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## Correction

In Sunday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, an article titled "Rollback Petition" incorrectly stated the college has lost \$16.7 million in money from the state over the last three funding cycles. In fact the college lost \$3.4 million dollars in state funding from cuts in instruction and employee insurance assistance while continuing to serve approximately the same amount of instructional student hours since the 2010-2011 funding year. Also the article incorrectly stated the newly adopted tax rate by Howard College trustee would raise a projected \$1.3 million in new tax revenue. It will raise a little more than a \$1 million in new tax revenue if the rate is actually implemented. The Herald regrets the error.

## Native American musician Granger performed at art exhibit opening



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
 Randy Granger, an award-winning singer-songwriter, performed during the opening reception of the Greg's Texas Collection Saturday night at Howard College. His music is a blend of Native American and world flutes. The Greg's Texas Collection is a selection of photographs by Coahoma residents Greg and Toni Bodin of Texas historical sites, nature and interesting people. The college will be on display at the Hall Center for the Arts, 1001 Birdwell, through the end of

## Road work coming

*TxDOT to start work in Martin County*

Special to the Herald

MARTIN COUNTY — A project to rebuild approximately 6 miles of FM 3263 in Martin County from FM 26 to FM 846 is scheduled to start this month. The project will remove existing pavement, add base and resurface the road. Lane closures and pilot car operations will be needed during the day, but the road will be open to traffic at night. There will be times when the traveling public will be driving on an unpaved surface, so the speed limit in the area is reduced to 45 miles per hour. While work is being done, a pilot car will be used to lead motorists through the work zone. Motorists are asked to obey all warning signs and any flaggers in the area. Motorists are also asked to use extreme caution in the work zone. Work will begin on the northern end of the project and work south. The project is scheduled to be completed in July 2016. DelHur Industries won the contract with a low bid of \$5,923,778.45. See, **WORK**, Page 3

## Commissioners to meet at new time Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

Same place, new time. In an effort to better accommodate area residents wishing to attend their meetings, Howard County commissioners have moved the start times to the afternoon. This week's commissioners' meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the third floor courtroom of the county courthouse. Commissioners will consider a routine agenda which includes the following items:  
 • Discussion and possible action on county nominees for the county appraisal district board of directors.  
 • An interlocal agreement between Howard and Lubbock counties.

See, **COUNTY**, Page 3

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## City Council

### Appraisal Board nominations to top meeting

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will decide on their nominees to the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors when they

meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Five directors of the appraisal district will be selected this year, according to information submitted to city officials. All the taxing entities within Howard County vote for the appraisal board members. The number of votes each entity has depends on the total property valuation within its boundaries. Under those calculations, the city of Big Spring has slightly more than 8 percent of the 5,000 total votes to be cast. See, **CITY**, Page 3



## Thank you very much!



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
 Big Spring fire fighters start off this morning with a full breakfast courtesy of Marcy Place. The assisted living center offered a hot meal this morning as a thanks to all area first responders.

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## Obituaries

### Liberato "Leo" Carrillo



Liberato "Leo" Carrillo, 93, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 23, 1922 at Shafter, Texas to Polycarpia and Concepcion Carrillo. He first came to Big Spring in 1930. He went to Chicago from 1950 until 1970, when he returned to Big Spring. He was a cook having worked at Ramada Inn, Fina Truck Stop, Herman's, and Jo-Boys. He and his family owned the

Ponderosa from 1980 until 1991. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Irene Wilson and her husband, George, of Big Spring; two sons, Gilbert Troncosa and Vicente Gonzalez, both of Denver; three grandsons, Irak Sigala of Mexico, Daniel Sigala of Mexico, and Christopher Wilson of Big Spring; one brother, Florencio Carrillo of Oregon; and a number of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Ygnacio "Nacho" Escanuelas, Sr.



Ygnacio "Nacho" Escanuelas Sr., 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 21, 1934 in Coahoma to Pilar and Mateo Escanuelas, and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He owned K-M Service stations on Lamesa Highway and East Third Street. Later, he was a heavy equipment operator for Howard County and Big Spring State Hospital.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He married Maria Armendariz May 9, 1954. She preceded him in death June 13, 2011.

He is survived by three sons, Ygnacio Escanuelas Jr. and his wife, Dora of Coahoma, Steve Escanuelas and his wife, Socorro of Big Spring, and Mateo Escanuelas and his wife, Lourdes of Big Spring; six daughters, Olga Vidales and her husband Frank of Odessa, Janie Martinez and her husband, Jessie of Big Spring, Maria Elena Escanuelas and her husband, Martin of Odessa, Martha Garza and her husband Oscar, of Big Spring, Isabel Vera and her husband Tony of Odessa, Maria Pilar Villareal and her husband Sammy of Odessa.; 19 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren, and a very special lifetime friend, Tom Dunnam.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Andres and Miguel Escanuelas; two brothers: Alex and Tino Escanuelas; and two sisters Petra and Gregoria Escanuelas.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Opal Dunlap

Opal Irene Oglesby Dunlap, 89, of Leander, Texas, died Oct. 11, 2015. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at Westbrook Cemetery, Westbrook, Texas.

