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Above - Pampa Police Sgt. Colby Brown examines the scene of a one-vehicle accident which occurred Thursday evening and sent two Pampa teens to the hospital. Orange lettering marks the point of impact, where the teens' car collided with the culvert running under Scott Avenue near its intersection with Tignor Street. Right - The right front wheel of the car, a 2001 Chevrolet Impala, was detached from the car as a result of the accident, and the engine Two teens injured

## Culvert, speed factors in accident

**By MARILYN POWERS** The Pampa News

hospitalized street culvert and became air- ment after the wreck.

according to Pampa Police Tignor when tire tracks at the Department Assistant Chief Logan Stout.

The 13-year-old was flown to Northwest Medical Center in Amarillo by Lifestar, and Two Pampa teens were the 16-year-old was taken to Thursday Pampa Regional Medical evening after the car they Center by Guardian EMS were riding in collided with a Ambulance Service for treat-

The accident occurred at A 16-year-old male was approximately 8:30 p.m. driving the 2001 Chevrolet Thursday on Tignor Street Impala involved in the acci- near its intersection with dent, and the passenger was Scott Avenue. The vehicle his 13-year-old brother, was traveling northbound on

See **ACCIDENT**, Page 3



## Grandmother's 'lost art' becomes Alecia's 'flakey' passion

By DAVID BOWSER The Pampa News

Alecia Weaver has a lot of crust...and they're all nice and flakey.

The key to a good pie, she said, is a flakey crust.

"I feel like it's a lost art," Weaver said. "A lot of people my age don't take the interest or time to learn. It's like sewing. I don't know how to sew. I'd love to, but it too is kind of a lost art."

Weaver was born and reared in Pampa. After graduating from Pampa High School in 1997, she went to West Texas A&M University where she earned a teaching degree in interdisciplinary studies.

But cooking came late in life

for her. "My grandmother was Aulsie Scott," Weaver said. "She used to own a restaurant downtown across from the Coney Island called The Lone Star in the late 1940s and early 1950s. She was a great cook."

"I used to watch my grandmother make pies," Weaver said. "She'd let us help. She'd have little pie pans for us to make our own. We'd use the left over dough."

Back then, Weaver said she didn't take the time to really learn from her grandmother.

Weaver's interest in baking started when she became a stay-at-home mom after her son, Hudson, was born two years ago.

Her grandmother died last year.



Pampa News photo by David Bowser

PIE LADY -- At home in her kitchen, Alecia Weaver is surrounded by pie crusts while the coconut cream filling simmers on the stove.

"About the time I graduated from getting dementia. When I got already in a nursing home. engaged, she was really having trouble remembering things. She knew me, but couldn't remember my husband, Thorban."

By the time Weaver took an inter- really well." college," Weaver said, "she started est in cooking, her grandmother was

"I couldn't learn from her," Weaver said, "so I got the recipes from my mom and my aunt. My aunt especially knows how to make pies

Weaver said she kept trying and trying until she became pretty good herself.

"My husband is really good at See PIE LADY, Page 3



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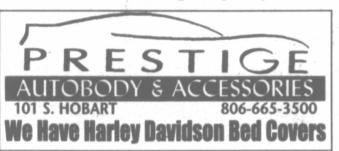
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# Obituaries

## Leblentha (Blint) Landers, 48

Leblentha (Blint) Landers, 48, of Pampa, died April 15, 2008, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Southside Church of Christ with Frankie Lemons, minister, officiating.

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

Miss Landers was born Feb. 7, 1960, in Fort Worth. She had been a Pampa resident since 1970, attending

Pampa School She graduated from Texas State

Technical Institute 1984 and belonged to Southside Church of Christ. Miss Landers

worked as kitchen at Landers supervisor Meredith House

for eight years. She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Landers; and a sister, Ruby Landers. Survivors

include daughters, Laticha Landers LaRanda Landers, both of Pampa; one son, Shelby Landers of Pampa; her mother, Ester Landers of Pampa; five brothers, Earl Landers, Jr.,

Michael Landers and Harold Landers, all of Fort Worth, Jewel Landers of Arlington,

and Cornelius Landers of Pampa; three sisters, Mary Brown of Tyler, Shirley Young of Pampa, and Mia Nash of Arlington; and 10 grandchildren.

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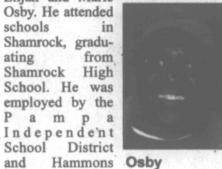
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## Elijah William (E.W.) Osby, Jr., 58

Elijah and Marie Elijah William (E.W.) Osby, Jr., 58, of Pampa, Texas, died April 12, 2008, schools at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, ating 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Frankie Lemons, minister of Southside Church of Christ, officiating.

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

Mr. Osby was born June 13, 1949, in Wheeler to wife, Connie Osby, of the



Survivors include his

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home; two sons, Terry Osby and wife Pinki of Pampa, and Jerry Osby and wife Christie Norman, Okla.; two daughters, Jacqueline Matthews of Dallas, and Tonya Brown and hus-

band Gary of Carrollton; mother, Marie Osby of Shamrock; one sister, Eva Osby of Shamrock;

15 grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.W. Osby, Sr., in 2007.

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## **Emergency Services**

## Pampa PD

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

Ten traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets, the 2800 block of Charles and the 100 block of East 28th.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 100 block of West 30th, the 600 block of North Ward, and the intersection of Tignor and Scott streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of North Banks, the 2200 block of Charles, the 300 block of North Warren, the 700 block of North Roberta, the 900 block of East Browning, the 1400 block of East Browning, the 900 block of Brunow, the 500 block of Lefors

and the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North

and

for 25 years.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and twice in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Alcock, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Foster and Lefors streets, the intersection of Foster and Gillespie streets, and the 1400 block of Alcock. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 900 block of Brunow and the 1200 block of Darby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2200

block of North Wells.

block of North Christy. Disorderly conduct was reported at Recreation Park, 1600

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner. Violation of a protective order was reported in the 500

block of North Frost. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident. Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1900 block of

North Dwight and the 400 block of South Gray. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

A domestic disturbance and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon were reported in the 1100 block of Seneca. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. Identity theft was reported in the 1700 block of Williston.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of Miami. Silver jewelry valued at an estimated \$120 was taken from a residence. Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster and

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North West. A 1998 Mercury Sable was taken

the 900 block of East Albert. from a residence.

In Memory of Gene F. Enterline

His memorial service was held May 5, 2007 at the

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following: arrests today.

Thursday, April 17

Dante Allen Wilbon, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

David Price Farrar, 46, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for violation of a protection order and bias/prejudice.

