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(American Field Service) exchange students to Pampa High School this year are from three continents - Asia Europe, and South America.

Pampela Rojas is the first student to PHS from Columbia, South America. She lives on a ranch near the town of Cucuta, located in the northern region with a population over one million people. Columbia, west of Venezuela, is bordered by the Caribbean Sea on the north and the Pacific ocean on the west. The country is known for the Andes mountain range and coastal regions.

Sonja Huber lives in a small Swiss town of Villmergen, with a population of 7,000 people and is located on the plans of northern Switzerland. In addition to the two Swiss languages, she can speak

students from three continents

by Julie Ann Thompson jthompson@thepampanews.com

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Total Performance Inc. (TPI) has announced it will be in attendance at the 2nd Annual Fall Classic Car Show at Fenton Motors of Pampa to benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

"Brook Phillips and the crew from TPI will be on hand to sign autographs, take pictures, answer questions and will be presenting a special trophy to the winner of the 'TPI Pro's Pick' judged by the guys from TPI themselves," Fenton Motors General Manager Harry Fisher said.

TPI is nationally recognized as one of the premier automotive restoration companies in the country, as well as the builders of the Pit Viper Mustangs and the RCR eries 3 Camaros. TPI will be bringing several examples of their award winning cars, according to Fisher, who owns a Series 3 himself. His car will also be on display at the event.



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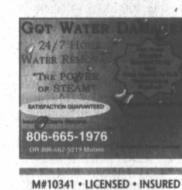
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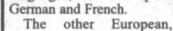
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Julian Rosello has dual citizenship with Italy and Germany. He lives with his parents and sister in Munich, Germany, which has a population of 1.3 million. Rosello is bilingual and his father is Italian, and his mother is German.

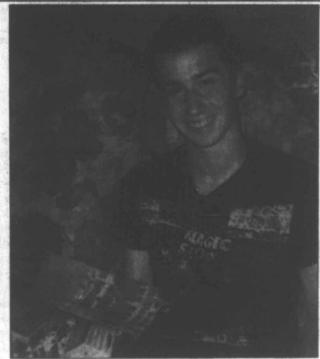
Toby Lam could have to make the greatest adjustment, coming from the metropolitan city of Hong Kong with a population of seven million people. Even thought the city is comprised of many nationalities, each live in their own area and often speak their own language, Lam said. Different regions have conethnicity's. centrated According to Lam, Hong Kong also offers a wide variety of forms of entertainment.

Lam is accustomed to walking everywhere he goes.

"Not every family has a

submitted photo Above - AFS exchange students (from left) Tony Lam of Hong Kong, Pamela Rojas of Columbia, and Sonja Huber of Switzerland locate their home towns on a world map. At right - AFS exchange student Julian Rossello of Germany displays a picture book of some of the landmarks in his hometown of Munich, including the municipal buildings and a new glass **BMW Welt plant built for one** billion euro that uses a new technology, which provides air conditioning without using energy.

car," he explained. "Most of the time I can walk to anywhere I want to go in 15 minutes." Lam also explained that few citizens have motorcycles because



they are not safe on the crowded streets.

The students all concluded they are about 15 minutes away from their schools. Lam walks to school while

Pamela goes by car and Sonja rides a bike. In Munich, Julian rides a bike during good weather and

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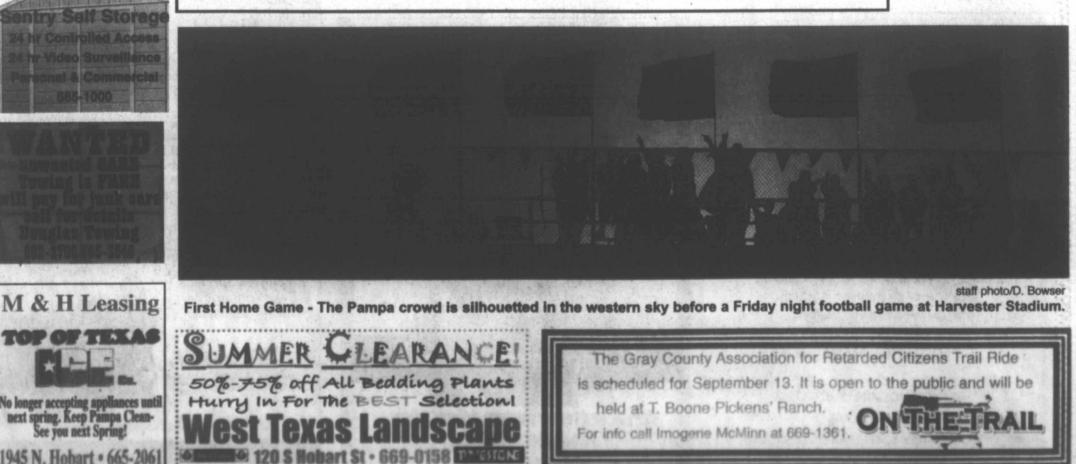
"They'll be on hand for the coming out party for Fenton Motors' very own example of the RCR Series 3 Camaro," Fisher said.

Fisher and Lance Fenton of Fenton Motors have supported the project from its inception and have purchased three of the earliest serial numbers available to the public.