Arrangements by Beck Funeral Home, Cedar Park, Texas, (512) 259-1610. Online guest registry at [www.beckchapels.com](http://www.beckchapels.com).

### Ronnie Osborn

Ronnie Osborn, 69, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 in Nashville, Tenn. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

normal breathing or circulation.

- HARASSMENT was reported in the 600 block of W. 9th St.

- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20.

- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Birdwell Lane and the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hwy 350 and the 1900 block of Morrison.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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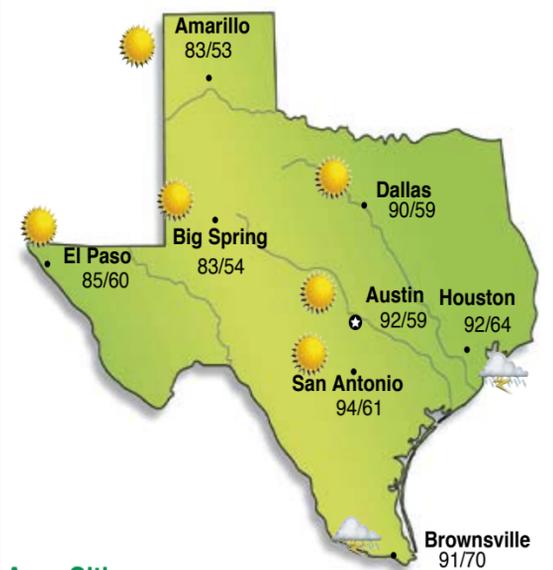
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### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 10/13	Wed 10/14	Thu 10/15	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17
<b>83/54</b> Sunny. High 83F. Winds light and variable.	<b>87/59</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>86/57</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>79/53</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>76/55</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:15 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:14 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:11 PM

### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	90	59	sunny	Kingsville	93	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	83	53	sunny	Livingston	90	55	pt sunny
Austin	92	59	sunny	Longview	89	51	sunny
Beaumont	87	57	t-storm	Lubbock	85	54	sunny
Brownsville	91	70	t-storm	Lufkin	90	52	sunny
Brownwood	90	54	sunny	Midland	86	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	92	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	71	t-storm
Corsicana	90	58	sunny	Rosenberg	90	61	t-storm
Dallas	90	59	sunny	San Antonio	94	61	sunny
Del Rio	92	62	sunny	San Marcos	94	59	sunny
El Paso	85	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	54	sunny
Fort Stockton	85	60	sunny	Sweetwater	89	59	sunny
Gainesville	87	55	sunny	Tyler	89	57	sunny
Greenville	87	54	sunny	Weatherford	89	56	sunny
Houston	92	64	t-storm	Wichita Falls	89	55	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	49	pt sunny	Minneapolis	60	41	pt sunny
Boston	73	53	pt sunny	New York	73	55	pt sunny
Chicago	62	43	pt sunny	Phoenix	95	69	sunny
Dallas	90	59	sunny	San Francisco	82	63	sunny
Denver	84	47	sunny	Seattle	64	54	cloudy
Houston	92	64	t-storm	St. Louis	72	51	sunny
Los Angeles	93	72	mst sunny	Washington, DC	76	53	rain
Miami	89	73	mst sunny				

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- FREDDIE JOE SANCEHZ JR., 20, of 3623 Hamilton St. was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- NATHAN KYLE MILLER, 32, was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than \$20 but less than \$500, by a check.

- FARRELL MCCULLOUGH, 52, of 1213 17th St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resist arrest, search or transport.

- ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ, 52, of 1601 Harding St. was arrested on warrants for open container in a motor vehicle - driver and fail to appear.

- CALLIE NICOLE PARTLOW, 41, of 6805 Kyle Rd. was arrested on a charge of theft of property, less than \$100, shoplifting.

- DULSE RODRIGUEZ, 23, of 200 Lockhart St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- STEVEN TY RHOER, 24, of 200 Lockhart St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

- KEITH SCHLEY WALKER, 59, of 10107 Oak Hollow Dr., Austin, Texas was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense and evading arrest/detention with vehicle or watercraft.

- JACOB JACK GARCIA, 34, of 2210 N. Hwy 350, was arrested on a charge assault family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding

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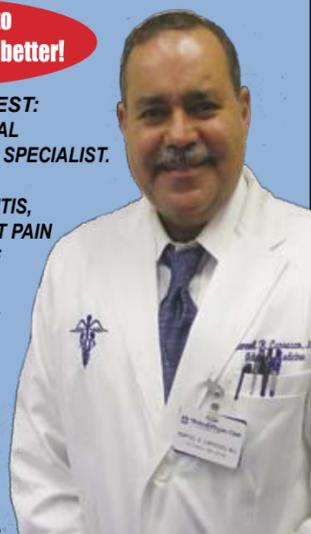
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# Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center and American Cancer Society are teaming up to present "Think Pink".

