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Candidate filing to close in two weeks

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Persons interested running for a spot have a little less than two weeks remaining to officially declare their candidacy.

Voters in three districts — District 2, currently held by Carmen Harbour, District 4, represented by Bobby McDonald and District 6, where Marvin Boyd is the incumbent — will elect city

representatives on May 9.

McDonald has declared he will not seek re-election, while Harbour and Boyd have not officially announced whether they will seek new terms on the council.

CitySecretaryDonaldMoore said prospective candidates have between now and Feb. 27 to file for the election. Candidates do not need to live within the district they wish to represent, but they must

have been a resident of Big Spring for at least one year by the date of the election.

Early voting the municipal election will be held from April 27 to May 5 in the office of Howard County Election Coordinator Saundra Bloom, located on the first floor of the county courthouse.

On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Members of the BSHS Debate Team are heading to state competition.

Oops, they did it again!

BSHS Debate team qualifies for 14th trip to state Special to the Herald

For the 14th time in the last 15 years, the Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team qualified a team to the University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination State Meet.

And, for the first time in four years, BSHS swept the top three places at regional competition. Sophomores Andi and Ashlan Armstrong placed first while Kelli Ruth and Kylie Palmer placed second, qualifying both teams for the state meet. The team of Amber Monks and Sarah Marshall placed third.

When hearing the news of their advancement, Ashlan Armstrong, who debates with her twin sister, Andi, said, "I wanted to cry, I was expecting to get third so placing first was a shock to me.

To achieve the placing, the teams had to defeat teams from Levellßand High School and Snyder High School. "When I saw that we were facing Snyder in the semifinals I was excited," Kelli Ruth said "A trip to the state meet was on the line and I was not going to let them take that away from

For Ruth, a second-year debater, a second trip to the CX State Meet was on the

line. "I reached the octafinals last year, which meant that my partner and I were in the top 16 4A CX teams in the state. I wanted to get back there this year because I want to improve on last year's placing," she said.

"We have three good teams this year," BSHS Speech and Debate Coach Jennifer Adams said. "Any of the three teams could have been the teams going to the state meet. What is really exciting is that none of them are seniors."

Debate is the UIL's longestrunning contest, dating back to 1910. A small group of debate coaches met in Abilene and began an interscholastic forensic program to motivate their students and provide them with a practical application for the skills they were developing. It was then

that UIL was born. Ten teams representing 10 divisions of the state competed in the first state tournament. More than 100 years later, the UIL Cross-Examination Policy Debate State Meet is celebrated as the largest high school debate tournament in

The last time a Big Spring High School team did not qualify someone for the CX state meet was the spring of

the nation

Key issues as 'American Sniper' trial continues Monday in Texas

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — After several days of evidence focused on the mental health of the former Marine accused in the fatal shootings of "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and his friend, the trial of Eddie Ray Routh is set to resume Monday in Texas. Criminal law experts say

the case hinges on whether the defense can prove Routh, 27, was insane at the time and did not know the killings constituted a crime. Here is a look at key points

in the case:

WHO WAS KYLE?

Kyle served four tours in Iraq and made more than 300 kills as a sniper for SEAL Team 3, according to his own

count. He earned two Silver Stars for valor. After leaving the military, he volunteered with veterans facing mental health problems, often taking them shooting. He took Routh to the shooting range at the request of the troubled veteran's mother.

The case has drawn intense interest, partly because of Kyle's memoir. An Oscarnominated film based on the book has grossed nearly \$300 million.

PERSPECTIVES ON **ROUTH**

Family members say Routh suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder after serving in Iraq.

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Valentine's Day Run Love2Run2Run held Saturday





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Nearly 100 people spent their Saturday — Valentine's Day morning participating in the 4th annual Run2Love2Run 5K run and walk at the Big Spring State Park. Pictured at top, runners take off at the commencement of the race. Above, Natalie Bose gives a thumbs up while participating in the walk with Monica Carroll. This is the first of five runs held at the park this year sponsored by Permian Basin **Events. Other running events sponsored by the organization** are Master the Mountain, April 11; and Moonlight Rave Runs, May 1, June 5, and Sept. 25.

