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The Big Spring Bunch — from left, James Bowen, Danny Zant, Warren Kelley, Lloyd Curley and Jack Bowen — pose for a photo outside Cowboys Steakhouse following one of the group's many reunions. The group is expected to tour the Hotel Settles on Saturday.

Big Spring Bunch to visit landmark

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

What was supposed to be a one-time surprise birthday party for a former Big Spring resident more than two years ago has turned into something much, much more. Saturday, the self-proclaimed "Big Spring Bunch" will be getting together once again to get a first-hand look at the historic Hotel Settles.

Jack Bowen, a Crossroads native and graduate of Big Spring High School, will join fellow Bunch members James Bowen, Danny Zant, Warren Kelley and Lloyd Curley to tour the city and enjoy a lunch at the hotel restaurant.

According to Jack Bowen, the group enjoys several impromptu reunions each

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—Jack Bowen

year, with the first coming a little more than two years ago as he looked for a special way to celebrate his brother's birthday.

"My brother, James, was having his 66th birthday in January 2011 and I was trying to think of something special to do for him," Bowen said. "I remembered that he had not seen his two best friends from Big Spring High School and Howard


College for maybe 40 years, so I decided to see if I could arrange a surprise reunion.

"So, I called Danny Zant in Odessa and Warren Kelley in Lubbock. They liked the idea and, on the day of our meeting, they went to Al's Barbecue. I had called my brother and just told him I wanted to drive over from Fort Worth and have lunch with him that day. I drove by his house, picked him up and walked into Al's where he was surprised to see his two old friends. It was a Saturday and we sat and talked for about three hours about everything from baseball teams we played on and cars we drove to our current families and what we'd been

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Judge declines to explain recusal from crash suit

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A judge is declining to explain why he's recusing himself from a lawsuit that sprung from the West Texas train crash last year that killed four veterans participating in a parade.

State District Judge Rodney Satterwhite stepped aside from the case without explanation. He said Wednesday his policy is not to discuss any active or pending cases.

A retired judge from Big

Spring, Robert H. Moore III, has been appointed to replace him.

Nine of the 12 couples on the float the train hit at 62 mph Nov. 15 have filed suit, accusing Union Pacific of negligence. The railroad says Midland County and city officials and the parade organizer failed to exercise "ordinary care" in parade plans.

The accident remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Sounds of ABBA closes symphony's 2012-2013 season

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's Spring Pops Concert, set for March 30, will feature the music of ABBA.

Selections include "Mama Mia," "Fernando," "The Winner Takes It All" and "Dancing Queen."

"I can't think of a better way to wrap up a successful musical season than to have the music of Abba," said Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor. "It just makes you feel good."

The orchestra will be joined by Jeans 'N' Classics performers Peter Brennan on guitar, Jeff Christmas on drums,



Don Paulton on keyboards and Daryl Stacey on electric bass. Vocalists will be Katalin Kiss, Stephanie Martin, Kathryn Rose and Lisa Soderberg.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$8 for students. Tickets are available in advance at Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Heritage Museum.

The concert will be in the newly restored Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, which now has a handicapped entrance on the east side of the building.

Seal coat pacts OK'd by council

Williams named city's interim chief of police

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council approved a couple of measures Tuesday night designed to move the annual seal coat program forward for the third year in a row.

The council unanimously approved an inter-local agreement with other local government entities for joint bidding and engineering management for the 2013 seal coat project, including a contract with engineering firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper for the same project.

"We join a coalition of other cities, counties and colleges, which gives our aggregate pool a much larger resource for the commodity we're all looking to purchase," said Todd Darden, interim city manager. "This is our third year doing this seal coat project under this and it has been very successful. I feel like, on an economic scale, the cities, counties and schools have all received excellent pricing with this type of inter-local agreement."



Darden said the timeframe of the program, which will include engineering services from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, is also a positive factor for local residents.

"I really feel like this program is the best bang for our buck with the least inconvenience for our citizens," Darden said. "These guys are in and out before you can blink an eye."

Also Tuesday, the council approved an amendment to the John Crane Productions Solutions Inc. lease agreement.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the amendment includes an expansion for the local business, which

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Obituaries

Evelia Castaneda Ramirez



Evelia Castaneda Ramirez, 75, died peacefully March 10, 2013, at home surrounded by loved ones, after a long battle with progressive diabetes. Evelia was born in Suchil, Durango in Mexico, the daughter of Manuel Castaneda and Gabriela Rosas Castaneda.

Evelia enjoyed the outdoors, especially playing in "MamaLa-La's" (her grandmother's) garden during her childhood. Despite her impoverished upbringing, Evelia's love for life encouraged her drive for learning, and she appreciated culture, arts, poetry, literature, classical music and the glory of God's love through nature.

Evelia married Camilo T. Ramirez on Sept. 10, 1965. Evelia and Camilo began their family in Big Spring, Texas, where they lived for 16 years with their three children who soon followed. The family moved to San Angelo, Texas, where they lived their quiet but humble lives for 32 years. Evelia instilled a strong religious foundation in each of her children and grandchildren which to this day cultivates their perseverance to never give up and look to the sky, for the sun will always rise tomorrow.

row.

Evelia is survived by her children, Camilo Ramirez Jr. and wife Cindy of San Angelo, Araceli Hernandez of San Antonio and Bernice Ramirez and husband Randy Moya of San Angelo; stepchildren Felipe Ramirez and wife Carmen of San Antonio, Rachel Amaya of San Antonio and Tammy Bauer and husband Tom of Frisco; grandchildren, Joshua Joel Ramirez, Camilo Christopher Ramirez, Jennifer Yvonne Davenport, Clarissa Lenove Hernandez, Chrysantha Adelaide Hernandez, Chloe Elise Hernandez and Vinny Paul Moya; and sister Eloisa Rosas Castaneda of Suchil, Durango.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings Maria Elena Castaneda, Manuel Castaneda, Jose Castaneda, Antonio Castaneda and Maria Luisa Renteria.

Prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013, at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers for the service will be Randy Moya, Josh Ramirez, Camilo Ramirez and Chris Ramirez.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnson-funeralhome.com

Paid obituary

Don 'Pe Paw' Terrance Williams



Don "Pe Paw" Terrance Williams, 80, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, March 11, 2013. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Don Ardrey, pastor of the San Angelo First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Don was born June 21, 1932, in Lamesa, Texas and married Vevagene Apple July 16, 1953. Vevagene preceded him in death Feb. 6, 2011. Don moved to

Big Spring as a child where he resided until he and Veva moved to San Angelo in October 2010.

Don graduated from Big Spring High School in 1949 and Howard County Junior College in the spring of 1951. He left college to work with his father, Claud, at Williams Sheet Metal in Big Spring. He took over the family business when Claud retired and changed the name to Williams Industrial Fabrications.

He is survived by two daughters, Cindy Brooks and husband Dean of San Angelo and Kay Sauls and husband Don of Odessa; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joy Hester and husband Roy.

Memorial donations are suggested to be made to the West Texas Friends of the NRA.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Oscar Canales Jr.