Keith Allen Finch, 24, of Plainview was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for possession of a controlled substance.

Friday, April 18

Kevin Ray Kirkham Jr., 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Christy by PPD on capias pro fines for minor in possession/second or more offense and disorderly conduct/obscene language.

## **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 17

12:19 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:52 p.m. – A mobile ICU was dispatched to the 400 block of South Gray. The call was canceled en route.

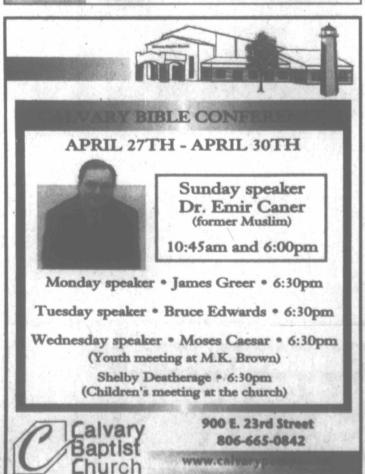
3:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC. 4:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of

North Ward. No transport. 8:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Tignor and Scott,

and transported a patient to NWTH. Another patient was airlifted by LifeStar helicopter.

11:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Malone and transported a patient to PRMC.

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#### Texas unemployment rises 4.3 percent in March revised February numbers in-DALLAS (AP) — The percent, which was a record to the commission. low, and the March figure Smaller gains were report-

Texas unemployment rate rose to 4.3 percent in March as an uptick in hiring was offset by an increase in people looking for work.

The ranks of the unemployed grew by an estimated 15,400 in March, to 494,400, Texas Workforce Commission said Friday. And initial claims for

unemployment benefits rose 8.5 percent, to 56,901 in However, the March job-

less rate was only slightly

higher than February's 4.1

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remained below the national average of 5.1 percent. The number of jobs in Texas has grown 2.1 percent since March 2007, compared to a national increase of 0.4 percent in the same period. Workforce The

Commission said Texas employers added 13,500 jobs in March. The biggest gain was in the

trade, transportation and utilities sector, which added 7,800 jobs. Leisure and hospitality added 4,300 jobs, according

ed in the education and health services sector and in natural resource and mining, which includes the oil and gas industry, the commission said. "Our Texas economy con-

tinues to show significant underlying strength with gains of nearly 40,000 jobs during the last three months," Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken said.

Midland had the lowest March unemployment rate in the state, 2.6 percent, followed by Odessa and Amarillo.

The highest jobless rate in the state was in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area, at 6.4 percent.

Gene went to school in Pampa and worked for Parker The statewide numbers Blossom Shop for several years. He moved to were adjusted for seasonal California in the 1950's and settled in Long Beach, trends in hiring and firing, California where he owned Spring Florist's for 46 years. He retired September 1, 2005. He was survived by his wife of 62 years, Billie Sackett Enterline and which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market. Local figtheir four children Bill, Larry, Marjorie and Jim. He ures are not seasonally adjustwas preceded in death by his father and mother, Sherman and Isabella, and brother Leland Enterline.

Following are the preliminary March jobless rates for local areas in Texas, with

parentheses. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. The statewide unadjusted jobless rate was 4.2 percent in March, down from 4.3 percent in February.

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## Appeal rejected for man nearly executed in 2003

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who came within two hours of execution five years ago has lost an appeal in federal court, likely making him eligible for a new death

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Kenneth Wayne Morris' lethal injection was blocked in 2003 after his lawyers argued he was mentally retarded and ineligible for the death penalty under U.S. Supreme Court guidelines. In a brief ruling with no explanation late Thursday, a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's decision that Morris was eligible

Morris, 37, was identified as the gunman in a threeman gang who in 1991 broke into the Houston home of 63-year-old James Moody Adams because they thought he had a gun collection. Adams, who actually had no weapons, was shot four times after he surrendered the money in his wallet.

Executions had been on hold in Texas — the nation's leading death penalty state — and the rest of the country before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled this week that lethal injection is not unconstitutionally cruel.

Morris' execution could be scheduled as soon as 30 days from the day prosecutors go to court to request a

The ruling was one of three Texas death row cases considered by the court Thursday.

David Lee Powell, a former University of Texas honors student sent to death row three times for the fatal shooting of an Austin police officer, won permission to appeal his case again. And Jose Villegas, condemned for the slayings of a 24-year-old Corpus Christi woman, her young son and her mother, lost his appeal.

Powell, 57, most recently was convicted and condemned in 1999 for the 1978 slaying of Ralph Albanedo, who had pulled over Powell's girlfriend for a traffic stop. Powell was a passenger in the car.

Powell claimed his rights to due process were violated because prosecutors didn't timely disclose documents that showed his girlfriend may have fired the shots and tossed a hand grenade at other officers. He also claimed his constitutional rights were violated when an emergency room doctor didn't provide Miranda warnings when he examined Powell following his arrest. The doctor testified for the prosecution at Powell's trial.

Villegas, 33, had argued his defense lawyers were ineffective at his trial where he was convicted of capital murder for the slayings of Erida Perez Salazar, his exgirlfriend; her son, Jacob, 3; and her mother Alma Perez,

All were fatally stabbed. Salazar was stabbed 32 times, her son 19 times and mother 35 times. A television and car also were taken from the home, warm is any see

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## Pie lady

tasting," she said. But she also learned from

The Food Network. "Alton Brown on The

Food Network encourages you to let you dough rest before you roll it out," Weaver said. "It takes a while to make it."

But baking pies makes her feel close to her late grandmother.

"She used to make dozens of pies at every day," Weaver said. "She made them all from scratch."

With a smile Weaver said she kind of deviates from her grandmother's recipes, but just a little.

"I can't do it as good as she could," Weaver laughed, "so I kind of learned some tricks from the Food Network."

But the basic recipes are her grandmother's, Weaver said. While she makes a variety

Continued from Front Page of pies for special occasions and for family and friends, Weaver admitted that her favorite kind of pie is coconut cream. It's also one of the more difficult pies to make.

"It's definitely an art to making them," she said. "They're finicky."

Weaver said that even the weather can affect how they turn out.

A lot of recipes call for butter or lard when making the crust.

"I do both," she said. "It makes it more flakey." While the crusts remain

the same, the fillings differ. "I did a lot pecan and pumpkin over the holidays," she said. "

She made about 30 pies for family and friends for Thanksgiving and about 19 for Christmas.

"It was quite an experience," Weaver said.

She made up 25 crusts in a

"I had a system going," she said. "You can freeze pie crusts for up to two months, and they'll stay fresh. You pull them out, put the filling in and they're ready to go, and they taste just as good. I was surprised when I learned that."

