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### VFW ESSAY CONTESTS

Area secondary students have a chance to voice their views on citizenship and perhaps win scholarship monies in the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" essay contests.

The "Voice of Democracy" is a national audio essay competition. This year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders who write an essay of 300 words minimum and 400 maximum typed. This year's theme is "My Dream for America."

Both local contests are open to students in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

The deadline to turn in the essays is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at the participant's school office or by contacting Leo Welch at 263-1658.

Essays can be sent to P.O. Box 1921, Big Spring 79721.

### SPOOKTACULAR SLATED

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking retail businesses to participate in a Halloween night shoppers special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There is no cost to participate. However, businesses that do will be included in a drawing for use of a spotlight for one hour or a one-hour radio remote on Halloween night. The deadline to register for eligibility in the drawing is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Merchants that want to participate in a "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" should call the chamber at 263-7641, or stop by 215 W. Third to fill out a brief registration form.

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## Council to finalize tax rate hike during meeting

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members are expected to finalize the adoption of the 2003 tax rate, which includes a three-cent hike during their meeting tonight.

Council members heard concerns from the community during a public hearing concerning the proposed increase two weeks ago, and despite the unpopular nature of any increase, voted 6-1 in favor of the measure.

Big Spring Mayor Russ

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McEWEN

McEwen said the three-cent increase will balance the city's budget, but will leave no margin

for error.

"It was one of those situations where three to four cents was the

right number," said McEwen. "Four cents gives you a little more cushion. It's not an exact science when you're going through the budgetary process because what you're doing is forecasting and trying to figure out things like what are sales taxes going to do."

While there has been a great deal of concern placed on the decision between a four-cent and three-cent tax hike, McEwen added the severity of the differ-

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U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer shakes hands with Big Spring Councilwoman Gloria McDonald before heading into the CARES Commission hearing last week to present testimony on behalf of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

## VAMC supporters confident commissioners got message

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

EL PASO — About 100 people traveled through the desert to the Fort Bliss U.S. Army base by bus, car or plane last week to deliver one message to the Capital Assessment for Realigned Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission — keep the Big Spring VA Medical Center where it is.

In that endeavor, supporters felt their mission was accomplished. "It was definitely worth the trip down because they needed community input," said the Rev. Floyd Green, a veteran and one of 47 people who rode a bus from Big Spring

to El Paso for the overnight trip. "With the amount of citizens who came down, it really looked good. We can't afford to lose the VA."

The five-member CARES Commission panel listened to testimony Thursday from several representatives arguing against a proposed feasibility study, that if enacted, would mean closure of the Big Spring hospital.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, submitted a letter in support of the Big Spring VA to the commission.

The proposed feasibility study was a part of a national draft plan by CARES to realign Department of Veteran's Affairs medical services to meet the future needs of

veterans. The 16-member commission is about halfway through with a 40-hearing schedule designed to hear invited testimony and feedback about the draft plan.

Before the meeting, Elbow Elementary third grade teacher Diana Newton presented 50 posters of support for the Big Spring facility to CARES representatives. The posters were created by students of her class and the classes of Cynthia Breyman and Barbara McQueary.

"They all have about the same theme," Newton said. "We love our

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## College Trustees will consider bids for Cottage

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will consider bids for the child care center construction project Wednesday which, if approved, will be the first step to clear the way for the multi-million dollar auditorium construction project.

Trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College board room located in the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell.

The fate of Howard Cottage, the college's day care facility, once hung in the balance while administrators scrambled to find funds to build a new structure to house the program.

Trustees, who are already battling tight fiscal times, considered axing the program for two main reasons — it's been running at a loss and the location of the current facility impeded the optimal placement of the privately-funded multi-million dollar performance hall.

In the September board meeting, trustees gave school officials the go-ahead to bid out a scaled down version of the day care facility project after learning the college had secured funds.

"We received an anonymous gift for the day care center project," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "We're very thankful for this person's generosity to Howard College."

In other business, trustee will hear the official 2003 enrollment report for the college district.

"Enrollment at the Big Spring and Lamesa campuses are both down and the San Angelo and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf are up," Sparks said.

Also on the agenda:

- Howard Cottage fee structure.
- Criminal justice pro-

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## Canterbury fall festival slated for tonight

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Residents at Canterbury and Canterbury North will get the chance to "hula" their way into fall tonight during a Fall Festival celebrating the first day of autumn.

According to Canterbury spokesperson Pat Johnston Edwards, the event will feature a tropical theme. "We have a South Pacific theme, so we have residents that have made leis for everyone that buys a ticket to

come and we're going to have hula dancers from the Dance Gallery. And we're going to have some older gals doing the hula dances as well as some line dancing.

"It's going to be just for fun and we think it's a nice way to start off the fall," she added.

Edwards said the festival will get started at 5 p.m. and feature something for everyone. "Things will get started at 5 p.m. with the Hawaiian dinner," she said. "Then from 6 to 7 will be the entertainment, with the cake

walk set to start at 7 p.m."

Edwards said the cake walk will be an excellent chance for those in attendance to take home a tasty homemade cake.

"There will be homemade cakes that you can take a chance on," she noted. "You walk around in a circle on top of numbers and I'll hold a number up and say, for example, that No. 22 will win this particular cake. And if you happen to be standing on 22 when the music stops, you get the cake."

"Various residents (of

Canterbury) are making them, along with their families. Gale's Bakery has donated quite a few cakes, so there's a lot of different people participating in this."

Canterbury and Canterbury North, located at 1700 S. Lancaster, are part of the St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes Inc. system. Tickets for the event are \$3.50 per person. For more information, call 263-1265.

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# Commissioners opt against increased retirement benefits

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Good news from an economic standpoint is hard to come by these days, and retired Howard County employees saw that first-hand this morning as Howard County commissioners decided against a retirement benefit increase.