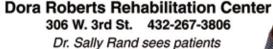
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Obituaries

Bonniegwin Wiggley



Bonniegwin Wiggley, 73, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born April 1, 1941, in Tacoma, Wash., to Ella and Joseph Oniel. She had lived in Big Spring since 2012, coming from Redding, Calif. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Stanhope and his wife, Rose, of Big Spring, and Little Joe Leon-

ard Stanhope and his wife, Ladonna, of Tahlequah, Okla.; two daughters, Tottie Ella Stanhope Williams of Tahlequah, Okla., and Derena Angle and her husband, Joe, of Olney, Il.; and several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Bernnie Stanhope and Todd Stanhope; and one brother, Tom Oniel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

Emma "Jane" Headrick

Emma "Jane" Headrick, 89, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral & Crematory.

Homer Conner Homer Conner, 93, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb.

13, 2015, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral & Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

•MATTHEW YBARRA, 23, of 1300 Madison St was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

•CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH VALLE, 23, of 2304 Runnels St. was arrested on warrants for defective head lamps, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and two counts of bail jumping/failure to

•ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON, 30, of 617 McEwen St. was arrested on charges of violation protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/ school.

•FABIAN ALLEN CARPENTER, 28, of 212 NE 10th St. was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•COREY TREVOR WARD, 25, of 6207 E. Midway Rd. was arrested for a warrant for another agency. •ROSE MARIE RODRIGUEZ, 44, of 1503 Robin St.

was arrested on charges of public intoxication,. •CHRISTOPHER JAY PADILLA, 32, of 8708 Gillem Rd. was arrested on charges of assault family vio-

lence threat or offensive touch. •DESIREE NICOLE GALAVIZ, 19, of 305 N 13th St. was arrested on a warrant for violation of entrance

fee requirements and fail to appear, ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens St., the 4000 block of Dixon St. and the 1800

block of Wallace St. •DISTURBANCE was reported in the 8000 block of

Gillem Rd. and the 900 block of S. Gregg St. •CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400

block of S. Scurry. •THEFT was reported in 1700 block of E. FM 700.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 1300 block of Airport and 200 block of Goliad.

•UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 600 block of McEwen.

•HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700.

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- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). 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.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group

or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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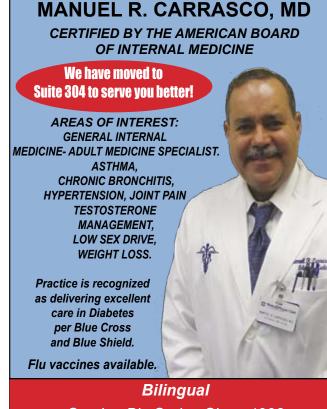
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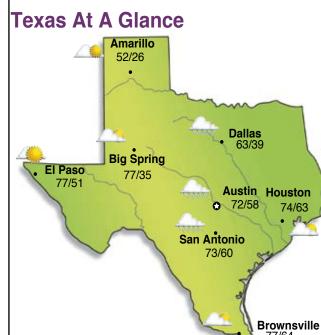


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TRIAL

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Defense attorneys say Routh, who was taking antipsychotic medication, was insane when Kyle and his friend, Chad Littlefield, took the former Marine to a shooting range to provide support and camaraderie. Routh, his lawyers say, believed the men planned to kill him.

Prosecutors say Routh was a troubled drug user who knew right from wrong, even with a history of mental ill-

Some of Routh's psychiatrists at Green Oaks Hospital, where he was admitted in September 2012 and in January 2013, are expected to take the witness stand.

THE CRIME

On Feb. 2, 2013, Kyle, Littlefield and Routh drove to Rough Creek Lodge and Resort, which besides luxury accommodations has a 1,000yard shooting range. About 5 p.m., a resort employee discovered the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield on the ground amid scattered weapons; each had been shot several times. About 45 minutes later, authorities say Routh pulled up to his sister's Midlothian home in Kyle's truck and told her he had killed Kyle and Littlefield before driving away.

On Thursday, prosecutors presented a video in which officers spoke with Routh as he sat in Kyle's pickup. He refused to leave the vehicle and eventually sped off, with police in pursuit. The video

shows a police vehicle ramming the pickup, which became disabled along the side of the road.

TRIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, testified on the first day of the trial, speaking about her husband's passion for helping veterans and gun safety. Sometimes choking up and wiping away tears, Kyle testified that her husband and Littlefield were close, and enjoyed spending time with veterans as they eased back into civilian life.

Prosecutors filed documents Tuesday saying Routh smoked marijuana, drank excessively and had a history of killing small animals. On the day of the killings, Routh had been drinking and smoking marijuana and threatened his girlfriend with a knife,

one of the documents says.

A Texas Ranger testified Friday that authorities found marijuana, a near-empty bottle of whiskey and medication for schizophrenia while searching Routh's small wood-framed home after the shooting.