Takes two to three hours to make a pie, she said.

"A pecan pie will take an hour to cook," Weaver said. A cream pie with

meringue only needs to bake about 30 minutes, but then it has to cool and then it needs to be chilled.

"The meringue pies are a little more labor intensive," she admitted.

meringue.

The coconut filling has to be boiled to reach a certain consistency. Learning that consistency is more experience than anything else,

The meringue is another challenge.

"You have to use a glass bowl," she said. "You use eggs whites to make the meringue, and you have to get them room temperature. If you deviate a little bit or add too much sugar, it can go

Weaver said you can't be distracted if you're making meringue, or it will be ruined.

"One of my best friends," she said, "loves cherry pies."

When she had her baby or anytime her friend has a birthday, Weaver will make a cherry pie for her.

"That's with a double And it's not just the crust," Weaver said, "and that's really hard. Trying to get it on there and cut and even is hard."

Fortunately, most of her friends like cream pies, she

## **Accident**

**Continued from Front Page** 

scene showed it moved to the left of the roadway and then impacted a covered concrete drainage culvert at the intersection of Tignor and Scott.

The vehicle became airborne and then landed in the roadway on Tignor Street.

"Speed was a factor," said Stout concerning the cause of the accident. No indication of any type of substance abuse was found at the scene, he said.

wildfire that injured one per-

son, destroyed six homes

and forced 150 people from

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which also burned into a junkyard, destroying "a good

many shack-type buildings" not included in the official count, said Lewis Kearney, a

spokesman for the Texas

Officials suspect an elec-

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blaze, the Odessa American

reported. Sustained winds

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Several area fire depart-

ments responded to the

blaze, said Andrea Goodson,

a spokeswoman for the city

of Odessa. The Texas Forest

Service provided an aircraft,

two helicopters for air drops

and three bulldozers to fight

the blaze.

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25 acres and 50 acres.

Officials estimated the

Two outbuildings also were destroyed by the fire,

their homes.

Forest Service.

"Both had their seat belts on and were not ejected from the car," Stout said.

Pampa Fire Department, PPD and Guardian all responded to the scene of the accident Thursday evening. There was at least one witness to the incident, Stout said.

The accident remains under investigation by PPD. No further information on the condition of the victims was available as of press

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## Storms roll through **Dallas-Fort Worth** for 2nd time in a week

tish Dallas-Fort Worth area at Dallas-Fort for the second time in a International Airport. week Thursday night, bringing golf ball-sized hail, of around 60'mph but lost strong winds and at least one steam as it moved through report of a tornado.

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was west of Dallas-Fort tainly as widespread as that Worth, where hail damaged event was," Huckaby said. police cars in Mineral Wells, "But this is certainly typical officials said.

A tornado was reported tonight." just west of Fort Worth in Parker County and was on the ground six to seven minutes, said National Weather Service meteorologist Dan Huckaby. There were no initial reports of damage or injuries, said Parker County Judge Mark Riley.

"I think we probably dodged a bullet," Riley said. The Federal Aviation Administration said depart-

DALLAS (AP) — Severe ing flights were being weather hit the storm-skit- delayed more than an hour

The storm packed winds the Dallas-Fort Worth area, footage Huckaby said. It paled in showed a blanket of hail in a comparison to last week's parking lot in Mansfield, system, which produced southwest of Fort Worth, several tornadoes and fierce and cars with broken win- straight-line winds that

"We don't see events like The worst of the storm that to that extreme and cerspringtime severe weather

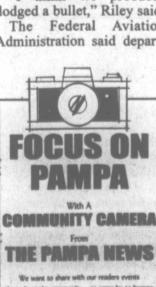
ODESSA, Texas (AP) — hospitals, Goodson said. State forestry officials said

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# Viewpoints

## Self-injury: Cutter's pain more than skin-deep

Recently, our 12-year-old daughter came ing to the Mayo Clinic. home from junior high with a strange story. At least, it was strange to us until we began extensive research on this most bizarre topic. Her story was about a girl at school who had a problem. This girl was cutting herself, inflicting herself with repeated bloody cuts on her arms and legs. Our daughter then said something that shocked us. She said, "Lots of kids do it.'

We share the results of our research in the hope that if you know someone with this problem you will help them seek help. This is a budding epidemic that we can stop with concerted effort. Why would anyone intentionally hurt himself or herself?

When she was only 12-years-old, Lisa Bayen began cutting her own stomach and arms with razor blades. In a television interview, Princess Diana confessed to cutting her legs and arms with penknives and razor blades. Not only did actor Johnny Depp admit to injuring himself, but also 2 to 3 million less well-known Americans inflict cuts into their skin. They call themselves "cutters" and the trend is growing.

"[F]or people who do injure themselves by cutting or other means, self-injury offers a momentary sense of calm and a release of tension. Unfortunately, that's usually quickly followed by guilt and shame and the return of other painful emotions," accord-

"I felt so much anger inside and I was so upset that I wanted to have my feelings expressed," says Bayen, who is now in her twenties and no longer cuts herself. "I couldn't discuss them with somebody, so I felt like I had to put a mark on my body. I felt so relieved afterwards that I continued the behavior every time I was

sad or angry, upset or Floyd& depressed." People who deliberately Mary Beth

harm their own bodies are

trying to find a way to deal

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healthy way to cope with them. Like Bayen, they usually begin between the ages of 10 to 16. These highly charged years of volatile emotions and "drama" are a time when young people are beginning to deal with peer pressure and conflict with parents, besides feelings of loneliness.

Nearly 50 percent of cutters come from backgrounds of physical, sexual or emotional abuse and most are female. Social isolation, eating disorders, problems with intimacy, a history of loss or self-injury in the family. marital violence and divorce are often common factors. A family where the discussion of feelings is frowned upon puts one at risk. One thing cutters have in common is a lack of neers in dealing with people with self-injury

good problem solving skills.

The Mayo Clinic reports that for these troubled young people, "Physical injury distracts them from painful emotions or helps them feel a sense of control over an otherwise uncontrollable situation. For those who have feelings of emptiness or little emotion, selfinjury is a way to feel something, anything,

even if it's physical pain." Some say when cutting themselves they finally "feel something" because they have shut down their strong emotions of anger, depression and suffering low self-

Not only do psychological reasons come into play, but also physical factors are involved with the self-injury disorder. "One theory holds that during self-mutilation, the body releases chemicals called betaendorphins, which have a powerful analgesic property and provide an instant feeling of calm," says Lynn Ponton, M.D. The behavior can become addicting. "When someone hurts emotionally but can't express it, a physical injury will redirect that pain to the physical realm," explained Ponton.

