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SD Most Wanted Fugitive Arrested

One of South Dakota's Most Wanted Fugitives was taken into custody by the Sonora Police Department on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, and booked into the Sutton County jail.

Sonora police officers responded to a call Friday, May 19, in reference to a disturbance at a residence involving a male and female subject, according to a report obtained by the Devil's River News in Sonora.

When questioned, the male subject, Paul Russell Hanson, gave officers false information regarding his true identity. No charges were filed at that time by either party involved in the disturbance, according to the report.

The following day, officers
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Council Member Banned from Local Store

Among the citations issued by the Sonora Police Department Thursday, May 25th, was a Criminal Trespass warning was served to Sonora City Council Member, Ward 2, Juanita Barrera.

The citation resulted from an incident involving Barrera at the Stripes Subway Convenience Store at 610 South Crockett, Street, in Sonora, according to a report obtained by the Devil's River News.

On May 18, an altercation including alleged verbal and physical offenses took place between Barrera, an individual and two store employees.

A criminal trespass warning prohibits Barrera from returning to the property.

Barrera refused to sign the citation upon being served Thursday evening, according to the report.

Barrera said circumstances leading up to the altercation between her and two other women began more than six months ago while she was an employee of the store.

Barrera was employed as a store clerk from December 2015 until November 2016.

Since that time, she said she frequents the store to purchase fuel and store items as well as rent movies.

She said the ongoing "issues" she had with other store employees eventually led to her unemployment with the company and hard feelings between her, the store manager and employees.

"This has been a one-sided issue since the beginning," Barrera said. "I've always had issues with those people. Certain employees lie about things and that causes problems with all of

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Sonora Scholars Recognized During 2017 Commencement Ceremony

Every student has a unique story to tell about their journey bringing them to graduation day and there is no greater way to celebrate their achievements than a high school commencement ceremony.

Sonora ISD graduated seventy-five students during its 2017 High School Commencement ceremony Friday, May 26th, at Bronco Stadium.

Graduates receiving a diploma include:
Bethany Aguero
Juan Arellano
Autumn Ayala
Diego Baez
Raully Biera
Tonya Bounds
Wesley Brown
Jose "Drew" Buitron

Layla Burke,
Grady Bush
Adriana Campa
Mayra Capuchina
Rolan Carre
Christopher Castro
Dakota Castro
Samantha Castro
Brittany Covarrubiaz
Kadrien Creek
Joseph Delgado
Jose' Deluna
Shayna Edwards
Emilio Espinosa
Netza Estrada
Bianca Fay
April Fraire
Zeke Galindo
Caleb Galvan
Gabriel Garcia-Guzman
Jacob Gonzales
Julian Guerra

Jose Hernandez
Skyler Jennings
Juan Jimenez
Katelyn Lipham
David Lira
Abby Lopez
Erik Lopez
Ariel Lugo
Genaro Marin
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Tate Shannon
Michael Solis
Holly Sparks
Jasmine Talamantez
Mollie Taylor
James Telles
Claire Thiebaud
Riley Umphress
Juan Villanueva
Liam Yourgalite

SMS Students Recognized for Top Academic Performance

In recognition of their exceptional scholastic performance, citizenship and attendance, Sonora ISD Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck announced the names of Sonora Middle School students during an Academic Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

Congratulating them on a variety of accomplishments, students were presented with a variety of awards, including certificates, plaques and prizes.

Ricardo Ramirez was presented with the Highest-Ranking Student Award. Students receiving this award are recognized for both exceptional academic performance and citizenship throughout the school year. Ramirez received a laptop computer and a plaque.

Sophia Gutierrez earned the Smith Neal Writing 2016-2017 Award and Harmony Ramirez received the Jo Ellen Neal Reading 2016-2017 Award.

Eight students received the Super Colt Awards for maintaining an "A" average throughout the 2016-2017 school year. They received a \$50 gift card and a plaque. Their names were also added to a drawing for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet.



Koda Davis, Kaylynn Alvarez, Sebastian Garza and Carson Cahill (not pictured) received a Samsung Galaxy Tablet when their names were selected from a special drawing during the Sonora Middle School Award Ceremony Wednesday, May 24, 2017. SISD Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck (center) congratulated the Super Colt Award winners on all of their hard work through out the school year.

winners included Koda Davis, Carson Cahill, Kaylynn Alvarez and Sebastian Garza.

Super Colt Award included Koda Davis, 6th, Molly Friess, 6th, Gage Owen, 6th, Carson Cahill, 7th, Sophia Gutierrez,

7th, Kodi Davis, 7th, Ricardo Ramirez, 8th, and Jaci Dutton, 8th grade.
Samsung Galaxy Tablet

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

\$11 billion untapped” in the Economic Stabilization “Rainy Day” Fund. “There’s no new money for pre-K, there’s continued spending on more border militarization and it continues to shortchange education and healthcare. It doesn’t represent the values of my district so I voted against it.”
Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate committee that drafted the

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Legislature Completes Regular Session with Much Unaccomplished

AUSTIN — The 140-day 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature ended on May 29 with hugs, tears and fanfare, plus demonstrations against “anti-immigrant” legislation and a scuffle involving members on the House floor.

Primarily, though, both chambers signed off on Senate Bill 1, the state budget for 2018-2019, and in doing so accomplished their only constitutionally required task.

The budget appropriates \$106.7 billion in general revenue and almost \$1 billion from the state’s Economic Stabilization Fund. The budget totals \$217 billion, including federal funds and other dollars.

“We started with a sizable shortfall,” said House Speaker Joe Straus. “But we

are ending this session with a balanced budget that invests in some very important priorities. We’re keeping overall spending low while improving child protection and mental health care.”

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, “This state budget is more than a billion dollars less in general revenue than our current budget. It upholds our commitment to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and to live within our means. It maintains almost \$11 billion in the Rainy Day Fund.”

Fourteen House members and one Senate member voted against SB 1. Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr., D-Mission, was one of them. The final version of the budget would spend

almost \$1.4 billion less than originally appropriated and result in cuts of \$2.4 billion to Health & Human Services, \$1 billion to public education and reductions to other areas as well, Muñoz said.

Another House member to vote in opposition to SB 1 was Rep. Shawn Thierry, D-Houston. “Almost every area of state spending was cut or underfunded, including \$1 billion in Medicaid payments, in favor of allocating \$800 million dollars for border security patrol, which is really a federal issue,” Thierry said. “The budget now leaves nearly every state agency hanging on by a thread.”