The testimony could show that Routh deliberately put himself into a violent state, said Park Dietz, a forensic psychiatrist who examined Andrea Yates, who was found not guilty in 2006 by reason of insanity in the drowning deaths of her five children. "Voluntarily induced intox-

ication is not an excuse for the mentally ill," he said. In a recorded interview

with the Texas Rangers played in court, Routh said he understood what he'd done

and wanted to apologize to the men's families.

"You know what you did today is wrong, right?" the

"Yes, sir," Routh replied. WHAT'S AT STAKE

ranger asked.

Jurors have three options to find Routh guilty of capital murder, to find him not guilty, or to find him not guilty by reason of insanity. If convicted, Routh faces life in prison without parole. Prosecutors aren't seeking the death penalty. Even if he's acquitted, Routh could remain in custody. The Texas criminal code stipulates that in cases involving violent crimes where defendants are found not guilty by reason of insanity, the court can initiate civil proceedings to have

Take Note

- 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.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
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- Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins

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at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- · 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 ½ 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.
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The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glassock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by February 25, 2015, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 31, 2015. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2014 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone (800) 835-5832.

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Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Seven area athletes selected for all-star games

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Crossroads will be well represented when the 2015 Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA Festival gets under way this summer in Abilene and San Angelo. In all seven area athletes will compete in the June 11-12 all-star events, which include the 16th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star football game, as well as basketball, baseball and softball

Three area football players will headline the North football roster during the all-star football game, which will be played at Abilene's



North football

Shotwell Stadium on June 13.

Helping lead the team will be two of West Texas' top offensive linemen and Big Spring senior Nick Sotelo and Coahoma senior Zak Walton. Sotelo, a 6-foot,



Zak Walton ... **North football**

263-pound all-district selection, helped an $chor\,the\,BSHS\,offensive$ line. Walton, a 6-foot, 230-pounder played a key role in Coahoma's ability average better than 250 yards per game on the ground this sea-



North football

Forsan's Oscar Barraza and Coahoma standout Braxton Iden were also selected to compete in the football contest. Iden and Barraza both starred on both sides of the line of scrimmage



Oscar Barraza ... North football

this year for their respective teams.

Iden was a 2014 allstate selection.

Big Spring and Coahoma will also be represented in several other events during the Festival, including basket-

ball and baseball. Tyler Bryan will represent the Steers on the North basketball squad, while Hunter Hill will anchor the North baseball ros-

The girls' and boys' all-star basketball games will be played at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood on June 11. The baseball and softball games will be played in San Angelo on June 12.

Coahoma's Rylie Jacobs will play for the North team in the girls' vollevball game on June 12.

The volleyball all-star game will be played prior to the football matchup on June 13 in

Hawks to host Odessa tonight

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team will return to the heat of the postseason race tonight when they host the Odessa Wranglers in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup featuring two of the league's top

"This is a big game for us," said HC head coach Scott Raines. "We need a win to keep pace and they are fighting for their playoff lives. It should be a great game.'

The Hawks, who are seeking their 20th win of the season, enter the game tied with South Plains at 10-2 at the top of the WJCAC standings. A victory by the Hawks, along with an New Mexico Junior College win over Midland, would guarantee HC will finish no lower than third in the final WJCAC standings.

Odessa College heads into tonight's matchup at 19-6 for the season and tied with Midland College for fourth in the WJCAC standings with a 7-6 record. Midland and Odessa play each other on Thursday

South Plains, 20-5 overall, faces New Mexico Military tonight on Roswell.

The HC Lady Hawks, 7-19 and 1-10, will face Odessa, 22-4 and 8-2, starting at 5:45 p.m.



Big hit ...

Big Spring's Anthony Godwin throws the ball to first base for an out during the Steers' preseason scrimmage against Midland High School on Saturday afternoon. The Steers lost the scrimmage, 20-2.

Reagan Co. slips past Coahoma in OT, 64-54

The Coahoma Bulldogs might not have been playing for a playoff berth on Friday night but that didn't stop them from throwing a scare into Reagan County's postseason plans.

The Bulldogs, backed by a game-high 24 points from Braxton Iden, pushed the Owls into overtime before falling

"We played well and played hard considering we were out of the playoff picture," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols. "I proud of

them." Regan County, now

20-5 overall and 5-3 in District 5-3A, battled its way to a slim 17-15 lead in the first quarter.

Coahoma rallied back, however. The Bulldogs, 10-14 and 1-6, reeled off a 14-10 run in the second and took a 29-27 lead into the half.