"It's a physical expression of anger," says Wendy Lader.

Lader and Karen Conterio are early pio-

problems. The psychologists are directors of SAFE (Self-Abuse Finally Ends) Alternatives Program in Chicago. Together they wrote the book, "Bodily Harm: The Breakthrough Healing Program for Self-Injurers."

Cutters are people with deep psychological pain. "The self-injury isn't the problem," says Lader. "It's the feelings that lead to it, the anger and the abandonment."

However, help is available: People seeking information can call SAFE at 1-800-DONT-

Prevention and treatment are similar. Two important factors help stop self-injury according to research. Developing an ability to identify and express feelings verbally is one factor. The other contributing factor which ceases self-injury is for cutters is to learn and use positive alternatives to self-mutilation. In therapy, writing their feelings in journals and talking with friends are encouraged as healthy outlets for emotions in addition to learning good coping skills.

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"Therapy teaches them to think about their self-injurious behavior by making them ask, 'What feelings am I trying to avoid by thinking about cutting?" says Conterio. She believes that once people understand the emotions that motivate their harmful behavior, it is easier for them to stop.

-The Browns are bestselling authors and

## Americans must use reason in face of hysteria

Years ago, a friend who worked for Florida's state environmental department First, told me something that's handy to remember, given the habit some journalists have of adding melodrama caution: to stories about science and Results in the environment. My friend said that testing capability had far outrun knowledge.

What he meant was that equipment used to analyze water, for example, could now detect substances in really minute amounts like parts per billion, while nobody knew if substances in such infinitely small amounts had any effect whatsoever on human health. Nobody even knew for sure if the substances had always been in water, though previously undetectable.

I got aggravated once some years ago by a reporter who always referred to a pesticide as "cancer-causing." Sunshine and many common substances can cause cancer. The thing to remember is that when we talk of toxicity of chemicals or carcinogens, amount is the key. We can't live without salt, for example, but too much salt will kill us. Aspirin is a great pain reliever; too much will kill us. You can probably think of many human being would conexamples yourself.

Anyway, I was so aggravated with that reporter's sloppy reporting that I tracked down the man in the Environmental Protection Agency bureaucracy in charge of setting standards

for pesticide. He explained near-nonexistent risk. She

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the process. chemical is tested on mice. mice do not necessarily

translate to humans. But if a certain dosage produces tumors in mice, a computerized formula is applied to determine a safe level for humans.

He cited an example. When the EPA says the acceptable level of something for human consumption is so many parts per million, what it is really saying is that according to the formula in the computer, if a human being consumes so many parts per million every day of his life for 72 years, then the risk of developing cancer is increased by some fraction of a percentage point. Then, with a somewhat sardonic laugh, he pointed out that the natural background cancer rate is 20

In the case that had irked me so, which involved grapefruit and a pesticide to treat a root disease, it is highly unlikely that any sume enough grapefruit every day of his life for 72 years and thus increase his risk of cancer by some negligible fraction of a percent. What the reporter had been doing was writing alarmist stories about negligible,

was, as so many journalists do, following the Disney formula for cartoons simplifying

and exag-

Redd Foxx used to tell a joke about smoking: "Some folks don't smoke cigarettes 'cause they're scared of

dying of lung cancer; some folks don't eat cheese or eggs 'cause they're scared of heart attacks; some folks don't eat pie or cake 'cause they're scared of diabetes. They gonna feel like damned fools one day lying in the hospital dying from noth-

The old rascal was making the point that human mortality is 100 percent. We're all going to die of something, so there is no need to get para-

noid about some trace amount of chemicals. I've seen stories recently about some tranquilizers showing up in treated sewage. So what? I seriously doubt they are in sufficient dosage to cause happy fish.

What usually kills us, and historically always has been the main killer of people, are bacteria, viruses and parasites. None of these, to the best of my knowledge, is manufactured by Monsanto FL 32802.

or DuPont. I personally don't read news stories about health or science. There are so many scare stories about the risk of this or that, you can easily become a paranoid hypochondriac by reading all of that junk. Reasonable precautions and moderation in all things are quite sufficient for reasonable health.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando,



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## Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: April 3

El Paso Times on airline safety: Cross-wired brakes. Cracks in fuse-

lages. Missed inspections. Fuel leaks caused by a faulty bolt. Questions about fire-suppression systems. Questions about commercial aircraft

safety have been making headlines for the past several weeks, but the biggest question has to be, how were these problems allowed to get this far?

Airline passengers and crew members are entitled to a reasonable expectation of safety when they fly.

The first line of defense, of course, is the airlines themselves. Maintenance of aircraft should be meticulous, airline standards of safety and maintenance must be high and problems with aircraft shouldn't be ignored.

There's a lot of pressure on airlines these days. Fuel costs are spiking, onboard service and amenities are decreasing, competition for passengers is fierce, and on-time and baggage problems don't seem to get better.

What must not happen is that safety concerns are sacrificed in pursuit of the almighty dollar. It is apparent that airlines must pay closer attention to safe-

This sudden spate of safety concerns with airlines makes one wonder whether the Federal Aviation Administration is paying enough attention to airline safety. The agency's mission statement is "Our mission is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world."

It seems likely that the airlines need to spend more time on inspection and maintenance of their equipment.

And the FAA should provide closer oversight of the airlines' safety proce-

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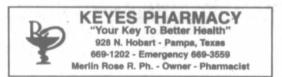
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## New youth pastor



Eric Lockwood in the balcony of the Calvary Baptist Church youth room, overlooking the stage.

## Calvary adds to staff

announced an addition to its staff. The church has hired Eric Lockwood as youth minister. Lockwood comes to Calvary from Fort Myers, Fla. Both he and wife Meghan are graduates of Liberty University in Virginia.

Many activities are being planned for the church's youth group(s) including a weekly youth worship service on Wednesday the church at 900 E. 23rd Street.

Calvary Baptist Church recently nights and Bible Study classes on Sunday morning.

Lockwood says he is excited to be at Calvary and looking forward to seeing how God is going to work in the lives of high school and junior high teenagers in Pampa and the surrounding area.

For information on youth activities at Calvary, call the office at 665-0842 or visit

## Kirkin' o' the Tartan in offing

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, will hold its annual "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 27. The yearly event is held in honor of the denomination's Scottish roots.

The service will feature members carrying Scottish tartan (plaid) banners and the music of bagpipes by piper John Brewer of Amarillo. Scottish hymns and folk tunes will be played. A potluck luncheon will follow the service.

