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# College Bowl History The Gatorade Experiment



The late Ray Graves was born 105 years ago December 31, 1918. Pictured above: University of Florida head coach Ray Graves is pictured with quarterback Steve Spurrier on the sidelines during the Gators' 27-12 victory over Georgia Tech in the 1967 Orange Bowl. Graves was head coach at the University of Florida from 1960 to 1969. He led the Gators to their first New Year's Day bowl appearances, including the 1966 Sugar Bowl and 1967 Orange Bowl. His quarterback in both of those games was Steve Spurrier, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1966. Graves racked up a career record of 70-31-4, including a 4-1 record in bowl games.

But perhaps Graves' greatest contribution to the game was when he allowed Dr. Robert Cade, a professor in the University of Florida College of Medicine, to conduct dehydration analysis and rehydration experiments using team members which led to the formulation of Gatorade in 1965. After seeing remarkable results using Gatorade after an intrasquad scrimmage, Graves decided to make enough for the entire team for a game against LSU. The Gators would come from behind to win after LSU wilted in the 102 degree heat. Graves eventually told his close friend Hank Stram about Gatorade's effectiveness. It would eventually become the official drink of the NFL. Ray Graves passed away on April 10, 2015. He was 96 years old.

Credit to Ghosts of the Orange Bowl Facebook

### PROVERB POWER

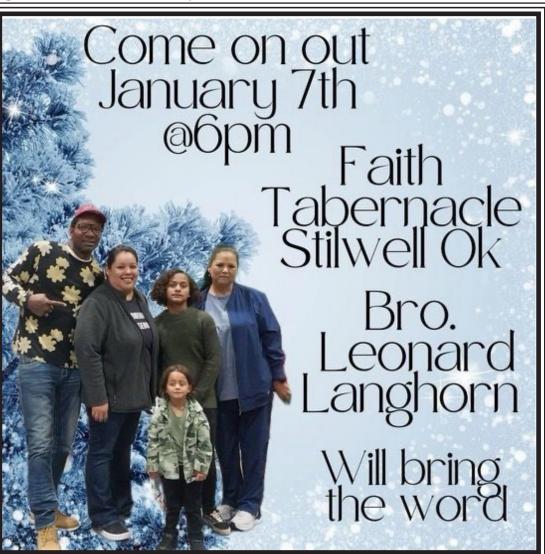
Jeremiah 23:6 KJV

In his days, Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jehovah Tsidkenu)

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WEEKEND GAZETTE



Wauhillau Winter sunset mosaic by the hand of the artist Divine...

# **Stilwell Community Center Friday Morning Music**



The Boys in the Band...Levi Handel an The Magoos play Country an Old Time Rock 'n Roll Fridays at 10 am at the Community Center with lunch at 11:30...

Photo by John Bankel

# They Risked It All/It's the Truth MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

Number 56

By Donna Boecher

Did you make New Year's Resolutions for 2024? I PAUSED at the thought of making a list and then I surged ahead with twelve resolves. It turned out to be an easy mission. I chose to change my surroundings - environmentally, physi-

cally, mentally, and spiritually. I may rebuild the henhouse and fill it with young hens. Next, I'll plant zucchini to augment my desire to eat more vegetables, lessening my curves. Carving out morning study of THE WORD will then

allow time to write my autobiography for family. "Storyworth" - a step-by-step guide to writing my story - is in place. I can't wait to bounce my stories off family and friends. Oh, what a bright New Year!

#### ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

### Today's Trail Treks To...... Hype U

On October 4, 1957, an event took place that came like a bolt of lightning from high in the sky. I was 13 years old in the eighth grade. The launching of Sputnik 1 created a sense of panic and urgency within the halls of the U.S. government and our education system. The U.S. and Russia were in the thick of a "Cold War" and the race for space was a predominant feature of that non-violent conflict. Russia had succeeded in beating the U.S. to the space frontier. The American feathers were ruffled, no doubt, but the American Spirit rose to the occasion. There was a nationwide resolve to never let this happen again. A wave descended upon the U.S., a wave of new diligence within the framework of education. In a flash, science and mathematics moved to the forefront of learning at all levels of education. The push toward students going to college intensified to the point that higher education was the way to regain America's