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, called the budget “inadequate” because it “leaves

The Most Honorable Sacrifice

With Fort Bliss to the West, Joint Base San Antonio to the East and Laughlin Air Force Base in between, the 23rd Congressional District of Texas has a very special relationship with our nation’s military. For Memorial Day, there is an abundance

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd

of parades, concerts and commemorative events to honor those who did not return home because they made the ultimate sacrifice -- giving their lives to defend our freedoms.

For many people in my district, remembering the fallen doesn’t happen just one day of the year.

For these folks, every day is a reminder of the parent, sibling, child or battle-buddy that traded their life to fulfill an oath to the United States of America. The impact of a life lost too soon does not end for these families once the three-day weekend is over. For them, they must continue on without a loving mother, a father to play catch with, or a brother to have their back. The tens of thousands of rolling grave-stones at 135 National Cemeteries are a constant reminder of the souls who have laid down their lives for ours.

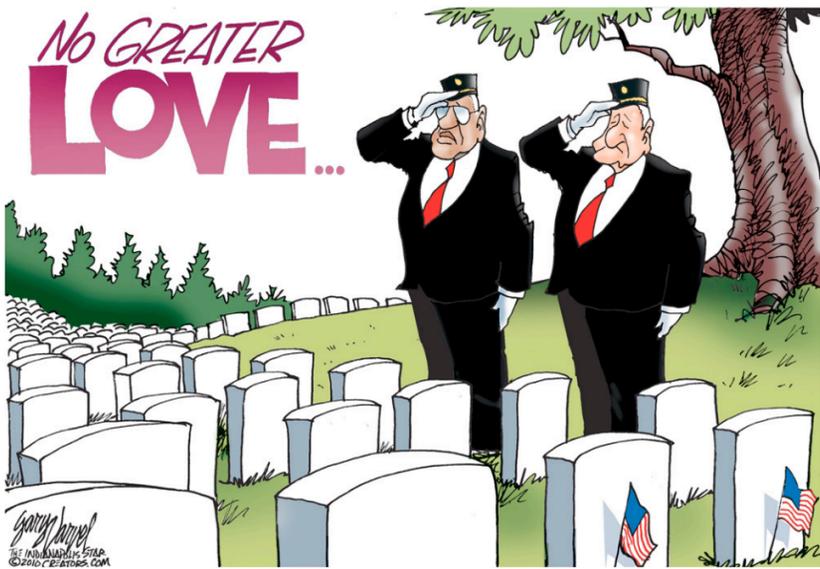
During WWII, twelve percent of the United States population served in the Armed Forces. Compare that to modern day, when only seven percent of all living Americans have served in the military at some point during their lives. Many Americans do not have a connection to anyone who has served and one of the unintended consequences is misunderstanding what Memorial Day is really about: honoring the lives of our men and women in uniform, their families and reflecting on the sacrifices they have made to protect our way of life.

On Memorial Day I will be thinking of my friend Mike Spann. Mike was a paramilitary officer in the CIA. He was one of the first to be deployed to Afghanistan following the terrorist attacks on our country on 9/11. When I was helping him prepare for his assignment, I never would have thought a few weeks later he would be the first American killed in combat during our invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. His youngest daughter at the time of Mike’s death was just a baby. Mike never got the chance to see her grow up into the phenomenal woman that she is now, because he put himself in harms way to defend our freedom and protect our way of life.

Now that I’m in Congress, I am committed to honoring the noble work of Mike and the thousands of men and women just like him.

Our troops’ decision to join our Armed Forces has had a direct impact on our daily lives, whether we realize it or not. Let’s celebrate Memorial Day by showing gratitude to our military, but also by reflecting on how we can give back to them and their families. Thank you are simple words that none of us say enough – especially to our sailors, soldiers, pilots and marines who have made the most honorable sacrifice.

A former undercover CIA officer, entrepreneur and cybersecurity expert, Will Hurd is the U.S. Representative for the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. In Washington, he serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as Vice Chair of the Maritime and Border Security Subcommittee on the Committee for Homeland Security, and as the Chairman of the Information Technology Subcommittee on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.



How Much Is Enough?

Uncle Charlie was my favorite kin on Mom’s side of the family. A gentle, thoughtful man who loved a good college football game; he was sure to get a visit from me if I was passing anywhere near Uvalde. Sometime after I got out of the Marines, I stopped by and in the course of our conversation he asked me if I might go back in. I answered that I could not say, it depended if my country called. He looked at me and asked, “Don’t you think seven years is enough?”

I’ve pondered upon that question ever since, and it preys upon my mind the most when Memorial Day comes around. Just how much is enough?

My first thought is of the five Sullivan brothers who went down together on the USS Juneau, off the coast of Guadalcanal during the early days of World War II. Every one of a family’s sons gone, leaving nothing but five gold stars in a window. Dear God, losing one is a tragedy beyond description. But five? How much is enough?

Then I think of my old Scout-Sniper partner and Marine extraordinaire, Gary ‘Injun’ Wade. He lost two brothers; one in the Air Force and the other in the Navy. His Mom has two gold stars in her window. How much is enough?

I think of my old highway patrol sergeant, Carl W. Mayfield. Not only was he a sergeant in the Texas Highway Patrol, but also a first sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserve. In Iraq, his greatest personal pride was in bringing back the same number of Marines he left with. Carl also brought back a stomach cancer that had gone untreated because he didn’t want to leave those Marines. That cancer killed him shortly thereafter just as surely as any enemy bullet, leaving behind a wife and two teenaged sons. How much is enough?

Carl and I had a mutual friend, Sergeant Major Pat Sirois, First of the Seventh of the United States Army. He served with honor on faraway fields of conflict such as Bosnia and Iraq, as well as others. Pat retired from the Army and joined the DOD Civilian Police at Fort Hood. He was one of the responders to the gut-wrenching terrorist attack that occurred there. Sometime later, Pat was killed while assisting a stranded motorist. How much is enough?

I think of Leo Zeola, United States Navy. Leo flew Wildcat fighters during World War II aboard the USS Gambier Bay, the only American aircraft carrier ever sunk by enemy gunfire. He spent three days in shark-infested waters, swimming from life raft to make-shift

life raft to check on his men. After the war he was gravely injured in an aircraft carrier landing. His convalescence took over a year, but he came back to active duty and became a pioneer of that time in Anti-Submarine Warfare. He ultimately retired as a captain in the Navy and passed away some years ago. How much is enough?

I could go on, but shall finish with one more thought which also means a great deal to me personally. It is of a simple white wall, situated among a quiet grove of trees just outside of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, guarded by a bronze statue in combat gear of a Marine from my era. This wall is part of a complex that makes up the area’s memorial place for the fallen, and is inscribed with four words: “THEY CAME IN PEACE”, along with the names of 273 men who tried to bring that peace to a war-torn land that knew not the word. It is called the Beirut Memorial.