Oscar Canales Jr., 34, of Laredo and formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, in Laredo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 26, 1979, in Big Spring. He lived here until moving to Laredo 10 years ago. He was a foreman for a bridge construction company. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his mother, Diana Canales of Laredo; father, Oscar Canales Sr. of Big Spring; four children, Nicholas and Danica Canales of Laredo, and Oscar Canales III and Reyna Canales of Big Spring; one sister, Nicole Canales of Big Spring; two brothers, Joe Albert Canales and Lupe Canales and wife Shae, all of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Refella Padilla of Mathis; maternal grandfather, Frank Ybarra of Lubbock; and 10 nieces and nephews, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Juan Cruz Canales and paternal grandparents, Librado and Clara Canales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- ROSS LOYD MCCORD, 45, 1602 Harding, was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- RAYMOND NOEL RANDO, 28, 1000 W. Fourth, was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding, no child safety seat system and possession of marijuana.
- MARISSA NICOLE LOYA, 28, Austin, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- KAYLAND JAMES ALBERT CRAMER, 18, 7000 S. Service Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- VICTORIA MAE ALEXANDRIA HANNABASS, 24, 1403 Oil Mill Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- LANA CRAWFORD KIRKHAM, 43, 203 Terry Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT, 23, 1502 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol for a minor.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Anna.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (78 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- JARRON DAWAN VANDERBILT, 29, was jailed on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- LANA CRAWFORD KIRKHAM, 43, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- LORENZO FABIAN ONTIVEROS, 31, was jailed on an attorney general's motions for enforcement and revocation of community supervision.
- ROSS LOYD MCCORD, 45, was jailed on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- RAYMOND NOEL RANDO, 28, was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding and no child safety seat system.
- MARISSA NICOLE LOYA, 28, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ADOLFO SEGOVIA LOPEZ, 63, was jailed to begin sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT, 23, was

jailed on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.




- KAYLAND JAMES ALBERT CRAMER, 18, was jailed on a warrant for theft over \$50/under \$500.
- VICTORIA HANNABASS, 24, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Tuesday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Go-liad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

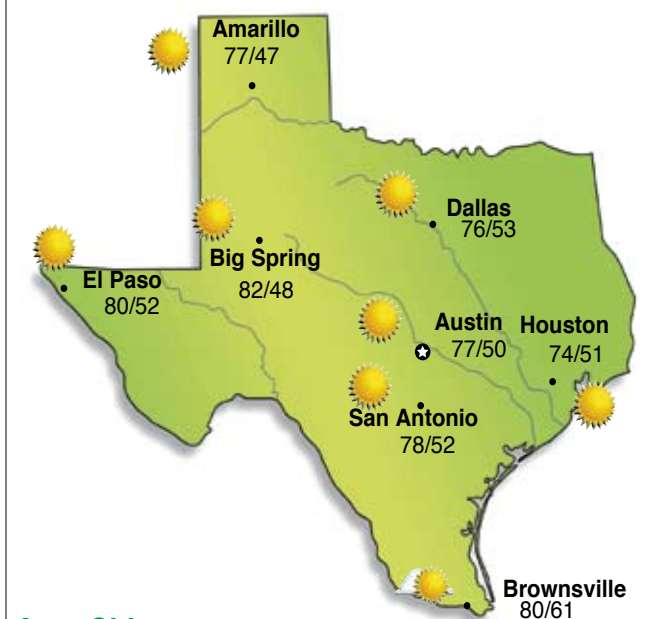
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 3/14	Fri 3/15	Sat 3/16
 82/48 Mainly sunny. Warm. High 82F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	 87/55 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	 93/55 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:57 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM



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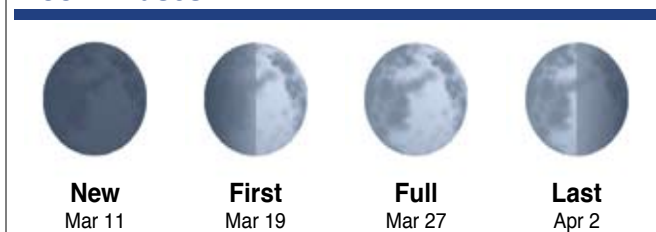
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	81	53	sunny	Kingsville	82	57	mst sunny
Amarillo	77	47	sunny	Livingston	75	46	sunny
Austin	77	50	sunny	Longview	74	50	sunny
Beaumont	71	49	sunny	Lubbock	81	44	sunny
Brownsville	80	61	mst sunny	Lufkin	76	49	sunny
Brownwood	80	52	sunny	Midland	82	50	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	59	sunny	Raymondville	82	58	mst sunny
Corsicana	74	51	sunny	Rosenberg	75	50	sunny
Dallas	76	53	sunny	San Antonio	78	52	sunny
Del Rio	81	53	sunny	San Marcos	78	50	sunny
El Paso	80	52	sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	53	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	82	50	sunny	Sweetwater	81	51	sunny
Gainesville	76	50	sunny	Tyler	74	51	sunny
Greenville	73	50	sunny	Weatherford	77	50	sunny
Houston	74	51	sunny	Wichita Falls	80	51	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	39	sunny	Minneapolis	38	30	sn shower
Boston	40	24	cloudy	New York	36	27	pt sunny
Chicago	36	31	sn shower	Phoenix	90	59	sunny
Dallas	76	53	sunny	San Francisco	69	51	cloudy
Denver	66	46	sunny	Seattle	54	49	rain
Houston	74	51	sunny	St. Louis	59	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	58	mst sunny	Washington, DC	47	32	mst sunny
Miami	72	52	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 3/14	Fri 3/15	Sat 3/16
7	7	8
High	High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Take Note

- American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will host a fish fry Saturday. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while deliveries will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates are \$10 apiece. For more information, call 263-2084.
- The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a community-wide Sky Warn Spotter class on Thursday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers. The speaker will be Pat Vesper, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service. There is no cost for this class and it is open to the public.
- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com
- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more

- information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's in-

- come tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.
- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in-office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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doing for four decades." According to Bowen, the topics of discussion varied, but always seemed to come back to the BSHS Steers and other events the group had shared as children. "We probably talked most about our favorite moments in BSHS football games we attended, especially the night of Nov. 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was assassinated," Bowen said. "All that week, most of the talk in town was about the upcoming Steers game that Friday night with the much-disliked San Angelo Bobcats, rated by some as the No. 1 high school football team in the nation. Despite the assassination that afternoon in Dallas, the game was played and, almost unbelievably, Big Spring didn't just win, they beat San Angelo like they owned them. "We've been meeting about three times a year and have added two more friends, Greer Willis, who lives

in the San Angelo area and Lloyd Curley of El Paso. Some folks will remember Lloyd's dad as a housing developer and owner of a lumber company near Fourth Street and Birdwell. We always have lunch at a local restaurant, then just sit and talk. In between meetings, we trade emails and phone calls. Danny Zant was the one who started calling us 'The Big Spring Bunch,' and it just kind of stuck." Members of The Big Spring Bunch have been back to the Crossroads area from time to time for other purposes, however, Bowen said it's the times he spends with the group he looks forward to the most. "We've occasionally been back to Big Spring through the years, just not together," Bowen said. "It's very different to come back and spend time with a core group you feel close to, because you relive so many good memories with people who are part of those memories. Every time I drive into town, I remember every individual customer I

