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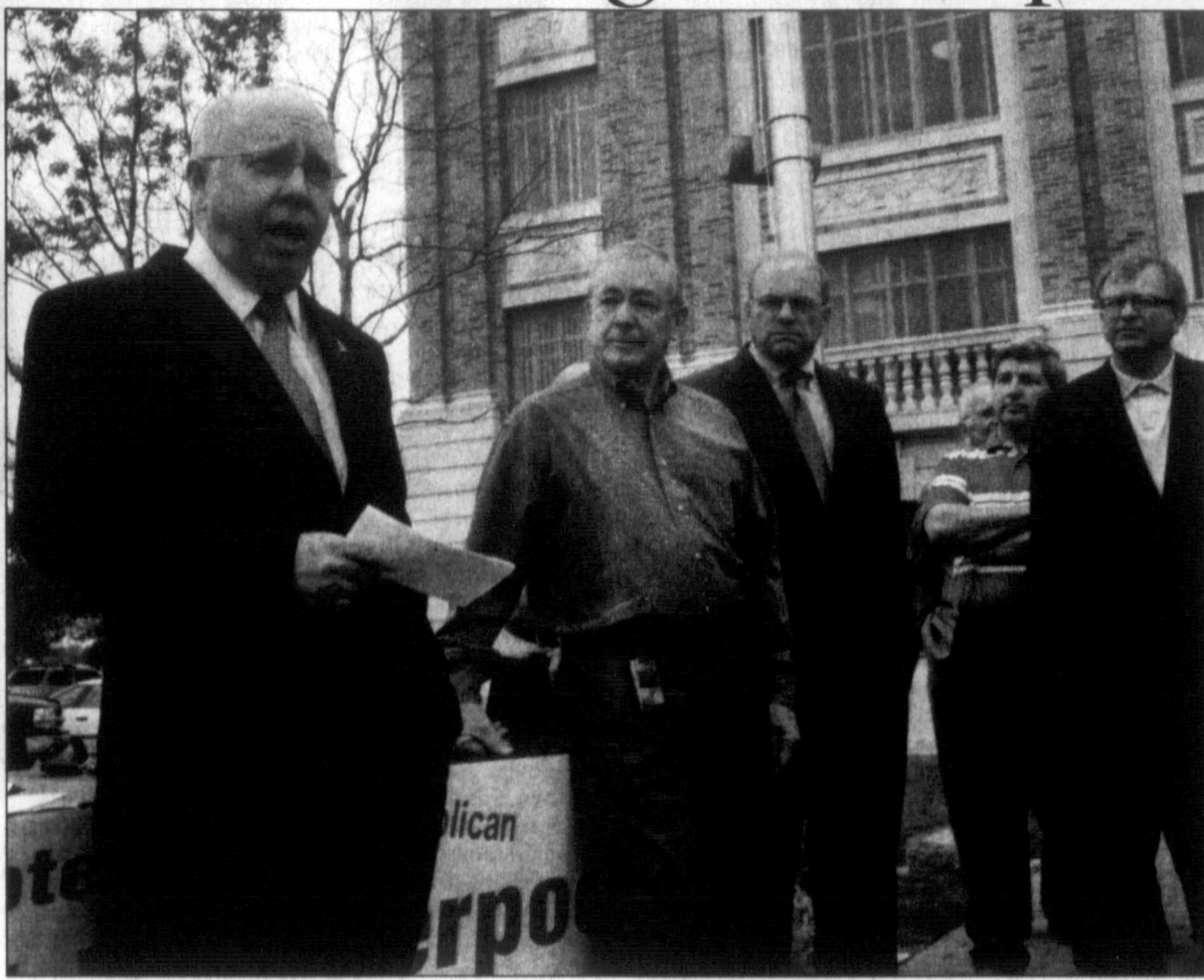
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Waters retiring, Vanderpool running



Rep Warren Chisum, Doug Carmichael and others listen as Phil Vanderpool announces his candidacy for 223rd District Judge in front of the Gray County Courthouse Tuesday morning, Sept. 15.

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Judge Phil Vanderpool stood in front of a crowd of supporters in front of the Gray County Courthouse today to announce that he is running for 223rd State District Judge.

Judge Lee Waters, who now sits on the 223rd bench, has announced that he will retire at the end of his term.

"Judge Waters has served the 223rd District Court, the Gray County justice system and Gray County's communities for almost 20 years with exceptional judicial leadership and vision," Vanderpool said today. "I consider it an honor to have this opportunity to follow Judge Waters and his predecessor, Judge Don Cain, both of whom served the 223rd Judicial District with dedication and the highest integrity."