The irony in this is that the wall complex itself is a peaceful, even serene place to be. You sit and you contemplate on those names; the ones you knew and those who someone else did. All sons of mothers and fathers with a gold star in their window, grieving with a wound of the spirit that hurts so especially much around this time of the year. People move through in almost total silence, stopping to point out one of those names to someone with them, or perhaps lay a hand on an engraved piece of rock as if to reach out through time and space and death itself; trying to connect with a long-departed soul on the other side.

How much is enough?...

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By Ben English

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Reilly Springs Has a Jamboree

Reilly Springs is a small place near Sulphur Springs. Not much happens there most of the time, but once a month musicians gather at the old school house and play their hearts out. It’s called the Reilly Springs Jamboree, an event that started



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

sixty-one years ago. “When the school consolidated with Sulphur Springs in 1956 the schoolhouse sat empty for

a while,” says Enola Gay, producer and emcee of the show. She’s also the morning disc jockey at KSST Radio in Sulphur Springs.

“But there were some musicians who lived at Reilly Springs. They were from a farming family, the Sheltons, and they played guitar and mandolin and sang. They started doing music shows in the schoolhouse. Two Shelton brothers achieved some regional success in song writing. They wrote Deep Ellum Blues (played by Jerry Lee Lewis and The Grateful Dead, among others) and Because, Just Because (Paul McCartney, Elvis Presley and Breda Lee did it, among others). We have a house band that backs up visiting musicians. We play country and gospel. Mostly country, with a little gospel.”

Some of the music sounds like a front porch picking parlor because the musicians are relaxed and comfortable. And so is the large audience. It’s been going on so long some people recall having their first date at the Jamboree or meeting that special someone there. Older folks remember going to the Jamboree as teenagers. Enola says it was an exciting place to go on a Saturday night.

“We have lots of home-grown performers, maybe they write songs or play guitar at home and we have some big name entertainers. Johnny Cash played here, so did George Jones, Hank Snow, June Carter and a whole bunch more. June Carter was so popular we had to do two shows that night.”

The Jamboree went away for a while, but twenty-two years ago Enola decided to revive it.

“It has such a rich history I wanted to bring it back. We’ve had real good success with it. The very first show, which was the Reilly Springs Jamboree Reunion in 1995, was standing room only. We had it at the National Guard Armory in Sulphur Springs.”

KSST used to have an employee named Peavine Pinion who had enough radio engineering skills to rig up a transmission line so the jamboree could be broadcast on KSST over what he called the Barbed Wire Network. It was like listening to the Grand Old Opry on a small scale.

The Jamboree takes place the third Saturday of each month. Enola’s favorite types of music are jazz standards and big band songs of the forties, fifties and sixties. She has recorded a CD. Sometimes she sings on stage.

“If we have some real great girl singers, I don’t dare sing that night. But if we’re short of singers I’ll be glad to fill in.”

Heard Around Town

Yes, he was a classmate of mine. He was a good guy, but we graduated and went our separate ways. I went to college. He went to Vietnam and didn’t come back.

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in

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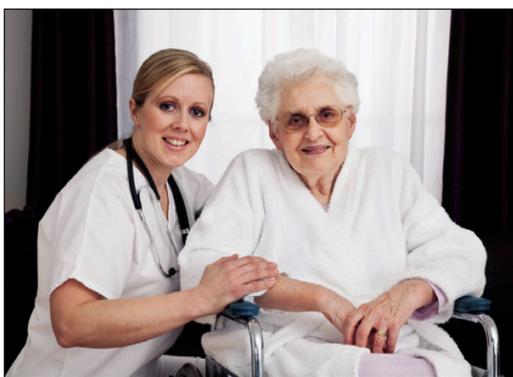
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— SMS Teacher of the Year —



Jessica McDonald, pictured with Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck, was recognized "Teacher of the Year 2016-2017" during the SMS Academic Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 24.

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David Gallegos awarded the 2016-2017 Health-Outstanding Student Award to Gabriel Valdez during the SMS Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

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SMS AWARDS:

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Four students were recognized for their perfect attendance throughout the school year.

These students also received a Bronco drawstring bag and a plaque.

Students earning the Perfect Attendance Award included Kaylynn Alvarez, Sebastean Garza, Ricardo Ramirez and Jaqueline Torres.

As well, a number of Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades received a variety of individual academic awards:

They include:

- 6th Grade:**
- Tech-Apps-Outstanding Student:** Daniela Lozano
- Spanish-Outstanding Student:** Juan Torres-Alvarez
- P.E. Outstanding Student:** Giovanni Gamez, Montserrat DeLaFuente
- Health-Outstanding Student:** Gabriel Valdez
- Art-Outstanding Student:** Sophia Acevedo
- Social Studies:** Joe Ivan Abrego
- Math:** Gage Owen
- Science:** Aidan Leamon
- ELA:** Juan Torres-Alvarez
- Citizenship:** Koda Davis
- Sebastean Garza**
- 7th Grade:**
- Tech-Apps-Outstanding Student:** Sophia Gutierrez
- Spanish-Outstanding Student:** Laci Ramirez

Health-Outstanding Student:

Christina Garcia

Art-Outstanding Student:

Jina Dooley

Texas History:

Abby Beenie

Math:

Carson Cahill

Life Science:

Sean Mungia

ELA:

Abby Fuentes

Citizenship:

Abby Duncan

Guillermo Garcia

8th Grade:

Tech-Apps-Outstanding Student:

Aaron Noriega

Spanish-Outstanding Student:

Osbel DeLuna

Health-Outstanding Student:

Sianne Alviso

Art-Outstanding Student:

Kaylynn Alvarez

U.S. History:

Kaylynn Alvarez

Math:

Fernanda Gonzalez,

Algebra:

Ricardo Ramirez

Earth Science:

Rashel DeLuna

ELA:

Zachary Joffrion

Citizenship:

Esmeralda Salazar,

Reagan Owen,

Most Improved Student:

Miranda Renteria

Additionally, Jessica McDonald was awarded Teacher of the Year 2016-2017 and Dana Leamon was named Employee of the Year 2017-2017.

All of the students, teachers and staff deserve commendation for their hard work and commitment throughout the school year.

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SISD Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck awarded Sophia Acevedo the Art-Outstanding Student Award during Wednesday's SMS Academic Awards Ceremony.