The community is invited to attend an open house in the SMMC M a m m o g r a p h y Department on Oct. 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a short presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness and the services provided through SMMC. An ACS representative will also be on hand to provide information on local resources and statistics. The Yellow Rose Café will provide refreshments for the event. For more information, call 432-268-4699.

• 118<sup>th</sup> District Court jury duty scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled. Call 264-2225 for more information.

• Blood drive, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Big Spring High School. The drive will be held inside the school library, 707 11<sup>th</sup> Place. To schedule a appointment, call Haley Lefever at 264-3641, Ext. 1469 or 1-877-UBS-HERO (877-827-4376) or go online to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) enter sponsor code: steers. Donors receive a custom T-Shirt, free meal coupon courtesy of McDonalds; free limeade coupons courtesy of Sonic Drive-In; a free cholesterol check, hotdogs, snacks and drinks for donors and to save up to three lives with their donation.

• The Howard County's Adopt a Military Hero: Christmas for the Troops is looking for APO addresses. If you have a family member, friend, co-worker or

anyone in your life that will be deployed during Christmas, Adopt a Military Hero is looking for their address to send a Christmas care package. Email the address to [adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net) or drop it off at Hardison Appliance located at 1606 E. 3rd St. no later than Nov. 7.

• The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 12 in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building, preceded by a Dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Teresa Beckmeyer with the Texas Republican Party, discussing the seven constitutional amendments which will be on the November ballot.

• Applications for the annual Man and Woman of the Year are now being taken at the Chamber of Commerce. Criteria for selection is as follows:

• The nominator must be a Chamber member but the nominee does not have to be.

• Nominations must be in writing and should be based on a record of accomplishments rather than a single contribution or an achievement although it will not be ruled out if that contribution is of sufficient importance. The committee will base its choice on information provided in the written nomination and not on personal knowledge of the nominee.

• Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number on the form for contact purposes of the committee.

• Nominees can not

currently hold a political office.

Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 1.

To return an application, send the form addressed to Man and Woman of the Year Nomination; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; 215 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. or P.O. Box 1391; Big Spring, Texas 79721. For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

• Coahoma Lions Club will host a Trade Days event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 2015, at the old gin lot in Coahoma. The event will feature arts and crafts, food, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry and other gift or garage sale items. Vendor lots are available for \$15 (10-foot-square) or \$25 (10-by-20-foot). For more information, contact Tammy or Lisa at Coahoma City Hall, 432-394-4287.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket

allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano.

To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at [dkiley@howardcollege.edu](mailto:dkiley@howardcollege.edu) or e-mailing Wills at [ewills@howardcollege.edu](mailto:ewills@howardcollege.edu).

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or

[www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• 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 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. We are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual

assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

**To submit a news item, call 263-7331, ext. 235**

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## WORK

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This is the second major road rehabilitation project under way in Martin County. A project to rebuild approximately 11 miles of FM 846 in Martin County from State Highway 137 to the Howard County line started in August.

That project also uses a pilot car for daytime lane closures and has a reduced speed limit of 45 miles per hour. While the road is open at night, there will be times when the traveling public will be driving on an unpaved surface

Work began on the eastern end of the project. The project will take about a year to complete. Reece Albert won the contract with a low bid of \$8,167,618.40.

## COUNTY

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• Possible action on a resolution abandoning and vacating a portion of the map of the town of Morita.

• Possible action clarifying the speed limit on Old Colorado City Highway from State Highway

350 to FM 820.

- Pipeline crossings and road maintenance.
- Personnel matters.
- Invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## CITY

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In a letter to city officials, Chief Appraiser Ronny Babcock said the city can nominate between one and five director candidates and allocate its votes in its manner of choosing.

The results of the board election will be

released Dec. 31, Babcock stated in the letter.

In other business, the council will consider:

- An executive session to consider a lease agreement between the city and Desert Tanks, Inc.
- The city's quarterly investment report.
- The appraisal district's annual budget.
- Permission to advertise for bids for lease purchase items.

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## Lady Steers fall to S-water

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Lady Steers dropped their district volleyball showdown with Sweetwater by an 18-25, 25-21, 16-25, 28-26 score Saturday.

Katie Wenz led Big Spring with 27 assists, 11 kills, 17 digs and an ace. Addie Jimenez added 16 kills and Kiana Ramsey had 7 more on offense for the Lady Steers.

Big Spring's JV and freshmen also lost their matches to Sweetwater. In the JV matchup, Sweetwater took a 26-24, 25, 21 decision, while the BSHS freshmen fell by a score of 25-15, 25-17.

Cierra Martinez had eight kills for the BSHS JV, while Keila Yanez had five for the freshmen.



A group of Big Spring defenders bring down a Snyder ballcarrier during the Steers' loss Friday night. Big Spring has an open date this Friday before returning to action Oct. 23 at Stephenville.

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## Toronto staves off elimination, downs Rangers, 5-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rowned Odor kept starting double plays for the Texas Rangers, then first baseman Mitch Moreland turned a nifty one that only delayed the big blow.

After Odor had big defensive plays in three consecutive innings, Troy Tulowitzki hit a three-run homer right after Moreland's 3-2-3 double play in the sixth, and the Toronto Blue Jays went on to a 5-1 victory Sunday night that prevented the Rangers from sweeping the best-of-five AL Division Series.