Howard County Treasurer Teresa Thomas said the decision will mean no extra dollars in retirees' pockets for the coming year.

"The employees have seven percent deducted from their paychecks that

goes towards the retirement plan, and the county matches that amount," said Thomas. "Our rate last year was 10.42 percent, and each year they re-evaluate to see if that's enough to keep the plan covered. This year, if we do nothing, our rate is going to go to 10.58 percent, which is the amount the county must pay towards the plan."

The decision comes on the heels of an increase that was granted last year after a 10-year drought in raises.

"Those that are already retired got an increase (in benefits) last year, which

was the first time since 1992. There are four different things that we could have adopted that would effect this, but we've already adopted all of those. If we had not adopted them it would have shown the percentage that we would add on to this (overall percentage) to adopt them, but we've already done that. Therefore the only other thing we could do was give an increase to the people that are already retired."

Those four adoptions include the new 75-year rule, which replaces a previous requirement

that employees reach the age of 80 to qualify, as well as the minimum 8-year vestment rule.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he believes last year's raise was well overdue, but said the current economic crisis just doesn't make the idea of an increase feasible.

"We had given a raise to the retirees last year, and I think that was long overdue," said Kilgore. "With the situation as it is, we just didn't feel like we could give one this year. It's something you review every year, and it would have made our contribution go up quite a

bit, and we just can't... we're cutting back on everything right now."

Thomas said the issue, which weighs the issue of a flat-rate increase against a consumer price index increase, will go before the commissioners once again next year, possibly with a different outcome.

"With a flat increase, everyone would have gotten the same amount across the board," said Thomas. "With a Consumer Price Index increase, which is what we did last year, each person's cost of living is evaluated, and the employees

that retired years ago with a smaller annuity would get a higher increase than those that have retired recently.

"Every year I have to present this to the court to see if they want to make any changes, so every year there is the possibility they could (increase retirement), but on the other hand last year's increase came after 10 year of no increases."

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# Josh Free returning with band on Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring native Josh Free will be celebrating a homecoming of his own Friday, as the California musician gets ready to bring his band to the Comanche Trail Amphitheater on Friday night.

The show, which is sponsored by the Young Life Big Spring youth outreach program, is slated for 8 p.m., and according to YLBS Area Director Matt Warren, will appeal to more than just one taste of music.

"This band is an acoustic rock and folk rock sort of band, and it's labeled indie rock in the music industry," said Warren. "Josh free is a Big Spring native and his father is Leo Free, who used to be a pastor at Living Water Church. He graduated from Big Spring High School, and he and his wife, April, are the lead vocalists."

The band, which is named Thr3, will be coming to the Big Spring area from Pasadena, Calif., and, according to Warren, will fit the bill for a fun Friday night.

"We just wanted to bring in a quality band that plays music that crosses both lines — Christian and secular music," he said. "You might say they're a crossover band. We wanted to provide a good quality concert for the high school kids here in the area and for anyone else that's interested in coming. I think a lot of people in this area will like their style of music."

Admission to the concert is \$5 at the door or \$2 with a student ID. Warren said funds raised by the concert will be used to cover the band's travel expenses.

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Big Spring firefighters were forced to use the Jaws of Life to remove this woman from her vehicle following an accident at the intersection of Gregg Street and FM 700 Monday afternoon. The woman was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room shortly after being removed from the automobile. Police information regarding the cause of the accident was not available as the Herald went to press.

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veterans and the Big Spring hospital of West Texas."

CARES representatives told Newton the posters will be catalogued in the U.S. Library of Congress.

Overall, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he felt positive about the day's testimony.

"It's good to be able to put a face on Big Spring and it's good to be able to talk with the people who are going to make the decisions," said McEwen, one of the three people to testify for the Big Spring VA. "I feel that they were very receptive to what we were saying."

A point hammered throughout the testimony of Jim DeFoor, the Taylor County veteran service officer, McEwen and U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer was the perfect geographical position of the Big Spring hospital to provide services for its catchment area.

"I thought there was thoughtful dialogue that went on this morning and I've very upbeat about it," Neugebauer said. "The CARES Commission is doing a job they were charged to do and that is to go out and really review and make sure are we delivering veterans health care the most efficient way we can. They are asking the right questions and I think Big Spring has the right

answers". Neugebauer said it's now up to letting the CARES Commission study the information and see what will be the its recommendation to the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

"At that point we'll analyze what that recommendation is and if we're still not comfortable that's the right recommendation, we'll continue to advocate the position we've put forward and that is veterans can get the best care from Big Spring, Texas," Neugebauer said.

Chad Colley, the CARES commissioner who chaired the meeting, said the purpose of the hearings is to develop an overall picture of the VA health service system and

the impact the draft plan may play.

"The CARES commissioners have not made a single decision about any initiative, any market plan, any overall view and will not do so until we completely finish our hearing schedule," Colley emphasized. "Then we'll gather over a period of a number of weeks and several meetings when we'll begin to deal with these issues."

"I understand my hospital, my facility, my primary care team is of greatest importance to me just like it is to every other veteran that receives care," Colley said. "However we are charged with a responsibility to look at this thing from 30,000 feet ... my con-

cern is about holding the VA accountable and aligning for enhancing the services for veterans. There is one thing we can all agree... it (health care services) is not the best and it can be improved. To that end, we're dedicated."

During his introduction to begin the meeting, Colley told the crowd that although the mass of comments the CARES Commission receives daily prevents members from writing personnel responses, the letters and e-mails are being read.

"I can assure you comments are read and they are considered and very important, particularly to our committee," he said.

The CARES commission will continue to take pub-

lic comment until Oct. 7.