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5th Grade Walk



Sonora 5th graders make their way from the Intermediate campus to the Middle School campus, Thursday afternoon, during a traditional "5th Grade Walk", May 25, 2017.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Ask payment
- 5. Anjou and bosc
- 10. Italia's capital
- 14. ___ Caliente, Mexico
- 15. Eject
- 16. The rainbow
- 17. Not short
- 18. Family member
- 19. Grocery holdall
- 20. Police roundup
- 22. Wrestles
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- 25. ___ voce
- 26. With 30 Across, immortal detective
- 30. See 26 Across
- 34. Possessed
- 35. Scheme
- 37. Attain
- 38. Ambition
- 39. Lineament
- 41. Heart, in anatomy
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- 46. Litter of pigs
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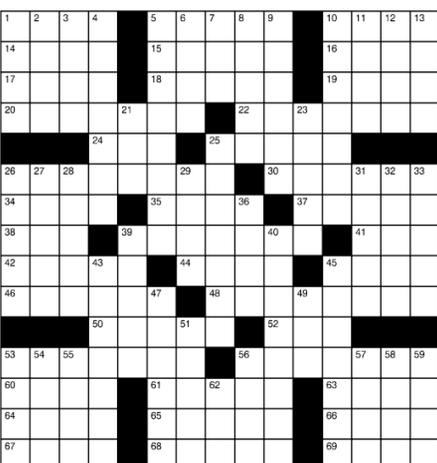
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- 53. Token
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- 63. Man's castle
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- 65. Willow
- 66. Undisturbed
- 67. Distribute
- 68. Exigencies
- 69. Tear

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- 1. Hairless
- 2. ___ Stravinsky
- 3. Moon goddess
- 4. Slow one
- 5. Symbol of patient wifehood
- 6. Way out
- 7. Mimic
- 8. Right-hand page
- 9. 26 Across, e.g.
- 10. French cuisine term

- 11. Spoken
- 12. House pests
- 13. Questions
- 21. Nothing
- 23. Supply
- 25. Hockey players
- 26. Bundle
- 27. Beauty shop offering
- 28. Senior
- 29. Silent one
- 31. Large parrot
- 32. French school
- 33. Tatter
- 36. Without covering
- 39. Displeased look
- 40. Party people
- 43. Storehouse
- 45. Ling or other erica
- 47. Biographer of 26 Across
- 49. Climber
- 51. Equilibrium
- 53. Unexciting
- 54. New York's ___ Canal
- 55. Nursery word
- 56. Decamped
- 57. Travel far and wide
- 58. So be it!
- 59. Await completion
- 62. Small cube



See solution on Page 7

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Watch for Early Blight in Tomatoes

Many of us have been dutifully watering our gardens and praying for rain.

Now that it's come, keep a watchful eye for early blight.

What are the symptoms?

The tomato leaves will begin to turn yellow, then brown, then die from the base of the plant.

Everybody growing tomatoes gets this same problem.

It is the result of a fungus infecting the foliage and causing a disease known as early blight.

Early blight is an annual problem for most gardeners.

It normally develops into a problem when plants have a heavy fruit set and the area has received rainfall. Spores from the fungus are spread to the lower foliage by wind and splashing rain.

The disease moves upward, and as it advances, leaves turn yellow, wither, and then drop.

Tomato plants severely infected by early blight produce low yields of under-sized fruit.

Generally, fruit also show signs of sun-scald since leaves aren't present to protect fruit from direct sunlight.

Keeping the same garden location may be part of the problem.

As experienced gardeners know, growing a crop in the same area for

several years often leads to increased disease problems.

Early blight control options include crop rotation, removal and destruction of plant debris, staking, mulching, and timely application of fungicides.

Staking and mulching are important prevention strategies.

Staking keeps foliage and fruit from contacting the soil surface, and mulching cuts down on "soil splash" onto lower parts of the plant.

Since soil particles often contain the early blight fungus, this is a good way of keeping the fungus from invading plants.

Chlorothalonil (Ortho Multipurpose Fungicide or Fertilome Broad Spectrum Fungicide) and mancozeb hydroxide (Kocide 101) are fungicides used on tomatoes for early blight.

The copper fungicides also are effective against the foliage and fruit-infecting bacterial invaders.

These fungicides can be mixed with insecticides or other fungicides, but be aware that copper-based materials (Kocide) have a high pH which will reduce the life of many insecticides and some fungicides.

Kocide is the only effective organic control for this blight.

Be sure to read and follow label directions concerning rates, application intervals, and the number of days required from the last application until fruit can be harvested.



Pascual Hernandez

Crash Claims Life of Ozona Resident

A two vehicle crash in Crockett County claimed the life of one Ozona resident Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Michael Ybarra, a 21-year old male, of Ozona, died from injuries sustained from a crash when his 2015 GMC Sierra Pickup struck the rear end of a 2008 Peter built Truck Tractor at 4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, according to a Department of Public Safety report.

Ybarra was pronounced by Judge Susan Warner.

He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the Truck Tractor, Ismael Huitron, a 42-year old male of Midland, was treated and released.

He was wearing a

seatbelt.

Huitron was stopped preparing to make a left turn when Ybarra, traveling southbound on State Highway 163 near Mile Post 500, failed to control his speed and collided into the rear of the Truck Tractor, according to the report.

The speed limit along State Hwy 163 is 75 mph. Weather was not a factor in the crash according to the report.

Trooper Brandon Creech, DPS Mertzon investigated the crash. He was assisted by Troopers Michael Johnson, Cameron Petersen, Ryan Dalton and Christopher White, DPS Ozona.

No further information was made available.

Beat the Heat

Outsmart Summer Danger

Whether you're working or playing outside in the summer, anybody not accustomed to the heat is at risk for a heat-related illness.

Take steps to protect yourself:

- Wear appropriate clothing, including a wide brimmed hat.
- Take frequent water breaks.
- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.
- Never leave kids or pets unattended in a vehicle.
- Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol.
- Wear loose, lightweight

clothing and a hat

- Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks.
- Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself.
- Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body.

The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC.

Eight Sonora Graduates Named to ASU 2017 Spring Dean's List

Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2017 Spring semester.

Eight Sonora High School graduates, now attending ASU, were among those named.

They are as follows: Morgan Christine Badgett, Adrian Garcia, Edgar

Matrin Hernandez, Kamrie Angel Martinez, Leandra Nicole Reed, Logan N. Smith, Kade Harrell Wimberley and Megan Ray Yourgalite.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Congratulations!

BANNED:

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the employees."

The manager of the Stripes store had no comment.

The Stripes corporate office, in San Angelo, did not return a call.

Criminal trespass is a misdemeanor crime in Texas that essentially involves being somewhere you're not supposed to be.

A violation could result in criminal penalties of Texas Penal Code 30.05, Criminal Trespass, ranging from a Class C Misdemeanor ranging from a fine of \$500 to \$4,000 and/or imprisonment from 180 days up to one year.