The Owls used a 26-24 run in the second half to tie the game at 53-53 at the end of regulation.

Kyler Franks scored into double figures for Coahoma, netting 13. Mason Moore and Cade Ramsey had seven apiece.

Coahoma travels to Stanton tomorrow.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Dead eye ...

Howard College catcher Ryan McCarvel prepares to catch a pitch during the second game of the Hawks' doubleheader with El Paso CC on Saturday.

Former HC coach to be honored by college

Former Howard College Lady Hawks women's basketball coach Don Stevens will be recognized for his recognized into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame tonight between the men's and women's basketball games at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Stevens, who retired from Howard College in 1989, was among the latest WJCAC standouts elected to the Hall recently.

The Lady Hawks' game with rival Odessa College begins at 5:45 p.m. with the ceremony following at approximately 7:30 p.m. prior to the start of men's game which is slated to begin at 7:45 pm.

Stevens was at the helm of Hawk women's basketball from 1976–1989 and tallied a record of 262 wins and 130 losses. During his tenure with Howard College, he led the Hawks to several conference and regional championships, in addition to several NJCAA National Tournament appearances.

"Don Stevens was an integral part of the history and tradition of women's basketball for Howard College," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "We are honored to recognize his legacy and the impact that he has had on our college and our athletic programs as well as the athletic programs in the region

Bulldogettes kick off postseason run tonight

The Coahoma girls' basketball team will kick off the area's postseason basketball schedule tonight when they face off against the Wall Lady Hawks in the bi-district round of the Class 3A state playoff.

Coahoma, the No. 4

seed from the District 5-3A race, will meet Wall, the District 6-3A champion starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Wall, the defending Class 2A state champion, enters tonight's game at 24-6.

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH ♠** K Q 8 6 ♥AJ4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ J 9 8 5 **EAST ♦**J 10 9 5 3 2 ♥10 8 **↑**A74 **♥**Q976 ♦KO9 **↑**10 7 SOUTH

♦ J 7 6 5 4 **♥**K 5 3 2 **♦**AKQ432

The bidding: North Ĕast South West 1 **♣** 2 ♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Dble Pass 4 ♥ Redble Pass Pass Pass 4 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 2002 Cavendish Invitational, perhaps the most prestigious pairs contest on the annual bridge calendar. The threeday event, which originated at New York's Cavendish Club but then moved to Las Vegas, generated more than \$1 million in prizes for the top finishers among the 60 pairs. Italians Guido Ferraro and Gior-

gio Duboin reached six clubs after a lengthy sequence that involved several cuebids and a Roman Keycard Blackwood inquiry that disclosed three key cards (here, two aces and the king of clubs) in Duboin's hand.

West, Sidney Lazard, led the diamond king, taken by Duboin with the ace. After the diamond lead, the contract would seem to depend on finding West with the queen of hearts a 50 percent proposition. Most players would probably have settled for this chance and gone down one as the cards lie, but you don't get to be a world champion, as Duboin is, by settling for the obvious line of play. He spotted another possibility that would cost him nothing to try.

So at trick two he cashed the club ace, then led a club to the jack and

returned a low spade toward his hand. This subjected East, Bart Bramley, to a difficult guess. Was declarer trying to steal a trick with the singleton jack of spades, or was he void and trying to lure Bramley into putting up the ace? Bramley thought long and hard

and eventually played the ace. Duboin ruffed, returned to dummy with a trump, discarded both of his diamonds on the K-Q of spades and later lost a heart trick to make exactly six. Making the slam was worth 228 IMPs, a huge score after comparison with the results at the 29 other tables.

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you about what they like, need and find important. Take measures so you'll remember these details at the appropriate time. After you talk to a friend, take notes about what you've learned. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You are not used to sharing another person with the other people in that person's life. Feelings of jealousy are normal, and unusual behaviors may follow. Above all, you're human. Accept vourself. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

When they preface a statement with "to be honest..." you have to first brace yourself -- and then wonder what they might say in their normally dishonest SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Sometimes it's risky to be cautious. This is one of those times. Don't overcorrect people, or they'll think you're bossy, and you'll get a bad reputation. If you only speak out when it's really crucial, they'll listen. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). You'll find people who think like you, and you'll enjoy the exchange. This isn't an everyday occurrence, because people are so different. Pause for a

sudoku **ANSWERS**

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moment to reflect and appreciate this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll get the chance to unite forces with someone you admire. Keep track of the details about what this person likes. It will help you to be thoughtful in the future when it will matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll knock yourself out for your friends. You'll ask yourself: Am I creating a memory with this? Give you and your friend something to laugh about when you're sitting on the porch together in your rocking chairs. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

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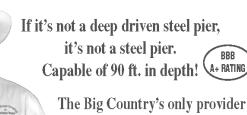
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OFFICER IS ON HIS WAY

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T

MOVE A MUSCLE

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"In honor of Presidents Day, I'm gonna veto these vegetables."