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the commission's web site. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at [carescommission@mail.va.gov](mailto:carescommission@mail.va.gov) or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420.

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ence is somewhat minimal overall. "A penny for us brings in a little bit less than \$40,000. So one cent, although it doesn't hurt the homeowners or businesses that much because it's not a gigantic increase, also doesn't hurt our budget a whole lot either," he said.

Also on the agenda for the meeting:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Article 3, Section 16.70 of the Code of Ordinances regarding charges for water rates.
- Final reading of an ordinance amending

Chapter 11, Article 2 of the Code of Ordinances relating to the implementation of gate charges at the city's municipal solid waste facility.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 1 of the Code of Ordinances relat-

ing to cemetery rate increases.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Heritage Museum for the operation of the Potton House.
- Approval of the Howard County 911 annu-

al budget.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Marvin "Mac" McCutchan, 73, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.  
Benita Torres Padron, 74, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# It was his Alamo

**L.B. "Lynn" Preslar, Corregidor POW, did return**

**Final-Part III**

By Marsha Allen  
Herald Lifestyle Editor

L.B. "Lynn" Preslar of Big Spring spent more than two years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp where he was beaten, starved, went without medical attention, deprived of the simplest of human needs, such as a pair of shoes or a letter from home.

POWs learned survival techniques which they shared among themselves. For instance, Preslar and his fellow prisoners learned how to conserve tobacco. "I still smoked then," Preslar said, "like an idiot. The Japanese were supposed to give us two cigarettes a week. We'd tear a cigarette up. We'd find some kind of tiny paper. Some of them were Bibles. I'm afraid to say, with the thin pages.

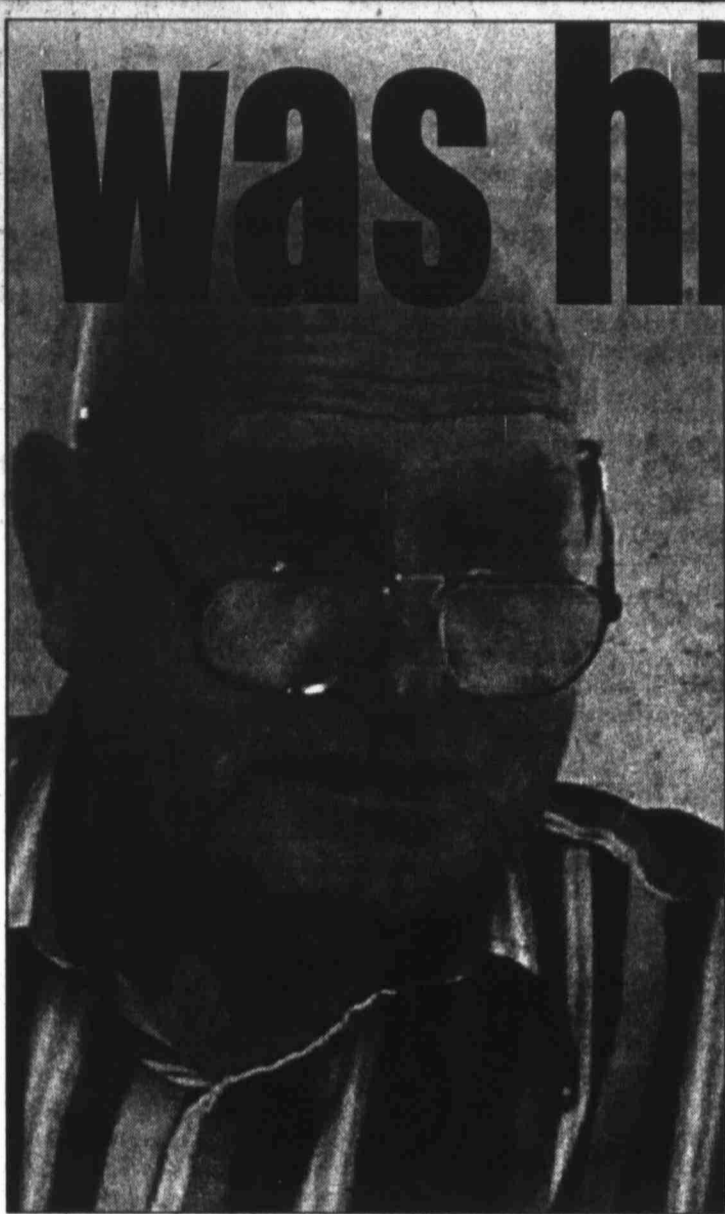
"We'd convert one cigarette into three or four, sometimes six, by taking the tobacco out and rolling cigarette paper thin. You still got a lot of puffs, out of it; more than you'd ever get the other way."

One out of 10 POWs survived. "The worst in human nature will come out," Preslar said. "You lose all dignity. You're so hungry, so weak, so dismayed. Many just rolled over and died." At one point during the voyage on the "hell ship" Preslar was on the verge of giving up, almost hoping an American ship or submarine would torpedo the craft where he was rotting in the hold.

"You get people in a With the fall of the Philippines, more than 70,000 (50,000 Filipino, 20,000 American) soldiers, sailors, and airmen became prisoners of the Japanese, not to mention the civilian internees. At the end of World War II, nearly 37 percent of all POWs lost their lives as a result of the way the Japanese treated their captives.

How many people remember the POWs and what they did for our country?

Officially the United States Government presented each surviving POW the monetary sum of \$1 a day for each day of captivity, approximately \$1,000 above their normal pay and not much more.



L.B. "Lynn" Preslar

bad enough position and the worst will come out in human nature," he said. "Animals are the same way. In a bad enough situation animals show the worst in them. It will come out. It's ugly.