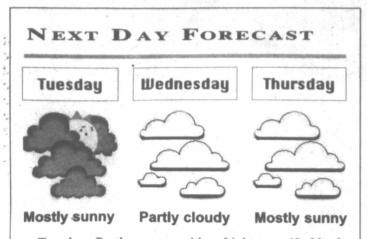
TPI has partnered up with Richard Childress Racing (RCR) on the Series 3 project and will be bringing autographed racing memorabilia from all three RCR Nascar drivers: Clint Bowyer of the Jack Daniels 07 car, Kevin Harvick of the Shell 29 car and Jeff Burton of the Cingular 31 car.

There are still numbers





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Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind around 10 mph.

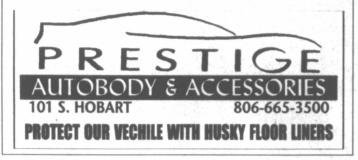
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mpg.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northeast.

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### Jimmie "J.D." Brown, 78

Jimmie "J.D." Brown, 78, of Panhandle, Texas, died 6,2008 September in Panhandle. Graveside services will be Wednesday, September 10 2008 at 2 p.m. at Celestial Garden Cemetery in Cyril, Oklahoma with Rev. Allan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Brown was born Betty Robinson on April 1, Oklahoma; one sister, Nancy 1950 in Yuma, Arizona. He was a resident of Pampa since 1952 moving to Panhandle in 2005. He retired from Celanese as a Superintendent in 1985 after 33 years. After his retirement, Betty and J.D. loved traveling and making new friends. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Hobart Baptist Church. The family

would like to thank St. Ann's Nursing Home and Odyssey Hospice for their loving and compassionate care. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing his guitar. Betty and J.D. taught round dancing lessons. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Millie Brown, and a sister, Mary Ellen Doe.

Survivors include his Arrangements are under the wife, Betty Brown, of Pampa; one daughter, Suzanne J. Stanton and husband Troy Don of White December 31, 1929 in Deer; one brother, Bobby Eureka, Kansas. He married Joe Brown of Ponca City, Heard of Kansas, Oklahoma; one grandson, Jimmie Don Stanton and wife Constance of Little Elm, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.



### Services tomorrow.

Box, Loel D. - 2 p.m., Trinity Fellowship Church, Pampa.

### **Charlet Ann Couts**, 57

Charlet Ann Couts, 57, of Charlet lived in Pampa, died September 6, 2008 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael Whatle Funeral Directors.

Ms. Couts was born November 1, 1950 in Groom and was a 1969 graduate of Pampa High School where she was a member of the FHA. She owned and operated Charlet's Café in Groom for several years Joe Couts, Clint before moving to Houston.

Pampa.

Mar. 9, 1962 in Friona.

Loel D. Box, 85, of

Pampa, died September 7,

2008 in Pampa. Services

will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday

at Trinity Fellowship Church

with Pastor Lonny Robbins

Mr. Box was born August

18, 1923 in Harmond Co.,

Oklahoma to Clarence and

Mary Box. He graduated

from Borger High School in

1942. He was inducted in the

US Army in 1943 in Ft. Sill,

Oklahoma. He served with

officiating.

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Houston for several years before returning to Pampa in 2006. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Groom. Survivors

include five brothers, John Couts, Couts

Couts and Charley Couts, all Edward and Caroline Couts,

### **Diane Sue Short**, 64

Diane Sue Short, 64, died She had been a on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008 in resident of Pampa Pampa. Services are pending for over 40 years. with Carmichael-Whatley She was a home-Funderal Directors of maker and a member of St. Vincent Mrs. Short was born on dePaul Catholic Feb. 1, 1944 in Friona and Church. attended Friona schools. She Survivors married Thomas F. Short on

fought in the European battles and campaigns at Omaha Beach Normandy, Northern France, Ardenones, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was honorably discharged on December 2, 1945. He married Louise Patton in 1952, she preceded him in death in 1995. He married Wynona Robinson on July 23, 1998 in Amarillo. He owned Pampa College of Hairdressing the 462nd Anti-Aircraft from 1968-1976. He later Automatic owned Michelle's, Two B's

Weapons Battalion. He Beauty Supply, Abby's Collectables, and The Loft Restaurant making him a prominent businessman in Pampa from 1968-1995. He was a member of the Trinity Fellowship Church, and the VFW. He was preceded in death by a daughter Linda Box, a son Mark Box, one brother, and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Wynona Box, of the Home; four daughters, Patsy Schmitto of Plano, Gena Teer of Kerrville, Jana Robinson of Austin, and

of Pampa, and Bill and a brother, Carl Edwin Couts of Caldwell; Couts. three sisters, Linda MEMORIALS:

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of White Deer, Fla.; and by seven grandchil-Daniel dren. Short and Troy

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, James Short, both and a brother, Mark Camp.

MEMÓRIALS: **BSA** Hospice, 800 North Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

- Sign the on-line rigister www.carmichaelwatley.com.

Melissa Box of Borger; two sons, Michael Newcomb of Orange, California, Jay Robinson of Pampa; one brother, Kenneth Box of Pampa; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**MEMORIALS:** Trinity Fellowship Church, 2225 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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include four sons, Arthur Ray Short

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Short of Rainbow; two sisters: Caroline Beers and Rose Miller, both at of Port Charlotte,

**Couts and Marilyn** 

both of Dayton,

was preceded in

death by her par-

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Eunice,

of Pampa, and Richard Lowell Loel D. Box, 85

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 9, 2008 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

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### **Emergency** Services

### Sheriff

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

Saturday, Sept. 6 Jason Lee McKinney, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of Williston by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury.