Ted Wardlaw, president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be special guest preacher. Wardlaw has served as seminary president since 2002 and holds a BA from Presbyterian college in Clinton, S.C.; a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.; a masters of sacred theology from Yale University Divinity School; and an honorary doctorate from Presbyterian College, his alma mater.

Wardlaw has held serveral pastorates during his career including Atlanta, Ga., Germantown, Tenn., and Long Island. He and wife, Dr. Kay Bryant, a clinical psychologist, have two daughters.

The custom of "Kirkin" is an American one not practiced in Scotland. Historically, it is based on the carrying of a hidden scrap of tartan by Scots in defiance of English



Courtesy Photo

Piper John Brewer, left, of Amarillo will serve as piper another year during the annual Kirkin o' the Tartan at First Presbyterian. Pictured with Brewer is the Rev. Mrs. Robin Gantz of Pampa.

## GOOD SAM

Pampa will meet at 5 p.m. Sams, 309 N. Ward. meeting, Floyd Sackett, a longtime volunteer from In March, 381 families

Good Samaritan board and Claude Taylor, of served, according to a Highland Baptist, The board of directors resigned. The board disfor Good Samaritan cussed new brochures with men's tennis shoes, men's Christian Services in services listed and the revival of a sign-up sheet Thursday, May 22 at Good for prayers. Members considered reviving the prayer At a previous board list and sending it to mem-

paper bags. For more information, contact Good Sam at 665-First Presbyterian Church, and 1,277 individuals were

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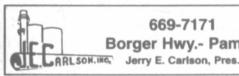
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

-DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Ellie," and her husband, "Bill," have three lovely little girls. Both have good jobs and live in a pleasant neighborhood. However, neither one ever learned any life skills. Both worked and lived rent-free with their parents until they met and married in their late 20s. Consequently, they are up to their necks in credit card debt because of their need for instant gratification. For the past year Ellie has called me almost daily, crying, asking for money "for the sake of the children." I have given them what we can spare, but I have three sons in college, and my husband may be facing a medical retirement, which would leave me the sole wage-earner. I have told Ellie repeatedly that she and Bill must learn to budget and pay their bills, and advised them to seek professional debt and marriage counseling, neither of which they have done. Several months ago, Ellie called to ask if the family could move in with us until they got on their feet. My husband refused, telling her that without counseling their habits were not going to change, and we could not afford to support them short of a true emergency. Ellie was furious. She joined a "swingers" club and began a series of love VANIA affairs. Ellie says her affairs are "the only comfort" she has now that I have failed to "rescue" her in her "hour of need." I'm upset that I have made the girls' situation worse by refusing to provide for their parents. However, my husband is adamant that two working people should learn to manage their own lives. Am I injuring my dieces by refusing to rescue their parents? -NON-ENABLER, OAK RIDGE,

**DEAR NON-ENABLER:** Your sister has made it your responsibility because she joined a swingers club, and you're accept

ing it? Wake up! You haven't made their situation worse, SHE has. Ellie is not only irresponsible, but also immature. Do not be bamboozled. You are carrying a heavy enough load as it is. If you step in and try to rescue Ellie, you'll wind up carrying her until the stress makes you sick. The only person who can get her out of the mess she has created is herself.

DEAR ABBY: Early in our marriage -- the second for both of us -- my husband suggested having my portrait painted in the nude. We found an artist we were comfortable with, and the painting turned out so beautiful, we decided to have my husband pose nude, too. We keep these paintings in our bedroom and have never allowed anyone else to see them. We plan to cherish them for many years, but now realize we will need to make arrangements for their safekeeping after we're gone. They are tastefully positioned, beautifully framed and quite large. We do not want our children left with the task of finding a home for our "arty ork." How do we go about finding a gallery that will display them? --PICTURE-PERFECT IN PENNSYL-

**DEAR PICTURE-PERFECT:** Start calling the museums and art galleries in your area. Your success may depend upon the level of recognition the artist who painted your portraits has achieved. If that doesn't work, then contact the clothing-optional resorts in your area and ask if they would like to hang them in their clubhouse.

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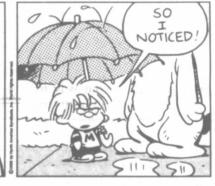




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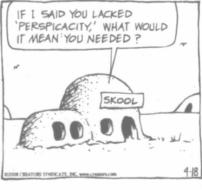


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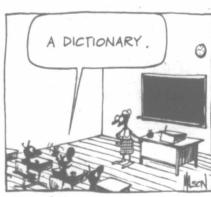
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## bama overtaking Clinton despite bruises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton are both sustaining dents and dings from their lengthy presidential fight. The former first lady is clearly suffering more as Democratic voters no longer see her as the party's strongest contender for the White House.

Voters of all types have gotten a better sense of Obama, who was an obscure Illinois legislator just four years ago. As more people moved from the "I don't know him" category in an AP-Yahoo News poll, more rated Obama as inexperienced, unethical and dishonest. And 15 percent erroneously think he's a Muslim, thanks in part to disinformation widely spread on the Internet.

But Obama's positive ratings have climbed as well, while Clinton - widely known since the early 1990s - has been less able to change people's views of her. And when those views have shifted, it has hurt her more than helped.

The New York senator's ratings for being honest, likable, ethical and refreshing have fallen since January, and Obama scores higher than she does in all those categories.

In a dramatic reversal, the AP-Yahoo News poll found that a clear majority of Democratic voters now say Obama has the better chance of defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in November.

In late January, before Obama scored 11 straight primary and caucus victories, 56 percent of Democrats saw Clinton as the stronger nominee, compared with 33 percent for Obama. Now, Obama leads on that question, 56 percent to 43 percent.

Still, the poll, conducted by Knowledge Networks, contains some worrisome signs for the first-term senator. Those rating him as "not at all honest," for example, jumped from 18 percent last fall to 27 percent in April. It came as he was put on the defen-

"But the more I hear her talk, and the more I hear him talk, the more put off I am," said Barton, 69. "I think she's brash, I think she's rude. I get the feeling that she feels she deserves to be president" and doesn't need "to

sive over incendiary comments by his former pastor. But many holding such views are Republicans or conservative independents who would be unlikely to vote in a Democratic primary or support a Democrat in the fall anyway.

The most encouraging sign for Obama is that many Democrats who previously saw Clinton as their party's best hope now give him that role. About one-third of them still prefer Clinton, but they have lost confidence in her electability.