had on my Herald paper route, which was my first job. Most of all, I think I can speak for the group and say we remember, more than anything else, what a town full of good people we grew up with, with few exceptions. And that's true now, too. We see it and feel in both in old friends and in total strangers we come into contact with. "I know I'm prejudiced, but there's something different about the good quality of people in Big Spring. Now, with the resurrection of the Settles, thanks to a former Big Springer, I think we all love the new hope it's infused in the community. In our group, we had some doubts it would really happen and now are so pleased it did. That's why for this, our first meeting since the Settles lighting ceremony, we wanted to have lunch Saturday at the Settles. I'm driving in Friday to play golf with Warren Kelley, then all of us will meet at noon at the hotel. Saturday, members of The Big Spring Bunch

will get a special walk down memory lane, as they prepare to tour the landmark, which has undergone years of renovation funded by Big Spring native Brint Ryan. "Juan Rodriguez, the general manager at the Hotel Settles, has agreed to give us a tour of the hotel before we have lunch," Bowen said. "I don't know about the other guys, but my memories of the Settles are things like visiting the studios of KHEM radio — in the basement, I think — when I was very young. I remember receiving an award when I was at BSHS from a service club that met there; going there with my BSHS government class to hear a campaign speech by Sen. John Tower; and the story the Herald did of me getting my first haircut in the Settles barber shop when I was maybe 3 years old. "Seeing the Settles is definitely what we're looking forward to most. My wife and I got to tour the inside of the Settles in June of 2011 when construction was

underway. To see it go from that to what I've seen in the great Herald coverage and now in the wonderful Texas Monthly Magazine article that just came out is, I'm sure, really going to be inspiring when we see it in person Saturday." Bowen said the Settles represents a shining star in the future of the Crossroads area, a star he hopes to see continue to rise. "I so want to see Big Spring succeed. Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco, but I definitely left my heart in Big Spring," Bowen said. "I'm just blown away by Brint Ryan's decision to invest the kind of mon-

ey he has, not just in the Settles' future, but in Big Spring's future. And I'm so grateful Big Spring has had the leadership, like that of my former classmate, the late Mayor Russ McEwen, who have invested so much of themselves in this and other projects to put Big Spring on the road for a chance to thrive again." *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

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will be taking over some new rental properties in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. "John Crane is one of our really good tenants out at the airpark and he occupies several buildings," Sjogren said. "This lease agreement covers two of those buildings and they are renewing and extending their lease. Also, they are taking over the complete building in one of the areas they are in. It's a pretty straightforward lease agreement." The council also approved an agreement with the company Maximus for cost allocation consulting services. According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the contract is a renewal of an existing contract. Also, the council gave final approval to an ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2012 editions of

the International Code Council building codes and the 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code. Darden also announced Tuesday night Lt. Chad Williams will be taking over interim chief duties for the Big Spring Police Department. "By going ahead and having an interim chief appointed, it gives them a chance to learn the ropes while the existing chief is still in place," Darden said. "We'll be making a final appointment to the position in the near future." Williams will take over the duties of longtime Big Spring Chief Lonnie Smith, who is retiring at the end of March. Also accepting an interim title during the meeting was Darden, recently named the interim city manager. Darden has served as the assistant city manager for more than a year, a position that will be taken over by Walker. The current city

manager, Gary Fuqua, has also announced his retirement. "Really, all this is a shuffling around of responsibilities," Darden told the council. *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us be firm in our beliefs, dear Lord Jesus.
Amen

Change is certain

The city we know and love is being impinged upon. The signs are everywhere that an invasion is happening. And, like it or not, every single one of us will be, or already is being, deeply affected by its occupation of our soil. But, as terrible as that sounds, it's not some sinister evil enemy that has invaded our hallowed borders; rather a misunderstood friend who is often a victim of unfair hatred and prejudice. His name, or hers if you prefer, is "Change," and, oh, the legacy that precedes its presence wherever it chances to inhabit. And it has unquestionably landed on West Texas soil and is attempting to inhabit every acre of our beloved homeland.

You don't have to like change for it to come. It never has, and never will, seek the permission or favor of the masses. It just creeps in, or sweeps in as is the case for us since the discovery of what experts claim may be one of the largest oil reserves ever discovered resting under our feet. Early estimates for the Cline Shale, based on Devon Energy's exploration in the area, put the estimated recoverable reserves at 30 billion barrels of oil.

"You'd be hard pressed to find anybody who saw this coming," said economist Karr Ingham, noting that there are more drilling rigs in the Permian Basin than during the 1980s boom. "That's a stunning turn of events right there." I would say that Mr. Ingham's observation is accurate and probably understated.

Hart Energy estimates the Permian Basin could produce 1.65 million barrels of oil equivalent per day by 2020, just from unconventional drilling that uses hydraulic fracturing. The company estimates South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale could produce 2.4 million barrels of oil equivalent per day by 2020. "It's enormous, enormous," said Williams. "That's more than some OPEC countries produce."

If you cover your ears, you can't hear the bomb go off

"Barack Obama of 2007 would be right down here with me arguing against this drone strike program if he were in the Senate," Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., declared in the course of his 13-hour Senate "talking filibuster," which delayed a confirmation vote for now-CIA chief John Brennan.

That's the thing; the Obama of 2007 no longer exists.

Obama 2007 opposed enhanced interrogation techniques that the CIA used on al-Qaida leaders under President George W. Bush. Obama 2013 banned the use of those techniques. Now he orders others to just kill al-Qaida terrorists.

The imperious president has an attorney general who, when Paul asked whether it is constitutional for the president to authorize a drone strike against a U.S. citizen on U.S. soil without a trial, would not respond with an unequivocal "no." In a letter addressed to Paul on Monday, Attorney General Eric Holder even wrote that it is possible "to imagine an extraordinary circumstance in which it would be necessary and appropriate." Paul then chose to filibuster the Brennan vote until the administration gave him a clear response.

While the unimaginable financial scope of those kinds of numbers escapes most of us, the one thing that touches every single life in West Texas during this boom is that old reliable fellow called change. It's not a newcomer or a novice. It's been around since the dawn of time and will be with us to the very end, leaving its mark on us for the good or the bad. And make no mistake about it there exists the potential for both.

Many squirm at the very mention of the word but I would like to remind you that every generation that has ever existed has come face to face with change, and the way it is handled is critically important to one's destiny. John Maxwell says, "Change is inevitable; growth is optional." I agree and, for the record, I want to be one who enthusiastically embraces change that is for the better. Change always brings great opportunities for growth in every sense of the word. As Big Spring deals with this explosion of people and commerce it will be immeasurably important that we handle it with grace, dignity, and vision. Even with its illustrious history, it is entirely possible that the brightest days for Big Spring are still before us if our hearts and eyes are open to welcoming and nurturing this guest.

How we respond to change is a complex thing. There are times when we go out of our way to initiate change in our lives. For example, we may move house, city or country; change jobs or go back to school. Although we may be apprehensive about such changes, we are stimulated by the possibilities and opportunities that will emerge. When we initiate the change, we are likely to define the experience as exciting. On the other hand, these same changes might be imposed on us by circumstance, or the design of another person or our workplace. When change is imposed on us, our experience of the change is likely to be quite different. In these situations, we may feel threatened and fearful about the change, and focus heavily on negative outcomes.

