

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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*I can't give you a brain, but I can give you a diploma.
~ L. Frank Baum*

TekTok will not be sent out for the balance of the school year.

Many readers have already concluded their school year, and others are so busy that another email to read is just "too much".

After twenty-two years of sending TEKTOK newsletters on a daily basis, its future is unclear.

After 40 years of teaching elementary school in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District, two years of teaching high school history, and three years of home-schooling students in second through twelfth grade, I'm not sure what the future holds.

Thanks to all of you, the subscribers, for taking time to read, ask questions, send comments/corrections.

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Web Sites

Endangered Species Day The Third Friday of May

- *Endangered Species Day highlights the plight of many at-risk and critically endangered species of wild animals, and highlights ways in which we can alter our behavior in small ways on a daily basis in order to help to protect and save these creatures.*

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Endangered Species](#)

This page contains information on endangered species. Learn what the U.S. government and the Canadian governments are doing about this problem.

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/>

[Science Friday: Forty Years of the Endangered Species Act](#)

The Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973, nearly unopposed. Conservation biologist Joe Roman and environmental historian Peter Alagona discuss how effective the Act has been in the last forty years and what steps could be taken for greater success in the future. [25 mins. 5 secs.]

<https://www.sciencefriday.com/segments/forty-years-of-the-endangered-species-act/>

[ARkive: Globally Endangered Invertebrates](#)

A comprehensive resource that lists the globally endangered invertebrates along with a picture, status, description, range, habitat, biology, threats, and conservation efforts.

<http://www.arkive.org/invertebrates-terrestrial-and-freshwater/>

Hardware/Software

Turn off

It's great that Messages appear on your lockscreen, but if you leave your iPhone unsupervised you may want to prevent people reading the message previews it shows by default. You change this in *Settings>Notifications>Messages* where you should set "Show Previews" to Off or When Unlocked under "Messages Options."

Hints/Tips

Panorama

When you take a Pano image the default setting demands you pan from left to right. It doesn't need to be this way: tap the arrow that appears in the middle of the screen to reverse direction (right to left). What about tall buildings? Once you've entered Pano mode just twist your iPhone to landscape view and you'll

be able to take an up/down panoramic image.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What is more impressive than a talking dog?

A spelling bee.

What animal uses a nutcracker?

A toothless squirrel!

What do you call a dog with no legs?

It doesn't matter what you call him, he's not going to come.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on May 22

1813 Richard Wagner Leipzig Germany, composer (Ring, Flying Dutchman)

1844 Mary Cassatt US, Impressionist painter (Woman Bathing)

1859 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle UK, author—brought Sherlock Holmes to life twice

1891 Robert Gordon Sproul educator/college president (University of California)

1910 Johnny Olson TV announcer (Price is Right)

1927 Michael Constantine Reading PA, actor (Room 222, Don't Drink the Water)

1928 T Boone Pickens CEO (Shamrock, Mesa Petroleum Co)

1934 Peter Nero New York NY, conductor/pianist (A Sunday in New York)

1938 Frank Converse actor (It's About Time, Dr Cook's Garden, Movin' On)

1938 Richard Benjamin New York NY, director/actor (Goodbye Columbus, He & She)

1941 Paul Winfield Los Angeles CA, actor (Star Trek II, Huckleberry Finn, Mars Attacks)

1943 Tommy John pitcher (Yankee/Dodger)

1970 Naomi Campbell London England, model/actress

On this day...

0760 14th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet

1176 Murder attempt by "Assassins" on Saladin near Aleppo

1570 1st atlas, with 70 maps, published

1807 Former Vice President Aaron Burr is tried for treason in Richmond VA (acquitted)

1843 1st wagon train, 1000+ departs Independence MO for Oregon

1849 Abraham Lincoln patents a buoing device

1863 General Grant begins siege on Vicksburg

1868 Great Train Robbery; 7 men (Reno Brothers) make off with \$98,000 in cash
1872 Amnesty Act restores civil rights to Southerners (except for 500)
1892 Dr Washington Sheffield invents toothpaste tube
1906 Wright Brothers patent an aeroplane
1926 "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" by Gene Austin hits #1
1933 Loch Ness Monster is 1st reportedly sighted by John Mackay
1939 Hitler & Mussolini sign "Pact of Steel"
1942 México declares war on Nazi-Germany & Japan
1947 "Truman Doctrine" goes into effect, aiding Turkey & Greece
1961 1st revolving restaurant (Top Of The Space Needle in Seattle), opens
1964 LBJ presents "Great Society"
1965 "Super-cali-fragil-istic-expi-ali-docious" hits #66
1967 "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" debuts on NET (now PBS)
1973 President Nixon confesses his role in Watergate cover-up
1985 Pete Rose 2,108th run passes Hank Aaron as National League run scoring leader
1992 Johnny Carson's final appearance as host of the Tonight Show

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