"These guys did a really good job at limiting the damage, got the double-play balls when we needed them," manager Jeff Banister said. "Really the

big blow was, I think it was a changeup to Tulowitzki. ... But the margin of error in these type of games is so slim that one pitch typically can get you, and that's really was the story tonight."

Leading the series 2-1, Texas has another chance Monday to clinch it at home. If not, a deciding Game 5 will be played Wednesday in Toronto, where the Rangers won the first two games.

"Every game in the playoffs you want to have that feeling of a must win, just for the simple fact that you want to really get after it and don't get flat," said Josh Hamilton, who snapped an 0-for-31 postseason slump with a fifth-inning single.

On way to its first World Series in 2010, Texas opened the ALDS by winning the first two games at Tampa Bay, before losing both home games and then having to beat the Rays on the road in the decisive fifth game.

The Rangers are 1-8 in ALCS games at home, and 8-5 on the road.

Marco Estrada limited the Rangers to one run and five hits over 6 1-3 innings, with four strikeouts and no walks.

Tulowitzki's homer came in the sixth off reliever Chi Chi Gonzalez, two innings after Tulowitzki drew a bases-loaded walk. The shortstop missed most of the final three weeks of the regular season

because of a cracked shoulder blade and bruised muscles in his upper back.

"Tulo needed that, he really did," manager John Gibbons said. "Maybe that gets him off. ... If he catches fire, we're real dangerous."

Texas left-hander Martin Perez, somewhat a surprise pick as the Game 3 starter over veterans Derek Holland and Colby Lewis, gave up four runs and six hits while pitching into the sixth.

Holland (4-3) starts Game 4 against knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (11-11).

The Blue Jays had their leadoff hitter at second base to start each the third through fifth innings, a span that included the double

plays started by Odor, whose grounder in the seventh produced the only Texas run.

Toronto started the sixth with consecutive singles to chase Perez, and Edwin Encarnacion then drew a 10-pitch walk from Gonzalez to load the bases.

Moreland then fielded Chris Colabello's hard hopper, threw home for the first out and got back to the bag to take the return throw. Tulowitzki followed with his drive.

Toronto's first run scored in the third when Odor initially bobbled a grounder by Ryan Goins before reaching back with his right foot to touch the base and throwing the first to complete the first double play.

## Patriots run by Cowboys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With the game far out of reach, Brandon Weeden had Terrance Williams wide open for a consolation touchdown when Tony Romo's replacement badly overthrew Dez Bryant's understudy.

It was a perfect illustration of a Dallas offense powerless to keep up with New England while missing Romo and Bryant, even after the Cowboys sacked Tom Brady five times in the first half.

And now Weeden's status as the starter is uncertain following a 30-6 loss to the Patriots on Sunday.

"Yes," coach Jason Garrett said, almost interrupting the question about whether he would evaluate the quarterback spot during the upcoming bye.

The Cowboys' next game is Oct. 25 at the New York Giants.

Brady threw a pair of touchdowns in the second half, with a 1-yard scoring plunge in the first half when he was under heavy pressure. Greg Hardy had two of the Dallas sacks and Rolando McClain had another in their season debuts after four-game suspensions.

The Super Bowl champion Patriots (4-0) won their seventh straight game going back to the playoffs last year.

Dallas (2-3) lots its third straight without Romo and his top receiver, and has at least four more games without Romo (broken left collarbone).

Brady had an injection last week to try to speed the healing of his broken right foot, an injury sustained in the season opener. Romo went down a week later.

"We'll see," owner Jerry Jones said when asked if Bryant could return against the Giants in two weeks. "It would be a complete guess, but he certainly has the time for the bone to

heal. He's exceptional."

This was the biggest struggle so far for Weeden, who lost his 11th straight game as a starter going back to his time as a first-round draft pick in Cleveland.

The Cowboys had just 59 yards at halftime, and trailed 20-3 before their first long drive, which ended with the second of their two field goals late in the third quarter.

Weeden went 26 of 39 for 188 mostly meaningless yards, and the Dallas running game was also mostly ineffective until it was too late.

"Brandon didn't play well enough, but we didn't play well enough," Garrett said. "We just need to be able to control the line of scrimmage more in the running game and they did a good job loading the box up."

Brady, in his 16th season, joined Peyton Manning and Fran Tarkenton as the only NFL quarterbacks with 40 starts at least four times. It wasn't easy early.

The 38-year-old hadn't been sacked more than five times in the regular season since Buffalo had seven in 2001, the year he took over as the starter and won the first of four Super Bowls.

Hardy, the defensive end making his Dallas debut after a four-game ban for his role in a domestic violence case, was credited with two sacks, including one that resulted in a fumble recovered for a short gain by the Patriots.

He made headlines during the week for commenting on Brady's supermodel wife, Gisele Bundchen, after being suspended because the NFL believed he roughed up his former girlfriend last year.

After the game, his only response to several questions about his interaction with Brady was, "Any other questions?"