Vanderpool is now an associate judge in the Ninth Judicial Administrative Region of Texas, sitting in eight district courts encompassing 21 counties in the panhandle. He hears child abuse, family law and related cases. He has been on the bench since Jan. 2, 2002.

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United offering onsite clinics

United Supermarkets Pharmacy will be conducting immunization clinics to provide flu vaccination during the 2009-2010 influenza season.

The first onsite clinic was conducted at The Pampa News Friday, Sept. 11 and 11 others have already been scheduled, according to Beth Bagwell of United Supermarkets Pharmacy in Pampa.

This year with the outbreak of the H1N1 or swine flu virus, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention is preparing for a possibly severe flu season and is encouraging people to get their regular influenza vaccines.

At this time, the H1N1

is in clinical studies and has not yet been distributed to health care providers for administration. There are however two regular seasonal influenza vaccines available: the traditional vaccine which is administered by injection into the muscle, and Flumist®, a nasally administered spray.

Flumist® is available for healthy patients between the ages of 2 and 49 years. Pharmacists will be offering the traditional vaccine during our immunization clinics and Flumist® will be available at United's pharmacies for administration.

Family members of your team members may receive the vaccine at your location as well.

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Residents circulating petition in protest of water park location

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Several residents who live in the area of Inez Carter Park are currently circulating a petition that calls for the city to find an alternative location for its proposed water park facility.

The Pampa City Commission voted recently to build the facility adjacent to Inez Carter Park at the strong urging of the Pampa Economic Development Board of Directors, who told the commission the PEDC would not participate in the project unless it was built at that location.

Prior to that announcement, city officials had

seemed to favor building the water park at the site of the current pool.

Joseph Neil, who has owned a home near the site since 1969 is one of those against the location.

Neil says the water park would destroy his neighborhood. "It's (Inez Carter Park) the only playground for kids in the area," Neil said.

The petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby petition the City of Pampa, Gray county, Texas, to find another location for the city water park.

The increase in automobile traffic will make it unsafe for our children and they will lose the only

playground in the area. Let alone the volume of trash that will come from this park will be blown all over the neighborhood.

Furthermore, we feel this will lower the value of our property if this park is allowed to be put in a residential area.

It needs to be located next to one of the highways that come into Pampa, in an area that can better handle the increase both in traffic and trash."

Neil said the group circulating the petition will ask to be on the next commission agenda. "We're willing to go as far as necessary to get this stopped," he said. This is totally wrong."

Constitutional Amendment Election Nov. 3

AUSTIN — Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment election is Monday, Oct. 5.

"The deadline is approaching, but there is still time to register if you have not already done so," said Andrade. "It only takes a few minutes to fill out a voter registration application — or to update information if you have moved — to be eligible to cast a ballot in November."

Voters will decide on eleven proposed amendments put forth by the 81st Legislature.

Texans can review ballot language, explanatory statements regarding each

proposed amendment and a sample ballot for the Nov. 3 election at the Secretary of State's Web site: www.sos.state.tx.us.

Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from many county offices, post offices and libraries or may download an application from the VOTEXAS Website: www.votexas.org. A person may also check their registration status on the Web site or by calling the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Texas residents are eligible to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a convicted felon (unless sen-

tence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

Explanatory Statements for the November 3rd, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition 1
(HJR 132)

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission

of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

Proposition 2

(HJR 36 - #1)

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 75 Low 58	High 76 Low 57	High 76 Low 57
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.		
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.		
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.		
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.		

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CAP calls off search for McAllen pilot

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Civil Air Patrol has suspended its search for a Texas pilot believed to have run out of fuel as he flew home from Mexico. The McAllen Monitor reports a plane flown by 52-year-old John "Andy" Howard of McAllen has been missing since Aug. 31 on a flight from Torreon, Mexico. A spokeswoman for McCreery Aviation, where Howard did air ambulance and charter service, did not

immediately return a message Tuesday for comment. Mexican aviation officials have said they believe the Cessna 414 ran out of fuel, between 40 and 80 miles south of McAllen. CAP called off the search Sunday. Capt. Ernesto Hernandez, director of aerial services for the Mexican state of Tamaulipas (tom-uh-LEE-pus), said he hoped to search later this week when routine maintenance on his helicopter is completed.