academic prominence and keep it there. Enrollment demand skyrocketed at our nation's colleges and universities. So did tuition. I started at the U of Illinois-Chicago in 1962. My tuition was \$240/ year. Today, for in-state students at that school, it is \$15,000. Sadly, with escalating costs came a concomitant decline in quality of learning. The marxist mob had taken over college campuses during the left-wing anti-war movement in the mid to late '60's. That mob has established a spiritual stronghold in our system of "higher education," which, honestly, is better labeled "lower education." Instead of promoting genuine learning, today's college student is bombarded by marxist ideologues masquerading as educators. The hype that one must go to college to succeed has created a dearth of skilled workers: plumbers, carpenters, welders, electricians, etc. and a plethora of unskilled indoctrinated spoiled crybabies with a

worthless piece of paper known as a diploma. Our national security is at stake like never before, much worse than during the "Cold War," when we only lost the battle to be first in outer space. In the interim, we are losing the war for our nation's soul. I am counting on the indomitable American Spirit once again to rise to the occasion and save our nation's sinking ship and stop falling for Hype U.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend, my friend. Meanwhile, may your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trials to you!

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# DEAR JOHN.....

Dear John

My wife loves to decorate for Christmas. She started with a small village and now it is a city. We have to decorate the outside of the house. I had to get a couple little gas generators to make the light show work. It's lucky I have a good job, because this stuff is expensive. I'm dreading the electric bill. The problem is that I do not enjoy Christmas anymore. Now it's time to take everything down and take it to the storage unit. I would like to have 2024 off this year. We could take a vacation somewhere very nice for the cost of this extravaganza. Do you have any ideas about how to tell my lovely wife that I would like a vacation from Christmas decorating?

Handy Man's Done

Dear Handy Man...you are not alone in feeling beleaguered by the stresses of the Christmas season. Depending upon the neighborhood in which one lives, Christmas decorating has become somewhat of a "blood sport," figuratively speaking. That is a shame, since the real meaning of Christmas suffers in the process. Your idea of changing what has become a burdensome routine is a refreshing one. It just may be what your wife has also been thinking all along. Next season, make your change become reality and enjoy Christmas and each other more.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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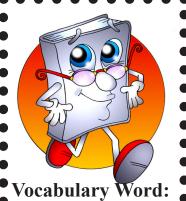
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PROVERBS 29:2–"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."  $^{\prime\prime}$ 

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track. A mark or succession of marks left by something that has passed or a path, route, or course.

Ex. The chestnut thoroughbred was the fastest horse on the track.

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# THE KIPLING KORNER

"The air was full of all the night noises that, taken together, make one big silence."



# **STILWELL Sports Spot Light**

Commentary by John Bankel

# **Up Next For the Indians and Lady Indians**

Both the Indians and Lady Indians have gotten off to a good start. In the latest statewide poll, which includes all classifications. the Lady Indians have achieved a Top 25 ranking at #23. That ranking will be tested in the first round

of the Lincoln Christian Tournament in Tulsa as they will face 8-1 6A Owasso on Thursday, January 4. Tipoff 1 pm. Meanwhile, the Indians, who have a 5-2 record, with the 2 losses by a combined 5 points, will take a trip

to arch rival Muldrow on Tuesday, January 9. Tipoff after girls game. Lady Indians start the action with a 6:30 tipoff. Look for results in the January 12 issue.

# **Watts Engineers and Lady Engineers**

ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

**Upcoming Games Update** 

The 3-2 Engineers play their next game on Tuesday, January 9 at Welch. Tipoff 7:30 pm. The Lady Engineers with a record of 2-4, start the action with a 6 pm tipoff.

#### Westville Yellojackets and Lady Yellowjackets

lowjackets start the action at Howe with a tipoff at 6 pm.

### **Cave Springs Hornets and Lady Hornets**

The 3-4 Hornets travel to Webbers Falls on Thursday, January 4 in a 1 pm game. The Lady Hornets take a 5-2 record to battle Bokoshe on Friday, January 11. Tipoff at 6:30 pm.











