

## How to Make Your Own Easter Eggs!

BY: AMANDA AVILA

Why go waste money when you can make your own Easter eggs at home. All you need is a few household materials.

### Materials You will Need:

- Empty egg shells
- Makers, color, etc.
- Tissue paper
- Glue
- Confetti
- Scissors



1. First, gather your empty egg shells. Make sure they are washed out and they they are not cracked and have a small opening at the top
2. Fill the egg shells. People sometimes like to put money or even flour, but I recommend confetti.
3. Next, cut the tissue paper into 1.5 inch squares to cover the egg shell hole.
4. Then, apply glue around the sides of the hole opening and paste the tissue paper square and cover it up.
5. Finally, use markers, colors, etc., to decorate the eggs the way you like
6. Time to crack some eggs!



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# THE BUZZ

## TEAM 8-3



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## Team 8-3 Supports Erasmo 100%!

BY: NICK SANCHEZ

As many of you may already know, Erasmo "J.R." Gonzalez was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Leukemia is a cancer that starts inside the bones and spreads to the blood, affecting the development of blood cells. The cancer does have some serious side-effect but is treatable. This treatment is called chemotherapy.



### Send J.R. a letter!

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Upon hearing about the situation, Team 8-3 and the entire school has had a tremendous response. Students created a soda-tabs collection bin, teachers organized baked-good sales, and the school district is running a BBQ plate sale. These are just a couple of the fundraising events that are in progress to assist J.R. and his family financially.

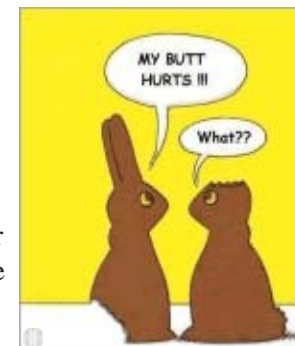
Most importantly is the emotional support that we have given him. Sources close to this reporter mentioned that J.R. is doing fine and that he appreciates all the support and encouragment that he has received from the students and staff.

Want to help, but not sure how? The single greatest thing you can is to send J.R. a letter and tell him how things are going. Special thanks to everyone that has helped in their own little way!

## Why We Celebrate Easter

BY: KAYLA LIMAS

Over the centuries, Easter took on different meanings as it was adopted into various cultures. Easter is believed to have origins from the Phoenicians. The name Easter actually refers to the name ISHTAR, which was the goddess of love. For the Pagans, Easter was a celebration of the Spring equinox. However, the Christians, Easter marks the day that their savior was resurrected.



The easter egg and the rabbit are two of Easter's most common symbols. The egg is believed to have ancient associations with spring. In some cultures, the egg symbolizes birth and fertility. On the other hand, the rabbit is a more modern day symbol that was introduced by the Germans during the Civil War.

## Mandy's Rants



In my opinion, Easter is an ok holiday to celebrate. But sometimes it can just get

really annoying! The really big thing that gets to me is why we hide and crack Easter eggs on each other. Like what's the whole point of it anyway. Because it's like, "Woo...,I found an egg." and then it's like "ha ha, I cracked it on you." Not to be a hater or anything but the whole Easter hiding, cracking egg thing is just plain lame. So what do you plan to do on Easter?

## U.I.L. BAND COMPETITION

BY: ANAKAREN RODRIGUEZ

On Thursday April the 6<sup>th</sup> Carlos F. Truan's Concert and Symphonic band had their annual U.I.L. competition in Donna. The competition was tough, but the band had been preparing all year. In the end, the Concert band earned a rating of 2 on stage and a 1 one sight reading. Although some of the band members admit that they didn't do as good as they hoped, they were positive and are looking forward to next year's competition.

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# TAKS Exam Next Week!

By: MR. A. PERALES

Crutch time baby! Almost every child in the State of Texas will be taking the Texas Academic Knowledge & Skills exam (TAKS) next week. This exam is used by the State of Texas to measure a student's yearly progress. You can kind of think of this exam like an end of the year test.



Considering how important this exam is for the academic success of every child, the State of Texas recommends that students take benchmark exams to help prepare and become more familiar with how the test might look like. Through the course of the school year, we have taken several benchmarks.



The staff and administration at Carlos F. Truan Jr. High would like to everyone good luck on next week's exams. Below are some basic test-taking tips and some frequently-asked questions.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Should I guess if I don't know the answer?**

Leaving an answer blank will count against you. Therefore, if you cannot come up with the correct answer, eliminate the wrong answers and select what you think is the best answer.

**Q: What should I do if I'm stuck on a question?**

Skip it! You can always return to the question at a later time. Remember to keep track of the questions you skipped to avoid mistakes later in the test.

## TEST TESTING TIPS

- Get plenty of rest the night before
- Eat a good breakfast
- Take deep breaths during the test to help relieve anxiety
- Try to stay positive, don't let a single problem get you down
- Feeling the pressure? Stop and take a mental break for a couple minutes

## Buzz Easter Egg Hunt

How many Easter eggs can you find in this issue of the Buzz? Think you got it, enter your guess at the buzz poll! [www.aaperales.com/polls.html](http://www.aaperales.com/polls.html)



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# Silly Easter Facts

By: MICHELLE AGUERO

**DID YOU KNOW MOST CHILDREN (74%) EAT THE EARS OF THEIR CHOCOLATE BUNNY FIRST. 13% EAT THE FEET FIRST, AND 10% EAT THE TAILS FIRST?**

**DID YOU KNOW EASTER IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT CANDY-EATING OCCASION OF THE YEAR FOR AMERICANS? THE FIRST IS VALENTINES DAY.**



Did you know that more than 1 billion Easter eggs are hunted in the United States each year in parks, back yards and on the White House lawn?

Did you know that us Americans spend 2 billion dollars on Easter candy, and eat 71 billion pounds of Easter candy each year?



## BUZZ POLL

By: ARIEL HERNANDEZ

Answer some questions and share your opinion!



Look for the link above at: [www.aaperales.com/polls.html](http://www.aaperales.com/polls.html)



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## Movie Review

By: BENE DE LOS SANTOS

The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of "War of the Worlds," "The Grudge," "The Village," "Saw" and "Saw II," "Million Dollar Baby" and much more. Anna Faris and Regina Hall are back as the loveable, dim-witted Cindy Campbell and her self-serving, sex-crazed pal. Together, they battle to save the world from a ruthless alien invasion. And the outrageous celebrity cameos include: Carmen Electra, Shaquille O'Neal, Dr. Phil, Bill Pullman, Chris Elliott, Molly Shannon, Michael Madsen, rappers Chingy and Lil' John, Leslie Nielsen returning as our fearless Commander in Chief, plus many, many more surprises.