John Allen Jeffries, 17, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license, expired registration, no insurance and a bond surrender for failure to identify.

Steve Cory Gardner, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for failure to identify.

Gabriel Castillo Marquez, 28, of Albuquerque, N.M.

was arrested in the 100 block of East Tyng by Pampa PD for tampering with government records, a Palo Pinto County charge of theft by check, no driver's license, failure to appear/bail jumping and a New Mexico

Sunday, Sept. 7

charge of fugitive from jus-

tice.

Lillian Vargas, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Pitts by Pampa PD for failure to appear on a school attendance charge; failure to identify as a fugitive with intent to give false information; forgery of a instrument, government money or securities; and a capias pro fine for minor in

possession of alcohol. Monday, Sept. 8 Shayla Lynn Smith, 22, of

Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Kentucky

by Pampa PD on municipal court charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying expired registration and failure to appear.

Alisha Leann Kirkland, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Banks by Pampa PD for municipal court charges of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle and capias pro fines for speeding and failure to maintain financial responsibility, and a county charge of theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Steven Ray Crawford, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Brown by Pampa PD for no driver's license, no proof of financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle registration and expired motor vehicle inspection.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, September 7

3:30 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical

5:01 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Perry on a medical assist.

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### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, September 6 12:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to Pampa regional Medical Center.

3:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 1100 block of Starkweather and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:00 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Sumner . No patients were transported.

2:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of East Frederic. No patients were transported.



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### **Students**

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The students also discussed the American use of ice in beverages. All of the students, except Rojas, had never used ice, which Rojas explained.

'That's unless the weather is really hot in Italy," she

Lam added that his grandmother served him hot beverages, like tea, because she said "it's good for you." even on warm, humid days. As for food, Huber likes lots of vegetables. "We eat mostly chicken and do not have meat at every meal.

said.

Beef is very expensive in Switzerland," she said. She explained that some Swiss

eat horse meat.

Rosello said some horse meat is delicious if cooked in certain ways, but he rarely eats it. His favorite dishes are Italian and Mexican food.

"I like rice, but it has to be hot," Lam said concerning his favorite dishes.

Rojas eats chicken, beef, pork, fruit, and beans but said she never had eaten chili before her travels.

Wal-Mart was a new experience in shopping for all of the students. Rosello explained that Wal-Marts are "illegal in our area" because the prices are under the cost of producing the item. There are a lot of small companies, Wal-Mart and would monopolize the market, he explained.

The students are looking

forward to their year of Interscholastic League.) study at PHS and are taking some courses not offered at their schools at home. Lam wants to play the coronet in the band, while Huber will play soccer and Rossello tennis. Both Huber and Roas will be in the school choir. Rossello belonged to a speech in Germany and he hopes to participate in the UIL (University

The AFS students at Pampa this year bring the total to 86 students hosted since the first American Field Service student from Germany arrived in Pampa in 1952. The Pampa Kiwanis club sponsored the first program and continues to support the local AFS in Pampa.

## Car show

### **Continued from Front Page**

available, Fisher said, but he anticipates selling out all the spaces. Those who want to enter the classic car show are encouraged to register early.

"Instead of watching them on TV, come hang out with the TPI crew and see some of the finest examples of street machines in the country," Fisher said.

Entry fees are set at \$10 with proceeds to benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Registration for the event begins at 7 a.m. on September 27. The blood drive will begin at 9 a.m. and each donor will receive a free t-shirt. Judging ends at 4 p.m. with awards to follow

at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Angela at 806-663-0013 or Jim at 806-683-7520

### Foes try to block suburb's illegal immigrant ban

DALLAS (AP) Opponents of a Dallas suburb's latest effort to drive away illegal immigrants want a federal judge to restrain the city from banning rental housing to those who can't prove they are in the country legally.

They asked Monday for a temporary restraining order to keep Farmers Branch from out a valid license. requiring prospective apartment and home renters to former city council member obtain a city license. Under sued over the rule last week.

the ordinance, the city would They contend the city is try- residents. forward information from the license application to the federal government so it can verify the person's immigration They also contend the ordistatus.

Those who can't prove legal U.S. residency would be denied tenants licenses, and the city would penalize land-