Patrick Swayze dies of cancer at 57

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Swayze personified a particular kind of masculine grace both on and off screen, from his roles in films like "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost" to the way he carried himself in his long fight with pancreatic cancer. Swayze died from the illness on Monday in Los Angeles, his publicist said. He was 57. "Patrick Swayze passed away peacefully today with family at his side after facing the challenges of his illness for the last 20 months," Annett Wolf said in a statement Monday evening. She declined to give details. Fans of the actor were saddened to learn in March 2008 that Swayze was suffering from an especially deadly form of cancer. He continued working despite the diagnosis, putting together a memoir with his wife and shooting "The Beast," an A&E drama series for which he had already made the pilot.

Swayze said he chose not to use painkillers while making "The Beast" because they would have taken the edge off his performance. The show drew a respectable 1.3 million viewers when the 13 episodes ran this year. When he first went public with the illness, some reports gave him only weeks to live, but his doctor said his situation was "considerably more optimistic" than that. Swayze acknowledged that time might be running out given the grim nature of the disease. "I'd say five years is pretty wishful thinking," Swayze told ABC's Barbara Walters in early 2009. "Two years seems likely if you're going to believe statistics. I want to last until they find a cure, which means I'd better get a fire under it." And that's exactly what he did. In February, Swayze wrote an op-ed piece in the Washington Post titled, "I'm Battling Cancer.

Obituaries

Harry John Dulaney, 84

Pampa — Harry John Dulaney, 84, died September 13, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at Trinity Fellowship, with Rev. Ronnie Goode, associate pastor, officiating. Military honors are courtesy of U. S. Navy, and cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Dulaney was born December 25, 1924 in Stroud, Oklahoma. He had

been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He and his wife farmed and ranched in Jericho and in Little Chief, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II. Harry married Clela Fern Phillips in 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on February 10, 1999. He was a Baptist. He enjoyed traveling to horse cutting shows with his friends, and he also raised and trained border collies. He was a lifetime member of the Texas Sheep-Cattle Dog

Association. Harry always captivated his audience with his stories. Survivors include one daughter, Harriet Smiley of Pampa; son, John Harry Dulaney and wife Jerri of Houston; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a special friend, D. L. Hale of Pampa. Harry was preceded in death by his parents: Harry and Elizabeth Dulaney; a sister: Betty Lee Rushing; and a grandson, John Wayne Dulaney.



Dulaney
 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Wallace G. Ehmann, 80

Miami, Texas — Wallace G. Ehmann, 80, died September 13, 2009, in Pampa. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of Happy United Methodist Church, and Rev. Mindy McLanahan, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Ehmann was born June 23, 1929 in Tremonton, Utah. He had been a resident of Miami

since 1931. Wallace married Bobbie Burns on July 31, 1948 in Pampa. He was a farmer and rancher in Miami and in Gettysburg, SD. Wallace was a member of the Miami Masonic Lodge #805 AF & AM and the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Ehmann of the home; one son, Fred Ehmann of Miami; two daughters, Katie Krienke and husband Daniel of Perryton and Susie Spurlock and husband Wesley of Stratford; seven grandchildren, Shawn Ehmann of Miami, Christina Flowers of Canyon, Amber Dawn Ehmann of San Antonio, Chad Githens of Perryton,

Brad Githens of Booker, Walter Spurlock and Jennie Spurlock both of Lubbock. 16 great-grandchildren, one nephew: Ronald Rush of Enid, OK; one niece: Trixie Arnold of Kansas, OK. Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ora Ehmann; one sister, Jo Ann Melsa; one son-in-law, Bob Githens and three grandchildren, Todd Githens, Billie Russell and Cory Dudley. MEMORIALS: Miami Volunteer EMS, 214 N Main St., Miami, TX 79059; Miami Roberts County Volunteer Fire Department, 214 N Main St., Miami, TX 79059; or the Miami Masonic Lodge



Ehmann
 #805. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Please sign the on-line register www.carmichael-whatley.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, September 14 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, September 15. Monday Animal Control Officers responded to 10 calls or stops. Pampa Police Officers made 12 traffic stops, had eight ongoing investigations, and responded to four requests for information. An alarm was reported in the 2600 block of N. Evergreen Street. Theft of service was reported in the 300 block of Roberta Street. An estimated \$50 of water was stolen. A 911 hang-up was reported in the 1400 block of N. Russell Street. Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of E. Foster Avenue. A follow up investigation in regards to an abandoned vehicle was reported in the

2600 block of N. Hobart Street. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue. An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of Williston Street. A warrant was serviced in the 800 block of E. Craven Avenue. Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart Street. An accident was reported in the intersection of Perryton Parkway and 28th street. An animal complaint was reported in the 500 block of N. Nelson Street. An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of N. Banks Street. Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Mora Avenue. Assault was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue. A juvenile was assaulted by three to four suspects. Injuries unknown still under investigation. Hazmat responded to the intersection of 25th and Cherokee.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 700 block of E. Kingsmill Avenue. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of E. Jordan Street. A traffic complaint was taken in the 2300 block of N. Chestnut Drive. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Dwight Street. A traffic complaint was taken in the 600 block of N. Dwight Street. Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of N. Christy Street. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of N. Frost Street. A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of N. Hobart Street. A traffic stop in the 400 block of S. Starkweather Street resulted in the arrest of Christina English. English was arrested for possession of drugs. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of S. Graham Street. There were minor injuries and no medical attention needed. It's still under investigation.