We may want little to do with the change and find ourselves resisting it fiercely. That's what

concerns me about this monumental eruption of change presently affecting our city. What are we going to do as average citizens? What attitude do we have toward growth and business expansion in our safe haven? What will our city and county leaders do when the opportunity is presented for change that may affect their own lifestyle or threaten their comfort zone? These are not insignificant questions, dear reader.

Through the years I have observed that fear is the biggest enemy of positive change. It may be a fear of the known or the unknown, but either way it is a contagious disease that cripples growth and efficacious change. When people are improperly driven or motivated by fear of change it always has a negative effect, usually manifested by a selfish desire to control and manipulate other people or situations or to seek to dominate or monopolize in order to maintain control of someone or something. When positive change is resisted, for whatever reason, it will stunt any positive growth that is trying to occur.

Successful change, which is what everyone should desire, is hinged on a picture of a desirable future. The proper vision for, and acceptance of, change can provide both a corporate sense of well-being and a sense of enduring purpose and I believe Big Spring's citizens, leaders and luminaries need to be very careful as we navigate these uncharted waters of change that we have sailed into.

We are staring squarely into the face of a magnificent future and we will be held accountable for whether we breathe life into it or smother it to death with our fear of change. If you haven't figured it out yet, friend, change is certain and as Benjamin Franklin wisely stated, "When you're finished changing, you're finished."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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On Thursday, finally, Holder gave a simple answer: "No." The Senate then voted 63-34 to confirm Brennan.

If the White House won with its CIA pick, then it also lost in the process. Rand's filibuster clearly was rooted in principle, whereas the president's liberal use of drones clashes with his pre-White House posture. The guy who opposed allowing interrogators to so much as shove 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed during questioning was dragging his feet when asked about domestic drone strikes.

Rand's rhetoric united the Libertarian-leaning right with the far-left Codepink, which furiously sent out tweets with the "StandWithRand" hashtag into the wee hours.

One Democrat, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, joined Rand in his "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" moment. Quoth Wyden: "Every American has the right to know when their government believes that it is allowed to kill them."

Worse, for the administration, Wyden announced that both he and Rand "feel that this is just the beginning of this debate."

The Brennan vote saw 13 Republicans join Democrats in supporting Obama's pick. "I was going to vote against Brennan, until the filibuster," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told Roll Call. "I thought Brennan was arrogant, a bit shifty. I am going to vote for Brennan now because

it's become a referendum on the drone program."

I disagree. One can support the 2011 drone attack that killed American-born Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen and still welcome a debate about the appropriate use of drones. The power to kill one's enemies by remote control is so seductive that it should not be used absent rigorous self-examination.

Besides, why did it take days for Holder to just say no?

Three men who belong to the Senate Democratic Caucus — Sens. Jeff Merkley of Oregon and Pat Leahy and Bernie Sanders of Vermont — voted against Brennan. It can't be easy to see yourself as strong on civil liberties when your party's top cat has such a schizophrenic approach — waterboarding bad, drones good — to human rights.

To me, the big question is: Why did Obama change from waterboard foe to drone devotee? Once in office, did he realize he was wrong about Bush policies — in which case he should say so — or has he come to believe that he is so darn wonderful that he can do no wrong?

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"Listening is an Act of Love: Celebration Is an Act of Love" (973.92 ISA D) is a collection of oral interviews collected by the StoryCorps Project. Since 2003, this project has been collecting the stories of everyday Americans for future generations. Stories from people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life are being preserved. Dave Isay is the creator of the project and has selected the essays that have been collected.



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A neat book is "Tim Gunn's Fashion Bible: Fascinating History of Everything in Your Closet" (746.92 GUN T) by Tim Gunn. If you remember, he co-hosts a design show on TLC or Bravo for young designers. This gives a short history of shirts, vests, shoes, underwear, corsets — you name it — pieces of clothing that one wears and it is most interesting. At the end of the book, it goes into detail on how to re-arrange your closet and get rid of ill-fitting clothing and then you can go out and buy new clothing that actually fits according to Tim! Remember to take all your clothes that don't fit anymore to The Chalet.

This is noted as a mystery, but it could just as well be a thriller. In "The Resistance" (M STE P), Peter Steiner has thoroughly impressed sophisticated thriller mavens everywhere with his critically acclaimed novels featuring ex-CIA operative Louis Morgon. Louis attempts to solve a mystery with roots going back as far as World War II.

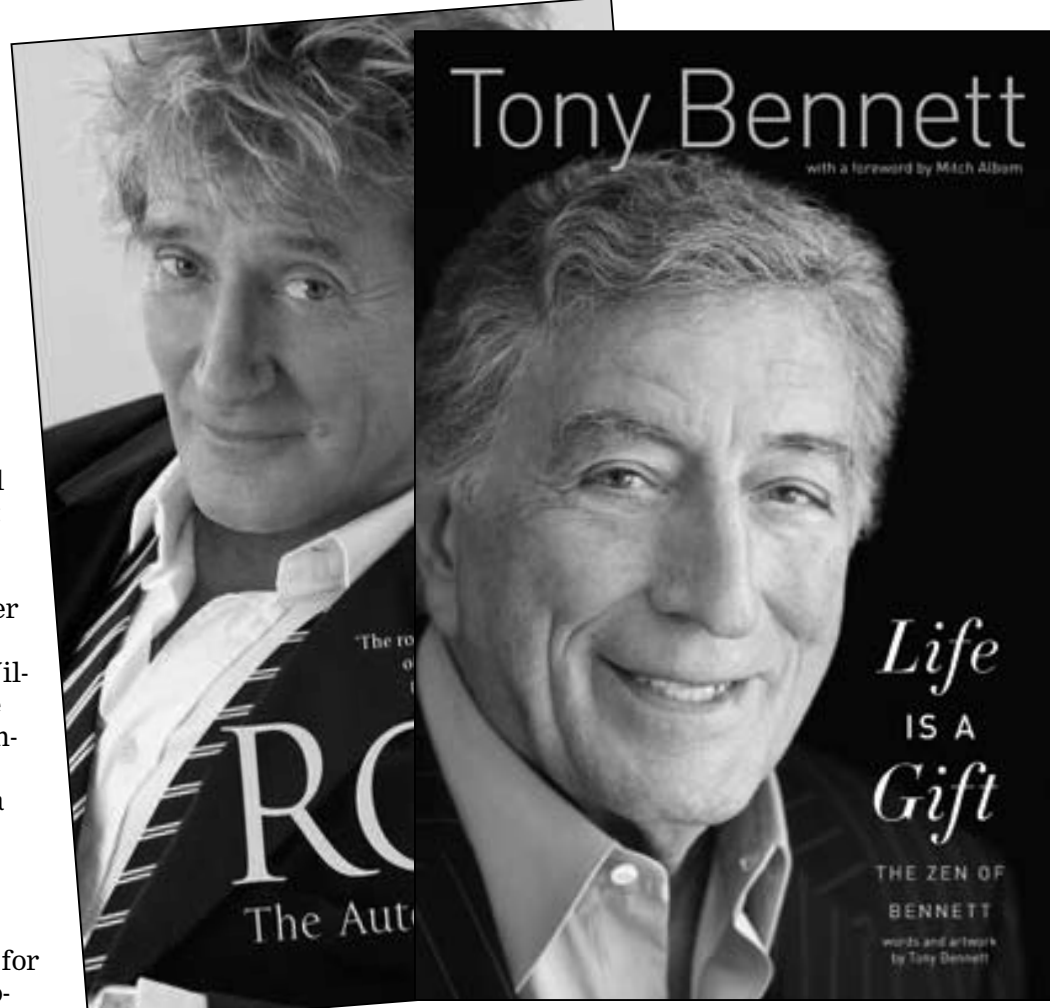
When Louis purchases a rundown house in Saint-Leon-sur-D'me, he quickly goes to work fixing it up. However, during the renovations, he discovers evidence of a long-forgotten crime hidden beneath the floorboards. Unable to leave a good mystery unsolved, he enlists the help of his friend Renard, a French cop, and sets out to discover exactly what happened in this small French village during the Nazi occupation.