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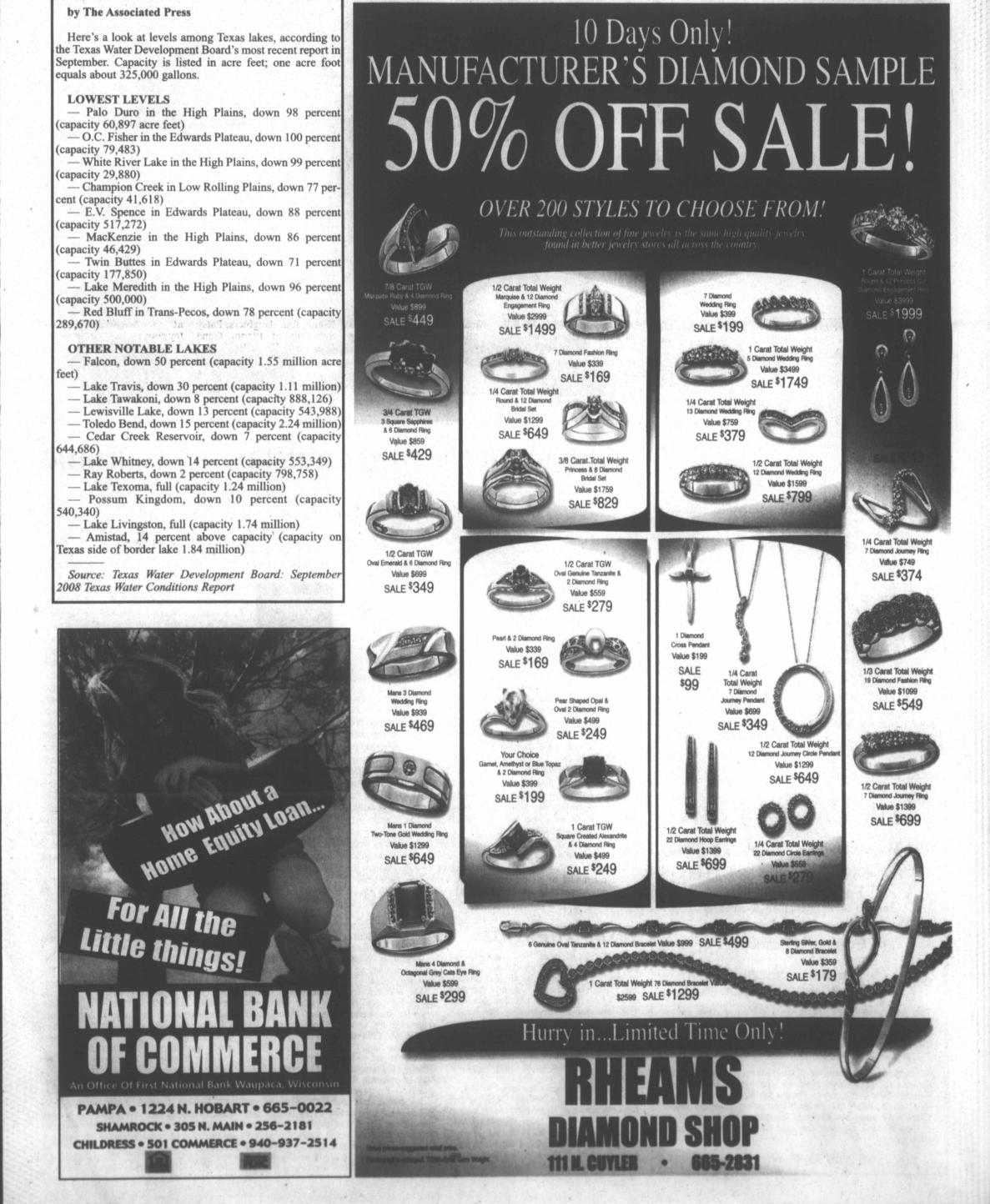
ing to regulate immigration even though it's the domain of the federal government. nance doesn't include clear procedures and safeguards while placing liability on landlords. The plaintiffs also allege

the city is violating federal housing laws. They say the ordinance is part of an attempt by Farmers Branch officials to push out Hispanic

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### Texas lake levels at a glance

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# Viewpoints

# The eighth plague of Egypt or learning to live with insects

My cousin woke up with a it was back," he continued. cockroach on his face yesterday.

Not knowing the the source of the itch, he gave the pest a sleep comatose swat. The bug returned with a bold vengeance and sat on his cheek

My cousin, with whom I live, continued telling me this story even though he knows my disdain for bugs and how they have been one of my greatest struggles of Texas living so far.

"I could feel something crawling on my face. I didn't open my eyes and just swatted it off," he said.

I screamed, a genuine, disgusted, five-alarm, holy cow I am going to wake up with a roach on my face tomorrow, scream.

"I fell asleep and then opened my eyes and realized

Another five-alarm scream from me.

"Then I realized I had been sleeping with my mouth open," he added.

Yep, that was the point in the story that a little piece of my soul died.

In Texas, there are bugs everywhere.

I hate bugs. I am your garden variety to bug coward. I genuinely hate them all: big ones, small ones, bugs that bite, bugs that fly, bugs that crawl, bugs that look like ladies, even bugs cockthat dance. The hate hasn't roaches been a real issue until recentnest on faces, and then bam!

Having made many trips to Amarillo in my lifetime, I sort of assumed that Pampa would have the same bug to people ratio. It probably does, but I had neglected to

realize that my trips to, Amarillo were mostly in the winter, the time when the bugs are dead or hibernating, dreaming of human blood.

The summer is a different reality. I envy the bugs for their

"seize the day" attitude. They have no

shame. Flies flock

Rachel food, Stennett mosquitos bite help-Staff Writer less children,

early on. On my first day to work, I was shown the desk I would be using. It isn't from this decade, or probably even the one before that, but it holds a computer and has a phonebook - essentials to any reporter - and I was content

with that.

I sat down ready to have my own "seize the day" attitude, when pulled back my chair and saw a

large brown bug (I can't name it because there aren't many bugs in Colorado Springs) come running out with my chair. He had beat me to seizing the day. Risking serious embarrassment at my new job, I with-

normal held my cry/scream/sqeal/run combo that I normally perform on the sight of bugs, and instead chose to be the bigger man and pretend I had something to do and left the area.