"You're so hungry all the time. Their soldiers' mess kit was like a quart cylinder. You'd be so hungry, most of us when we'd see them at their lunch time we'd line up and they'd throw what they didn't eat out on the ground. It would be like slopping a hog. Some of the Japanese, not all, but some, were sadistic and one of them would get down there where the heads were and start sprinkling the food all over their heads.

"I told one some of them [POWs] then, I wish the president of the United States could see this now; of them slopping them like hogs."

"You know when we fight these wars now, and lose maybe 50 or 100 people. Why that's amazing to me," Preslar said. "Maybe 20 captured. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad it's so little. But I see some of the young people griping that they might have to stay a little longer. Well, golly, they're not in much more danger than right here going across the street, in reality. I'm so glad for that. Ours was so different. Look at Viet Nam, how much trouble was caused with so much help.

"We didn't have any help. We couldn't call in an air strike. I tell my wife our air strikes were automatic. They were all executed by the enemy," he added, smiling. "I'm just wishful that we could have had some of that."

Because the Japanese never signed the Geneva Accords they

considered the POWs not as prisoners of war, but as battlefield captives.

As horrible as captivity experiences were, they were compounded in horror with the trip from the Philippine Islands to Japan aboard what came to be known as "hell ships".



POWs from Bataan and Corregidor adopted many survival techniques. For instance, these Bataan death march POWs helped their blood circulation by resting their feet on their boots. Bataan was surrendered 27 days before Corregidor.

Preslar experienced the atrociousness of a hell ship when he was among prisoners shipped from the islands to Japan.

In 1944 as American forces, under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur, began a fierce campaign to regain control of the Philippine Islands, the prisoner of war status became dangerous and precarious. Between September and December 1944 massive amounts of prisoners were crammed aboard too few ships for relocation to Japan.

These vessels were referred to as "hell ships". They were unmarked. They traveled the shipping lanes between Japan and the Philippines, thus they received fire from American submarines and combat ships. Many American prison-

"There was never enough water. There would be several thousand men and one little spicket somewhere. You can't find enough time when the line wasn't so long. That's why it was so important to have a buddy. Better if you had about four of you. That way you could have two or three or four in line and divide up what you'd get."

ers of war went down with these torpedoed "hell ships".

According to Preslar's own words, "the hold of the ship was heavy timbers and canvas cable battened down. One 4 ft. x 4 ft. square hole was all the air available."

Forty of the 50 days the POWs sailed was spent sailing in tropical heat reaching approximately 120 degrees in the hold. Crammed into the bowels of the ships, with no light, no water, never any trips topside, with little room to stand, sit or lie down, many POWs passed out for lack of oxygen.

Preslar states that in the dark of night as the prisoners fought for space he believes some killings might have occurred.

Toilet facilities for 750 men were two buckets on a rope lowered into the hold, Preslar continues. Chances of

getting to the bucket were slim. Many men cut men next to them and drank their blood, while others urinated into their canteens and drank the contents. The stink from dysentery was overwhelming.

Every morning a head count was taken through an opened hatch. If someone was dead, the body would be lifted with a rope tied around the body and the body was dumped overboard.

Finally arriving in Japan in 1945 in 18-degree weather, POWs were unloaded. Many like Preslar crawled about for a while to regain strength to walk. Preslar was wearing only a pair of shorts he had made from canvas. Prisoners of war lined the docks as the Japanese took from them their clothes and burned them. The captives were issued Japanese Army clothes.

Preslar's ill fitting attire of a coat and pants were too short, the coat sleeves reached to mid-arm and the wool pants were knee length. No shoes were issued. Buildings where they were housed had no heat.

Approximately one week later Preslar contracted pneumonia and as he records, "I was so near death". There was still no news about the war, although by this

time allied forces were winning on both Pacific and Atlantic fronts. The emperor of Japan issued a decree that the moment Japan was invaded all POWs would be shot.

One hell ship had embarked with approximately 2,000 men. After five days only 700 remained. At final docking a mere 350 had survived the trip.

All the Japanese ships transporting the prisoners of war were unmarked.

"There was one time in particular that I just wanted to go," Preslar said. His unit of POWs were on a sail ship in Hong Kong harbor in the fall of 1944. American bomber pilots were pelting the boat where Preslar huddled in the hold.

"The planes would come everyday about one o'clock from China," Preslar said. "We were so miserable in the harbor. When you're out at sea, you can maybe feel a little breeze. But sitting there in the harbor, we'd just get so hot, I'd hope that one of our planes would hit us. That it would just be fast. Only one out of 10 of us came back alive. It was disease, or hell ships. We lost 1800 on one hell's ship. Americans sank one ship. You can't blame the Americans because the ships were not marked."

Preslar and a fellow American reached shore. He was waiting for directions about what to do when he noticed people boarding a train. He said to his friend that they were going to board the train along with the other travelers. His friend had misgivings, but Preslar said he told him they had nothing to lose. The two waded into the crowd and boarded the train. When asked if they had a ticket they said they didn't, and were unobstructed. They proceeded to Yokohama and found an American outpost.

By now America had taken back the territory ceded to the Japanese; the territory over which the defendants of Bataan and Corregidor had given their lives, either in the chances of battle or horrors of captivity. The Japanese signed an unconditional surrender aboard the USS Missouri Sept. 2, 1945.

For Preslar and his friend, their horrifying captivity was over. They had survived their Alamo. A gaunt 85-lb., 25-year old Marine soon was home in Pecos.

End Series  
Editor's note: Thanks to all World War II veterans for your service to our great nation.

**General Wainwright's message to President Roosevelt**

May 6, 1942

With broken heart and head bowed in sadness but not in shame, I report to your Excellency that today I must arrange terms for the surrender of the fortified islands of Manila Bay...

