Singer Chrissie

11 Fancy flapjack

12 Surprise win

13 Safe spot

14 Ala. neighbor

15 Moolah

16 Olympics jersey letters

17 Silent

18 Galloped

19 Comes to an end

22 Office helper

23 Soaks up

26 Louisiana counties

29 Pester

32 Soup buy

33 Uncooked

34 Freeway entrance

36 Diamond corner

37 One of the strings

38 Count of music

39 Colorado resort

40 Put in office

41 Spots

DOWN

1 "Can it!"

2 Like magazine copy

3 Trap

4 First place

5 Parrot or puppy

6 Fiber source

7 Jimmy, e.g.

8 Sung story

9 Mortise's mate

11 Interjects

15 "Well, that's obvious!"

17 1980s arcade game

20 Little devil

21 Mayday call

24 Puts into words

25 Queasy on board

27 Kanye's music

28 Candy stars

29 Exploding

30 Ouzo flavor

31 Feel blindly

35 Pub choices

36 Hay bundle

38 Garden plot

Yesterday's answer

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, my cousin "Larry" gave me a hallucinogen-laced candy bar and raped me. I struggled with depression and anxiety during all of my teenage and young adult years. The herpes I got from him left me with lifelong issues.

With the support of Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA) and a therapist, I was eventually able to process the terrible repressed memories. My journey of recovery and healing includes living with healthy boundaries — so when my father died, I made it known that Larry was not welcome at the funeral. My cousin "Janet" was very upset by my choice. She has been ignoring me since. I am hurt by her behavior, but not devastated.

Abby, I'd appreciate your printing this letter to encourage other survivors so they, too, can live full lives with boundaries. We do not have to allow ourselves to be ruled by dysfunctional family issues. Thank you. — GRATEFUL RECOVERING SURVIVOR IN NEW YORK

DEAR SURVIVOR: You're right, you don't. And because funerals are to comfort the living, and Cousin Larry's

presence would have been upsetting, you were right to exclude him.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step program for persons 18 years or older who have been victims of child sexual abuse, has been mentioned in my column before. It has been successful in helping people who were traumatized by childhood abuse become — as the name indicates — survivors. It offers assistance in starting groups, a volunteer information and referral line, and also sells literature and a newsletter. Its website is [www.siaawso.org](http://www.siaawso.org).

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old guy. Two years ago I saw the cutest guy at work I had ever seen. After finally working up enough courage, I asked "Peter" to go out with me — as friends. The more I got to know him, the harder I fell for him. Peter is quiet, intelligent, a perfect balance between introvert and extrovert. For lack of a better word, he is "distinctive" — unlike any person I have ever met.

Earlier this year he asked me to be his roommate. I was unsure if that was a wise decision, knowing how strongly I

feel for him. I decided to do it, wondering whether Peter's feelings for me would strengthen as he got to know me better through our living arrangement. We have discussed our goals in life, and Peter says he doesn't want to be in a serious relationship until he reaches his 30s. (He's my age.) That said, I have gotten mixed signals.

Abby, I am ready for a relationship and I want it to be with him. Should I tell him how I feel? I worry that if I don't say something now, I may lose my chance to someone else. — HEAD OVER HEELS IN WISCONSIN

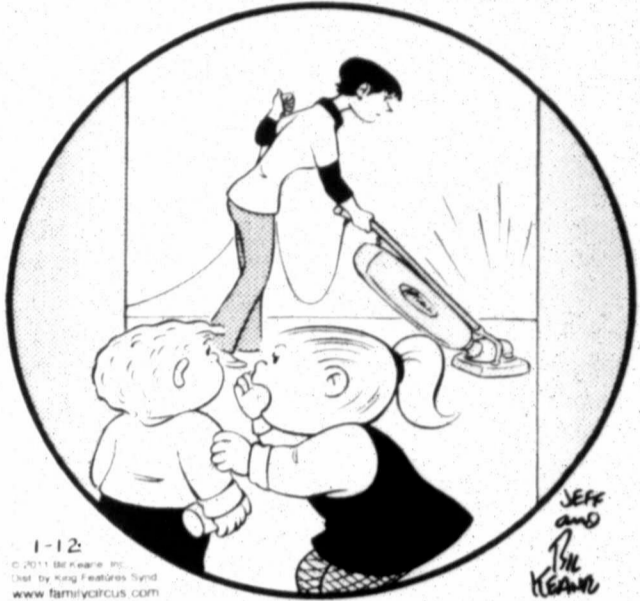
DEAR HEAD OVER HEELS: Remaining silent is not a solution to your problem. But neither is forcing Peter into making a premature commitment he doesn't feel he's ready for. You need to tell him your feelings without demanding a commitment from him to determine if your feelings are in any way reciprocated. Then you can decide whether or not you need to move on. I can imagine few things more painful than loving someone and having to watch that person become romantically involved with others.