Every day since then, I have been "bugged" by the enemy. I have had many firsts since moving to Pampa and most have been enjoyable, or at the least memorable. I saw my first possum and was very pleased with the cuddle appeal they have. I went to my first rodeo and lost a flip-flop in the manure mixed mud (I laughed a lot.). A not as enjoyable first for me was a grasshopper.

How they ever chose a grasshopper to be the goodconscience of willed Pinocchio is beyond me. They are large, gross looking creatures that probably

crunch if you step on them. I know they won't hurt me. They hop on grass and eat it too, not posing much of a threat. Still, they ruin my day if I see them. Is it rational? No. But neither is my incredibly serious fear of worms. I would rather bathe in rodeo manure mixed mud nightly then hold a worm. I hate them.

My sister just visited Pampa, and she reminded me how much my mom would enjoy the sound of the crickets chirping at night- a true sign of Texas. I'm OK with it, but some nights I feel like the crickets are just reminding me that bugs are just as present in Texas as they were during the eighth plague of Egypt. They were here before me, and they will be here long after and I better "cowboy up" and deal with it.

## Today in History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 8, the 252nd day of 2008. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie," created by Chic Young, was first published.

'That pestilent cosmetic, rhetoric."

– T.H. Huxley English biologist and author (1825-1895)

In 1934, 134 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast. In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during

World War II. In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 49 nations in San Francisco In 1974, President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon.

dead in citronella candle wax. Even if their life span is short, I still wish it wasn't at all I knew I was in trouble

Just as quickly as they

arrived, they are swimming



In 1975, Boston's public schools began court-ordered citywide busing to achieve racial desegregation amid scattered incidents of violence.

In 1988, two nuclear-missile rocket motors were destroyed at an army ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas; they were the first U.S. weapons to be eliminated under an arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union.

In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals broke major league baseball's record for home runs in a single season, hitting number 62 off Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel and eclipsing the 37-year-old record held by Roger Maris.

Five years ago: The Recording Industry Association of America, the music industry's largest trade group, filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country against Internet users for trading songs online. Nazi-era filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl died in Poecking, Germany, at age 101

One year ago: Sheriff's deputies in Logan County, W. Va., rescued Megan Williams, a 20-year-old black woman, from a house in Big Creek, where she'd endured what authorities described as days of torture. (Six whites later pleaded guilty to various charges; a seventh is awaiting trial.) Top-ranked Justine Henin overwhelmed Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open women's title and seventh Grand Slam championship.



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# Time to quit before I outstay my welcome

saw my friend Brother Dave Gardner after he had survived a plane crash, the comedian smiled and said, "The devil like to got me." That's a good explanation for my last trip to the hospital.

I've been running a footrace with piled-up years and bad living habits, and they have pulled even and will soon be ahead. I know it may not seem to normal people that writing three columns a week requires any hard work, but it does require energy to do the research and an alertness of the mind that I can no longer muster. Hence, this will be my last column.

It's been a difficult decision to make. In one sense, I'm not sure there is even a Charley Reese without the column, but I would rather quit now than to reach a point where the editors and readers know that I should quit. Those of you who have read my column have made me a sort of guest in your home, and I don't want to overstay my welcome.

I don't intend to croak, but that's not something we can

### **Texas Thoughts**

The Dallas Morning News on the presidential candidates and immigration reform: Barely a year ago, illegal immigration was Topic A on America's agenda. It turned CNN's Lou Dobbs into a household name. This newspaper, recognizing the issue's importance, selected the illegal immigrant as our Texan of the Year not because we approved of illegal immigration but because of the huge political and social impact the phenomenon was having on our state.

Boy, did we touch a nerve.

So imagine our outrage that neither Republicans nor Democrats addressed it substantively during their recent national conventions. It was as if Barack Obama and John McCain regarded the entire topic as radioactive. When it comes to answers, the two men running for president either

Years ago, the first time I control. I have some tidying up ed in, I asked an editor if he to do. One of the things I have to do is to say a heartfelt thanks to the readers and to the editors. I've stirred my share of controversy, and the easiest solution to controversy is to simply drop the column.

greatly Charley admire those editors Reese stuck with me. I Columnist deeply appreciate the loyalty

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of my read-

ers. The sales reps and the staff at King Features are the best in the business. I feel honored to have been associated with them. To them, freedom of the press is not a slogan. I've had a good run. In 1955,

in sarcasm. But they taught me how to write clear sentences. One afternoon when I report-

this magnitude.

a buzz on, and I ain't about to ruin it with a (expletive) 10cent cup of coffee." Today's newsrooms look more like insur-

much noise. If the reporters smoke

anything at all, it's not tobacco. Instead of greasy grills,' most newspapers have salad bars. I'm sure H.L. Mencken would have seen salad bars as a sure sign of decline. John McCain can have the

last laugh, since I've said several times that he's too old to be the president. He is, even if he is more durable than I am. There are some who will celebrate my going, and it galls me to give them that pleasure. I was never ambitious, but I've always been competitive and

pugnacious. would like to get a cup of cof-At any rate, it's a great time fee. He glared at me and said, to be an American. George W. "Reese, I just spent \$15 getting Bush, who turned out to be a

> gift to comedians but a blunderer of the first order, will soon be out of office. It is historic and a good sign that a black man, Barack Obama, can win the nomination of a major party. When I started in the business, the South was still segregated, ance and blacks were invisible both offices. as employees and as subjects of Computer news stories, with the exception keyboards don't make of crime stories.