Barrera said she does not intend to return to the business location in the future.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 6/01	Fri 6/02	Sat 6/03	Sun 6/04	Mon 6/05
83/68	85/69	90/66	85/60	84/65
Afternoon Thunderstorms Sunrise 6:41 a.m. Sunset 8:40 p.m.	Mostly Cloudy Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:40 p.m.	Possible Thunderstorms Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:41 p.m.	Evening Thunderstorms Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:41 p.m.	Partly Cloudy Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:42 p.m.

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May 1-30	3.68 in.	May 1-30	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	9.46 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	9.56 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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Senior Walk



Kristy Sanchez, SHS 2017 Valedictorian, leads the traditional "Senior Walk" Thursday, May 25, 2017. Soon to be SHS graduates took a nostalgic walk through the halls of the Elementary, Intermediate and Middle School campuses before walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas Friday evening during commencement.

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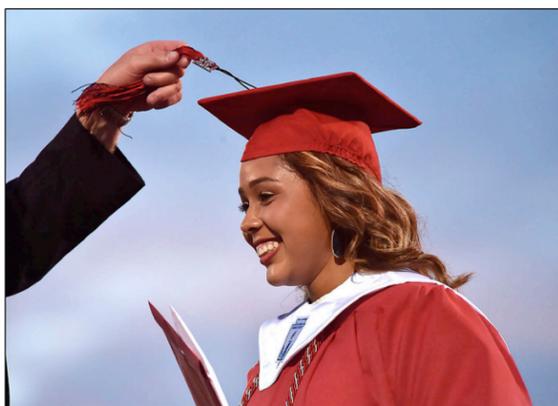
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Bianca Fay is one of 75 students to receive a diploma Friday, May 26th, during the 2017 SHS Commencement at Bronco Stadium.
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COMMENCEMENT:

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Robert Zapata
Jonathan Zook

Welcoming the students and audience, Principal Sean Leamon opened commencement with words of commendation for the members of the Class of 2017 as well as encouragement as they go forward into the future.

Kristy Sanchez, Valedictorian and Shayna Edwards, Salutatorian delivered commencement speeches to their fellow graduates and the audience.

Thanking family, friends, faculty and guests Sanchez said she is grateful to all of them for their part in her accomplishments. "I am who I am because of you," Sanchez said. "Every one of you have contributed to my life and I couldn't have done any of this without you."

In her Salutatory address, Shayna Edwards reminded her fellow graduates to always be mindful of the present as they go forward in life.

"Don't worry about the past because you cannot change it, Edwards said. "Put away that calendar. Don't waste time waiting for something in the future. Live in this moment."

Looking in the direction of her fellow graduates, Edwards encouraged her peers to live each day to the fullest, do their best and be

happy.

"This is our day, Edwards said, "Today we celebrate our graduation."

Calling out their names, one by one, Leamon recognized each of the 2017 honor graduates. They are as follows.

Valedictorian:
Kristy Sanchez
Salutatorian:
Shayna Edwards
High Honor Graduates (95+):
Samantha Castro
Skyler Jennings
Juan Miguel Jimenez
Tate Shannon
Holly Sparks
Holly Sparks
Claire Thiebaut
Honor Graduates (93+):
Bethany Aguero
Autumn Ayala
Layla Burke
Mayra Capuchina
Dakota Castro
Bianca Fay
Ryker Marshall
Rafael Mendoza
Robin McGuffin
Jessica Paredes
Isela Rodriguez
Nydia Rodriguez
Jasmine Talamantez

Asking students to stand and be recognized, Vice Principal Pam Hailey read aloud the names of students followed by the scholarships they received aiding them in continuing their education at the college level. More than one million dollars in scholarship monies was awarded to members of the 2017 graduating class.



Joseph Delgado takes a "selfie" when he steps onto the stage to receive his diploma Friday night during the Class of 2017 graduation ceremony.
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Crossing the stage, shaking hands and grasping their diplomas each student stopped for the ceremonial transfer of the tassel atop each graduate's cap, from right to left, marking their high school graduation.

In closing, Leamon remarked on the importance of this day for each

student.

"Life is journey," Leamon said. "It begins with intrepid steps that are necessary to achieve success."

Wishing them well as they continue through their life's journey, Leamon presented to the crowd the Class of 2017.



Kristy Sanchez delivered her Valedictory speech before a crowd of friends and family Friday, May 26, during the Sonora High School 2017 Commencement at Bronco Stadium.
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Commissioners OK Advertisement for the Hiring of Sheriff's Deputies

Sutton County Commissioners approved a request to advertise for the hiring of Sheriff's deputies during a special meeting Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

The time period for hiring from a previous advertisement expired this past April. Thus, requiring the courts approval to again advertise.

In other business, Judge Steve Smith informed the court that he will be meeting with Representative Drew Darby, in San Angelo,

to discuss the designation of the Ports to Plains bypass through Sonora.

Without further discussion or public comments the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva, Fred Perez and Bob Brockman were present.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

CVTD Implements Centralized Dispatch

Representatives from the Concho Valley Transit District were on hand Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at the Sonora Senior Center, to talk about changes to the San Angelo Multimodal facility, including centralized dispatch, as well as to answer questions from the public.

The San Angelo based transit system, otherwise known as Thunderbird, provides transportation to a variety of persons in and around Sonora.

The dispatch change means that riders are now required to call customer service at 1-877-947-8729 to schedule all transportation, in town as well as out of town.

The transitioning to the new dispatch system is already underway and will continue through

July 1, 2017.

Currently, CVTD provides transportation, for a fee.

Fees vary according to individuals. For the elderly, age 65 and older, and the disabled, who qualify, the cost for transportation in town is 40 cents one way and 80 cents round trip.

Rides are also provided to the general public in town, including school children, for a cost of 75 cents one way and \$1.50 round trip.

Transportation to and from San Angelo is provided at a cost of \$2 one way and \$4 round trip.

However, out of town trips require a 24-hour advance notice.

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"Jalapeño Cocktail Pie"

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Since its inception, The Sonora Woman's Club has supported the Library in as many ways as possible, from volunteering as well as purchasing tangible items like the cabinets in the work room, computers and periodicals. The Club's Library committee identifies and reports on the needs of the Library as well as fulfilling those needs. Linda Fisher, the 2017 Library Committee Chair, is known for her commitment to furthering the work of the Woman's Club as well as her recipe for Jalepeño Cocktail Pie. It is sure to be a spicy and quick to make appetizer!

2 or 3 Jalepeño peppers, seeded and chopped
1 pound Sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
6 eggs, beaten

Sprinkle jalapeños in a well greased 9 inch square pan; cover with cheese. Pour eggs over cheese. Bake for 30 minutes or until firm. Cool and cut into 1 inch squares.

Makes about 6 & 1/2 dozen.