There is a limit of human endurance and that limit has long since been past. Without prospect of relief I feel it is my duty to my country and to my gallant troops to end this useless effusion of blood and human sacrifice.

If you agree, Mr. President, please say to the nation that my troops and I have accomplished all that is humanly possible and that we have upheld the best traditions of the United States and its Army.

May God bless and preserve you and guide you and the nation in the effort to ultimate victory...

With profound regret and with continued pride in my gallant troops I go to meet the Japanese commander... Good-bye, Mr. President.

**President's Roosevelt's response to General Wainwright**

May 6, 1942

During recent weeks, we have been following with growing admiration the day-by-day accounts of your heroic stand against the mounting intensity of bombardment of enemy planes and heavy-siege guns...

In spite of all the handicaps of complete isolation, lack of food and ammunition, you have given the world a shining example of patriotic fortitude and self-sacrifice...

And American people ask no finer example of tenacity, resourcefulness, and steadfast courage. The calm determination of your personal leadership in a desperate situation sets a standard of duty for our soldiers throughout the world...

In every camp and on every naval vessel, soldiers, sailors and Marines are inspired by the gallant struggle of their comrades in the Philippines. The workmen in our shipyards and munitions plants redouble their efforts because of your example...

You and your devoted followers have become a living symbol of our war aims and the guarantee of victory.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	97	58	.626	
Boston	92	64	.590	5 1/2
Toronto	81	75	.518	16 1/2
Baltimore	69	86	.445	28
Tampa Bay	61	95	.391	36 1/2

N.Y. Yankees (Continues 6-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehler 24-13), 7:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Burtis 12-14) at Anaheim (Shields 4-6), 9:05 p.m.  
Texas (Drese 2-4) at Oakland (Harden 5-4), 9:05 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	97	60	.618	
Florida	86	70	.551	10 1/2
Philadelphia	85	71	.545	11 1/2
Montreal	81	76	.516	16
New York	63	92	.406	33

**NFL STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	76	34
Miami	2	1	0	.667	58	38
New England	2	1	0	.667	54	57
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	39	60

**DISTRICT**

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district outings, including wins over Class 5A powerhouse Abilene High School.

Lake View, a traditional power, heads into their opener struggling to reach .500. The Maidens have posted an 11-14 mark thus far this fall.

The Lady Steers' top rival for the district title is one of last season's also-rans — Lubbock Estacado. The Lady Mats, who struggled to stay out of the basement last season, have posted an 18-9 mark this year.

The Frenship Lady Tigers and two-time defending 4-4A champion Andrews are also in the mix. Frenship heads into loop play sporting a 10-9 record. Andrews, which

**District 4-4A Standings**

Team	Record
Lubbock Estacado	.18-9
Big Spring	.17-8
Frenship	.10-9
Lake View	.11-14
Andrews	.9-14
Levelland	.6-11

is adjusting to life under a new head coach, is 9-14. The Levelland Lady Lobos endured the tough non-district performance of all the 4-4A members. Levelland struggled to a 6-11 record through this past weekend.

**SOCCER**

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the play of Dakota Lesser, Angelina Castillo, Mercedes Moncada, Reba Smith and Ryan Pollard. Stormy Emery recorded the shutout.

**Pizskin Picks Football Contest**

Merchant	1st Pick	2nd Pick	3rd Pick	4th Pick	5th Pick	6th Pick	7th Pick	8th Pick	9th Pick	10th Pick
Sonic Drive In	Sands	Coahoma	Forsan	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Missouri	Iowa State	Grady
Howard County Feed & Supply	Sands	Coahoma	Rankin	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Kansas	Illinois	Brady
Franklin & Son	Sands	Coahoma	Forsan	Texas	Texas Tech	Pittsburg	Nebraska	Missouri	Iowa State	Grady
Blum's Jewelers	Sands	Coahoma	Rankin	Texas	Texas Tech	Pittsburgh	Nebraska	Missouri	N. Illinois	Grady
Harris Lumber & Hardware	Sands	Coahoma	Forsan	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Kansas	Iowa State	Grady
Allan's Furniture	Sands	Coahoma	Forsan	Texas	Texas Tech	Pittsburgh	Nebraska	Missouri	Iowa State	Grady
EZ Rentals & Cash	Westbrook	McCamy	Rankin	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Missouri	Iowa State	Highland
Halfmann's Creations	Sands	Coahoma	Rankin	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Kansas	N. Illinois	Grady
Pizza Inn	Sands	Coahoma	Forsan	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Kansas	Iowa State	Grady
Suggs Hallmark	Sands	Coahoma	Rankin	Texas	Mississippi	Texas A&M	Southern Miss.	Missouri	Iowa State	Highland

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**Pizskin Picks Entry Form**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Games of Champions

**World Series Turns 100**

**Happy Birthday, World Series!**

This year, on Oct. 18, we will celebrate 100 years since the World Series began in 1903.

The World Series is a series of games played between two professional baseball teams. The teams are divided into two leagues, the American League and the National League. The team that wins the pennant, or title, for their league plays in the series. The World Series is a best-of-seven series. To win, a team must win four games.

The series is our country's longest running championship event for a professional team sport. It has been played every year but two since it started.



In the first World Series in 1903, the Pittsburgh Pirates, winner of the National League pennant, and the Boston Pilgrims, winner of the American League pennant, played to see which team was best.