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The great advantage of a free society is the capacity to selfcorrect itself. You'd think dictators would have figured that out, but if they are not paranoid when they seize power, they become so trying to hang on to power.

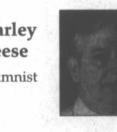
Well, enough random thoughts. My goal as a columnist has always been to stimulate and, if necessary, provoke people into thinking for themselves. If we fail to do that, a free society won't last. I wish you all a fond farewell.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

in the federal Criminal Alien Program. Several studies are underway in the Texas Legislature to determine how the state can enact its own enforcement measures. Tyler Republican Rep. Leo Berman promises to spearhead 20 to 30 bills on illegal immigration. The states of Arizona and Oklahoma already are seizing the initiative to ban illegal immigrants from the work-

Police Department continues to participate

place, sparking retaliatory proposals. If the presidential candidates are foolish enough to think illegal immigration isn't on voters' minds, they'd better think again. State and local lawmakers recognize voters' outrage. They're acting because lawmakers neither see "change we can believe in" nor "maverick courage" when it comes to progress on comprehensive immigration reform.



have no new ideas or are too afraid to ven-

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his conservative base, says he would not

vote for the comprehensive immigration

reform bill that he himself introduced in the

Senate. Mr. Obama has committed only to

deal with illegal immigration sometime

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eral action. The city of Farmers Branch on

Saturday plans to begin enforcing a new

law requiring apartment or house renters to

obtain a \$5 license that will enable the city

to verify their legal U.S. residency. Irving's

Frustrated state and local governments

and away from the elections as they can.

American voters must not allow a lead-

Mr. McCain, trying hard not to offend

ture forth with them publicly.

when I started as a reporter, newspaper city rooms were full of tobacco smoke, alcoholics, gluepots, steel rulers, copy pencils and typewriters. There was a lot of profanity and an occasional fistfight. Editors excelled



#### **By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips**

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship with my girlfriend, "Elli," for two years. We haven't seen each other for almost six months, and now she has decided she wants time apart. Our relationship was suffering during my last year of graduate school because I wasn't. able to give Elli the time she deserved. Now I have graduated and have a job that gives me more time to dedicate to her. She decided when I relocated that she would not move to the city with me. She says she wants to keep me in her life, but she "needs space" to find herself. We schedule chats on the phone and try to avoid discussing the status of our relationship, but we usually end up arguing and crying. I suggested visiting her now that I can afford to, so we can talk through our differences in person, but Elli says it would be too much for her to bear. She says she loves me and that she's doing this for the good of both of us. I miss her terribly. I think about her constantly, but I don't want to smother her and have her resent me. Is there more going on here than meets the eye? -- OUT IN THE COLD IN D.C.

**DEAR OUT IN THE COLD:** Yes, there probably is. When someone you haven't seen in six months tells you that you need more time apart, it means that she isn't as committed to having a relationship as you are. She may love you, but the question is, is she still IN love with you? The next time you chat, ask her that. Please realize that when someone says seeing you would be too much to bear, it sends a strong message -- regardless of whether or not it's the one you want to hear.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about a change I have seen in church. I accept the loud guitar music and informal settings, although I do miss the traditional hymns and formal altars. What I cannot get used to is the forced "friendly" greeting and handshaking. I attend church to meditate and worship with my family. I do not go to shake hands with strangers and give them a greeting dictated by a pastor. I like people. I am naturally caring, outgoing and friendly. However, I believe that a greeting or handshake should come from my own heart. I have mentioned this to friends and family from all faiths, ages and walks of life. None of them like this scheduled "greeting" either. Many say they head for the restroom at that time, turn their backs or just shake hands with the people they came with, come to church late to avoid it, or don't come at all. Others feel the practice is unsanitary. I suggest that church leaders take an anonymous poll and ask how many in their congregations agree with me. What do you think, Abby? -- MINISTER'S **DAUGHTER, CAYUCOS, CALIF.** 

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Thank you for asking my opinion. Here it is: Something is wrong in our fragmented society if, for one moment in a house of God, people cannot find it in their hearts to reach out and make sure that everyone feels included and welcome. And for those who fear it is unsanitary -- bring small bottles of hand sanitizer.