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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"She can't listen to you right now. Her ears are all full."

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011:

This year, you see life from a renewed and invigorated position. Understanding evolves as you go within and transform your reactions. If you are single, you could meet a very interesting person this summer. Know that it will take a while to get to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you could start acting like newlyweds this summer. Enjoy TAURUS enjoys life. Learn from him or her.

**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)**  
★★★★ Others find you to be wise and grounded. What happened to the impulsive Ram? The good news is, he or she will return; meanwhile, make your imprint as one with experience and intelligence. Your instincts guide you with a higher-up. Tonight: Buy a new item for your home or wardrobe on the way home.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ You bloom. With your magnetism, your impact easily will be felt. If you could have an impact in any area of your life, where would it be? Your vision is changing, as is your ability to find the right path. Tonight: All smiles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ Know when you need to pull back. Even if others are encouraging you to take a stand or be more vocal, you might not be ready. With processing, you could come to a whole new conclusion. Tonight: Do for you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You juggle various ideas. Make sure your actions will take you where you want to be. A partner seems to be perpetually changing like a glow rock. Know that you have to make the call. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Others look up to you. They know what you want. Maintaining a high profile and not getting into a catty situation of blaming only adds to your stature. You might inadvertently push a key person away. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Express your unusual practicality and attention to detail. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities at hand. Start the sorting process, and you

naturally will detach. Don't make any snap decisions, so that you are able to play with different ideas. Tonight: Follow the music.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Deal with loved ones and associates directly. You'll get results. Nothing is more flattering than feeling cared about. You have a way of conveying just that quality, making others more responsive and supple. Try not to let a volatile situation become even more explosive. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Others want to run with the ball. You cannot get the ball away from them, so fighting a losing battle simply isn't a good idea. You know what needs to happen, but others need to find out. Be gracious. Let others have their way. Tonight: Enjoying the one you are with.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Realize you can only do so much for people. You are happy to help, but at a certain point you become an enabler. Revamp your finances — namely, your budget — if you don't like what is coming down the pike. A family member supports you in a project. Tonight: Put your feet up.

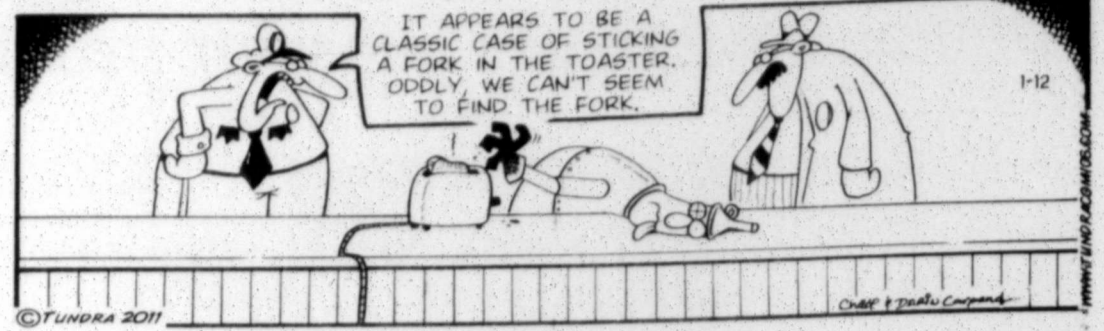
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Express your libido energies. Holding back certainly isn't helpful. Your creativity emerges within a relationship. For others, this ingenuity funnels into various factors of your day-to-day life. A child or loved one would be delighted to take a break with you. Tonight: Go off and be spontaneous.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Excitement comes naturally with your sign. Being stubborn and causing yourself a problem domestically is another issue. Find a more peaceful way to add surprise to your life. What is clear is that you need to have a discussion about pent-up anger (yours). Tonight: Happy to be at home.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You might be pushed by one person or several people in a meeting. Don't cave in, but know when to say "enough." Many people are frustrated. Still, there is no reason to be the brunt of all those feelings. Establish clear boundaries. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actor Patrick Dempsey (1966), actor Orlando Bloom (1977), actor Richard Moll (1943)

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### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Hagar The Horrible



### Peanuts



### Blondie









# Sports

## Lady Harvesters' inside shooting kennels Lady 'Dogs

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters struggled with outside shots in the first half against the Borger Lady Bulldogs. In the second half, though, Pampa adjusted their offensive strategy and pushed the ball inside more as they won their district opener 44-31 Tuesday at Borger.