Watch how 6 year old

The Yellowjackets, with a record of 1-5, make their next appearance on the hardcourt at Howe High School on Friday, January 5. Tipoff 7:30 pm. The 1-5 Lady Yel-







Cora handles the ball...

# Little League Basketball Special Report

by John Bankel

Haylee Robinson for the third grade. Their is a Stilwell Public Liteams know only success, brary staff member. She having gone through the has 2 daughters, Mayvis Softball season undefeated and Cora. She keeps her and, until recently, were also undefeated in Basketchildren very actively involved in sports: Softball ball. It was in the Kansas during the warm weather (OK) Little League Tourand Basketball during the nament where the Hunters winter. The girls play for first grade team tasted their the Hunters in the Briggs first defeat in the first tour-Basketball Little League. nament game. Even cham-Cora plays on the first pions lose once in a while. grade team.: Mayvis plays Yet, as true champions,

they were able to bounce back. They recovered and made it to the finals to face the team to whom they had lost. Cora's team rose to the challenge and won the rematch in championship fashion. Mayvis and the third grade squad kept their undefeated season intact. Two champions rode home in style their faces sporting a big smile!





Hunters first grade team...Kansas Little League Tournament Champions...

# THE REAL MCCO



In 1920 the yacht building business that Bill McCoy operated with his brother Ben was struggling. So, Bill assessed the situation. He knew that he was a good sailor who knew how to make fast boats. And he knew that Prohibition had created a huge demand for liquor in the American northeast. Recognizing the business opportunity that presented itself, Bill Mc-Coy seized it, becoming the king of the rumrunners, one of America's most

celebrated and notorious bootleggers.

McCoy bought a 127-foot fishing schooner capable of carrying 6,000 cases of alcohol and retrofitted it to make it one of the fastest commercial sailing vessels on the Atlantic coast. He registered his ship in Great Britain and renamed it "Tomoka." He was in business. He would load his cargo of spirits in Nassau in the Bahamas, then sail to the Jersey shore, anchoring between Sandy Hook and Atlantic City, just outside the three-mile boundary of international waters. Customers would come out to him in small boats that could evade the Coast Guard, and McCoy would sell them the booze in sacks that held nine bottles each. Ben McCoy would bring out supplies to the Tomoka, so that she never had to port.

McCoy made no effort to hide what he was do-

ing. In fact, he welcomed the publicity. He boasted that he never diluted his product (as many bootleggers did), and that he never paid a dime to organized crime or to bribe law enforcement. And no law prohibited him from selling liquor in international waters. His enterprise was so successful that he soon added four more boats. In a little more than two years he sold an estimated two million bottles.

McCoy's brazenness and his celebrity status infuriated government authorities, however, and they were determined to shut him down. In 1923, after first getting the tacit consent of British authorities, the Coast Guard was ordered to arrest McCoy, and to sink the Tomoka if he resisted.

On November 25 the Coast Guard cutter Senaca steamed out to the Tomoka and sent over a 15-man boarding party. When they

were aboard, the commanding officer ordered McCoy to bring his ship into port. Instead, he set sail and raced away, with the boarding party still on board. The Seneca opened fire with her four-inch deck guns and the Tomoka's crew answered with a machine gun set up on her forward deck. But as the shells from the Seneca started dropping closer to his ship, McCoy realized the game was up. He lowered his jib and surrendered. On board the Coast Guard found \$60,000 in cash (about a million dollars in today's money) and only 400 cases of the original 4,200 case cargo.

Once brought ashore reporters asked McCoy how he intended to defend himself against the charges. He answered with a smile, "I was outside the three-mile limit, selling whisky, and good whisky, to anyone and everyone who wanted to buy."

But after two years of legal wrangling, McCoy ultimately decided to accept a plea bargain. He pled guilty to violating the Volstead Act and was sentenced to nine months in jail. After serving his time,

McCoy retired from rumrunning, returning instead to the boat building business. He also became a successful real estate investor and when Prohibition ended he cashed in on his notoriety by putting out his own brand of whisky, called "The Real McCoy" and featuring the Tomoka on the label.