WE TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE LAWS OF NATURE IN THE EVENT OF A

COLD SNAP.

GARGOYLE

HAS ONION

BREATH

HAGAR





BLONDIE



bary War.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2015. There are 318 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 16, 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

On this date: In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates during the First Bar-

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant." In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City. In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter. In 1937, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers, a research

received a patent for the synthetic fiber. In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and ahalf after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista. In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite. In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama.

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Answer to previous puzzle

AGNES IT'S PRESIDENTS O0 DAY

HI AND LOIS

I HAVE TO RUN TO

THE BANK, POST OFFICE AND MARKET

THE OTHER COAST

SNUFFY SMITH

BEETLE BAILEY

TATA

OH, TH' USUAL-

SUPPER BY

CANDLELIGHT !!

CRUNCH

HOW WUZ **YORE** VALENTINE'S DAY LOWEEZY ?

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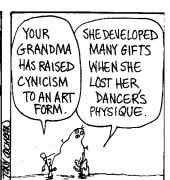
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THAT SOUNDS

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WHAT DO YOU



OK, YOU'RE COVERED FOR ALL PERILS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF IMPACT

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WE DO THAT EV'RY NIGHT !!

I WUZ HOPIN' SNUFFY'D TAKE ME

SOMEPLACE WIF 'LECTRICITY !!

I LOVE IT WHEN

SARGE HITS THE SNOOZE BUTTON

SHE SHOULD TAKE THE CAR INSTEAD

OF RUNNING.

ОЬ

SHOULDN'T

HAVE FED

LEFTOVERS

HIM MY

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Green sauce
- for pasta
- 6 Sulk 10 Transfer legally
- 14 Needs a
- massage
- 16 Bakerv

- structures
- 31 Low-fat
- 32 Metallic rocks
- 38 Walk through
- 39 Halt
- products
- 42 Loosen, as a
- knot
- 45 Inside
- information
- 49 "They made me

- garden
- appliance
- 17 Whole-grain
- sandwich
- exterior
- 20 Silent assent
- 24 Religious
- ceremony
- 25 Wizard's magic
- 29 Nut-bearing tree

- 36 Poker pot starter
- **37** Trade union
- 40 Henhouse
- 44 Tops of waves

- **51** Dollar bill

- 58 Clothes-pressing
- **60** Red Cross
- 15 Adam and Eve's 62 911 responders:
 - Abbr.

- 19 Evaluate
- 21 Oil-drilling
- 22 Bicycle for two
- 26 Selection option
- 30 Party beverage

- water
- **41** Let in

- sweeping
- do it!"
- 54 Biblical wise

7 Praiseful poems 35 Full collections

chemist for Du Pont

who'd invented nylon

- 59 Fell gradually
- 61 Zesty taste

- 63 Tiny flies

DOWN

- piece
- 3 Place to store
- tools
- 4 Coffee
 - 5 Large flightless
- bird
- 14

17

- 48 Barbershop
- 50 Low choir voice
- men

- **55** Distillery product
- tool
- worker

- 1 Lowly chess
- 2 Canyon sound
- alternative
- 6 Combine

- together
- 34 Make
- 25 Closes tightly 26 Tax pros, for

18 Quick snack

23 Curved path

8 Split soup

9 Being aligned

lengthwise

soup

12 Scare off

13 Foe

- short 27 Search for 28 Aware of
- 29 Light brown

15

31 Haul through the door 33 Lambs' papas

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LEFTAFTERPARTY

- 37 Opposite of
- "improve" 41 Standing up
- 10 Thick vegetarian 43 "Believe it or ___
- 11 Keep away from 44 Money
 - 45 Maximum speed 46 Gone With the

Wind surname

- 47 Pioneer's 24 Dieter's dessert vehicle
 - 48 Birds of prey 50 Shaped like a
 - boomerang 51 Gumbo veggie
 - 52 Bird's dwelling 53 Hurricane
 - centers **56** Thanksgiving
 - veggie 57 It appears
 - at dawn 11 12 13

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