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Pilots: Pump your own gas

Expansion, modernization at airport ongoing

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 The self-serve gas pump, long a fixture for automobile drivers, will soon be available to pilots at Big Spring Airport.

Crews began installing two 12,000-gallon fuel tanks at the airport Wednesday morning. When the project is complete, pilots of aircraft ranging from single-propellor Cessnas to business-class jets will be able to "gas 'n' go" just as easily as their earthbound counterparts.

All you need is a credit card — and a plane, of course. Airport Director Jim Little said the project is part of continuing modernization and expansion of airport services and is expected to be a big hit with pilots who regularly use the airport.

"Self-serve fueling has been the feature that's been most-asked for by pilots," Little said. "We'll still have fuel trucks available to provide the service, but for people who just come in and want to refuel their plane by themselves, they should be able to save some money."

Fuel will be available in two grades — general aviation (for propellor-driven aircraft) and



Work crews place two 12,000-gallon tanks just west of the main runway at Big Spring Airport Wednesday morning. When installation is complete, the new tanks will give pilots a self-serve option when refueling.

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Humane Society drive, sprucing up trash cans HC plans Earth Day events

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer
 Howard College students are not only learning and earning for life they are making a positive impact in the community with a diversity of projects.

As an Earth Day Project, Howard College art, biology and workforce departments are working together to collect items needed for the continued operation of the Howard County Humane Society. Assistant Professors Dr. Annie McKinnon, biology, Dr. Steven Hobbs, workforce and assistant professor of art/department head, Stacy Slaten, are collecting items for the local animal shelter.

Donations will be accepted at the HC Art Studios and the office of the dean of work-

force. Items will be accepted until the end of April, or, donations can be taken directly to the shelter at 5710 W. Interstate Highway 20. Items needed include canned cat and dog food, bleach, Lysol, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, 13-gallon trash bags, cat litter, cat litter boxes, stainless steel food dishes, grooming items (brushes, combs, wet and dry shampoos), laundry detergent, Comet cleaner, scrub sponges, scrub brushes, cat and dog beds, paper or cloth towels, blankets, and puppy and kitten formula. The shelter is also in need of volunteers.

To donate one to two hours of your time, call the shelter at 267-7832.

The HC art department will also be working with Keep Big

Spring Beautiful to help remind people to use the trash receptacles located at various locations in the city.

The 15 metal trash cans will be cleaned, primed and decorated with images of famous works by Monet, Pissarro, Van Gogh and others, painted by HC art students.

"We will be painting reproductions of famous paintings by impressionist and post-impressionist masters," explained Slaten.

The class assignment will teach students about the history of their chosen artist, the process of such a project, as well as the importance of reducing the impact of garbage on the environment.

"It's a good exercise for my students and will help beautify Big Spring. Hopefully, the newly decorated trash



Forsan wins district title!
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Calling all egg hunters

Herald Staff Report

At least two community wide Easter Egg Hunts will take place Saturday in Big Spring.

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will hold its annual hunt beginning at 11 a.m. Festivities will continue until 1 p.m. There will be prizes, games, music, food, drinks and ice cream.

Egg hunts are expected to be held at 11:30 for children age 1-2, 3-6 and 7-12. Tens of thousands of eggs will be available.

The veterans home is located at 809 N. Highway 87.

Egg hunters are advised to arrive early. Another egg hunt will begin at 5 p.m. at Andries Park on the north side. The event is being sponsored by

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I-20 west to see closure next week

Herald Staff Report

Howard County motorists traveling west next week are advised that work on the FM 2599 overpass west of Big Spring will necessitate closure of Interstate 20 main lanes.

On Tuesday, all I-20 westbound lanes will be closed from mile marker 171 to mile marker 165. All I-20 westbound main lane traffic must take Exit 171 at Moore Field Road and cross over to the south frontage road. Traffic will then take the FM 818 overpass to the north frontage road in order to get back on the I-20 westbound main lanes.

Wednesday, all I-20 eastbound lanes will be closed from mile marker 165 to

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Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is offering the following schedule for Good Friday. See Friday's Church News for the complete weekend schedule.:

Friday, April 18 — 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary
6 p.m. Procession of the Cross in the neighborhood around the Church

7 p.m. Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is located at 1009 Hearn St. Look us up on the internet.

- Holy Trinity Youth Group is having a garage/burrito/bake sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1009 Hearn Street in the Church Hall. This will be a huge sale and will include clothing for women, men and children; dishes; household items; garden tools; and much more. Come and support the Youth Group while enjoying great burritos and baked goods.

- A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

- A medical fund has been established for Kathran O'Brien Grant who is recovering from a recent accident. The account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information.

- A medical fund has

been set up benefitting Kathran O'Brien Grant at Wells Fargo.