## Astros tale 2-1 series lead

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas Keuchel's perfect performance in Houston this year has the upstart Astros one win away from the American League Championship Series.

Keuchel remained undefeated at Minute Maid Park with seven gutsy innings and Chris Carter homered Sunday, leading the Astros to a 4-2 win over the Kansas City Royals for a 2-1 edge in their Division Series.

The Astros could wrap up the best-of-five matchup with a win over the defending AL champions in Game 4 on Monday.

Houston's remarkable run comes just two years after the team lost a franchise-worst 111 games in a third-straight 100-loss season.

"I think that success is a lot more sweet when you kind of go through hardship like we did the first couple years that I was up here," Keuchel said. "But it's really not a confidence that has grown. It's been here the whole time ... just now that we're getting to the playoffs and on a national stage ... it's a shock to a lot of people."

Keuchel, who shut down the Yankees in the AL wild-card game, worked out of jam after jam, allowing five hits and one run with seven strikeouts after going

15-0 at home this season, a modern major league record. He has a 1.45 ERA at Minute Maid Park in 19 starts this year.

"The ball in Dallas Keuchel's hand brings an awful lot of confidence to a lot of people. Including me," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "And he came up with some excellent pitches."

Luke Gregerson gave up a leadoff homer in the ninth to Alex Gordon before finishing off the Astros first playoff game in Houston in 10 years with a four-out save. It was his first save of more than three outs in three years.

Jason Castro drove in two runs with a single in the fifth that made it 2-1. Carlos Gomez, who has a rib muscle strain, started for the first time in the series and had an RBI single in the sixth.

Carter's soaring solo homer, which landed on the train tracks atop the wall in left-center, and came on Danny Duffy's first pitch of the seventh pushed the lead to 4-1.

Carter, batting .199 in the regular season but .455 in the postseason, was a triple shy of the cycle for the Astros, who were hosting a playoff game for the first time since the 2005 World Series. "After struggling so

much this year and just having the success I've been having in the last couple of weeks, it's been nice to contribute and helps us win games," Carter said.

Lorenzo Cain hit a solo homer in the fourth for the Royals, who are on the brink of elimination after reaching the World Series last season.

Kansas City starter Edwin Volquez fell to 0-3 in his postseason career by allowing five hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

They took the series lead in front of a rowdy, playoff-starved sellout crowd of 42,674. The group was mostly clad in orange and dotted with fans sporting fake beards in support of the star lefty who has become all but untouchable at home.

They were given inflatable orange thundersticks at the door and spent the afternoon beating them as they cheered, making the roar in the closed-roof stadium deafening at times.

"Electric crowd, and it was 10 years coming," Keuchel said.

Keuchel wasn't as sharp as he was in New York, but he was able to tiptoe out of trouble again and again and got deep in the game despite a pitch count that got high early.

World briefly

**Report: Turkish authorities investigating rally blasts focus IS militants**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) – Authorities investigating the twin suicide bombings at a rally promoting peace with the Kurdish were focusing on the Islamic State group, comparing DNA samples of the suspected bombers with those obtained from families of extremists they suspect could have carried out the attacks, a newspaper close to the government reported on Monday.

The government meanwhile, raised the death toll in Turkey's deadliest attack in years to 97 and said the victims included a Palestinian. A pro-Kurdish party has said that up to 128 people died in the attacks Saturday outside Ankara's main train station that targeted Turkish and Kurdish activists who were gathering for a rally to call for increased democracy and an end to the renewed fighting between the Kurdish rebels and Turkey's security forces that has killed hundreds since July.

The government said Kurdish rebels or Islamic State militants were likely responsible, while mourners accused President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of fomenting violence to gain votes for the ruling party ahead of the Nov. 1 elections.

No one has claimed responsibility, but the attack bears similarities to a suicide bombing the government blames on the Islamic State group that killed 33 Turkish and Kurdish peace activists near the town of Suruc bordering Syria in July.

Hurriyet newspaper said the type of device and explosives used in Ankara were the same as those used in the Suruc attack.

**Israeli police: Palestinian attacks officer with knife, is shot dead by police in Jerusalem**

JERUSALEM (AP) – A Palestinian man attacked an Israeli officer with a knife Monday at the entrance to Jerusalem's Old City and was shot dead by police, Israeli police said. It was the latest attack in a recent wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Paramilitary border police officers noticed the Palestinian acting suspiciously and ordered him to take his hand out of his pocket, Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said. The man then attacked an officer with a knife, but he was wearing a protective vest and was not injured, she said.

The attack took place near the Lions Gate of Jerusalem's walled Old City on the predominantly Arab eastern side of the city.

The recent wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence has been marked primarily by Palestinian stabbings and shootings carried out by young Palestinians with no affiliation to militant groups. The seemingly random nature of the attacks has complicated efforts to predict or prevent them.

In recent weeks, at least 25 Palestinians, including nine attackers, have been killed by Israeli forces, while five Israelis have been killed in attacks.