**What winners get**

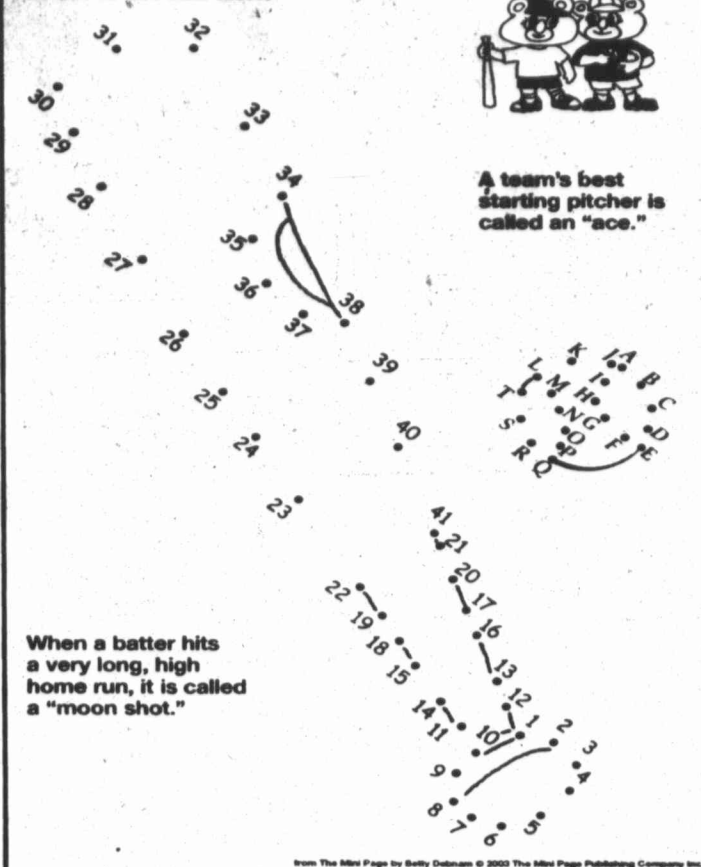
All baseball players dream of playing on a team that wins the series. Even those who hold individual records, such as the most home runs or the most strikeouts, still want to win the series before their days of playing baseball end.

Besides the glory of playing on a championship team, winners get two things: lots of money and a beautiful ring.



In the first World Series, each member of the Boston Pilgrims got a bonus of \$1,182. Last year, each player on the Anaheim Angels got \$272,000. The losers get money, too. Players on the losing team last year, the San Francisco Giants, got \$186,000.

Go dot to dot and color.



A team's best starting pitcher is called an "ace."

When a batter hits a very long, high home run, it is called a "moon shot."

**Three great World Series players**

**Cy Young**

Young was one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history. He was born in Gilmore, Ohio, in 1867.

During his career, he won 511 games. That's almost 100 more than any other pitcher ever has won.

Young played in the first World Series. He won two games to help his team, the Pilgrims, capture the championship.



**Babe Ruth**

Ruth is considered one of the best baseball players ever. He was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1895.

A great pitcher, he set a World Series record for pitching the most consecutive scoreless innings with the Boston Red Sox. He was also a great hitter and led the New York Yankees to four World Series wins.



**Willie Stargell**

Stargell was a great home run hitter. He was born in 1940 in Earlsboro, Okla.

His three homers helped the Pittsburgh Pirates win the World Series in 1979. He was the first player to win Most Valuable Player honors in the League Championship Series, World Series and regular season all in the same year.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Nutty Bananas on a Stick**

You'll need:

- 3 bananas, peeled
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 tablespoon vegetable shortening
- 1 cup chopped peanuts or shelled sunflower seeds
- 6 flat wooden sticks

What to do:

1. Cut the bananas in half.
2. Push a stick in the end of each banana half.
3. Put chocolate chips and shortening in a small bowl.
4. Cook on medium in a microwave oven for 3 minutes, uncovered.
5. Stir mixture and then dip bananas in melted chocolate.
6. Roll in crushed nuts or seeds.
7. Wrap in plastic wrap and freeze for at least 2 hours until firm. Serves 6.



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**Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Troy Glaus**

**Height: 6-5 Weight: 245 Uniform No. 25**  
**Born: 8-3-76 Hometown: Newport Beach, Calif.**

The World Series, baseball's biggest show, historically has been packed with suspense, drama and memorable performances.

That's the way it was last year for Troy Glaus (pronounced Glauss) and the Anaheim Angels, who won the World Series for the first time in the team's history.

For Glaus, it was a heavenly moment. The tall, strong third baseman batted .385, hit three home runs and drove in eight runs in the seven-game playoff. That earned him the World Series Most Valuable Player Award.

Glaus, once a college star at UCLA, has played six seasons in the big leagues. He slammed 47 homers in 2000, 41 in 2001, and 30 in 2002. His career batting average is about .250.

But Glaus was never better than he was in the Series, which often brings out the best in baseball players.

**Meet Christy Carlson Romano**

Christy Carlson Romano goes to college at Columbia University in New York City and works as an actress at the same time. On television, Christy, 19, stars as Ren in the Disney Channel series "Even Stevens," and provides the voice for Kim in the animated series "Kim Possible."

Christy was born in Milford, Conn. She got her first acting job when she was 7 in the musical "Annie." Since then, she has acted in theater and starred in movies. In her free time, she volunteers as a student mentor. Christy is studying political science at college.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Neville:** Did you hear about the boy who ate 600 pancakes?  
**Nick:** How waffle!

**Cho:** What sport does a pancake compete in?  
**Edwin:** Stack and field!

**Wilson:** Why did the angry man put firecrackers under his pancakes?  
**Sandy:** He wanted to blow his stack!

**World Series TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind you of the World Series are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: BASEBALL, HOME, STRIKE, CHAMPIONSHIP, PROFESSIONAL, LEAGUES, WORLD, SERIES, SAFE, GLOVE, COOPERSTOWN, TEAMS, SCORE, HALL, FAME, GRAND, BAT, SLAM, MITT, OUT, ROUNDER, INNING, RUNS, WINS, PITCHER, HITTER.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are playing baseball. See if you can find:

- exclamation mark
- letter A
- question mark
- alligator
- kite
- pencil
- ladder
- heart
- letter D
- snake
- number 3
- word MINI
- tooth
- bell
- bird
- ruler

**Winners of the World Series**

Baseball teams are owned by families, individuals and groups. Over time, they can sell the team or move it. Dots on the map show the cities that are home to baseball teams. A star shows where two teams are. Draw a line from the team to its hometown.