Soon, Louis is pulled into the secrets and lies of the past as he begins to call into question the very nature of guilt and innocence in times of war.

We have received biographies on persons in the music business that span very different genres — from the 78 LP era, the deep country western to outlaw country, the London R&B scene of the early 1960s to the rock'n'roll decades and then to one of the most powerful executives in the music industry. I will start off with "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die: Musings From the Road" (B NEL W) by Willie Nelson. It is not a conventional biography, but rather snippets of thoughts and musings from many important people in Willie's life. It's a great view of Willie (Willie is the same age as my mother — go figure).

We go from a country singer to a "smooth operator." "Life is a Gift: The Zen of Bennett" (B BEN T) by Tony Bennett. In decade after decade, Tony has won 17 Grammys, sung for 10 presidents, performed for royalty and has refused to compromise his musical vision or values. Mentored by Sinatra, Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole, Bennett has only gotten better with age. In his memoir, Bennett shares stories of friends and family and the essential lessons he has been taught by them: hard work, the value of creating art that continues to inspire and the necessity of humility, love, respect and humility. This will be a very interesting biography to read about a superb singer.

The final two biographies are about Tommy Mottola and Rod Stewart. "Rod: The Autobiography" (B STE R) is written by Stewart and is very entertaining. Born during the Blitz during WW II, in London, he is the son of a Scottish plumber and an English mother. Stewart started out in the early 1960s playing the clubs on London's R&B scene before his distinctive raspy voice caught the ear of Long John Baldry. Baldry took him high into the rock'n'roll scene with a phenomenal career, both as



a singer with the Jeff Beck Band and as a solo career, selling over 200 million records. Stewart wrote "Maggie May" and his rendition of "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy," "Tonight's the Night" and "Forever Young" resonate with a certain age group. He has also recorded five albums called "The Great American Songbook," filled with iconic songs from American composers. Great, great songs fill those albums. When I go on a road trip, I put them in the CD player and sing along with Rod.

"Hitmaker: The Man and His Music" (B MOT T) is by Tommy Mottola with Cal Fussman. Much has been written about Mottola, one of the most powerful, visionary, and successful executives in the history of the music industry. He discovered, developed and launched the careers of many superstars, including Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Shakira, Jennifer Lopez and Gloria Estefan.

He has had the privilege of working alongside Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Bob Dylan, Beyonce, Michael Jackson, Barbara Streisand, the Dixie Chicks, Pearl Jam, Aerosmith, Tony Bennett, and Ozzy Osbourne.

Tommy recounts how a kid from the Bronx — and a college dropout — became one of the music industry's most creative and controversial CEOs. He takes you inside his world of power, money and fame as he recounts the fascinating dealings with countless icons, and what it was like to be at the top when the business suddenly changed.

We are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 until 2; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. You may reach us at 264-2260; fax number is 264-2263. Our website is <http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/howard-county>.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Reminder: Hispanic and women farmers' and ranchers' claims must be postmarked by March 25

Special to the Herald

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades that there are less than two weeks remaining in the filing period closing March 25.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up

to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

The Department will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to contact the website at any

time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

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Independent legal services companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced

the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since

received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified

as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

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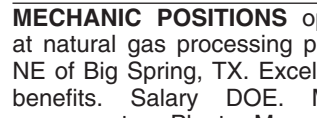
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♠ K 10 4

♥ Q J 8

♦ J

♣ K Q J 9 5 3

WEST

♠ 6 3

♥ K 10 6 5 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3

♣ 4

EAST

♠ A 8 5

♥ 7 3

♦ Q 10 8 4 2

♣ A 10 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J 9 7 2

♥ A 9 4

♦ A K

♣ 8 7 6

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♣

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But if East impulsively returns a
club, declarer makes the contract.
South loses only a club, a club ruff
and a trump. Furthermore, East
should realize that a club return is
very likely to produce this result.

Instead, East should shift to a
heart at trick two. He must assume
that unless his partner has the ace of
diamonds or a heart trick (either the
ace or king), there is little hope for
the defense. He should reason that an
immediate club return can be post-
poned until later in the play, but that
returning a heart cannot be delayed.

Once East returns a heart, South
has had it. If he finesses, as he almost
surely would do, West wins with the
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Declarer wins with dummy's jack
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South finishes down two.

The long-term view, formulated at
the outset, pays off in the end. All
East need do is to think about the
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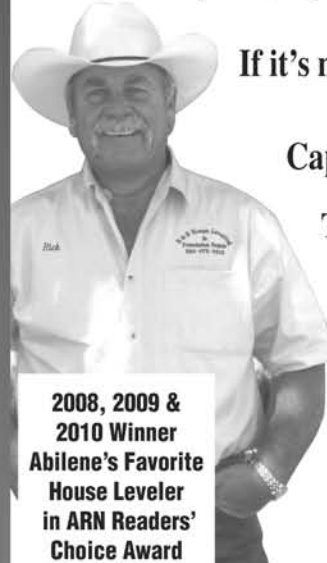
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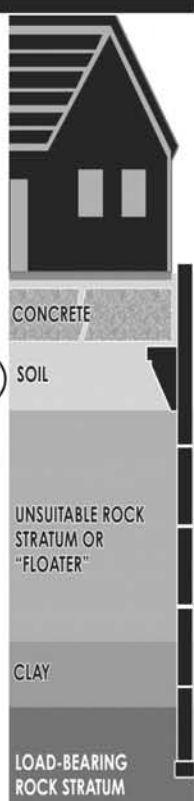


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Reporter faces life's toughest deadline with book

By MATT SEDENSKY

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — All the time-stamped rigors of daily journalism are behind her, but the pace of Susan Spencer-Wendel's life has only been hastened. She is dying. And dealt a diagnosis she knows she can't beat, the race is on to finish.

Her greatest story. Her toughest assignment. Her final deadline.

Spencer-Wendel's job as a court reporter at The Palm Beach Post made her a local fixture, reporting on everything from the 2000 recount to Rush Limbaugh's legal woes.

But what was once a constant rush to be first with her courthouse scoops has become a dash to live her remaining days joyfully, complete a long goodbye to those she loves, and record it all in a book that has drummed huge interest and multimillion-dollar book and movie deals.

The clock ticks forward as her body is betrayed by Lou Gehrig's disease and yet so much is left to do. Her life has been full of happiness and she sees no reason her last days should be much different.

"Life is full of chapters," she says, knowing full well this is her last.