The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

MAY 23 • Pedro Mendez, 48-year old male, of Sonora. Arrested on a court order to serve 30 days in the County Jail.

MAY 24 • Paul Hanson, 45-year old male, of Sioux Falls, SD. Arrested on 2 out of state warrants from South Dakota.

MAY 25 • Pedro Alvarado, 26-year old male, of Huntington Park, CA. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana

MAY 26 • Nancy Vazquez, 27-year old female, of Santa Ana, CA. Arrested for Possession of Marijuana

MAY 28 • Robert Esparza, 46-year old male, of Midland. Arrest on an El Paso warrant

INCIDENTS

MAY 22 - 5:40 PM • Caller reported debris the road way on I-10 at 416 mm. Deputy responded.

6:27 PM • Caller reported a neighborhood issue on Calle Nuevo Leon. Deputy responded.

MAY 23 - 6:10 PM • Caller reported a residential burglary on Sutton County Road 106. Deputy responded.

MAY 24 - 1:21 AM • Caller reported a two-vehicle accident on I-10 at 415 mm. Deputy and DPS responded.

9:43 PM • Caller reported an accident on I-10 at 400 mm. Deputy responded.

MAY 25 - 6:26 PM • Caller reported a horse on Bond Road. Deputy responded.

MAY 26 - 11:55 AM • Caller reported a neighborhood issue on Calle Nuevo Leon. Deputy responded.

9:26 PM • Caller reported several vehicles on I-10 at 419 mm who had ran over tire debris. Deputy and DPS responded.

MAY 27 - 4:48 PM • Caller reported an accident on I-10 at 418 mm. Deputies responded.

5:50 PM • EMS called to assist person on I-10 at 422 mm. Deputies assisted.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

MAY 24 • Paul Hanson, 45-year old male, of south Dakota. Arrested on 2 warrants out of South Dakota

MAY 26 • Robert Mata, 34-year old male of Sonora. Arrested for Public Intoxication and assault family violence.

INCIDENTS

MAY 22 - 12:28 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident on E. College. Officer responded.

3:40 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person at Family Dollar. Officer responded.

MAY 23 - 9:30 AM • Officer responded to Stripes Subway in reference to a criminal trespass warning follow up.

8:15 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at the Senior Center. Officer responded.

MAY 24 - 10:00 AM • Caller reported an A/C unit smoking at Days Inn. Officer and Sonora VFD responded.

7:09 PM • Caller reported a theft on Railroad St. Officer responded

9:00 PM • Caller reported 2 aggressive dogs on Brookside. Officer responded.

10:50 PM • Caller reported an unwanted subject around the trailer park behind the swimming pool. Officer responded.

MAY 25 - 5:07 PM • Caller reported a theft at Family Dollar. Officer responded.

MAY 26 - 5:28 PM • Caller reported an 18-wheeler that hit the main power line between Sonic and Dairy Queen resulting in a power outage. Officer responded.

7:07 PM • Caller reported a family disturbance on Tayloe Ave. Officers responded.

11:13 PM • Officers responded to the Sheriff's Office to take statements of a domestic disturbance.

MAY 27 - 1:22 AM • Caller reported loud music on E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

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FUGITIVE:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 received a tip from someone who had identified Hanson as a fugitive wanted in South Dakota, the police report stated. New information confirmed that Hanson was wanted on a warrant issued by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department in South Dakota. At that point, Hanson was taken into custody.

Both, Sonora PD officers and Sutton County Sheriff's deputies worked together in apprehending Hanson.

Hanson was wanted on burglary and assault charges in Minnehaha County, South Dakota, when he allegedly left the state.

Information airing on a local Sioux Falls television station and tips from the

public led to his location and arrest. He had been on the run for more than a month and authorities feared he may have been fleeing to Mexico according to a story on a KELOland News of Sioux Falls.

A tip received by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department reported Hanson's possible location in Texas.

Law enforcement agencies in both states coordinated in the effort to locate and identify him.

Hanson remains in jail, held on a \$50,000 bond while he awaits extradition back to South Dakota.

With Hanson's capture, only four subjects remain on the Minnehaha County's Most Wanted Criminals list as of Wednesday.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Adjourned

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 budget, said, "We passed a responsible budget that meets our essential needs. It continues the policies of fiscal restraint that have shaped our success, and it positions Texas for a bright future." Nelson also mentioned the passage of House Bill 2, supplemental appropriations legislation to cover shortfalls in the current 2016-2017 budget, which she said "protects the most vulnerable among us: our children. It balances the ledger for our current budget and puts Texas in a strong position to meet the challenges ahead."

Members' tempers flare

Visitors poured into the Capitol on May 29, occupying the south steps, the rotunda floor, balconies of the upper floors of the rotunda and the House gallery to witness the closing hours of the legislative session.

A majority of the House gallery crowd wore red shirts printed with statements in opposition to Senate Bill 4, legislation passed earlier this spring and signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott. SB 4 bans sanctuary cities and toughens laws allowing law enforcement to identify,

detain and deport undocumented residents.

As the crowd chanted "SB 4 is hate" and other slogans, a scuffle among several representatives erupted on the House floor, reportedly triggered by the sentiments expressed by the crowd. Other House members and staff broke up the disturbance and state troopers on guard duty cleared the gallery.

Some major bills failed

Property tax reform and the so-called "bathroom bill" concerning the accommodation of transgender students created enough division between the House and Senate to stop, slow down or otherwise result in the demise of hundreds of other pieces of legislation.

Gov. Abbott, who named those issues high-priority, said he would decide this week if there is enough reason to call legislators back to Austin for a special session to act on his priorities.

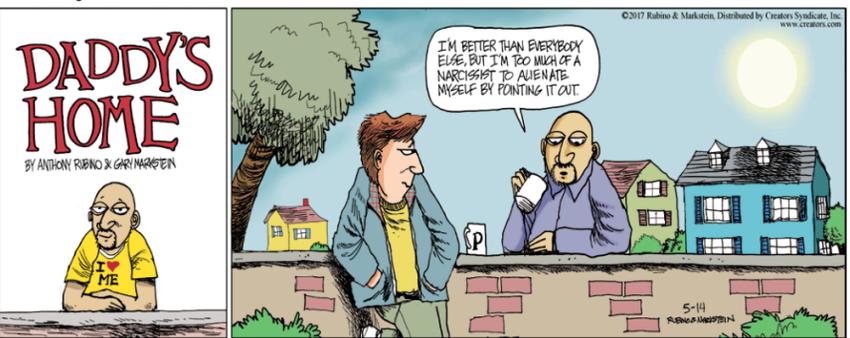
Meanwhile, Abbott has until June 18 to sign or veto bills. If he does neither, they become law without his signature. He can leave Texans on pins and needles over the fate of bills by pushing those decisions right up to the deadline.

