

1962 – STATE OF ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SWEEPSTAKES

WINNERS IN BAND AND CHORUS – BOTH ENSEMBLES AND SOLOS



Jeryl Welborn, President of Chorus
Mr. Carl Kohrt, Band Director
Judy Wright, President of Band



Eric Pflum
Mrs. Elizabeth Van Voorhis, Vocal
Instructor and Mike Carroll

A PAGE FROM the Tuscola history book, available online at www.tuscola.org, shows the State Championship band and chorus trophy won 60 years ago.

State title

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Judy: "Elizabeth VanVoorhis [the schools' "vocal instructor"] was a hard-working teacher who had us practice and work hard. But she was such a classy lady, always displaying dignity, grace and this perfect posture."

Me: "What's your memory of Mr. Kohrt?"

Judy: "He was the finest gentleman, no nonsense and stern. Some of the band members called him 'Conrad' behind his back which I interpreted as a dig at his taskmaster ways.

Personally, I'd do anything for him as I greatly admired him."

Me: "When did we lose these two great instructors? Weren't they part of the great exodus?"

Judy: "I believe they both left, along with great instructors like Joe Meyers, Warren and Dorothy Lionberger, and others, around 1966. As you might remember, it was a time of great turmoil at the high school, transitioning from an emphasis on academic excellence to an emphasis on discipline. It was very unfortunate and a loss to our school and town."

Me: "By the way Judy, how

did you wind up with this plaque? Didn't you ever give it back to Mr. Kohrt after your Strand sprint?"

Judy: "I'd moved back to town in 2003, to my childhood home, after teaching English for 34 years in East Leyden in Franklin Park, a Chicago suburb. where there were 2,700 students and about as many English teachers as Tuscola's entire faculty in 62. It was culture shock for me.

Anyway, once home in 2004, I remember classmates wanting to collectively celebrate our 60th birthdays. I thought it would be a hoot to borrow the 62 state band-chorus plaque

for the get-together. But when I got to the school, it was't in the trophy case. No one knew where it was. There was talk of 'old trophies' being boxed up and stored. So I went on a scavenger hunt around the halls of the high school and found boxes and boxes full of old trophies stuffed away in some small side room, obviously bound for oblivion. When I found this 62 trophy hidden away, I rescued it for posterity. If the school wants to display it, I'll bring it back. Otherwise, I'll probably give it to the museum."

Me: "Do you remember those classy black and gold

uniforms and marching — and not only marching but marching in different formations — at every home game and Homecoming and other parades?"

Judy: "Yes. I think we were really good and the town was proud of their band. Sadly, I think most schools have abandoned the time and hard work associated with precision marching bands. But there are still some, like Monticello, that carry forth with the old traditions. Since returning home 19 years ago, I don't think I've seen our band in uniforms or perform precision moves.

The current band director,

whom I like, recently talked at a Kiwanis meeting where this lack of band uniforms was mentioned. He said that the old uniforms were stored in the band room and that, due to a lack of air conditioning, they molded and are ruined. He said there were funds to buy new ones but until there's air conditioning, he said there was no point in doing that."

Then she laughed, and this master English teacher known for her perfect grammar exclaimed: "Ain't what it used to be."

Amen, I thought, because... well... by golly it just ain't.

mike carroll

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Orator's podium
- 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to "oohs"
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person
- 15. Monetary unit of Angola
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot
- 19. Tech hub _ Alto
- 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives
- 26. Incompetent person
- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 31. Unspoken relationships
- 32. Passports and licenses are two
- 33. Claw
- 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic
- 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner
- 46. In an angry way
- 47. Ill-intentioned
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. S. American plant
- 51. One or the other
- 56. An alias for Thor
- 57. Gratuity
- 58. In a painful way

- 59. French commune
- 60. Promotional materials
- 61. Greek city
- 62. Assistant
- 63. Confederate general
- 64. Former NJ governor

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used by gymnasts
- 2. "Luther" actor Idris
- 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Not for
- 5. Blur
- 6. Tots
- 7. Acted leisurely
- 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed
- 10. Town in "The Iliad"
- 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Calvary sword
- 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 25. Keeps a house cozy
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. Southwestern Russian city
- 28. Pro sports league
- 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing
- 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN

- broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment
- 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes

- 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel
- 53. Iron-containing compound
- 54. Ancient Greek City
- 55. NFL signal caller Matt

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Owning real estate has been a wise investment lately, Aries. Your home may have increased in value. Now could be an opportunity to sell and reap the profits.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You want to advance your relationship, Taurus. The best way to do that is to have some serious conversations with your romantic partner. Discuss everything.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Rework your budget, Gemini. You likely have some home renovations that you want to tackle over the next few weeks, and now is as good a time as any to get started.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Your mystique has others interested in emulating your style, Cancer. They can try, but they won't be able to completely replicate your special nature.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may be thinking about starting a new long-term project. Put your vision on paper first so you can map out your plans and see if it is feasible with your current budget.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 23
Virgo, you will be surrounded by plenty of people interested in social engagement in the days ahead. That is fine news for you, as you enjoy being out on the town.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Efforts at work have not gone unnoticed, Libra. What you have worked toward has impressed those who are in position to move you further along in the company.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, they may not be on the top of your mind, but legal matters must be worked out soon. This is a good week to revisit your long-term plans if it's been awhile.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Projects worked on this week will have a significant impact on your future, Sagittarius. You have a magic touch of sorts, so put it to good use in the days to come.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, relationships in your life are strengthened over the course of this week. It is because you communicate effectively and with honesty and affection.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You are interested in health and nutrition, including certain nutrients, exercise programs or other forms of alternative therapy. Study up on the subject.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, artistic pursuits are piquing your interest, so focus your efforts on practical creative pursuits, like cooking or interior design.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 29
Daniel Tosh, Comedian (47)

MAY 30
Clint Bowyer, Race Car Driver (43)

MAY 31
Colin Farrell, Actor (46)

JUNE 1
Tom Holland, Actor (26)

JUNE 2
Jo Koy, Comic (51)

JUNE 3
Jill Biden, First Lady (71)

JUNE 4
Mackenzie Ziegler, Dancer (18)