Spencer-Wendel was on auto-pilot, locked in a time-worn routine of breaking news at the Post and "navigating the daily dance of sibling warfare" at home with her three children. That day in 2009 was just like every other, until she undressed for bed and noticed her left hand, scrawny and pale, starkly different from her right one.

"You need to go to the doctor," her husband, John Wendel said.

She went through a year of medical appointments and tests and a subsequent year of denial. She sunk into depression and contemplated suicide. When the verdict was finally delivered, there was no surprise.

On the way back from the neurologist, she waited outside when her husband stopped in Burger King for a bite. And reflecting on the news she received, she was overcome with a strange feeling of gratitude, for the 44 years she had lived with nary a health problem to speak of, for the career, the family, the travels, for all she'd been blessed with. Before long, a roadmap was in place for her remaining time.

She would travel the places she wanted to go, surround herself with the people she loved, prepare her family for what's to come. She would live.



Joyfully.

She went to California to find her birth mother; to New York, where her teenage daughter tried on wedding dresses for a glimpse of a day they'll never share; to Budapest, where she and her husband retraced footsteps of an earlier life; to the Yukon, in a vain attempt to see the Northern Lights with her lifelong best friend; to the Caribbean, to Cyprus, and on and on.

Along the way, she wrote stories about two of her trips for the Post that were so heartbreakingly recorded they caught the eye of HarperCollins, which gave her a \$2.3 million deal, and Universal Pictures, which followed with a seven-figure offer of its own. She sprinted to continue her travels and to put them in writing, tapping out the vast majority of her book, "Until I Say Goodbye," on her iPhone using just her right thumb.

She believes it is the best thing she has ever written, this narrative in which her travels are documented alongside her own decline. Now 46, the woman who rushed to hearings and banged out stories in a flash no longer can walk or swallow a pill. But she offers a manuscript as likely to tug at the funny bone as the tear ducts.

"I did not want to write a maudlin book," she says in an interview, "I wanted people to laugh."

It is tinted by her life in journalism, easy-to-digest chapters with simple language, each of them like standalone stories buttressed by engaging starts and even stronger finishes. It was a conscious effort on her part, and that of her co-author Bret Witter, to focus so intently on each story's ending. And she's quick to see the parallels in her own life, her own search for a powerful ending.

As that day draws closer, she's comforted by the way her son Aubrey notices the sky's brushstrokes as the sun goes down, how Wesley talks of being a dolphin trainer and Marina dreams of living in New York. She thinks about her husband John and prays he finds love again, that he loses not a moment to guilt. She laughs and reads and writes. She lives the best she can, hoping to impart lessons with her parting choices.

"I am not gone," she writes. "I have today. I have more to give. I know the end is coming but do not despair."

Spencer-Wendel's body has withered and weakened. She must rely on her husband to do nearly everything for her, from lifting a Parliament to her lips for a drag to folding her hands on her lap and fixing her hair. As the book's March 12 release approached, though, her appearance was most notable for the wide smile

she wore and the peace that she radiates.

She relaxes this average Tuesday afternoon, watching "Law & Order" in her den, enjoying a lick from her new French bulldog and laughing with glee when her sister pays a visit. The book is done, the travels are over, but Spencer-Wendel has found a measure of solace as her life draws to a close. Most ALS patients die within three to five years of diagnosis. She knows her days are few.

Though there are new challenges each day, Spencer-Wendel has also found new joy. Eating and swallowing keep getting harder, but she's thrilled by the interest in her book, by the new articles and clippings that keep arriving in her mailbox. Her voice becomes more and more garbled, yet she relishes the time her and her husband share even though it is her illness that forced him to quit his job. She constantly looks on the bright side.

"I listen often to one of my favorite rock songs, guitarist Eric Johnson's 'Cliffs of Dover,'" she recalled by email. "And I think 'Thank God I was not a guitarist!' I watch ballet and think 'Thank God I wasn't a dancer.'"

She tries not to wish for the things she knows she can't have. She tries not to wish for a cure.

She is comforted by the windfall her book has brought, the financial freedom it will bring to those around her. But she must prepare her children for what's next, must say everything that's left to be said. Some of it, she hopes has been communicated through her writing and her philosophies and her outlook.

To accept what comes. To relish the journey. To see fear as a waste of energy.

More than anything else, she wants to leave her family so well situated that they will thrive as much after the day comes as before. That they will live. Joyfully.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Void-of-Course Moon

Since February 23rd, Mercury has been traveling retrograde and will continue to do so until March 17. But by now you might be used to dealing with poor communication and hopefully have come up with alternative ways to get your message across and receive the messages of others. These new ways will prove useful during the void-of-course moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though modern science has made it unnecessary for you to spend hours washing clothes or preparing food, you may still feel like the responsibilities of domestic life are consuming a great deal of your energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A bit of comic drama is played out delightfully before you. Were you supposed to see this? Maybe not, but you'll be glad your keen sense of timing put you in this position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're connected to people. You feel their absence when they are not around, and you wonder what they might be doing and thinking in their bubble of experience so far away from you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who don't know you will watch to see what role you take on. You'll show them that you are not frail and dependent on the might and salvation of another. Rather, you are the hero of this story.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be lit up with the excitement of some secret that you are sharing with a kindred spirit. It's a wonderful, giddy feeling to be in cahoots. Tonight offers the chance to let the cat out of the bag, but you probably won't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be drawn to enigmatic people, taken in by the mystery. This could send you Googling or

asking others who might know the inside scoop. The information you gather will be mostly speculation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every relationship is different. You'll be aware of the complexities and varieties involved in words such as "friend," "married" or "sister." Do not assume to know what these words mean when others say them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do your best, but don't vow to give your whole self to any person or task today. How could you possibly do that when you don't even know your whole self just yet? You're better off experimenting, flirting and learning more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The color blue can soothe your soul. Just imagining it can change your physiology, slowing your pulse and making you breathe deeper. Use this and other tricks to remain calm in the excitement of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is an excellent day to change your diet. You'll enjoy learning about new foods, tasting different combinations and, afterward, gauging the way those foods made you feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your intellectual self doesn't often think about your natural self, but no matter. Your natural self isn't reliant on a thought process, but rather on the kind of instinctive moves you'll make today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe you don't always use the right words or know the appropriate thing to say in every situation. But you come at people with your heart open, and that's just what they need now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 13). You'll tap into a younger part of you and reclaim the hope you once had. Only this time, you'll be smarter about how to go about bringing your wishes into reality. Someone close to you will have a change of mood, and everything will suddenly be more fun in April. May brings a professional breakthrough. Virgo and

Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 15, 45 and 22.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is a person luckier when the moon is in their sign? I'm an Aries. When will the moon be in my sign again?"

Excellent question. The moon in your sign represents a swell in your emotional tide. You can expect a fullness of feeling and the extra tinge of energy that robust emotions bring. But whether these emotions are lucky or not depends on what they are and how they are focused.

The moon in your sign is an excellent opportunity to pay attention to your feelings, name them and honor them. We don't really have control over what we feel, but we can choose how we react to those feelings. And of course, we can always choose a new thought that may influence the next feeling.

For Aries, being lucky is often a function of creating positive prophecies that will self-fulfill. While the moon is in your sign, think about the good things you'd like to happen. Also, expect good to come to you without worrying too much about the form in which it will arrive. Both kinds of positive thinking will increase your luck.