"I would love to vote for Hillary," said Nancy Costello of Bellevue, Ky., one of the more than 1,800 randomly selected adults whose opinions are rechecked every few months in the AP-Yahoo News poll. "I'm 67, and I'll probably never get another chance to vote for a woman."

But Obama now appears to be the stronger candidate, she said, and electing a Democrat in November is paramount. If McCain wins and continues many of President Bush's economic and foreign policies, Costello said, "I think I would just sit down and cry."

By tracking the same group throughout the campaign, the AP-Yahoo News poll can gauge how individual views change. It suggests that Clinton has paid a price for hammering Obama since early February on several issues as she tries to overcome his lead

in delegates and the popular vote. Among those Democrats who no longer consider her the more electable of the two, most now see her as less likable, decisive, strong, honest, experienced and ethical than they did in January.

Meanwhile, those same voters are more likely to see Obama as strong, honest and refreshing than before.

Beulah Barton of Leesburg, Fla., said she initially backed Clinton, partly because she liked Bill Clinton's record as president.

"But the more I hear her talk, and the more I hear him talk, the more put off I am," said Barton, 69. "I think she's brash, I think she's rude. I get the feeling that she feels she deserves to be president" and doesn't need "to earn it."

Barton said she likes Obama, and ignores e-mails suggesting that he refuses to salute the flag or is somehow threatening "because of his name."

"People try to make him look like a traitor," she said. "I think he has risen above most of that stuff."

Some misinformation sticks, however. The great majority of the poll's participants said this month they did not know the religious affiliation of Clinton (a Methodist) or Obama (United Church of Christ). But 15 percent ventured that Obama, whose father was Kenyan, is a Muslim.

That group includes more Democrats than Republicans, and it doesn't necessarily worry them.

Randi Estes, a Democrat from Ada, Okla., said she prefers Clinton but feels Obama is likely to win the nomination. "He's gotten very strong media coverage, and Bill Clinton's not helping her a bit, said Estes, 36, who has four children under the age of 6.

Speaking of Obama, she said, "I have a sense he's a Muslim."

If Obama wins the nomination, the poll indicates he will need to mend his image a bit as he battles McCain for independents and soft Republicans. His favorability rating among all voters has declined, with those ranking him as "very unfavorable" growing from 17 percent in January to 25 percent in April. Most of them are Republicans and independents.

In January, 30 percent of Republicans rated Obama very unfavorably. That grew to 43 percent in April. Among the coveted independents, 12 percent had a very unfavorable view of Obama in January. That has nearly doubled to 23 percent.

Obama would be the first black president, and the survey detected some evidence of racial discomfort in voters' minds. It found that about 8 percent of whites would be uncomfortable voting for a black for president. It produced an estimate of about 13 percent of Republicans who would feel that way, but suggested very few if any Democrats would now be uncomfortable. In November, about 5 percent of Democrats indicated discomfort at voting for a black person for president.

For Allen Lovell, a moderate Democrat in Everett, Wash., race is unimportant, but replacing Bush with a Democrat is vital. And lately he has concluded that Obama

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## Philadelphia suburbs may hold key to Pennsylvania primary

bisect the heart of the Democratic presidential contest, take the Chester exit of I-95 and wend your way to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If Barack Obama has any chance of cultivating an upset on April 22, this 20-

mile stretch is fertile land. These are Philadelphia's western suburbs - a patchwork of charming small towns, elite colleges and working class neighborhoods that constitute one of the most competitive political battlegrounds in the state.

"It is, without question, right at the center of the fight for Pennsylvania," said Rep Joe Sestak, D-Pa., the retired admiral who represents this district and who has endorsed Obama's rival, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. "How my district goes is how the state may go."

Clinton holds a lead in statewide polls. But Obama is strongly favored in Philadelphia and polls show him holding a slight lead in the arc of four increasingly

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — To Democratic counties around stinks. We need something the city. Delaware County, the one which makes up

> The economy stinks. We need something new. When Bill Clinton was in the White House, we didn't have these problems and maybe she had something to do with it behind the scenes.'

> > — Stacey Martinez Graphic designer

gressional district, is his toughest with demographics that also suit Clinton and her blue collar appeal.

"She has experience and we need something," said Stacey Martinez, a 30-yearold graphic designer, as she stood outside her row house in the inner suburbs near the city line. "The economy among two dozen Delaware

new. When Bill Clinton was in the White House, we didmost of Sestak's 7th con- n't have these problems and

maybe she had somebehind the scenes."

To the west is Media, the county seat. With its coffee shops, quaint storefronts and local progressive politics, the borough's Democrats are more typical of Obama supporters.

"It's nice to be inspired by a politician," said Andrew Arata, the 34-year old owner of Earth & State, an arts and crafts shop in the center of town. Arata, who switched

his registration from Independent to Democrat so he could vote for Obama, said he also feared the emergence of White House family dynasties.

"Since I started voting, it's been a Clinton or a Bush,"

Martinez and Arata were

County voters interviewed randomly by The Associated Press this week.

For Obama, who leads in the number of delegates thing to do with it needed to secure the nomination, a victory here would pierce Clinton's claim that he can't win primaries in large states. A Clinton victo ry would buttress her argument to stay in the race to the end. But even if the Pennsylvania Southeast counties don't propel Obama to victory, their concentration of delegates has driven the candidates and their surrogates to lavish attention on this corner of the state.

In Delaware County alone, Clinton made a surprise visit to Martinez' working class Drexel Hill neighborhood on Sunday, was in Haverford College with her daughter, Chelsea, Thursday and planned to campaign with Sestak in Radnor on Friday.

Obama has consistently stayed ahead of Clinton in advertising in the state, spending about \$7 million statewide to her \$2.7 milIntelligence/Campaign Media Analysis Group, a parity. political ad tracking firm. But in the expensive Philadelphia media market,

lion, according to Evan Tracey said, Clinton has Tracey, of TNS Media caught up to Obama in broadcast ads and both are at

Obama backers see hope

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## Perry's plans trigger political repercussions

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry now says he wants a record 14 years in the state's highest office, but he might have to fight some of the biggest names in his Republican Party to keep his job

His announcement Thursday could trigger a GOP bloodbath. Both Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are thought to have gubernatorial aspirations.

"Both Hutchison and Perry are giants in the Texas Republican Party and have strong constituencies within the party, and it would be a monumental clash," said Republican consultant Ray Sullivan, who has worked for Hutchison and Perry.

Hutchison, who has said she's thinking about a run for governor, considered taking on Perry in 2002 and again in 2006, but decided against what would have been divisive primary bat-

This time, she's made it clear that Perry won't stop her, saying earlier this month that "there's not anyone who could really make a case to me that this would be divisive for the Republican Party in a way that would make me step back." She announced in October -

term as senator — that she would not seek re-election.