The Gray County Sheriff's Department SHERIFF reported the following arrests during the last 24-hours. Monday, Sept. 14. Bret Wayne Marney, 21, of McLean, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500. Kenneth Oren Cargal, 32, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of property greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. Tuesday, Sept. 15. Nerissa Danielle Perry, 23, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft of property greater than \$20 but less than \$500 by check. Christina Thryselius-English, 25, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

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 - MARTIAL ARTS Adult Classes (12-18yrs.) starting now! Call 665-8554.
 - RESCHEDULED PHS Choir Car Wash, Sat. Sept. 19th, 9-3pm., NBC Bank parking lot.
 - THE PAMPA Optimist Club is in need of officials for their youth football program. Games are on Saturdays, for more info. Call Shane Stokes at 669-5351 or Chris Porter 662-3921

Giuliani returns to Texas for Perry fundraisers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has reunited with former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani for a campaign fundraising swing across Texas. Perry and Giuliani lashed out Tuesday against federal border security efforts during a stopover in San Antonio. It was a veiled political shot against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is challenging Perry for next year's Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Despite liberal views on abortion and gay rights that clash with conservative Republicans, Giuliani has become political allies with Perry. Perry deflected a question about what Giuliani brings to his reelection bid despite those differences, saying the border is not a campaign issue. The two are scheduled to appear in Austin later Tuesday. Fundraising stops in Houston and Dallas are also planned.

A&M faculty senate wants policy expanded

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Some Texas A&M University faculty senate members want sexual orientation and gender identity to be added to the anti-discrimination policy for the entire A&M system. The senate on Monday discussed the idea of asking regents to OK the nonbinding resolution, but no possible action will be

taken until October, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Tuesday. Current policy calls for "equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment, and the public regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or veteran status."

Election

Proposition 3 (HJR 36 - #3)
HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

Proposition 4 (HJR 14 - #2)

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

Proposition 5 (HJR 36 - #2)

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

Proposition 6 (HJR 116)

HJR 116 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of

selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

Proposition 7 (HJR 127)

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

Proposition 8 (HJR 7)

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state."

Proposition 9 (HJR 102)

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

Proposition 10 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected

Judge

experience as an associate judge, Vanderpool was a certified hearing examiner for the Texas Education Agency for more than four years and a municipal judge for more than 14 years.

"I will apply that experience to broader range of issues seeking to achieve timely resolution of cases with fairness, justice and dignity," Vanderpool said today. "I will continue my service to the children of Gray County and the Texas Panhandle through my work on the State Bar's standing committee on Child Abuse and Neglect and assisting the child protection court judge."

Vanderpool helped create the Great Plains CASA for Kids office in Hereford and the CASA of the Rolling Plains in Childress. He has continued to work with CASA of the High Plains in Pampa, CASA 69 in Dalhart and the Amarillo Area CASA.

In 2006, Vanderpool was one of four finalists for the Texas CASA Judge of the Year.

Licensed to practice law in 1975, Vanderpool has

over 26 years as an attorney in Pampa.

Vanderpool is a member of the State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. He is chairman of the Legal Education Subcommittee that is responsible for the Child Abuse and Neglect Workshop at the State Bar's annual Advanced Family Law Course and was course director for the workshop in 2009.

The judge is a Life Fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation and a Fellow in the College of the State Bar. He's served as a co-chair of the Child Protection Specialty Courts Advocacy Group for the Texas Office of Court Administration in Austin.

Vanderpool was on the Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees from 1980 to 1982 and again from 1991 to 1997, serving two years as president of the school board.

The judge graduated from McMurry College in Abilene, in 1972, and from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1975.

He lives in Pampa with

his wife, Gladys and two sons, Keith and Stephen.

Vanderpool is active in the Kiwani's Club, Gray County Child Welfare

Board, Boy Scouts of America, Salvation Army, Red Cross and United Way.

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Flu

Persons receiving the vaccinations by our pharmacists must be 8 years of age or older. Persons between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by, and have the signature of, a parent or guardian.