Head coach Gene Valentine said the team played more aggressively on offense in the second half.

"We weren't really aggressive in the first half," Valentine said. "At halftime, we decided to spread them out as long as they were in that man. We started penetrating to either make a shot or get a foul."

In the first half points, were hard to come by. The Lady Harvesters only made five field goals and were 1-for-10 in three-point shooting. The Lady Bulldogs didn't fare much better only making four field goals and shot two-for-five in three-point shooting. The difference in the half was Borger shot four free throws and made three. Though Pampa was fouled three times, they didn't make a trip to the line.

The Lady Harvesters (5-14, 1-0) led most of the half and led 9-7 after the first quarter. Borger took their first lead towards the end of the second, when Hayley Calder made a three. The Lady Bulldogs led 17-13 at halftime.

Junior Delaney Clendening said Coach Valentine told them to look for more quality shots.

"(Valentine) told us to stop shooting so many threes because we weren't hitting them," Clendening said. "We tried to penetrate and drive more."

In the second half, the Lady Harvesters made an adjustment offensively and looked for more inside shots. It paid off. Pampa was rewarded with 20 free throw attempts and converted 16 including 12 of 15 in the fourth quarter. Borger only had 10 free throw attempts and converted five.

Junior point guard Kirsten Kuhn said making it to the free throw line was the difference in the game.

"We definitely couldn't shot outside today," Kuhn said. "We started getting in holes and getting people underneath. It started working out a lot better for us."

Kuhn and junior post Kailyn Troxell led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 11. Clendening followed with nine and senior guard Cori Cook scored seven.

Valentine said he had several players step up.

"Tonight I felt that Kailyn Troxell stepped up and had her first really good game," Valentine said. "Cori Cook made some free throws. Kailyn and Kirsten also made free throws."

Clendening hit a three-pointer towards the end of the third that put Pampa ahead 23-21. The Lady Harvesters never trailed after that. Cook was four-for-four from the free throw line in the fourth. Junior post Kailyn Troxell scored seven of her 11 points in the fourth.

The Lady Harvesters have won four straight. Clendening said she is pumped about continuing their momentum.