William Frederick "Bill" McCoy, the King of the Rumrunners, died in Florida at age 71 on December 30, 1948, seventyfive years ago.

Credit to; A Daily Dose of History Facebook

# THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

### THE MANIPULATOR IN CHIEF

I have found that for most people it is far easier to spend someone else's hard-earned money than their own. About every adult knows an instance where a couple with a spoiled brat kid, who they think can do no wrong, would spend their last dollar to satisfy his or her desire for more money. I have witnessed this scenario several times in my life; the spoiled brat would run through new cars and, when they tore them up, the parents would simply buy them another one. I do believe that if that child had to sweat for the money to buy the first auto, they would be more inclined to take care of it. I always had to work and manage for the things I wanted, having to do that I quickly learned the value of a dollar. Our current occupant in the White House, who is supposed to be the Commander in Chief, is like that; from this day forward, I will refer to him as being the Manipulator in Chief.

Resident Biden reminds me of a spoiled brat kid that wants his way no matter what the rule of law says. The Biden administration, in August 2022, unveiled a plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student debt per person for about 40 million borrowers. But a lawsuit put a halt to the Biden admin-

istration's \$20,000 per student forgiveness plan. In a split decision on June 30, the Supreme Court voted 6-3 to strike it down. Resident Joe Biden said in a December 6 statement that his administration is undeterred by the recent Supreme Court decision to block a wide-ranging initiative to cancel up to \$20,000 in debt per student. The current scheme is nothing but an election year ploy to gain votes by promising something that the Supreme Court says he cannot do. Many political handlers believe that this current scheme could help his re-election bid even if it is blocked by the courts.

Evidently Biden thinks that there is a never-ending supply of money that our government has at its disposal, our country is in debt to the tune of 33 trillion dollars. I might also mention that the current interest payment on that debt is over one trillion dollars per year. All this loan forgiveness money must come from somewhere, the only source of that money is to borrow more or to take more from the taxpayers of this nation. Recently Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has said that it is wrong for taxpayers to be forced to shoulder the burden of other people's debts. Nikki Haley said canceling student debt is unfair for

those who worked hard to pay back their loans or make other career choices that did not involve going deep into debt. When I went to higher education, I looked at the costs for different careers, I picked the occupation and the education that I could afford and I worked whenever I could to pay my way and avoid debt. Have we Americans totally forgotten the concept of personal responsibility?

We Americans need to look at the record of our current Manipulator in Chief and see the total wreck he and his associates have done to our nation. No respect for our country on the world stage, record inflation, allowing our nation to be invaded on our southern border, the list could go on. The president does not have the right to do what he is wanting to do. Many of the voters in our country were manipulated in 2020, let us not make the same disastrous mistake again.

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- 2. Class By Himself: "The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education." Albert Einstein: Author of "The Theory Of Relativity.
- 3. Lickety Split: "If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough." Mario Andretti: Race Car Driver
- 4. Go Figure: "There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those that understand binary and those that do not". George Boole: Author of "Boolean Algebra?"
- 5. Politically Correct: "Get your facts first; then you can distort them as you please." Happens everyday.

\*Paraprosdokians are clever, surprising sayings, where the ending presents an unexpected twist: the word "paraprosdokian" comes from 2 Greek words meaning "beyond expectation."

That is your PUN FUN for today. Here is to laughter forevermore; after all, God has a sense of humor! He made you and me!

Pass it on...



Episode 8 of 8. Last Episode of Krypto Kontest 9.0

Howdy Krypto Fans! We have come to the end of this iteration of the Krypto Kontest. After this week a winner of he \$25 cash and calculator prize will be declared. Look for the prize winner in the January 19th issue. Today's answer is 22 You are playing with: 5, 8, 3, 10, 6. Remember, you must use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to write an expression which equals the answer: 22. Krypto is fun, it is challenging and it can be rewarding to the tune of a \$25 cash and calculator prize. Give it a try!

email your solution to: themathguy@usa.com or mail to:

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#### Ouotes

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

C. S. Lewis

**Searching for a Word: concourse.** A large open space for the gathering or passage of crowds.

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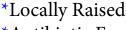


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Even so, Amen.

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