Prices for on-site clinics will be \$20 per immunization. In addition, United does bill Medicare for flu vaccinations, so fees will not be collected from persons covered by Medicare Part B.

The clinic administrator will need a copy of

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Medicare recipients' 10 card prior to immunization. Family members will be responsible for payment at the time of service unless prior arrangements have been made.

Clinics began September 14 and continue through December, or for as long as vaccine is available. If your business is interested in hosting an immunization clinic at your location, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that United can accommodate your date preferences.

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members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

Proposition 11 (HJR 14 - #1)

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use,

and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

State Financial Accountability Rating
Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at
6:00 PM September 22, 2009
in the Board Room at Carver Center
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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, September 15, the 258th day of 2009. There are 107 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1776 - British forces occupy New York City during the American Revolution.
- 1777 - Polish Count Casimir Pulaski is commissioned major general in American Revolutionary Army.
- 1810 - Mexico rejects Spanish rule.
- 1821 - Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador declare independence.
- 1882 - British forces occupy Cairo; Arab Pasha surrenders and is banished to Ceylon — now Sri Lanka.
- 1916 - Tanks are used for the first time in war, in a British attack on German lines near the Somme in France.
- 1935 - The Nuremberg laws are passed, making discrimination against Jews part of Germany's national policy and making the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

'Inside every real man a child is hidden that wants to play.'

— Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher

1940 - The Royal Air Force inflicts heavy losses on the Luftwaffe as the tide turns in the Battle of Britain during World War II.

1942 - German armies attack Russian city of Stalingrad in World War II.

1950 - U.N. forces under U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur land at Inchon, South Korea, halting North Korean advance.

1953 - The U.N. General Assembly rejects Communist demands that China be admitted into the organization in order to help plan a Korean peace conference.

1959 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is welcomed by U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower as he arrives for an unprecedented two-week visit to the U.S.

1963 - Four children are killed when a bomb goes off during Sunday services at a black Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama.

1988 - Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir says Hungary has agreed to renew ties with Israel after 21-year break.

1992 - Palestinian negotiators demand a commitment that Israel will withdraw from east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as part of a Middle East settlement.

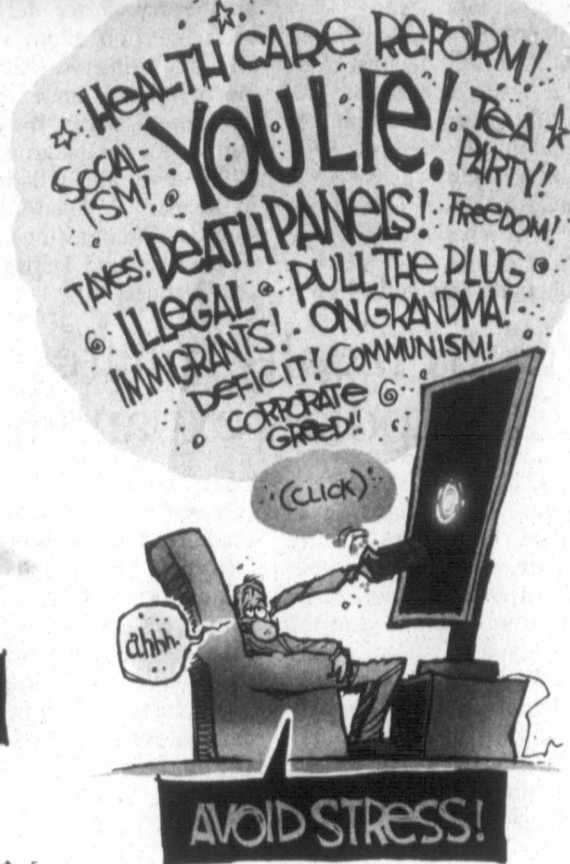
2000 - Mexicans are free to publicly toast their independence from Spain for the first time in 70 years. The sale of alcoholic beverages during patriotic Mexican events had been banned since President Pascual Ortiz Rubio was wounded in an assassination attempt in 1930.

Today's Birthdays:
 James Fenimore Cooper, U.S. writer (1789-1851); Robert Benchley, U.S. drama critic (1849-1945); Agatha Christie, British writer (1890-1976); Jean Renoir, French film director (1894-1979); Jessye Norman, U.S. soprano (1945--); Tommy Lee Jones, U.S. actor (1946--); Oliver Stone, U.S. film director (1946--); Britain's Prince Harry (1984--).

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Opinion from across Texas

Austin American-Statesman on Gov. Rick Perry and higher education:

The governor is dabbling in -- meddling with, some would say -- your higher education system.