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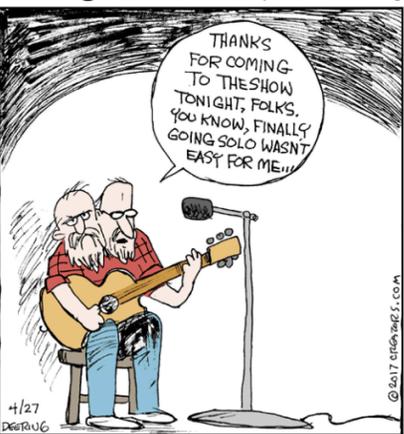
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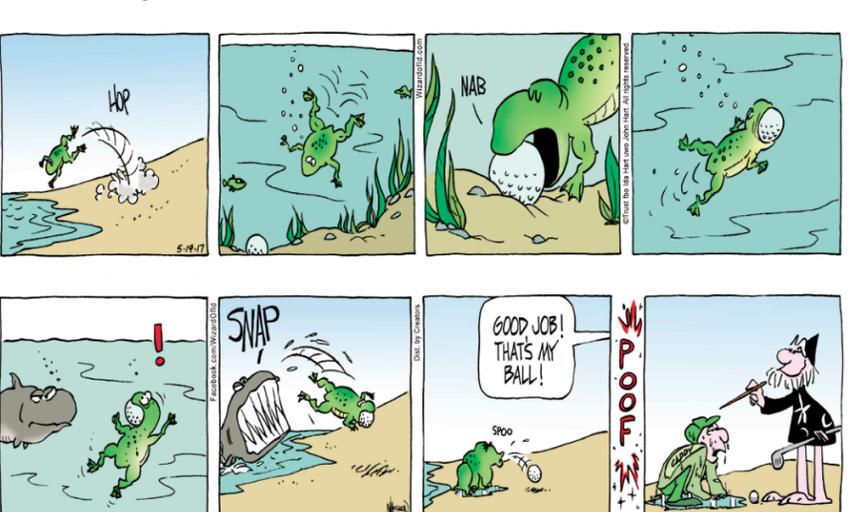
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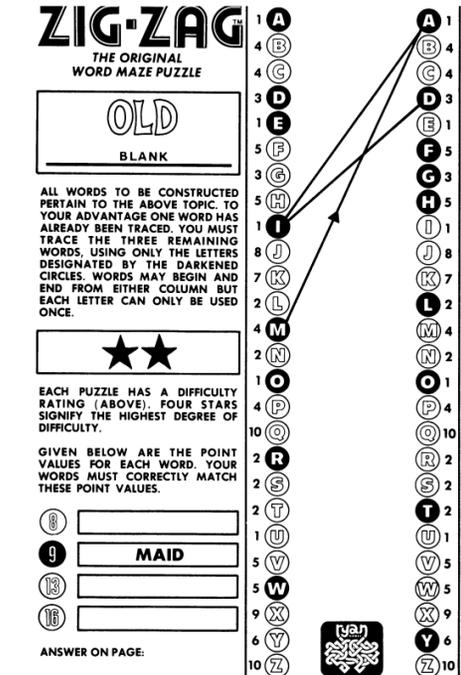
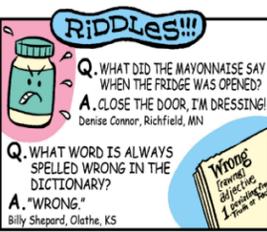
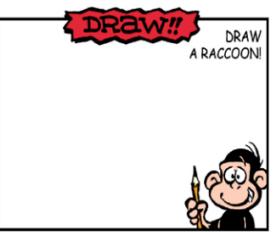
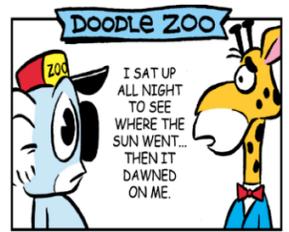
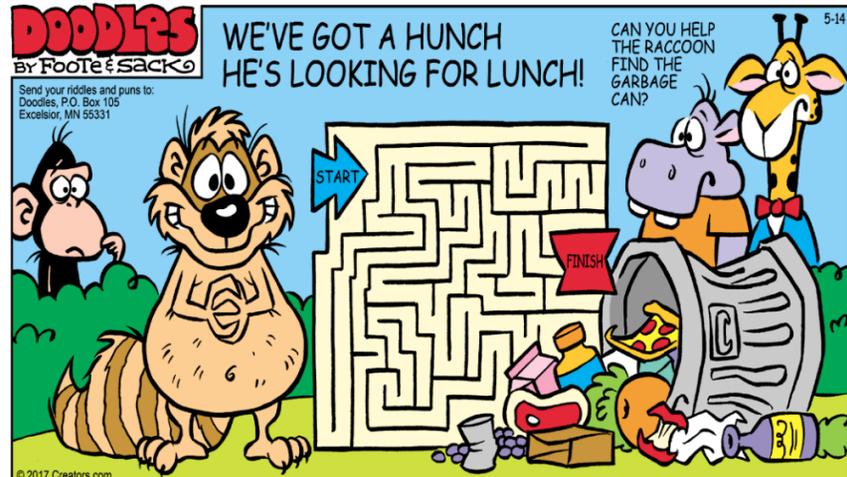
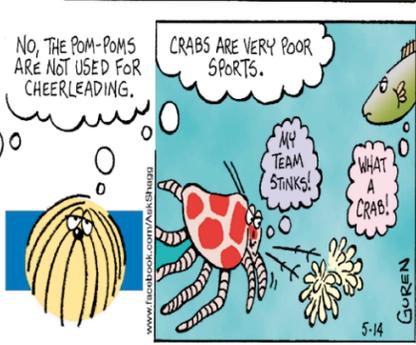
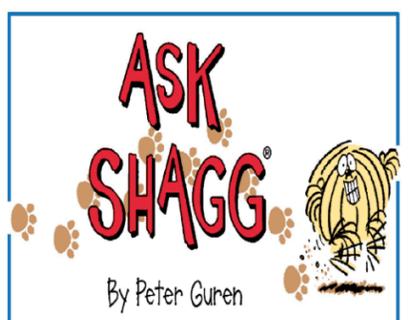
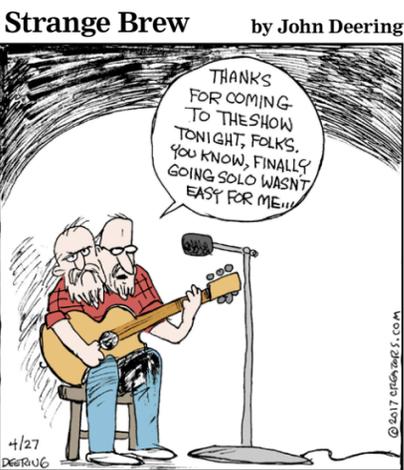
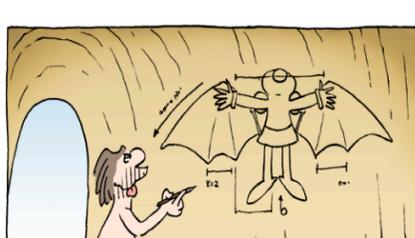
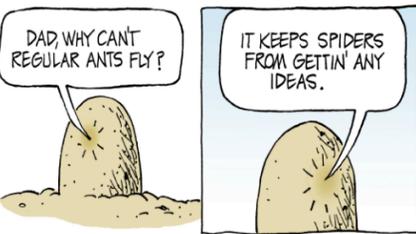
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Legislature Unanimously Approves Last-Minute Overhaul of School A-F Ratings