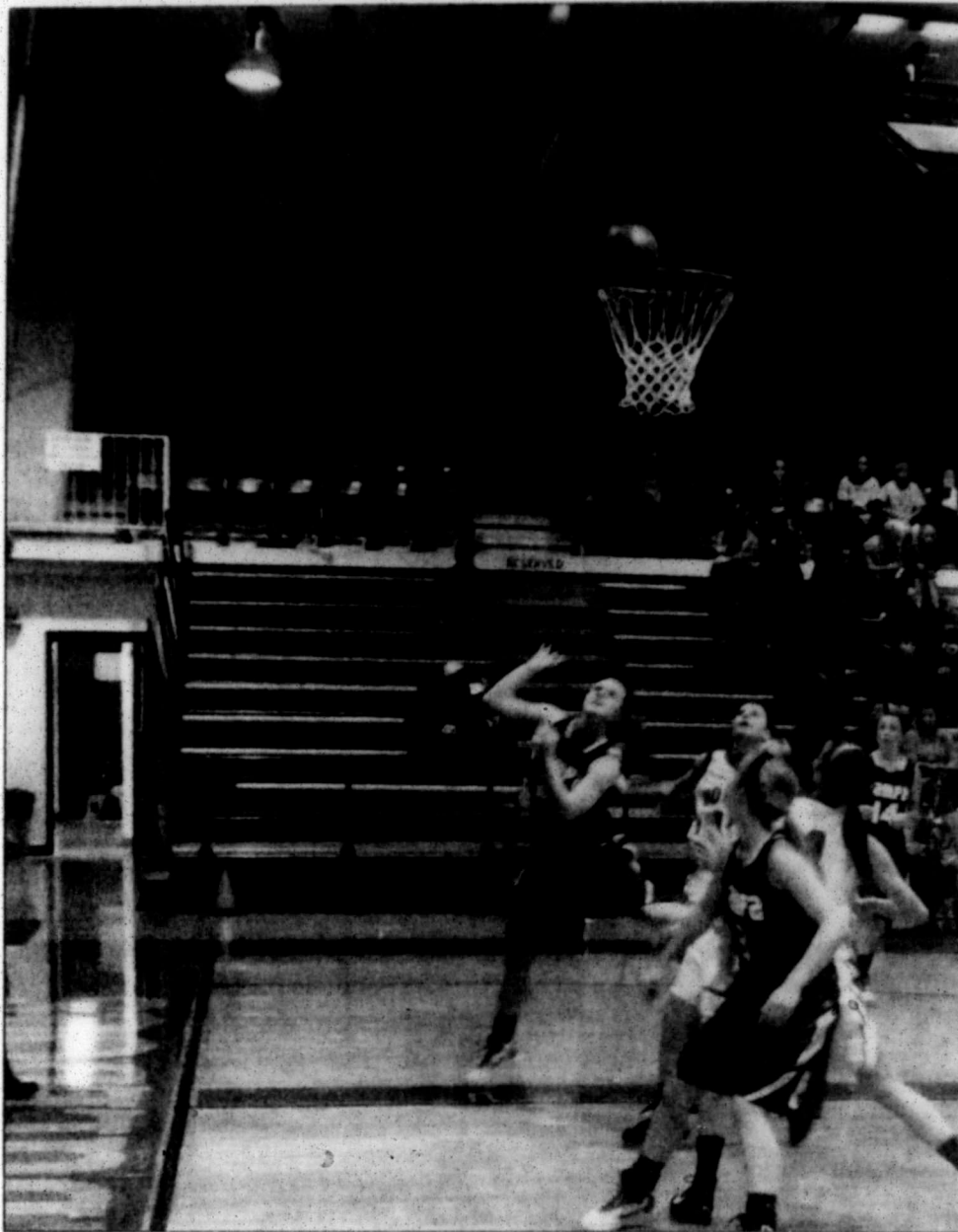
"I want to go undefeated just like volleyball," Clendening said. "I'm pretty pumped"

The junior varsity (5-13, 0-1) lost 41-21. Pampa was outscored 19-0 in the fourth. Freshman Krysten Miller led the team in scoring with seven. Coach Braydon Barker said they lost starting point guard Miller to a concussion towards the end of the first half and that affected them the rest of the game.

"We couldn't get into an offensive rhythm," Barker said. "In the fourth we turned it over and they got layups."

The freshmen (5-10, 0-1) lost 39-25. Pampa fell behind 12-1 and weren't able to come back. Coach Alan Segura said they are still making the same mistakes.

"We are turning the ball over too much and not getting enough second chance



staff photo by Andrew Glover

**Elizabeth Terry attempts to put a shot back in against the Borger Lady Bulldogs Tuesday in Borger. Pampa won 44-31 and are 1-0 in district play.**

opportunities," Segura said. "We are not blocking out and we are not rotating on the press."

Bailey Dixon led the freshmen in scoring with 12.

Pampa hosts Perryton (13-8, 1-0) Friday. Valentine said he thinks their tough non-district schedule is paying off.

"Nobody in this district played the quality of non-district that we did," Valentine said. "In hindsight you look at it, maybe that's helping us now."

## Harvesters rally comes up short, lose fourth straight



photo courtesy of Joe Murray

**Greg Cabrales attempts a three in the first half against Farwell Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters lost 69-63 to end non-district.**

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The Pampa Harvesters were hoping to end non-district with a win. However, no such thing occurred as they lost their fourth straight 69-63 against the Farwell Steers Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Dustin Miller said Farwell was just a little better at everything.

"We tried hard," Miller said. "We just aren't doing the little things that allow you to win games right now."

Junior guard Latigo Collins was the only Harvester in double digits and led the team in scoring with 33.

The Harvesters (10-9) trailed by 13 at halftime. This was the Harvesters last non-district game. Miller said he wished

they were going into district on a better note.

"I would have rather not be going into it on a four game losing streak," Miller said. "We are going to work tomorrow and practice hard to get ready."

The junior varsity (5-8) won 52-40. This is the third straight game they've won. Coach Matt Embry said they have improved on rebounding, defense and transitioning.

"We limited our turnovers and rebounded well," Embry said.


Sophomore Jonathan Cox led the team in scoring with 13. Junior Jesus Cabrales followed with 12 and sophomore Ty Hutto scored 10.

The Harvesters open district Tuesday at Dalhart (13-4).

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