In two recent examples, we believe Gov. Rick Perry was within his authority (if less than candid) on one and way out of bounds on the other.

The American-Statesman's Jason Embry and Ralph K.M. Haurwitz reported that Perry worked behind the scenes late last year to try to get University of Texas regents to pick his favorite candidate -- former Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford -- for chancellor of the UT system.

Former Regents Robert Rowling, John Barnhill Jr. and H. Scott Caven Jr. (all Perry appointees) told the Statesman that Perry made his wishes known last December as the board moved toward its eventual selection of Francisco Cigarroa.

"I hate to answer yes or no," Barnhill said when asked if Perry's call to him was out of line.

We are not afraid of saying yes or no on this one. Yes, depending on how it's done, it might be a little heavy-handed for a governor to tell regents whom he or she favors for a key post. But, no, there is nothing wrong with it.

In fact, we expect leaders to lead, and that can include weighing in on major decisions faced by appointees.

In this case, short of evidence about threats or intimidation, we see nothing wrong with Perry weighing in with his thoughts on what he thought was best for UT. He is the governor. He can claim credit for everything that goes right and expect blame for everything that goes wrong.

On this one we agree with Caven, who said it was "perfectly proper" for Perry to weigh in. And we admire the regents for doing what they thought was right -- despite Perry's opposition.

What we don't admire is what we heard from Perry's office about his role in the UT chancellor selection.

"I am not privy to the governor's private conversations, but the selection of the chancellor was a board decision," said

spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger.

Please. How about a little backbone? How about something like, "Yes, the governor reviewed the situation and offered his input on this important selection. His appointees considered all of the input. They made a fine choice, and we respect their decision."

The bottom line is there is nothing wrong with gubernatorial input devoid of threats, retribution and in-your-face politics.

The latter seems to be what happened in the case of two former Tech regents who spoke to the American-Statesman's Embry and Corrie MacLaggan about Perry's pressure on them stemming from their support of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's campaign to defeat Perry in next year's GOP gubernatorial primary.

Ex-Regents Windy Sitton and Mark Griffin said Perry got word to them that they should drop their public support of Hutchison or quit the board.

Sitton said the message came through Scott Dueser, then the board chairman, who told her Perry wanted her to "cease and desist supporting Kay Bailey immediately or resign from the board." Sitton did neither but was replaced when her term expired.

Griffin said he got Perry's instructions after praising Hutchison at a campaign rally last month. Griffin said Brian Newby, Perry's former chief of staff, told him the governor "expects loyalty out of his appointees, and if you can't be loyal, it's probably not best to be on the team."

Griffin resigned in August. "I was concerned that my staying on would be a distraction and could possibly place the institution at political risk," he told the American-Statesman.

Perry disputes Griffin's account.

"We didn't have anything to do with it," the governor said Friday. "I didn't talk to anybody."

Someone's not telling us the truth. We hope it is not our governor, a skilled politician now in the political fight of his life.

The Dallas Morning News on TARP panel transparency:

If we had been advis-

ing Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner last week, we would have suggested he first introduce himself to the five members of the congressionally appointed committee charged with overseeing \$700 billion in federal bailout funds. Then, go about testifying before the panel.

On Thursday, the secretary came before the Troubled Asset Relief Program oversight committee for only the second time, even though the rescue of the financial, auto and housing industries is his responsibility. We don't know about you, but we would think he'd be a regular guest before the committee.

At least he was making a repeat appearance. That's more than you can say about the heads of Bank of America, Citigroup and J.P. Morgan Chase. About this time last year, each of them was on the verge of queuing up for federal bucks so they could survive the economic downturn. Yet they have said nary a peep before the committee.

The panel has heard from second-tier banks who have received funds from us, the taxpayers. And its members have heard from some auto industry executives. But not the big boys.

Committee representatives tell us that J.P. Morgan Chase rebuffed their invitation. And that they get information from big banks, although neither Bank of America nor Citigroup have yet been invited to testify. We hear that. But if the execs were invited and didn't show up, why didn't committee leaders make a big stink about their stonewalling? And why haven't Bank of America or Citigroup been invited yet?

The lack of appearances by the major recipients isn't the only woe facing the panel, which has three members appointed by congressional Democrats and two named by congressional Republicans. One of the Republican members, Dallas Rep. Jeb Hensarling, keeps pressing the committee's Democratic majority to release the transcripts of the members' regular conference calls.

So far, he's been rebuffed. We were, too, when we asked the committee about the transcripts. A spokesman cited the precedent of prior congressionally appointed panels not releasing records of their internal discussions.