**Democrats gather in Nevada for first debate; state is sign of Hillary Clinton's edge**

LAS VEGAS (AP) – When the

Democratic candidates for president take the stage for their first debate this week in Nevada, they'll do so in a state that serves as a reminder of why Hillary Rodham Clinton is the front-runner for the nomination.

One of the first four states to cast ballots in the presidential contest, Nevada is home to large communities of immigrants, many who have only recently arrived in the U.S. When combined with the state's baroque caucus system, which is so complex that the rules surrounding it run 51 pages, that means winning the state and the largest share of delegates requires a higher degree of organization and effort to get-out-the-vote than in most others.

And so for all the excitement generated to date by Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, and for all the anticipation about whether Vice President Joe Biden will decide to make a late entry into the race, it is Clinton and her campaign that are set up to win when Nevada Democratic caucus next February.

Clinton installed staff on the ground in Nevada six months ago, and she now has 22 paid operatives in the state. They have recruited more than 3,000 volunteers, who have already held events in remote desert towns as well as the state's urban centers. Clinton herself has made wooing immigrants a keystone of her campaign; she announced her immigration policy approach at a Las Vegas high school this spring.

"That's a lot of shoe leather, and they've been on the ground for 5-6 months," Billy Vassiliadis, a veteran Democratic strategist in Nevada who isn't involved in the current race, said of the Clinton campaign's efforts. "That's going to be a challenge that I don't think a Sanders can overcome, that God bless his heart I don't think Joe can overcome."

**AP Exclusive: California may allow inmates with violent histories into firefighting unit**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – California officials are considering allowing inmates with violent backgrounds to work outside prison walls fighting wildfires, and the idea is generating concerns about public safety.

The state has the nation's largest and oldest inmate firefighting unit, with about 3,800 members who provide critical assistance to professional firefighters. That's down from about 4,400 in previous years, however, and so prison officials are looking for ways to add inmates.

Now, only minimum-security inmates with no history of violent crimes can participate. Starting next year, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is proposing adding inmates convicted of violent offenses such as assaults and robberies, if their security classification level has been reduced after years of good behavior.

Officials also are seeking to allow inmates who have up to seven years left on their sentences instead of the current five. Arsonists, kidnappers, sex offenders, gang affiliates and those serving life sentences for murder and other crimes would still be excluded.

"All it does is enlarge the pool of inmates we look at, but it doesn't change the nature of the inmate that we put in camp," Corrections spokesman Bill Sessa told The Associated Press. "We still are not going to put an inmate in camp that has a violent

attitude."

**Iran says Iranian-American Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian convicted**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, who has been detained for more than a year on charges including espionage, has been convicted, a spokesman for the Iranian judiciary said.

Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejeji told state TV Sunday night, "He has been convicted, but I don't have the verdict's details."

Ejeji said Rezaian and his lawyer are eligible to appeal the conviction within 20 days.

Leila Ahsan, Rezaian's lawyer told The Associated Press Sunday "there are no new developments" and said she has not yet received the verdict. Ahsan was not reachable for comment on Monday.

Rezaian was detained with his wife, who is a journalist for The National newspaper in the United Arab Emirates, and two photojournalists on July 22, 2014. All were later released except Rezaian.

**SOS via SMS: Suicide prevention groups expanding texting options for young people in despair**

BOSTON (AP) – With younger generations using cellphones less for actual conversation and more for text messaging, suicide prevention organizations are setting up ways that let distraught youths seek help that way.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers and college-age adults, making a text messaging initiative – started this month by Samaritans Inc. of Massachusetts to supplement the more traditional phone help line – a natural, Executive Director Steve Mongeau said.

Nearly 5,300 U.S. residents younger than 24 took their own lives in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, according to the

Washington, D.C.-based American Association of Suicidology. The latest suicide report by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health indicates that 90 state residents ages 5 to 24 killed themselves in 2012.

"We want you, as a person in need, to be able to use the communication platform you feel most comfortable with," Mongeau said, adding that Samaritans is the first suicide prevention organization in Massachusetts to offer the texting option.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has offered text help for suicidal veterans for several years.

**Milwaukee advocates seek to swap teddy bear tributes for permanent memorials to crime victims**

MILWAUKEE (AP) – On what would have been his friend's 18th birthday, a solemn teenager stared at a slumping display of helium balloons and a giant stuffed doll tied to a tree.

The decorations had been up for weeks as a memorial to Breanna Eskridge, who was gunned down outside her grandmother's Milwaukee home. Jamel Russell came this day to mourn.

Such improvised tributes are part of the landscape in tough neighborhoods across the U.S., symbolizing a complex knot of emotions that community activists and city officials must navigate as they grapple with whether to remove them. To some, they're eyesores, reminders of gang disputes, drug sales and sadness. To others, they're an important acknowledgment of loss and mourning.

In Milwaukee, victims' advocates are leading a push to make these ad hoc memorials into something more lasting. Community organizer Camille Mays has been working with local officials to establish publicly funded individual tributes to replace the makeshift shrines.

"Something that can promote life and growth and peace," she said.