**National League**  
Fourteen teams have won 40 championships. Four are no longer major league teams. They are the New York Giants, who won five, and the Boston Braves, Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves, with one win each.

Arizona Diamondbacks (1)	Atlanta Braves (1)	Chicago Cubs (2)	Cincinnati Reds (5)
Colorado Rockies (0)	Florida Marlins (1)	Houston Astros (0)	Los Angeles Dodgers (5)
Milwaukee Brewers (0)	Montreal Expos (0)	New York Mets (2)	Philadelphia Phillies (1)
Pittsburgh Pirates (5)	San Diego Padres (0)	San Francisco Giants (0)	St. Louis Cardinals (9)

**American League**  
Thirteen American League teams have won 58 World Series. Two teams that won championships no longer are major league teams. They are the Philadelphia Athletics, who won five, and the Washington Senators, who won 1. Below are the current teams and the number of series each has won.

Anaheim Angels (1)	Baltimore Orioles (3)	Boston Red Sox (5)
Chicago White Sox (2)	Cleveland Indians (2)	Detroit Tigers (4)
Kansas City Royals (1)	Minnesota Twins (2)	New York Yankees (26)
Oakland Athletics (4)	Seattle Mariners (0)	Tampa Bay Devil Rays (0)
Texas Rangers (0)	Toronto Blue Jays (2)	

The Mini Page thanks Tim Wiles, director of research, and Jeff Arnett, director of education, of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for help with this issue.

Site to see: For more information about the World Series, go to: [www.worldseries.com](http://www.worldseries.com)

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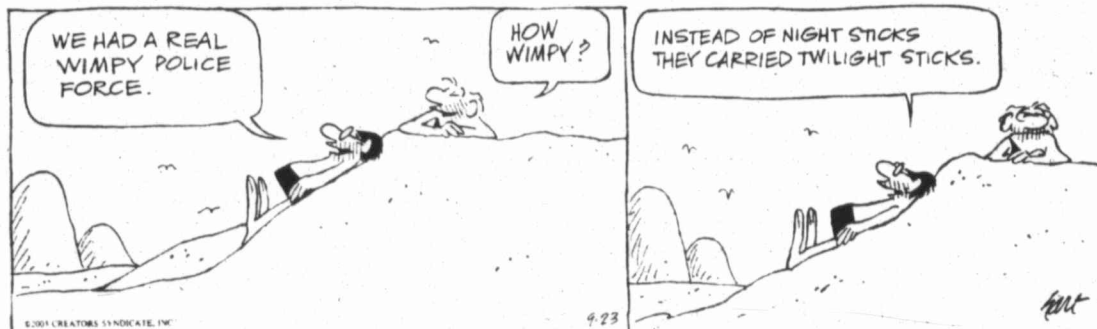
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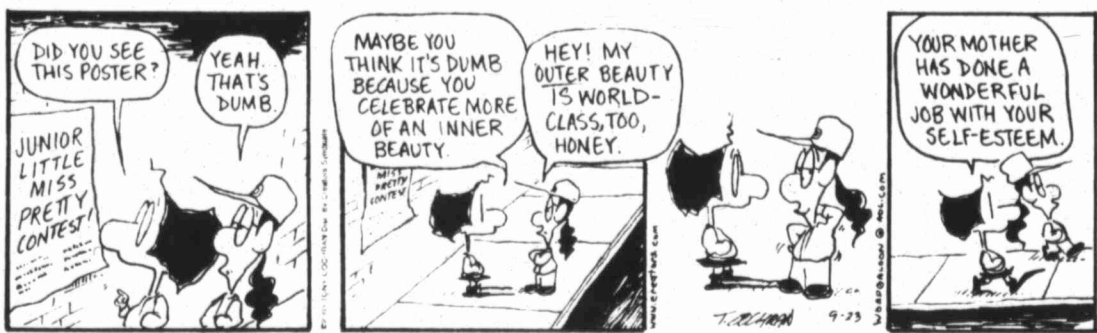
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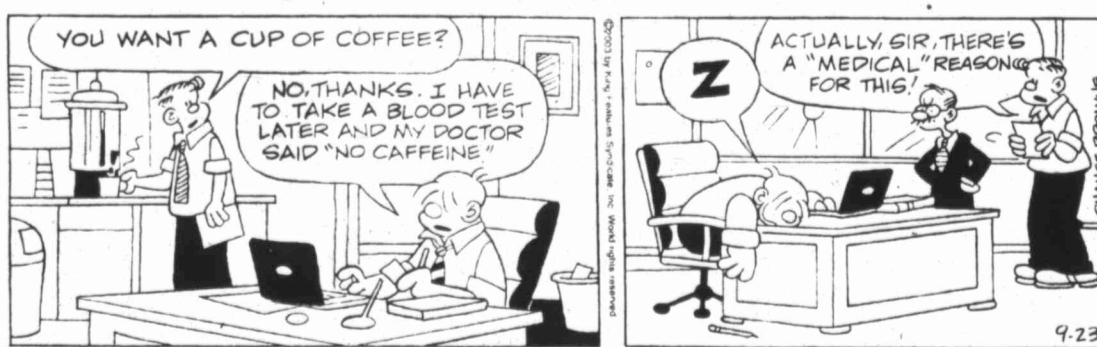
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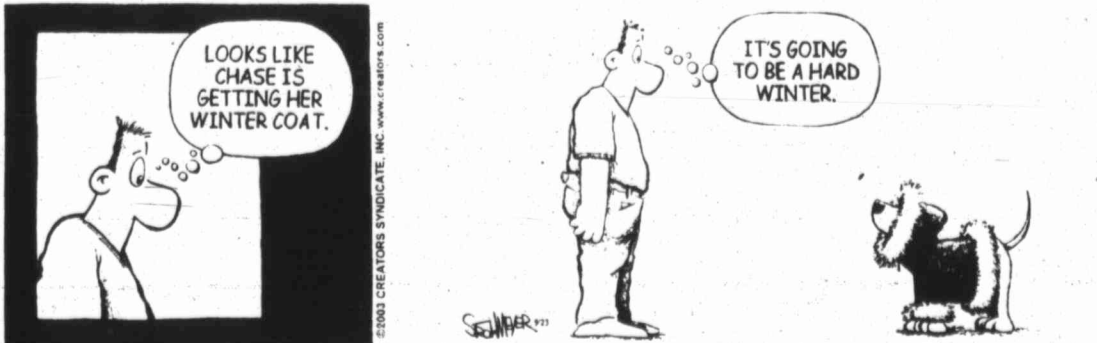
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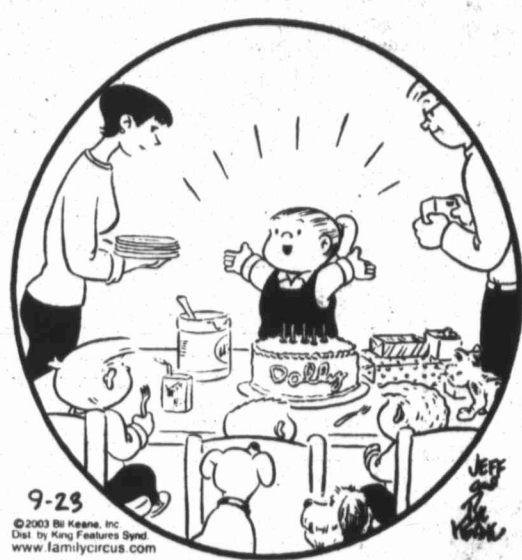
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