But those panels weren't dealing with rescuing so many industries. And President Barack Obama rode into office promising greater transparency in government. Evidently the Democrats in control of the committee didn't get his memo.

To be sure, the committee has produced some detailed reports and the panel's chairwoman, Elizabeth Warren, has seemed frustrated by the difficulty of getting good information. We have no quarrel there.

And we're glad that the panel's monthly meetings are open to the public. But a committee whose goal is to make sure-taxpayer bailout dollars aren't wasted should make all their votes and discussions open to the public. And it should insist, that the bigger recipients tell what they did with the money.

The lack of oversight of financial industries is one reason the economy got into such trouble. Surely, the overseers get that point, don't they?

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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009:
This year, note the forces behind the scene. In the process of learning what is going on with others, you also will learn what is going on with you. Remember, you observe and choose the questions, therefore your mental skill will factor in. Be willing to hold up a mirror. If you are single, check out any love interest before you dive into a relationship. You might gravitate toward people who are emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from a lot of downtime together, without worldly concerns. Let the romance sizzle again. A fellow VIRGO understands you quite well.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Can there be such a thing as too many options? You get to weigh the pros and cons today. Confusion could surround a key goal or meeting. Don't lose your pace at this moment. Someone demonstrates his or her creativity. Tonight: Put your feet up.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You come from a basic point of view. You might want to pull back and relax. How you see a situation could change radically. A boss or someone you look up to adds to the confusion. Look beyond the obvious and willingly let go of rigid ideas. Tonight: Midweek break.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** When making calls, remember that others could have some heavy issues. As you are working out a problem, you'll see another solution. Find an

expert or someone who helps you look past the obvious. Let others see your feelings. Tonight: Head home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Be careful with your finances. You could go overboard and not be able say no to a purchase. Don't add to the confusion; try to stay simple and direct. You could be startled by what a partner offers if you are open. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Move early in the day. You'll discover that many people respond in a big way. Allow more creativity and excitement to come from a merging of minds. You put someone on a pedestal, partially because he or she inspires you. Tonight: Honor your budget.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Maintain a low profile today. Gather information and allow greater give-and-take. Listen to your inner voice. You don't want to act immediately, but you might like getting more facts and information. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Use the early hours for key issues and important matters. At this point, you'll draw more support and response. Later today, you might want to slow down and gather more information. Your observations remain key as well. Tonight: Do your thing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Others look to you for leadership and direction. You might want to try another approach or handle a project in a different way. Others like your resourcefulness, and one person lets you know how much he or she admires your abilities. Tonight: Find your friends.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Let others communicate their bottom lines. You have the ability to read between the lines and see the true motives of others. Your appreciation and acknowledgment can help understanding. Take a stand and be willing to lead others to get the desired results. Tonight: A must appearance.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Know when to lie back and say less. Gather information rather than take action, which is your strength for now. Later today, you will render a very different opinion after reassessing the facts and gaining understanding. Tonight: Brainstorm with those in the know.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Defer to others, and get down to the basics of a situation by encouraging more free-flowing talk. You see people differently from many. You eye a person whom you can share some of your ideas and inspired ideas with. Tonight: Talk with a pal over dinner.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Dive into work and understand what is going on. Read between the lines and understand what is happening with a co-worker. Share more of your inner thoughts. You will gain and grow through the process of others understanding you better too. Tonight: Out and about.

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Artist Jean Arp (1886), radio and television producer Allen Funt (1914), guitarist B.B. King (1925) ***

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Sports

Steer wrestler seeks second trip to Vegas

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Matt Reeves, of Pampa, Texas, is closer to qualifying for the Wrangler National Finals in Las Vegas.

As of September 15, Reeves is ranked 13th in the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association Steer Wrestling Standings with \$55,005 in winnings. The top 15 go to Las Vegas for the Finals December 3-12. Reeves said being 10th gives him a good chance to qualify.

"We work all year to have a chance to go to the finals," Reeves said on his way to Canby, Oregon.

Reeves qualified for the Finals in 2007, but got injured. The 13th ranked steer wrestler said even though he got hurt he said it was a wonderful experience for him.

"It was everything I thought it would be," Reeves said. It's like how I thought it would be when I was a kid. "It's great."

In an August 3 rodeo in Lovington, New Mexico, Reeves tied Lee Graves for first in steer wrestling with a time of 8.5 seconds. Reeves was third in average in the Dodge City

rodeo, and placed first in the finals.