The Senate and House negotiated a compromise on how to tweak a statewide plan for grading schools and districts. Educators and advocates are asking why the overhaul happened so late, without their official input.

By Aliyya Swaby, The Texas Tribune

Texas House and Senate education leaders came to a compromise on how to tweak a plan for grading schools and districts, which the House and Senate each passed without dissent Sunday evening.

The Senate voted 31-0 and the House voted 140-0 to approve a conference committee report on House Bill 22, editing a plan lawmakers approved in 2015 to start giving Texas schools grades of A-F. The two chambers had struggled to see eye-to-eye on how much weight to give students' standardized test scores when grading a school or district, and on how much flexibility educators should have in

determining how they are assessed. On Saturday, members from both chambers spent hours hashing out the differences.

Educators and advocates on both sides Sunday expressed concern that such major changes were made so late in the process, when it was too late for public input. The House is expected to vote on the compromise Sunday evening.

In 2015, the Legislature first decided to switch to an A-F system of grading schools and districts to replace the current pass/fail system. Educators statewide protested against the original plan, which they said relied too heavily on standardized tests and did not give an accurate

sense of how schools were performing.

"You know that most of the schools and the districts in your [legislative] districts were not happy with the implementation when A-F was first rolled out," Rep. Diego Bernal, D-San Antonio, said, to the House late Sunday. The final version of this legislation rewards schools for their progress, while also highlighting where they need work, he said.

The House and Senate came to a compromise that has more "balance," state Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, the bill's sponsor in that chamber, told the Senate Sunday evening.

Taylor originally wanted an accountability system with more weight on standardized tests and less flexibility on how to grade schools. Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, who authored the bill, wanted less weight on standardized tests and local choice on which exams to use to judge schools.

In the compromise version of the bill, schools and districts would be graded in three categories: student achievement, student progress and closing the gaps. Elementary and middle schools would be assessed in each of those categories by how well students are doing on the standardized state exam. High school grades would be based on the standardized state test, as well as factors such as high school graduation rates, and rates of students taking advanced courses.

Schools doing well could petition state education Commissioner Mike Morath to build their own accountability system that would account for at most half of the overall grade.

"Our local districts have some input into this accountability system," Taylor said. "The best way

to get things done is to have the people you're working with develop their own goals."

Under the final version of HB 22, districts will get their first grades in August 2018, and individual schools in August 2019. The Senate had originally opposed any delay of implementation to 2019, and the House had wanted to delay all grades to 2019.

State Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, said he approved so much of the changes that he would consider changing his position on the A-F rating system overall. "I've never been a big fan of A-F, but based on what I've seen here, I may have to re-evaluate my position," he said.

But educators and advocates on both sides were concerned that HB 22 had changed so drastically without public input.

"Giving the public virtually no time to review or weigh in on this last-minute proposal is troubling," Courtney Boswell, executive director of Texas Aspires, which supported the original A-F system and has been skeptical of proposed changes, said. "We are unsure how this

system has come together in order to be meaningful for students, parents, educators, and communities. Texas students deserve a measured approach to fixing our accountability system instead of hastily passing an unvetted system that may create unintended consequences."

Alief ISD Superintendent HD Chambers, who was involved in creating the original bill, said many superintendents are asking: "Why, at the last second, did this change happen?"

He supports the negotiated version's flexibility for some campuses and districts in determining how they are graded. "You're giving campuses and districts the chance to be innovative, within whatever the parameters are going to be. At least it's a step in that direction," he said.

But he said the compromise version of the bill still relies on standardized state test scores, instead of alternative measures, and gives Morath too much power to approve future changes to the system.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2017/05/28/senate-approves-last-minute-negotiated-overhaul-school-f-ratings/>.

2017 Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 entry fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
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5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by **June 12, 2017** to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mailed to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950.
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Cliff Brister, Sheriff Oscar Chavez and Lee Bloodworth volunteered to donate blood during the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge Blood Drive and Open House Saturday, May 27, 2017, in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Dee Ora Freemasons Host Community Blood Drive

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge 715, of Sonora, hosted a community Blood drive Saturday, May 27, 2017.

One-by-one people filed in and out of the Blood Donor Mobile Saturday to give blood during the event which also included an open house at Lodge 715.

The familiar faces of Lee Bloodworth, Cliff Brister and Sheriff Oscar Chavez were among the more than half a dozen people who gave blood within the first hour of the event.

"I know it is a holiday weekend for most people, Curry Campbell, Dee Ora Masonic Lodge 715 Grand Master said. "But, we think anytime is good to donate blood. We are also always looking for new members for our lodge. Hopefully, today's event will bring a lot of people."

Curry said, although it has been years since their last blood drive, the event is just one of the many ways

the fraternal order gives back to people.

Blood collected from Saturday's event will be available to help people locally, statewide and nationally if needed.

Concurrently, members opened the doors of the lodge, Saturday morning and welcomed the public to come by and visit while learning about the history and contributions of the Freemasons

"Many of the founders of this community were Masons." Lee Bloodworth, a fourth-generation Freemason, said. "Back then, anybody who was anybody was a Mason."

Further, the holds years of history dating back to the 1930's. It replaced the original log structure of earlier Freemasons that was relocated to Sonora in 1891 when Sonora became the official seat of Sutton County.

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Freemasons, it was once a two-story school and church as well as hall of Dee Ora Lodge No. 715.

Eventually, early lodge Masons also helped in the construction of a permanent school building in Sonora.

Presently, the men of the fraternal lodge continue to provide leadership, good will and opportunities while maintaining by example the importance of a solid foundation.

Their charities include coverage to take care of the dental needs of school children in Sonora as well as annual scholarships to High School students to help them afford to go to college.

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