### For Better Or Worse



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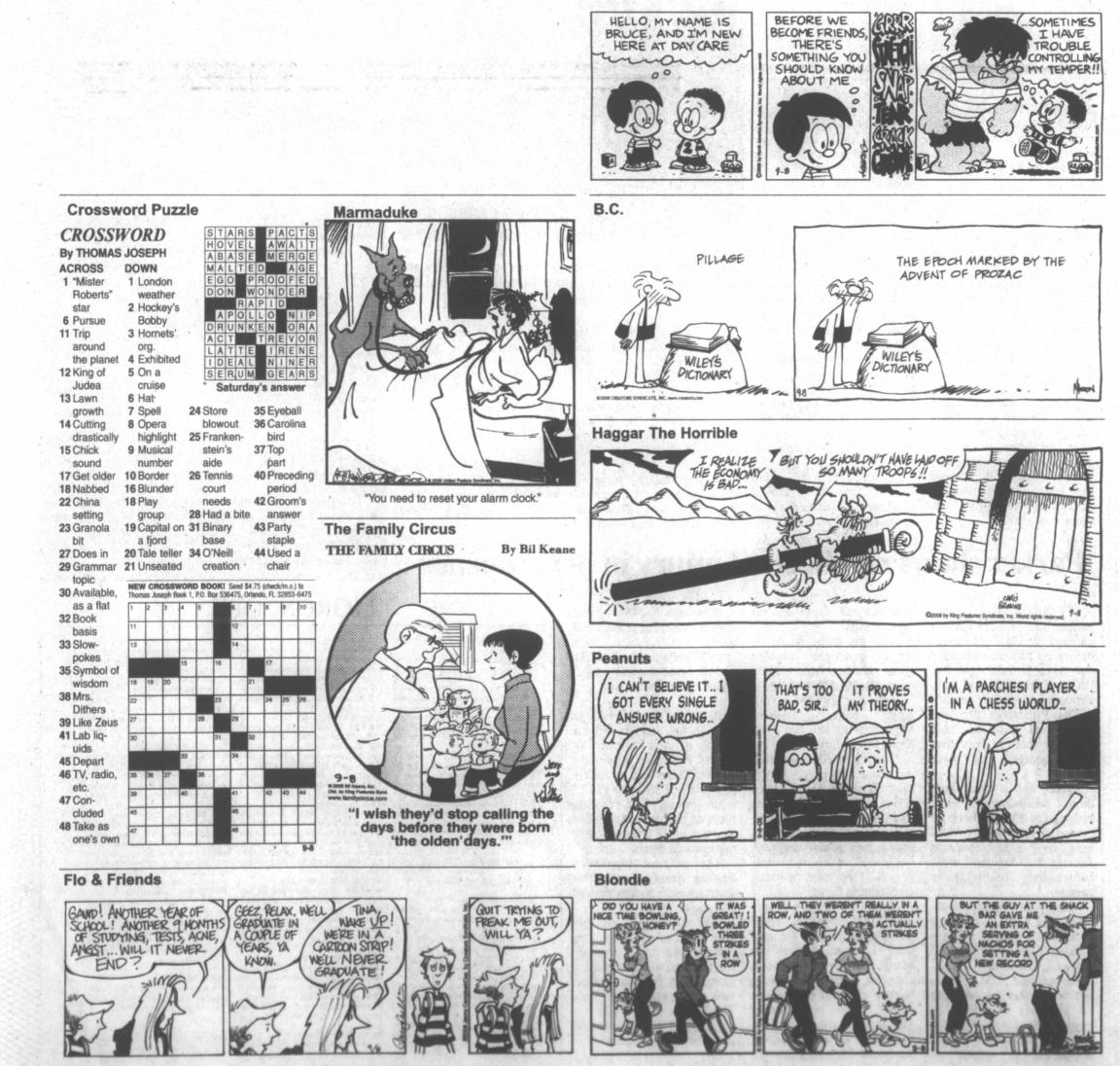
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# Sports

# Pirates defeat Warriors with 49 point win



photo by Lendi Jackson Lefors' Pirate Dustin Forsyth tackles a Miami Warrior on Friday's Homecoming game. The Pirates defeated the Warriors, 63 to 14. The Pirates victory was decided by the 45-point rule.

# PHS swim team welcomes new coach

#### **By Kathy White**

Edward Garvin is the new coach of the Pampa High School swimming . Second team captain and diving team.

Garvin, who swam for Amarillo High School under the direction of Coach Tim Estes, is in his second year of teaching at PHS.

Garvin is beggining his swim-coaching career with "a strong team and high hopes." With a team of about 30, Garvin said his first goal is to win Pampa's tenth straight district swimming championship. He also had hopes to win the regional

"The freshmen look promising. I think the guys relay will go to state," she said.

Guyer agreed with West. "Our chances are pretty good this year, especially with the guys 400-free

relay team. As a whole, the team seems to have a positive outlook on the year ahead.

"It's going to be a good year. We're going to work hard and tear it up," Neef said.

Garvin's experience as a swimmer for AHS has helped him, realize the unique challenge in find-



chin of pop star Jessica dropped at

championship. also hopes to take some of the members on the team to the state meet in Austin.

"The kids look really good," Garvin explained. "We are going to work on some good technique and stroke correction. And, we are going to work on shaving some time off."

Colby Dennis. Ana Sacedo, Tonya Kiper, Cole guyer, Abby West and Dustin Need lead the team as returning seniors. Four juniors and seven sophomores return to the team, which is rounded out by the addition of two new sophomore swimmers and nine freshmen.

The team is beginning the year with optimism, according to West, the team captain.

Garvin ing and participating in meets within a 300-mile range. PHS is challengd because the district has access to a small number of swimming facilities large enough to accomdate swim mets.

> This requires the team to travel far distances to "gain the critical experience" needed before competing at regional and state meets, Garvin explained.

The Pescos Invitational is one of the best meets for the PHS team because of its size and the opportunity it affords for the team to swim against "high quality competitors.'

In an effort to raise funds for the travel expenses to attend these swimming competitions, well as the high school



photo by Kathy White

New PHS swim and dive team coach Edward Garvin instructs sophomore Colton Sweatt at the M.K. Brown municipal pool.

the team begins their team. With the help of his annual cookie dough sales assistant, today, Sept. 8. The sale Henthorn, the students will run though Sept. 27. Anyone wanting to buy cookie dough can contact Andrews, Odessa and any swimmer or Deana Pecos. Scheep at 662-0463 or Melissia Gordon at 663-

Garvin will be training required to have a sucthe seven middle school swimmers and divers as level.