'I finally reached the big 5, but I don't feel any different from when I was 4.'

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, September 23, the 266th day of 2003. There are 99 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 6:47 a.m. EDT. Today's Highlight in History: On September 23, 1952, Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted allegations of improper campaign financing. On this date: In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement. In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British. In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle. In 1939, Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London. In 1953, the 20th-Century Fox production "The Robe," the first movie filmed in the CinemaScope widescreen process, had its Hollywood premiere, a week after opening in New York. In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside. In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall, since renamed Avery Fisher Hall, formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron was returned to power. In 1999, the Mars Climate Observer apparently burned up as it was about to go into orbit around the Red Planet. Ten years ago: Sydney, Australia, was selected to host the 2000 Summer Olympics, beating out Beijing.

The Israeli parliament ratified the Israel PLO accord. The South African parliament voted to allow blacks a role in governing. Today's Birthdays: Actor Mickey Rooney is 83. Singer Ray Charles is 73. Singer Julio Iglesias is 60. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 58. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 56. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 54. Actor Jason Alexander is 44. Singer Lita Ford is 44. Actor Chi McBride ("Boston Public") is 42. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 42. Country musician Don Herron (BR549) is 41. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 39. Rock singer Sarah Bettens (K's - Choice) is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like NEPAL, GABS, GULP, ARUBA, ALOE, ERIE, VALENCIA, ORANGES, YSL, CONS, PRIEST, PEPS, PETE, SAFELY, SING, TAE, IGLOO, TEXT, COBS, SAINT, LOUIS, BLUES, SPRY, EASE, AORTA, YET, SASS, GRASSY, SORT, SOCK, AUTUMN, OHIO, HOP, RHODE, ISLAND, REDS, MONA, NEER, EUROS, SHIN, GASP, START.

Newsday Crossword

BAD WEATHER by Rose Baum Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include: 1 Gladys Knight's backup, 5 Like a he-man, 10 Get in return, 14 Folk singer Guthrie, 15 Burger topper, 16 Sicilian volcano, 17 \_\_\_ and means, 18 Ball-game ticket stubs, 20 Arguable, as a point, 22 Obi wearers, 23 GI hangout, 25 Thoroughfare, 28 Tractor name, 29 Bearded antelope, 30 Newspaper addition, 33 Family man, 34 Blackjack request, 36 Jeers at, 39 Astonished, 43 Mall units, 44 Lusitania sinker, 46 PO abbreviation, 49 Naval rank, 51 Reuben bread, 52 Not silently, 55 Scuba gear, 56 Split \_\_\_ soup, 57 Easter hats, 60 Scandinavian city, 62 Bright idea, 65 Baseball stats, 68 Merry melody, 69 Blender button, 70 Taken one by one, 71 Relayed, 19 Kept secret, 21 Get one's bearings, 23 Sound of disgust, 24 Irritated state, 26 Toward the rudder, 27 Most expensive, 31 Finland neighbor, 32 Dynamite kin, 35 Greek letters, 37 Boxer's attire, 38 Second-stringer, 40 Female kangaroo, 41 Army two-striper, 42 Comedian Danny, 45 Afternoon drink, 46 Hoi polloi, 47 Ruddy, 48 Hooper O'Connor, 50 Folklore beings, 53 Like-mindedness, 54 Trophy room, 58 Recipe measures: Abbr., 59 Astonish, 61 Garlic cousin, 63 "Are you \_\_\_ mouse?", 64 Account exec, 66 Breeze through, 67 Pronoun for a yacht.