Right now, the moon is in your sign and will be until tomorrow afternoon. It will return to Aries on April 8th.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Dana Delany has acted on Broadway, in daytime soap operas and on hit television shows like "Desperate Housewives" and "Body of Proof." Both the sun and Mercury were in Pisces on the day of Delany's birth, and she expresses herself in a Piscean manner when she says, "My work brings me a lot of joy. It helps me figure out who I am. I'm really lucky that I get to make a living at acting."

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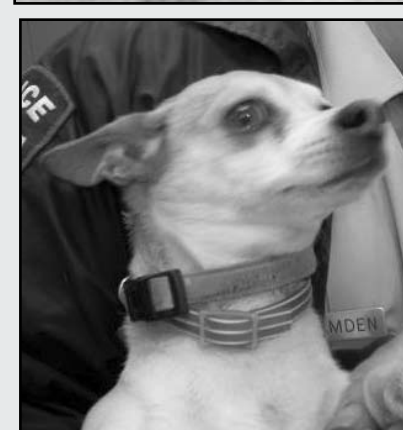


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Tinkerbelle, a small, adult, female, Chihuahua, has been under the watchful eye of her big brother, Baxter. She is a sweet little girl with bright eyes that will definitely steal your heart. "Tinker" is current on her vaccinations and is already spayed. She's hoping for a home with lots of love and a lap!

Both dogs will be available for adoption until March 26

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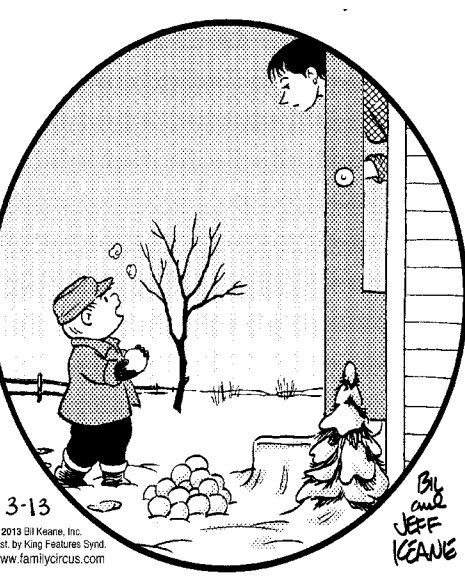
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"JUST THINK... SIX YEARS AGO, I WASN'T HERE."
"I KINDA LIKE THAT THOUGHT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



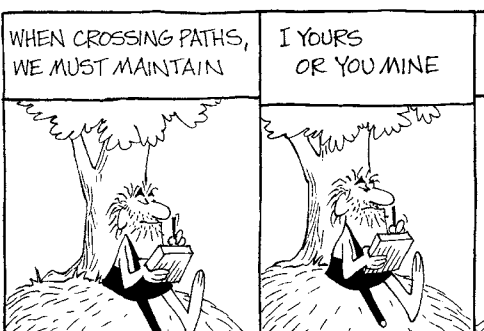
"Next week spring starts. How many snowballs do you think I can fit in the freezer?"

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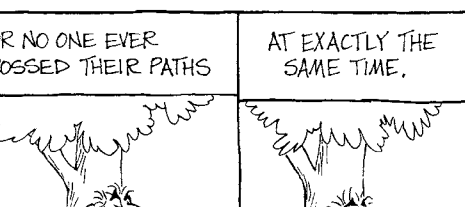
"WHAT DID THAT SIGN SAY?"
"CAUTION... CHANGEABLE WIND CONDITIONS!"

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WHEN CROSSING PATHS, WE MUST MAINTAIN I YOURS OR YOU MINE FOR NO ONE EVER CROSSED THEIR PATHS AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME.

BLONDIE



"I'VE BEEN PRACTICING MY PUTTING ALL WINTER"
"WOW! ALL WINTER?"
"IF WE EVER PLAY ON AN INDOOR GOLF COURSE, YOU'LL BE GOLDEN!"

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2013. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On March 13, 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- On this date: In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.
- In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.
- In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners.
- In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.
- In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov.

Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1938, famed attorney Clarence S. Darrow died in Chicago.

In 1943, author-poet Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, died in New York. Financier and philanthropist J.P. Morgan, Jr., 75, died in Boca Grande, Fla.

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, N.Y. home; the case generated controversy over the supposed failure of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Ind., found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1988, yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired, chose I. King Jordan

to become the school's first deaf president.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

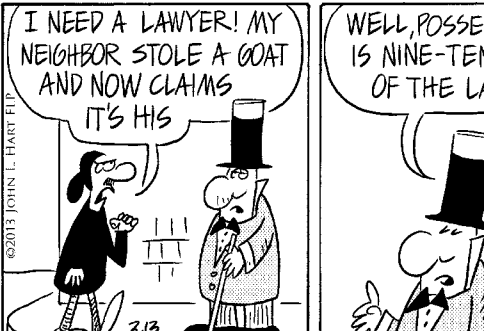
Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 88. Country singer Jan Howard is 83. Songwriter Mike Stoller (STOH'ler) is 80. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 74. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 64. Actor William H. Macy is 63. Comedian Robin Duke is 59. Actress Glenna Headly is 58. Actress Dana Delany is 57. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 53. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 51. Actor Christopher Collet is 45.

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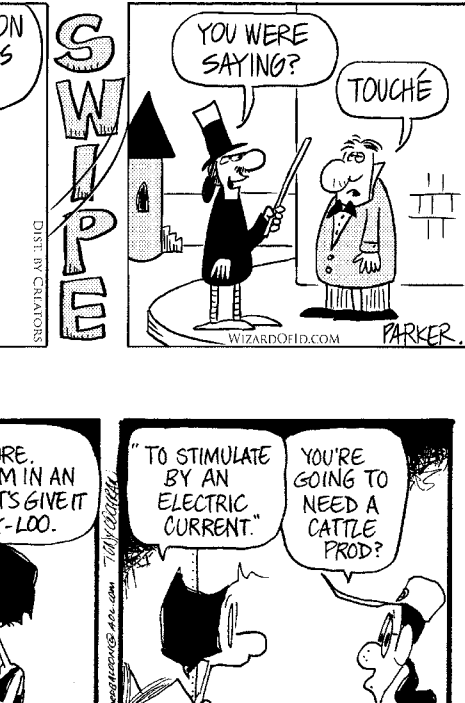
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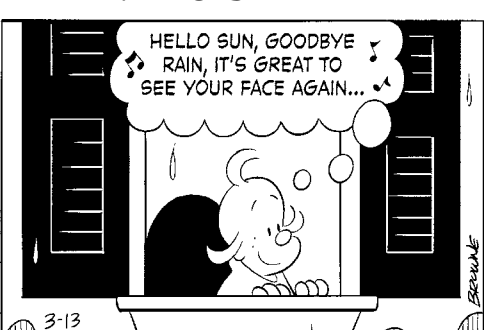
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"WELL, POSSESSION IS NINE-TENTHS OF THE LAW"
"YOU WERE SAYING?"
"TOUCHÉ"

AGNES



"I THINK I WILL GALVANIZE THE NATIONS YOUTH INTO ACTION!"
"WHAT DOES GALVANIZE MEAN?"
"HM... I'M NOT SURE. I HEARD THE TERM IN AN OLD MOVIE... LET'S GIVE IT A LITTLE LOOKY-LOO."
"TO STIMULATE BY AN ELECTRIC CURRENT."
"YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A CATTLE PROD?"