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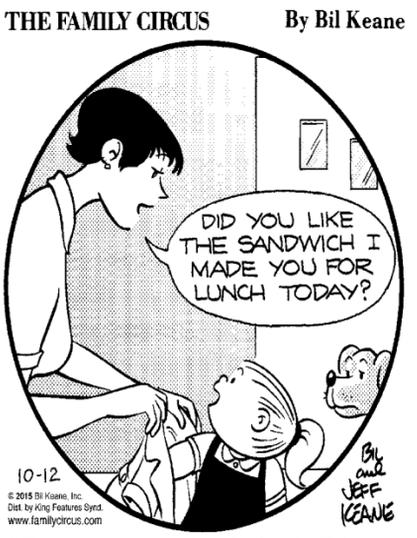
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♣ A J 6 5  
**WEST**  
♠ K Q 9 6 4  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ 9 8  
♣ K Q 7  
**EAST**  
♠ J 8 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ J 7 3 2  
♣ 10 9 8 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ 10 7 5  
♥ A K 9 7 5 4  
♦ K 6 5  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT  
Pass 3♦ Pass 4NT  
Pass 5♥ Pass 5NT  
Pass 6♣ Pass 7♥

Opening lead — two of hearts.  
Nowadays, virtually all tournament players — and most non-tournament players — prefer opening weak two-bids to strong twos, believing the weak-two gives them more flexibility in the bidding both offensively and defensively. Today's deal from the 1982 Spingold team championship certainly makes a strong case for the use of weak-twos.  
At one table, Billy Cohen and Mark Molson held the North-South

hands. After East passed, Molson opened two hearts, indicating a strong suit but less than the normal complement of high cards for an opening one-heart bid.

Naturally, Cohen started thinking not only in terms of game, but possibly slam. His two-notrump bid was artificial, asking South to further describe his hand. Three diamonds showed a maximum weak two-bid with a high honor card in diamonds.

Four notrump by North was a special form of Blackwood, and the response of five hearts guaranteed two key cards (which in the actual case Cohen knew to be the A-K of hearts).

Five notrump was a grand-slam try asking South whether he had any further values to reveal. Six clubs by South disclosed his singleton club, which, on top of the A-K of hearts and king of diamonds previously identified, made it easy to bid the grand slam. There was nothing to the play, and North-South scored 2,210 points.

Note that the grand slam was undertaken with only 28 high-card points, much less than the usual requirement, but fully justified given North's knowledge of South's hand. At the other table, the North-South pair stopped at six hearts after a far less illuminating sequence of bids.

Tomorrow: A super safety play.  
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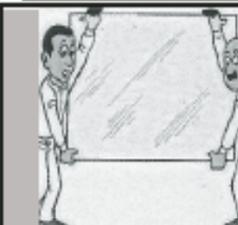
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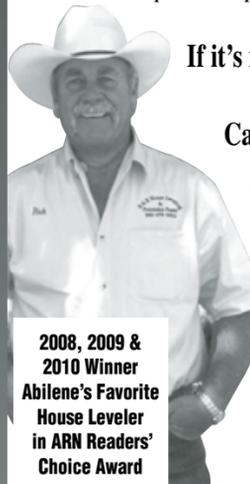
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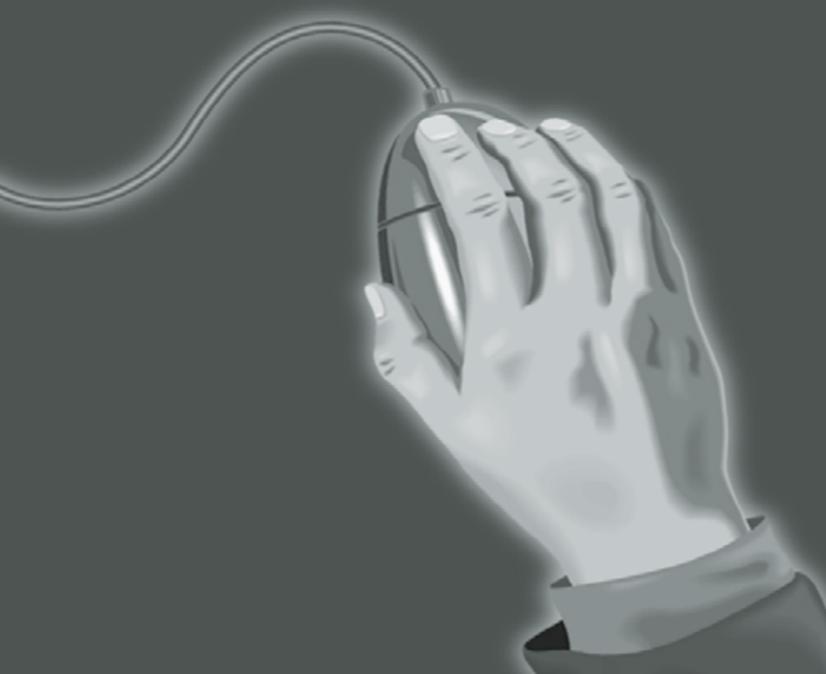
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The parachute was invented more than a century before the airplane so people could escape burning buildings. The same behavior that once got you out of a small disaster could help you float freely as the intensity of Uranus and the sun lets up. What situation do you feel you need to pull that emergency cord on?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). In our digital world, we sometimes forget the importance of touch, but it will come rushing back to you when you experience warmth and affection in a special relationship.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Over-explaining, defending before being attacked, selling when it's already sold and apologizing before being accused -- all amateur moves. Be a cool customer. Sum