Dewhurst said Thursday he is focusing on his legislative priorities.

"The state is slowly becoming more competitive for Democrats, and a nasty intramural fight for a major post like governor could seriously hamper the ultimate nominee's chances in the general election," Sullivan said.

Beyond the gubernatorial aspirants, Perry's decision could have repercussions for a slate of statewide officeholders looking to move up the politi-

Despite his surprise announcement, Perry's office wouldn't discuss the potential political fallout.

"It's premature to talk about a primary battle at this point," said Perry spokesman Robert Black. "There's only one person that we know is running for re-election at this point."

Others questioned the sincerity of Perry's announced plans.

"He could be saying that — and not be absolutely as certain as it sounds to not be viewed as a lame duck," said Republican consultant Bill Miller. "If people view him as a lame duck, he doesn't have the same leverage as he not even a year into her third six-year would" if lawmakers expect to have to

answer to him for another four years."

Perry will become the longest-serving governor in Texas history later this year. He took over for George W. Bush after Bush was elected president in 2000 and has won two four-year terms

Even Hutchison said Thursday she doubts the certainty of another Perry for governor campaign.

"I think that it's not the time for us to be focusing on 2010," she said. "Maybe he didn't say something definitive ... I'm not saying he was announcing, I doubt that he was, but I do think talk of 2010 is not good in April of

Black seemed to leave the door open. "I think it would be safe to assume that Rick Perry is a candidate for governor in 2010 unless he says otherwise," he said.

Black said much would be determined by the next legislative session in January, with Perry planning to roll out a series of legislative priorities leading up to the session. Topics will include tax rebates and spending transparency.

Working in Perry's favor is that his most significant possible opponent, Hutchison, "has a history of waffling,"

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# The Titanic

## Book by metallurgists blames rivets for ship's epic tragedy ...

NEW YORK (AP) - The tragic sinking of the Titanic nearly a century ago can be blamed on low grade rivets that the ship's builders used on some parts of the ill-fated liner, two experts on metals conclude in a new book.

The company, Harland and Wolff of Belfast, Northern Ireland, needed to build the ship quickly and at reasonable cost, which may have compromised quality, said coauthor Timothy Foecke. That the shipyard was building two other vessels at the same time added to the difficulty of getting the millions of rivets needed, he added.

"Under the pressure to get these ships up, they ramped up the riveters, found materials from additional suppliers, and some was not of quality," said Foecke, a metallurgist at the U.S. government's National Institute of Standards Technology who has been studying the Titanic for a decade.

More than 1,500 people died when the Titanic, advertised as an "unsinkable" luxury liner, struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage in 1912 and went down in the North Atlantic less than three hours later. "The company knowingly purchased weaker rivets, but I think they did it not knowing they would be purchasing something substandard enough that when they hit an iecberg their ship would sink," said oe-author Jennifer Hooper McCarty, who started researching the Titanic's rivets while working on her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University in 1999.

The company disputes the idea that inferior rivets were at fault. The theory has been around for years, but McCarty and Foecke's book, "What Really Sank the Titanic," published last month, outlines their extensive research into the Harland and Wolff archives and surviving rivets from the Titanic.

McCarty spent two years in Britain studying the company's archives and works on the training and working conditions of shipyard workers. She and Foecke also studied engineering textbooks from the 1890s and early 1900s to learn more about shipbuilding practices and materials.

"I had the opportunity to study the metallurgy of several rivets,' McCarty said. "It was a process of taking thousands of images of the inside of these rivets, finding out what the structure was like, doing chemical testing and computer

"Seeing the kind of levels we saw in different areas, in different parts of the ship led us to believe they would have ordered from different people," she said, adding this may have led to the weaker rivets.

The two metallurgists tested 48 rivets from the ship and found that slag concentrations were at 9 percent, when they should have been 2 to 3 percent. The slag is a byproduct of the smelting process.

"You need the slag but you need just a little to take up the load that's applied so the iron doesn't stretch," Foecke said. "The iron becomes weak the more slag there is because

the brittleness of the slag takes over and it breaks easily."

Foecke said the main question was not whether the Titanic would sink after hitting the iceberg, but how fast the ship went down.

He believes the answer is provided by the weak rivets. His analysis showed the builders used stronger steel rivets where they expected the greatest stress and weaker iron rivets for the stern and the bow, where they thought there would be less pressure, he said. But it was the ship's bow that struck the iceberg.

"Typically you want a four bar for rivets," Foecke said, using the measurement for the strongest rivets. "Some of the orders were for three bar."

Harland and Wolff spokesman Joris Minne disputed the findings. "We always say there was nothing wrong with the Titanic when it left here," he said.

When the iceberg hit the Titanic, it scraped alongside the ship. Foecke said this affected a number of seams in the bow and the weak rivets let go, putting more pressure on the strong rivets.

"Six compartments flooded. If the rivets were on average better quality, five compartments may have flooded and the ship would have stayed afloat longer and more people would have been saved," Foecke said. "If four compartments flooded, the ship may have limped to Halifax.'

The company does not have an archivist, but it refers scientific questions on the Titanic to retired Harland and Wolff naval engineer David Livingstone, who also has researched the ship's sinking.

He said he largely agrees with the authors' findings on the metallic composition of the rivets, but added their conclusions that the rivets were to blame for the sinking are "misleading and incorrect" because they do not consider the ship's

Contrary to Foecke's theory, Livingstone said, the Titanic did not go down fast compared to other ships that have sunk.

Six compartments flooded. If the rivets were on average better quality, five compartments may have flooded and the ship would have stayed afloat longer and more people would have been saved. If four compartments flooded, the ship may have limped to Halifax.'

> —Timothy Foecke Co-author

overall design and the historical context.

"You can't just look at the material and say it was substandard," Livingstone said. "Of course material from 100 years ago would be inferior to material today."

He said he has found no document to support the argument that Harland and Wolff knowingly used substandard material. He pointed out that the Olympic, a ship the company built at the same time using the same materials, had a long life with no troubles. The third vessel turned out in the early 1900s was attacked and sunk in World

Livingstone said he is not sure why iron rivets were used in the bow and the stern but believes it may have been because a cranemounted hydraulic rivet machine could not reach those points. He said the iron rivets were wider to compensate for the difference in strength.

He said the Titanic did not capsize — as do most sinking ships but maintained an even keel until the last moment, going down after about 2 1/2 hours when the weight of the water it took on became too much.

