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*-by Tim Lasseter Latta*

“Four years after back surgery for stenosis, the pain returned. Stenosis moves. I didn't want more surgery, so I opted for an implant in my back called **Nevro**. It is known as a spinal cord stimulator. It is minor surgery; a device placed inside my back just above my waistline. It has several levels of strength and is charged around every ten days. The charger is connected periodically to an electrical outlet so that it can in turn charge the unit in the back. It works very well to control pain in the upper back. You can sit and read or watch TV while it's charging or wear it on a belt and move around. Showering and swimming are fine after small surgical areas are healed.

After about three years I began experiencing severe pain in my lower back to the point where I needed a walker. My pain management doctor suggested that I try **Nalu**, a peripheral nerve stimulator. On both of these there is a non-surgical trial to determine if they will be successful for you. The trial for the Nalu has just concluded and it gave me more than 50 % relief. At least 50% is the goal. This one has a lead that is implanted in the back, again, just above the waistline, but it is attached with a sticky round battery device that is quite thin. It must be removed from this "clip" whenever swimming, showering or any other water is involved. You are given two batteries, one always on the charger, the other on your body. I will have the permanent implant on June 10. I will miss swimming (in Betty Buckler Thompson's pool) and kayaking until the surgery part heals. But to mitigate that awful pain, it's worth the wait.

I hope this info helps someone. Questions? Call or text **817-600-4734.**” -- Tim Lasseter Latta

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>2</b>	<b>Donald Allen Cook</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Susan Harkness Hill</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Mickey Lavy</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Janell Buida Bolton</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Robert Wilson</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Linda Sadler Easter</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Annita Incardona Henson</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Ambrosio Silva</b>
			<b>Sherry Robertson Nunn</b>



## THE BOOK CORNER

**Greg Howell** has been in contact with our graduate, **John Pearce**. John has become a famous author since his high school graduation. Greg reports that John and his wife have moved back to Washington, DC. from Sarasota, FL., although John and his wife still spend some time in Paris. Greg has passed along information about the Waco Town Crier to John and we hope John will join us for our monthly newsletter. Greg has read all of John's books and this is his report:

**“ John has written five books now.”**



Treasure of Saint-Lazare in 2012

Last Stop: Paris in 2015

Finding Pegasus in 2018

Final Heist in 2023

Paris Reckoning on July 2026

**“All are good reads and hard to put down. If you enjoy history, they are full of it. Suspenseful and lots of real characters you can relate to. John and I have birthdays a month apart. Mine in October, his in November. He has lived an interesting and full life and still going. I hope he joins our group. I hope more classmates can read his books. I know they would enjoy them as I do.”**

***Sidenote: From the internet:***



**John Pearce, author of the Eddie Grant Saga**

John Pearce is a former journalist whose reporting in Europe sparked a lifelong fascination with Cold War espionage and the hidden power struggles that survived the fall of the Soviet Union. A part-time resident of Paris and former contributor to the *International Herald Tribune*, he writes thrillers that blend intelligence tradecraft, history, and modern geopolitics.

His Eddie Grant series is set in contemporary Paris and follows an American expatriate drawn back into the shadow world of covert operations, where past wars refuse to stay buried and personal loyalties are constantly tested.

Pearce's fiction combines a journalist's eye for detail with a deep love of Paris and its layered history.

He divides his time between Paris and Washington, D.C.



## 1 Escaped kangaroo is captured after running loose in Waco



Police in Waco had to hop to it to catch a kangaroo on the lam Monday. And believe it or not, this isn't the first time they had to break from their regular "roo-tine" to try to catch the native Australian animal on a g'day in the Heart of Texas.

According to reports, a call came in at 10:07 a.m. reporting a marsupial on the loose in the city's Alta Vista area at 2718 La Salle Ave. The kangaroo escaped from Waco Wildlife Rescue along Robinson Avenue, also known as U.S. Highway 77. It was the second time kangaroos have escaped from the facility. In September 2025, two kangaroos escaped from Waco Wildlife Rescue after an employee mistakenly left multiple gates open, [KCEN-TV](#) reported.

The kangaroo was later captured along Robinson Drive and returned to its handlers.

Waco's NBC affiliate reported it is unknown whether the kangaroo was one of the marsupials that escaped previously. Waco Wildlife Rescue has not commented on the incident.