up the situation, and then respond.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have a long list of wants and a short list of needs. Who knows? Maybe you don't need any of it. Feeling whole without the extras makes it all the more fun when you get them.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A friend sees you as someone who can do anything. You'll start to see yourself that way, too. You'll vault over problems and leave them far behind you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). No one is asking you to win the Nobel Prize. Just think about what it is that you do best, and then do it with all your heart. Full intention -- that's the intensity level that can change the world.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone is trying to win your heart. You'll go into this day thinking that life is good, and when your head hits the pillow, you'll know life is actually phenomenal.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll ex-

press yourself more fully when you're with someone who really understands you. If you don't feel like you know such a person, keep casually reaching out. This is a lucky time for finding friends.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All you can do is all you can do. When you reach that point, you'll be satisfied that you tried your hardest, no matter what the outcome is. But you haven't reached it yet -- so keep going.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You weren't born with the attitude that makes you a success. You have to choose it and then get up the next day and choose it again. Soon the choice becomes a habit.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is more than one way to cut off communication with someone. Running the other direction is one way, and running toward it is another way.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will

make it your mission to encourage others, and you will be uplifted in return. It's a fair exchange, though if you're deep enough into this emotional generosity, the very idea of "exchange" will be far behind you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). As all the professional card players know, it's foolish to wish for a lovely hand. All the fun is in playing the hand you've got. Yours is pretty good, by the way.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 12). There's a special friend who makes this year special. When you are with this person, it feels like you are protected by a sacred bubble. Fear dissolves; laughter ensues. Do what it takes to stay in a special relationship. They don't come along so often. December and January bring money from your creativity. Capricorn and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 9, 24, 33 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL

**QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Leo in my 30s. When I was younger, I had a habit of getting into extremely close relationships with a single friend. We would be inseparable, doing everything together. Then things would change, like I would move or she would change schools or whatever, and we would be separated, and I would find a new BFF. Now that I'm older, I don't want that kind of close friendship -- I think it's creepy and co-dependent. But what I have is all these associations I know through work or our children or church, and the truth is I'm not really clicking with anyone. It's all very forced. Will I ever find a happy medium?"

Good for you for realizing that you have outgrown co-dependent friendships. The best friends you're going to have in life are those who don't need anything from you and from whom you don't need anything. Leos do best in friendships with people who have

qualities they want to adopt. Remember when you were in school and you would see a person you admired and wanted to be friends with? Well, that's what you need now. You need a friend who inspires you and who knows how to share without being suffocating.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Hugh Jackman is cast to star as "The Greatest Showman on Earth," the story of P.T. Barnum. Jackman is a Libra, born when Mercury and Uranus were also in this harmonious sign. Music and literary talent is associated with these placements. Jackman continues to wow audiences with his acting and singing performances, and perhaps his literary talent will emerge in the near future.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Pam" for 16 years. During the last nine, she has gradually become a totally different person. She has gained a lot of weight, but that's

not the real issue. It's everything that goes with it. Pam has successfully lost weight through healthier eating and exercise -- multiple times. She gains energy, is more active in our kids' lives, enjoys time with family and friends and seems happier. But as soon as she starts to show real results, she gives up.

This latest bout was the worst. With the exception of doctors' appointments, she no longer leaves the house. I find myself being both mother and father to the kids, doing most of the housework and also taking care of Pam. She no longer attends any of the kids' school events. I work nights and am always having to cut sleep short to do things that she could easily do.

On top of that, Pam gets angry with me and everyone else for seemingly no reason at all, and then claims that we're the ones snapping at her. I don't argue with her about anything these days, but she looks to pick a fight all the time.

Two years ago, she accused me of having an affair (I wasn't). Frankly, I've lost all interest in intimacy with anyone. We had a long talk, and I was completely honest and told her that I am no longer attracted to her because I don't feel like her husband. I feel like

her chaperone.

I still love Pam because she is the mother of our children. A divorce scares me, not only because of the financial issues, but also because my youngest child would be devastated. (The other kids wonder why we are still together.) Should I wait until the youngest is older? Would a divorce open Pam's eyes? I'm not sure I'd trust her to follow through, no matter what she says. -- Struggling in New York

**Dear New York:** We think Pam is depressed, and there also could be a medical issue that results in her sabotaging her weight-loss efforts and her relationships. Can you go with Pam to her next doctor's appointment and mention this? It could be a hormonal imbalance. If necessary, would she be willing to discuss it with

her physician and get a referral to a therapist? You both seem terribly unhappy. Counseling for either of you would help.

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**Dear B.:** Some folks

who are hard of hearing do not realize that there is equipment that can amplify the sound of a normal landline phone. Thanks for mentioning it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@creators.com](mailto:anniesmailbox@creators.com), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You

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