- Funds have been set up at Howard County Feed and Supply and at Highland Animal Hospital for Wildlife Rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell. To contact Melanie, email her at R4thepets@aol.com

- A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Midnight Express.

- Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is "Hummingbirds." Patterns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Café has been temporarily closed to the public for routine repairs and maintenance. The café will

remain closed until repairs are complete. A completion date for the project has not been set. Patient meals will continue without interruption throughout the process. The hospital will issue an announcement release once the Yellow Rose Café is ready to reopen. For more information, contact Amanda Duforat, marketing coordinator, at 268-4699.

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,". For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of

magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time

to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

HUNTS

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the North Side Movement and Low Image CC.
Food and free giveaways will be available.

Many local churches will also be holding egg hunts, games and other activities over the weekend. Readers are advised to check Friday's Church News for more details. Most are open to anyone who would like to participate.
Don't forget your camera!

AIRPORT

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Jet A.
Aside from the convenience factor, the new tanks will increase refueling capacity at the

airport — they replace two 10,000-gallon tanks "that were old when we got them about 20 years ago," Little said.

Little hopes the increased capacity leads to more customers — even if they don't call the local airport home.

"We'd like to get some military contracts," he said. "Currently, we have some military planes come here, but those just do touch-and-goes (landings and take-offs without stopping)."

Contact Staff Writer

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mile marker 171. All I-20 eastbound main lane traffic must take Exit 165 at FM 818 and cross over to the north frontage road. Traffic will then take the Moore Field Road overpass to the south frontage road in order to get back on the I-20 eastbound main

lanes.


The road closures are expected to last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Dates could change depending on weather or emergency conditions.

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Opinion

Equality in discipline

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George Leef, director of research for the North Carolina-based John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, authored a Forbes op-ed article titled "Obama Administration Takes Groupthink To Absurd Lengths." The subtitle is "School Discipline Rates Must Be 'Proportionate.'" (<http://tinyurl.com/mxnl9h>). Let's examine some of the absurdity of the Obama administration's take on student discipline.



WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Last January, the departments of Justice and Education published a "guidance" letter describing how schools can meet their obligations under federal law to administer student discipline without discriminating on the basis of race, color or national origin. Its underlying threat is that if federal bureaucrats learn of racial disproportionality in the punishments meted out for misbehavior, they will descend upon a school's administrators. If schools cannot justify differentials in rates of punishment by race or ethnic group, they will face the loss of federal funds and be forced to undertake costly diversity training.

The nation's educators can avoid sanctions by adopting a racial quota system for student discipline. So as Roger Clegg, president and general counsel of the Center for Equal Opportunity, predicts, "school officials will either start disciplining students who shouldn't be, or, more likely, will not discipline some students who ought to be." I can imagine school admin-

istrators reasoning this way: "Blacks are 20 percent of our student body, and 20 percent of suspensions this year have been of black students. In order to discipline another black student while maintaining our suspension quota, we will have to suspend some white students, whether they're guilty or not." Some administrators might see some injustice in that approach and simply ignore the misbehavior of black students.

Leef cites Manhattan Institute's Heather Mac Donald, who wrote in City Journal (<http://tinyurl.com/9k648fj>) that "the Departments of Education and Justice have launched a campaign against disproportionate minority discipline rates, which show up in virtually every school district with significant numbers of black and Hispanic students.

The possibility that students' behavior, not educators' racism, drives those rates lies outside the Obama administration's conceptual universe." She quoted Aaron Benner, a black teacher in a St. Paul, Minn., school who abhors the idea that school officials should go easy on black students who act up because (as a "facilitator" said) that's what black culture is. "They're trying to pull one over on us. Black folks are drinking the Kool-Aid; this 'let-them-clown' philosophy could have been devised by the KKK." Benner is right. I can't think of a more racist argument than one that holds that disruptive, rude behavior and foul language are a part of black culture.

If Barack Obama's Department of Justice thinks that disproportionality in school punishments is probative of racial discrimination, what about our criminal justice system, in which a disproportionate

number of blacks are imprisoned, on parole or probation, and executed? According to the NAACP's criminal justice fact sheet, blacks now constitute nearly 1 million of the total 2.3 million people who are incarcerated. Blacks are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of whites. The NAACP goes on to report that if blacks and Hispanics were incarcerated at the same rate as whites, today's prison and jail populations would decline by approximately 50 percent (<http://tinyurl.com/7g2b32h>).

So what to do? For example, blacks are 13 percent of the population but over 50 percent of homicide victims and about 46 percent of convicted murderers. Seeing as the Obama administration is concerned about punishment disproportionality, should black convicts be released so that only 13 percent of incarcerated murderers are black? Or should the Department of Justice order the conviction of whites, whether they're guilty or not, so that the number of people convicted of murder by race is equal to their number in the general population? You say, "Williams, that not only is a stupid suggestion but violates all concepts of justice!" You're absolutely right, but isn't it just as stupid and unjust for the Obama administration to seek punishment equality in schools?