William Garzke, chairman of the forensics panel of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers based in New Jersey, said wrought iron was commonly used at that time, but steel was the newer, stronger choice.

Garzke, who also has studied the Titanic sinking, said the two scientists made a good point about the variability of the rivets, but "the problem is not the metallurgy of the rivets, it was the design of the riveted joints."

He said that the company used only two rivets at the site of impact, when three would have provided more strength and durability.

## Poll

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probably has the better chance of beating McCain. I am leaning towards him, not because he's black because I'm white — but because we definitely need a change," said Lovell, 50.

long, but there is one topic he'd like to hear more about. Lovell, who guessed that Obama is "either Christian or Muslim," said: "I don't think we're getting enough information on religion" from the candidates.

The survey of 1,844 adults was conducted April 2-14 and had an overall margin of sampling error of plus or He said the Democratic minus 2.3 percentage points.

campaign has lasted too Included were interviews with 863 Democrats, for whom the margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3.3 points, and 668 Republicans, with a margin of sampling error of plus or

minus 3.8 points.

The poll was conducted the Internet by Knowledge Networks. It initially contacted people using traditional telephone polling methods, and followed with

online interviews. People chosen for the study who had no Internet access were given it for free.

Survey AP News Specialist Dennis Junius

contributed to this report.

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is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all

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in Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell's gubernatorial primary victory in 2002. Then, Rendell, a Philadelphian, carried the eight counties in the Philadelphia media market by a 4-1 margin. He only won two of the remaining 59 counties in the state, but it was enough to beat Democrat Robert Casey, now a U.S. senator.

"Sen. Obama can do the same thing, but needs to do better than the polls show him doing in the suburban counties," said Anthony Campisi, the first vice chair of the Delaware County Democratic Party and an Obama supporter. "The polls show him in the low 50s. To build a big enough margin to Quinnipiac 55-60 percent."

Short of a win, Obamabacking strategists are looking to secure enough delegates to blunt Clinton's likely success statewide. Seven of the state's 19 congressional districts yield 50 of the state's 103 elected delegates. All but one of those districts are concentrated in and around Philadelphia.

The 2nd Congressional District in Philadelphia has nine delegates at stake. To win six of them, Obama would have to win the district with 62 percent of the Sestak's Congressional District has seven delegates; to win five of them Obama would need more than 64 percent of the

> Those are tall orders. Rendell

> Philadelphia's popular mayor, Michael Nutter, backing are Clinton, Earlier this week, a

University carry the state his percentage Polling Institute, showed needs to increase close to that Obama barely led Clinton by two percentage points in the suburbs after having enjoyed an 11 point lead the week before.

> And Delaware County, something of a lynchpin in the calculation, has mixed allegiances. There are 11 colleges or universities in Sestak's congressional district. The students and the upscale educated Democratic voters who live in the outer developments and old stone houses are part of Obama's core support. But the district has one of the highest percentages of residents with Irish ancestry - a Catholic concentration that together with blue collar

Clinton benefits from a fondness for her husband among many voters.

a solid base for Clinton.

workers and the elderly form

"I know that when Bill Clinton was in office, the economy was good, we weren't at war and I think he'll be helping her in some fashion with the Cabinet. So I'm leaning to Hillary right poll by the now," said Robert Thomas, a

30-year-old general manager of a convenience store.

Joe Kernen, waiting for his commuter train into Philadelphia at a station in Swarthmore, Pa., said he is supporting Clinton for "her experience as a senator, her intelligence and precision on

the issues."

Still, polls show as much as 12 percent of voters in the Pennsylvania remain undecided. Asim Maqbool, a physician who teaches pediatrics Children's Hospital Philadelphia, spoke for many when he described his ambivalence.

"What impresses me most about Hillary is she has a number of facts and figures at her disposal. She's obviously been immersed in this sort of work on a different level than Sen. Obama," he said. But he spoke admiringly of Obama as a candidate who exudes optimism and

"When you look at people like Barack Obama, he's more of a transformational candidate," he said. "Is this going to be his year? I don't

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*★★ Seize the moment to finish errands or a project that perhaps has been on hold for too long. Think "summer" and think "fun." Perhaps a diet or new exercise program is in order. Some of you might decide just to walk around the block. Tonight: Easy does it.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

HISTORICAL FIGURES BORN Prohibition agent Eliot Ness (1903),

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chemist Glenn Seaborg (1912)

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said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project of the University of Texas at Austin, an online textbook for Texas Politics.

"She's been living on the fence as far as the governor's race goes,' Henson said. "If Perry's still in it, one has to wonder is it still worth it to her."

On the other hand, skepticism among voters on whether anyone wants a single person holding the governor's office for three terms could work against Perry.

Perry's decision to run again may be stark terror at the idea of having to get a real job," said Cal Jillson, a Southern Methodist University political science profes-

"There was some speculation early in the process he might be considered for vice president, but that I think was not really likely, so I think he's looking at what the next five years are going to look like and deciding to keep himself alive in Texas politics, so he needs to say he's going to run again," Jillson said.

"It's certainly not a lock he could win a third four-year term. It's clear this time Kay Bailey Hutchison is going to leave the Senate and come home to Texas and run for governor, and she is a more popular politician statewide than Perry is."

Associated Press Suzanne Gamboa contributed to this report from Washington, D.C.

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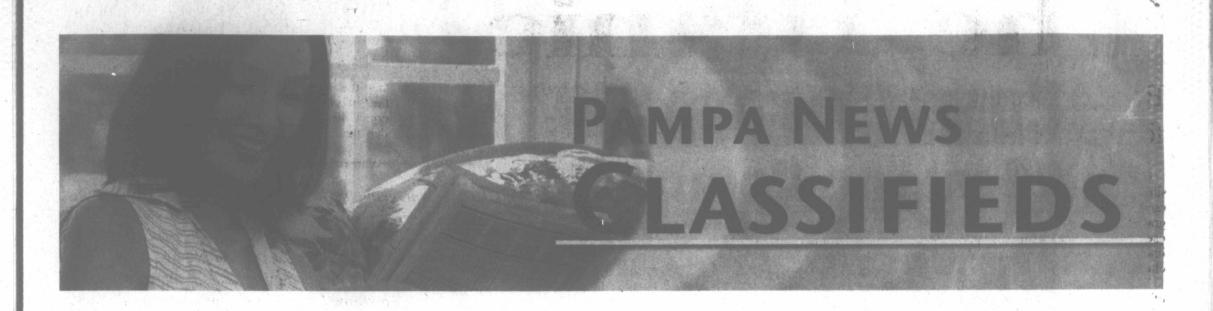
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