According to his biography on the Pro Rodeo web site, Reeves won the Dodge Texas Circuit Rodeo Finals in Waco, Texas, won the World Oldest rodeo in Prescott, Arizona and was co-champion at the Glen Rose Rodeo in Texas.

Reeves said his family plays a major role in his career.

"My dad taught us how to ride and rodeo," Reeves said. "He still owns my horse. Once I got to where I am, Brint Ronald and Sam Koenig were the ones who got me to try it. Lots of people helped along the way. My sister books a lot of flights. My wife rodeos with me."

Reeves' wife, Savannah is a barrel racer and as of August 20 ranks 8th in the L circuit standings. Matt Reeves married Savannah on December 16, 2008. The couple resides in Dublin, Texas. Reeves will be rodeoing with his wife this fall. Reeves said it's nice to be able to support each other.

"It's a lot easier to support each other in person than over the phone," Reeves said. "I hope we both make it to Vegas."

Matt Reeves' dad, Jim said he started steer wrestling when he was in high school, beginning with his freshman year in 1993.

"He has devoted a lot of time to it," Jim Reeves said. "He made it (to Vegas) two years ago. He didn't make it last year because he was injured. He is the Texas State Circuit Champion the last two years."

Jim Reeves said he is really proud of his son's time and effort in this sport.

"He spends eight out of 12 hours going on the road somewhere," Reeves said.

Matt Reeves said for anyone inspiring to go into steer wrestling they have to love every aspect of it.

"You have to be committed to be good at it," Reeves said. "You have to love it all. You don't get ready to play a game once a week. I have five rodeos that run eight heads of cattle every week."

Reeves has two more competitions left that count towards his ranking. He competes in the Justin Boots Championships Sept. 24-26 in Omaha, Nebraska. Then he has the Heartland Finals, Oct. 9-17 in Waco.



Matt Reeves wrestles a steer in an August 3rd rodeo in Lovington, New Mexico. Reeves tied for first in the rodeo. Reeves is ranked 13th in the PRCA standings. Submitted Photo.

OMISSION

The Pampa News report of the Andrews tennis match omitted Garrett Coutts, who won both his singles and doubles.

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PHS lady golfers finishes 7th in tournament

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lady Harvester golf team opened their season, Saturday at the Plainview Triangular in Plainview.

Eight teams competed in the tournament including Pampa's district opponents, Randall, Canyon, Caprock, Dumas and Palo Duro. Berger and Plainview also participated. The Lady Harvesters finished seventh with a score of 461.

Head Coach Alan Segura was pleased with how his team performed despite most of them not having much experience.

"This is the first tournament that any of the girls have ever played in," Segura said. "This was also the first time that some of them have played 18 holes."

Samantha Kelly scored a 102, Lindsey Brown scored a 113, Liz Hoelting scored a 122 and Sydney Hoelting

scored a 124 to make up Pampa's overall score. The top four golfers on each team count towards the team total.

Randall won the tournament with a score of 376, all four of Randall's golfers scored below 100. Plainview was second with a score of 395, Berger finished third with a score of 416, Canyon finished fourth scoring a 428, Caprock was fifth with a

score of 437, Palo Duro was sixth with a score of 459, Dumas finished eighth with a score of 468.

Segura said he knows his team will improve with experience.

"I feel that we will be able to compete with everyone in our district once we have some experience and confidence," Segura said.

The boys and girls next tournament is at Hereford, Friday through Saturday.

Rangers shut out by A's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brett Tomko earned his 100th major league victory in style.

The right-hander pitched a five-hitter for his milestone win and the Oakland Athletics dealt a blow to Texas' playoff hopes, routing the Rangers 9-0 on Monday night.

"If you're going to do it, do it the right way," said Tomko, who threw 114 pitches in his second career shutout. "That makes it more memorable."

Released by the New York Yankees on July 29, Tomko (5-3) struck out three and didn't walk a batter in his 13th career complete game. He outpitched Scott Feldman, snapping the right-hander's seven-game winning streak.

Tomko retired the first two batters in the ninth inning before Julio Borbon


single to left. The 36-year-old journeyman finished things off by retiring Elvis Andrus on a grounder to shortstop.

"We were going to let him go," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "Obviously, his pitch count wasn't high. We were going to give him every opportunity to finish as long as the game wasn't in jeopardy."

The Rangers have lost three of their first four on a nine-game homestand, falling 4½ games behind Boston for the AL wild card. It's the farthest Texas has been out of a playoff spot all season.

Texas was shut out for the second consecutive game and has not scored in 19 innings.

"It's frustrating," Ian Kinsler said. "We didn't have a good night. We've had a rough couple games."



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