Tammy will be able to compete with distances as far as

Garvin said that middle school is an "integral part" of the training cessful swimming program at the high school X-rays on his ribs were foot

acked up nearly 500 yards,

### Parker shows no effects of injury in 3-TD opener

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PITTSBURGH — Despite leading the NFL in rushing yardage through 14 weeks before his 2007 season ended due to a broken right leg, Willie Parker scored only two touchdowns last season.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back eclipsed that in less than three quarters of work Sunday.

Parker had a career-high three touchdowns while rushing for 138 yards on 25 carries in Pittsburgh's 38-17 win over the Houston Texans, the Steelers' sixth consecutive victory in an opener.

"Last year, I wanted to do more, and being a goal-line back, that's part of being a running back, finishing off the drive," he said.

Parker had 1,316 yards last season before breaking his leg early in a Dec. 20 game at St. Louis. Without him, the Steelers lost their season-ending game at

Baltimore and their wildcard playoff game against Jacksonville.

With his game based on speed, questions lingered about whether Parker could return to his previous form. The Steelers drafted a running back, Rashard Mendenhall, in the first round this spring.

"I just wanted to get back out there and play," Parker said. "It seems like it's been a long time coming. It seems like I have been waiting forever. I know I was only out one or two games last year, but it seemed like the whole season. I've been working and training hard."

Parker rushed for more than 4,000 yards and scored 23 touchdowns in the past three seasons, despite not being drafted out of North Carolina, where he was a backup most of his college career. His performance Sunday was the 22nd 100yard game of his career and the fourth-highest game out-

put of his career. Pittsburgh is 19-3 when

Parker rushes for at least 100 yards.

"Willie Parker looked like we expected him to look," coach Mike Tomlin said.

**BIG-PLAY DEFENSE:** Though the Steelers led the league in total defense last season, big plays often were missing. They had relatively low totals of 36 sacks and 11 interceptions, and creating more of those types of plays was a point of emphasis during training camp.

The defense responded against Houston with two interceptions, a fumble and five sacks.

"We came out and got after the run," defensive end Aaron Smith said. "Then we forced them into the passing game. After that, we can get you with our pass rush. That's what we're really trying to do - stop the run and get after the quarterback."

### HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008:

You are far more together than you've been for many years, though responsibil-ities weigh heavily on your life and year. You also might be ready to walk a new path and become far more creative and dynamic. Watch an innate tendency that emerges to go to excess; it some causes you to risk way beyond your lim-its. If you let go and indulge in this behavior, you could discover that you are in trouble. If you are single, you have a revolving door of suitors. Choosing the right person could take time, patience and talent. If you are attached, you add the quality of romance once more into your relationship. Some will add to their family; others will just go out on old-fashioned dates! CAPRICORN evokes your imagination. Together you find answers.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Opportunities strike left and right, leaving you questioning which way to go, You might want to rethink an issue or do something quite differently. With so much coming at you from left field, you can scarcely stop. Tonight: A must appearance. Others follow your lead. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Reach out for someone at a distance. You also might want to get more information. The problem is sorting through the amount of information you are getting. You might need a break. Someone pushes hard for you to agree. Tonight: Let your mind wander and find

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  If you differ with someone, it is OK, but the real issue is how you present the situation. There are many, many dif-ferent ways to proceed; which one you choose is a question of preference Tonight: Note that you are not locked into anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Others dominate, but do no even think that you have reached a dead end. There are so many possibilities that you could be surprised. Listen to news with a touch of skepticism. There are many paths to the same goal. Tonight: Listen to suggestions. Others express a strong preference. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Follow through on what you know works for you. You could be overwhelmed by the many possibilities that head your way. Do not spend money before you get it. Use care and insight. Ultimately, you will be a happier Lion. Tonight: Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Where others jam up, you flow. You find answers where others cannot. Your smiling ways draw solutions nearly as much as an innate ingenuity. A serious approach will push someone away - count on it. Tonight: Romp LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\pi \pi \pi \pi$  Your easygoing manner works and makes others feel as if they are part of your family. You finally establish a tter sense of self and what is expect of others. Consider working from home more often if you can. Tonight: Happy at

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* \*\* Keep expressing yourself and common interests. How you deal with

one could greatly change becaus of an important conversation. Be aware of how much you offer. Think positively. Tonight: Hang out if possible. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Your abilities to make a difference and possibly go in a new direction earmark your decisions. Finances, as you under ind, make the world go are especially right now. Tonight: Be realis-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Understanding that you are unstoppable could be more important than you realize. Listen to what is shared, and be honest about the impact you want to have, as well as what might be appro-priate. Tonight: All smiles. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* You might want to try some different or approach a situation differ-ently. You could be taken aback by another's insistence to have his or her way. Be careful, as you could rupture this

situation permanently. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Friends surround you, opening doors and making the imp possible. What will happen is, if you hes-itate, you could hit a problem out of the blue You are best off working with friends. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Where the action is.

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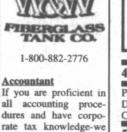


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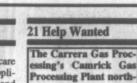


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