It was the second kangaroo escape reported in Texas in less than a week. A kangaroo known as Little Rex escaped from its owner in Elmendorf, just outside San Antonio, on May 21. According to Elmendorf police, "Little Rex was found near F.M. 327 after going missing during overnight storms that passed through the area," the San Antonio Express-News wrote.

[Escaped kangaroo is captured after running loose in Waco](#) *click to see the video.*

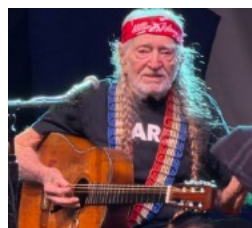
## 2 **At last, Willie Nelson has been allowed to return to Baylor University.**

Back in 1954 Willie was admitted to Baylor as a student with plans to study for a law degree. He attended only four months of college though, as he realized he really wanted to play music rather than becoming a lawyer. So, he dropped out, started pursuing his career, and the rest is HISTORY.

In 1988, Willie was to perform a concert at Baylor but was cancelled as rumor was the 'powers-to-be' disapproved of certain aspects of his behavior. They did not feel Willie's lifestyle made a good impression upon Baylor students. Therefore, it became known that "Willie was 'banned' from Baylor."

However, on May 14 of this year (2026), Willie was welcomed back to Baylor by Baylor President Linda Livingstone for an outdoor concert. It was held on Magnolia Field at Baylor Ballpark. Folks from all over Texas attended this event.

Willie Nelson, originally from Abbott, Texas, is probably the greatest Texas musician ever and is known around the world. He holds a special place in his heart for Abbott and is an advocate for folks who are having difficulties. He is the co-founder of Farm Aid and has done many benefits to help family farmers. He has given benefits for the rebuilding of the Hillsboro TX Courthouse after it suffered an extensive fire. He performed a benefit for the Volunteer Firefighters of Abbott & West TX after the West fertilizer explosion in 2013. He bought the Abbott Methodist Church rather than see it shuttered. Willie is now 93 years old. His voice currently shows age and the effects from emphysema, but the love of his fans never wanes...only gets stronger with time.



*Sidenote: Willie's favorite southern-cooking dish: chicken-fried steak.*

## **Do you remember these quotes:**

"Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship" – Casablanca, 1942

"My mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get"  
– Forrest Gump, 1994

"Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me. Aren't you?" – The Graduate, 1967

"I love the smell of napalm in the morning" – Apocalypse Now, 1979

"You can't handle the truth!" – A Few Good Men, 1992

"Nobody puts Baby in a corner" – Dirty Dancing, 1987

"I'll be back" – The Terminator, 1984

"Show me the money!" – Jerry Maguire, 1996

## **A NEAT IDEA**

**Organize your shoes...**

**door**



Wall

## HUMOR

*I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.  
She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered'?  
And that, my friend, is the sad definition of 'OLD'!*

**I think  
senility is  
going to be a  
fairly smooth  
transition for  
me.**

### In The Wisdom Of Solomon

Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat"

Both women stood for the rest of the journey

Argument done!

**ONE WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE OLD IS TO FALL DOWN IN FRONT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE. IF THEY LAUGH, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG. IF THEY PANIC AND START RUNNING TO YOU, YOU'RE OLD.**

### RULES OF CHOCOLATE

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices & strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

The problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

Q. Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? A. Because no one wants to quit.

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.



**You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up.**

**When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.**



I was having problems with my work computer so I called my IT guy and he was like, "You really need to stop calling me when I'm at school, Mom."

Everything will kill you



so choose something fun

### Wit and Wisdom of Larry the Cable Guy

A day without sunshine is like night.  
99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.  
Remember, half the people you know are below average.  
He who laughs last, thinks slowest.  
Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.  
A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory  
Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.  
If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.  
OK, so what's the speed of dark  
When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.  
Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines  
Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?  
Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the hell happened?"  
Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.  
Life isn't like a box of chocolates; it's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your **ass** tomorrow.

Since I bought this toy for my dog...

no more salesmen,  
break-ins, or friends popping in  
unannounced.  
Just peace & quiet.



**I STEPPED INTO AN ELEVATOR TODAY & A VERY LARGE BREASTED WOMAN STEPPED IN WITH ME.**

**AS I WAS STARING AT HER BECAUSE I COULDN'T HELP IT SHE SAYS WOULD YOU PRESS ONE PLEASE, SO I DID.**

**I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER MUCH AFTER THAT 😂**

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