HI AND LOIS



"HELLO SUN, GOODBYE RAIN, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN..."
"I THINK I'VE GOT A SONG FOR CHIP'S BAND!"

THE OTHER COAST



"A GRAY HAIR! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?"
"YOU'LL BE SWITCHED TO BORING SENIOR DOG FOOD."

SNUFFY SMITH



"NO-O-O!"
"I FOUND A GRAY HAIR!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"I TOLD LUKEY IF HE DON'T FIND A JOB, I'LL GET ONE MYSELF!!"
"HOW'S THAT WORKIN' OUT, ELVINEY?"
"I'LL TELL YA LATER--GOTTA CLEAN TH' JUDGE'S HOUSE!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"CLEAN THIS OFFICE RIGHT OR I'LL PUT YOU ON K.P.!"
"THAT WON'T WORK, SIR"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"COOKIE SENT HIM HERE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T CLEAN THE MESS HALL RIGHT"

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Slip into
 - 6 Roe source
 - 10 Twosome
 - 14 Bakery attraction
 - 15 Hailed vehicle
 - 16 High point
 - 17 Idiomatic talk
 - 18 Is obliged
 - 19 Cylindrical conduit
 - 20 Concrete-cutting saws
 - 23 Sounds of relief
 - 25 Barely defeat
 - 26 Sydney citizen
 - 27 Vague conception
 - 29 Needing taping
 - 31 Satisfactory
 - 32 Varsity group
 - 34 Shady spot
 - 39 Has a chat
 - 42 Count (up)
 - 43 Top-rated
 - 44 Big heads
 - 45 Get rid of, so to speak
 - 47 Panther or puma
 - 49 Goes to a lot of trouble
 - 53 Accomplished figure
 - 54 Bottom-line figure
 - 55 Out, as library books
 - 59 One with top billing
 - 60 All-inclusive
 - 61 Nursery needs
 - 64 Need a break
 - 65 Great review
- DOWN
- 1 Faux __
 - 2 Website ID
 - 3 Inedible mushroom
 - 4 Prefix meaning "all"
 - 5 Site of the last Japanese Winter Olympics
 - 6 Bend down
 - 7 Kate Hudson's mom
 - 8 Chopped down
 - 9 Expel, as an attorney
 - 10 Dads
 - 11 Lab bottles
 - 12 Architect from China
 - 13 Actress Witherspoon
 - 21 Diner freebies
 - 22 Kind of eclipse
 - 23 Feeling of dread
 - 24 Commotion
 - 28 Object of worship
 - 29 Lake near Reno
 - 30 Warning sign
 - 33 Timetable stats
 - 35 Film holder
 - 36 Square one
 - 37 Form of oxygen
 - 38 Put back to 0
 - 40 President before Polk
 - 41 Suit well
 - 46 Nicholson's threesome
 - 48 Decrees
 - 49 Ring weapons
 - 50 Let loose
 - 51 Startle
 - 52 Warning sound
 - 53 Knocked for a loop
 - 56 Beehive State
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 - 58 Three-layer cookie
 - 62 Command to a canine
 - 63 Farm pen

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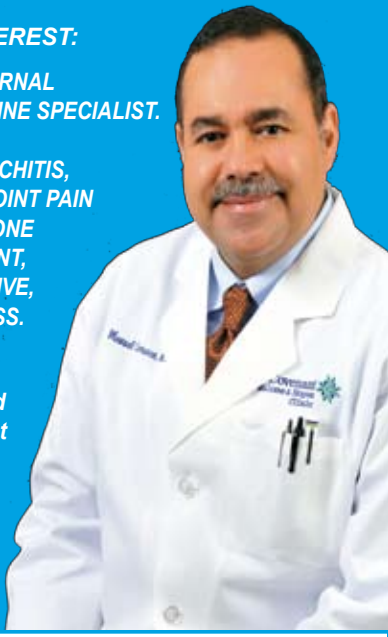
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SPURS

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high expectations quickly unraveled for the Wolves thanks to a bevy of injuries. They are 7-25 since Kevin Love broke his right hand for the second time on Jan. 8. One of the few bright spots during this awful stretch has been Rubio's gradual return from a torn knee ligament last March.

He's really turned it on over the last month, and he put an exclamation point on his return against the Spurs.

"He's playing with such a resolve just trying to get us over the hump," coach Rick Adelman said. "You see it. He's had that effort, but we had so many people step up tonight and it really made a big difference."

Somehow, Minnesota managed to shirk several slumps that set in while the team was worn down from playing short-handed. They have been the worst shooting team in the league for most of the season, including just 29.3 percent from 3-point range entering the game. But they hit five of their first six shots from long distance and got a boost from the

best game for Shved in weeks.

Shved shot better than 28 percent in just two of his previous 10 games, but was 5 for 6 in the first half to help the Wolves take a 15-point lead.

Rubio punctuated the night with a behind-the-back dribble and layup in the fourth, bringing Wolves fans to their feet.

"He alright," Jackson huffed. "You know, I mean, I'm into winning championships. I'm not into guys playing alright, averaging 30 and 20 on sorry teams. I'm into winning championships. He got some upside, I'll say that. But it's all about winning to me."

sudoku

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MAVS

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had 14 points. Mavericks rookie and former Marquette star Jae Crowder, last year's Big East player of the year, was one off his career high with 14 points.

Monta Ellis scored 32

points for the Bucks, giving him 20 or more in all six of Milwaukee's games this month. Ellis has been putting up big numbers since the All-Star break, averaging 23.7 points.

"That's one thing I did evaluate when I went back home for the break," Ellis said. "I was taking too many jump

shots. I was settling. I wasn't really driving like I used to. I'm just trying to get back into it."

Mike Dunleavy added 18 points while J.J. Redick had 17. Larry Sanders had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

After being on a tear the last five games offensively, Bucks guard Brandon Jennings was held in check. He scored four points — matching his season low. Jennings played less than 3 1/2 minutes in the final quarter.

The eighth-place Bucks missed a chance to gain ground for the sixth seed in the East, with both Boston and Atlanta losing Tuesday night. The Bucks are a game behind both teams in the playoff race.

"Every time you lose a game now being in the position we are in, it has significance," Bucks coach Jim Boylan said. "We are trying to climb up and because we are trying to secure our spot, it definitely stings a little bit."

The Bucks set the high-scoring pace early with a season-high 35 points in the first quarter and led 35-28. The Mavericks stormed back, finishing the second quarter on a 27-10 run to take a 63-55 lead into the break. They never trailed in the second half.

The Mavericks opened the second half on a 12-2 run to extend their lead to 18. The Bucks countered with an 11-0 run to cut the lead to 77-70 midway through the third.

Dallas was able to push its lead up to 90-79 heading into the final period.

Dallas went up 14 early in the fourth, but Milwaukee responded with a 7-0 burst to cut the lead to 98-91. Carter then drained a 3 with 5:30 left to push the lead back to 10, and after Milwaukee cut it to 101-96, Carter answered with another 3 with 4:16 left.

The Bucks cut the lead to 106-100 on Ellis' layup before Carter hit his third.

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