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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You cannot not be in a gang in Chicago

It rose to 80 degrees in Chicago on Saturday, the warmest day of the year so far, and a spasm of gunfire quickly followed.

Over 36 hours, at least 36 people were shot.

The Chicago Sun-Times noted that "shootings each weekend for the last four weeks have risen steadily: 17, 19, 25" and now had set a record in the 30s.

Beyond the shock of the sheer numbers involved, the individual stories are heart-wrenching.

Jasmine Martinez, 24, "was shot twice in the head early Sunday while driving on the West Side," the Sun-Times reported. "She was clinging to life at Stroger Hospital on Sunday, but doctors told her mother, Myrna Flores, that her daughter was brain dead and there was not much hope."

"How are we going to tell her kids?" her mother said. "She has a son who is 1 and a daughter who is 9."

I am living near the University of Chicago on the city's South Side this spring, and if you thought the weekend shootings would dominate conversation on Monday, you were wrong.

Many people now scan such stories to see whether the shootings took place near where they live, and if they did not, well, life moves on. For some.

The university and the surrounding area are patrolled by a vast armed private security force, as well as the Chicago Police Department. There is a university cop standing on my street corner most nights.

It costs more than \$65,000 per year for a student to attend the University of Chicago, and parents, quite reasonably, expect their kids to come out of the

experience not only intellectually enriched, but also alive.

The city does not have a private army, but it does have considerable resources devoted to the Chicago Police Department. The Chicago Justice Project, a nonprofit research organization, says "that as of 2010, the City of Chicago has more police officers per 100,000 residents than any of the top four largest cities in the country."

The study also notes, however, that though homicides have dropped significantly in each of the four largest cities from 1995 to 2010, "Chicago had the highest rate at (the) beginning of the time period and sadly, despite the significant drop in homicides, Chicago maintains a homicide rate greater than the other cities."

Almost all criminal justice statistics are controversial and open to interpretation.

The Fraternal Order of Police, the union that represents patrol officers in Chicago, has argued for years that the city needs more police officers to fight crime.

In the meantime, after the bloodiest weekend of the year, the Chicago Police Department issued a statement that in part blamed gun laws for the violence.

"While Chicago continues to see reductions in crime and violence, there's obviously much more work to be done, and we continue to be challenged by lax state and federal gun laws," the statement said.

Bernard E. Harcourt, the Julius Kreeger professor of law and political science at the University of Chicago, who is also currently the Stephen and Barbara Friedman visiting professor of law at Columbia Law School, senses that a "disruption of the old gang structure" may be responsible for the current surge of violence in Chicago.

The Chicago Police Department, he says, has been successful in arresting existing gang leaders, but this has had a "destabilizing" effect on gang structures at the street level. Former gang leaders are in prison, and new ones are battling for power.

Another trend also may be contributing to the violence: Chicago has closed more than 50 schools, and "younger people now have to walk through blocks that are not on their turf," Harcourt said.

There may be more than 600 gangs in Chicago, some controlling territory limited to a single block.

"Young kids no longer have a choice about entering gangs," Harcourt said. "They are automatically affiliated by living on a block."

Harcourt believes there is some indication that Chicago is in a transitional period with regard to gangs. The police have done a good job, he says, in getting rid of drug rings, but that has produced an unintended consequence: chaos within the gangs and paroxysms of violence.

"Youths these days cannot not be in a gang," he said. "And that immediately produces more micro-level conflicts."

Myrna Flores, whose 24-year-old daughter lies brain dead, asks a question of the gangs: "If you want to kill each other, why don't you all go into a corral and do it and leave us alone?"

If only it were that simple.

Roger Simon is Politico's chief political columnist. His new e-book, "Reckoning: Campaign 2012 and the Fight for the Soul of America," can be found on Amazon.com, BN.com and iTunes. To find out more about Roger Simon and read features by other Creators writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Web page at www.creators.com.

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DAILY PRAYER

When we feel all alone, dear Lord, let us remember you are always there.

Amen



ROGER SIMON

It's showtime



Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

Recently Forsan Elementary - Elbow Campus kindergartners perform a play for parents and family.



Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

This week, Big Spring High School would like to recognize the Automotive Technology Education Class.

Jonathan Schmidt is the instructor for Automotive Technology where students are busy working in the shop to learn employment skills for the automotive repair industry.

Current projects being worked on are: replacing an engine in a Ford Taurus; troubleshooting and repairing A/C systems; rebuilding a multi-link rear suspension; and restoring a 1966 Mustang.



MELISSA MILLER



Over at the Kentwood Early Childhood Center, Mrs. Casebeer and her students have been busy preparing for their Easter egg hunt. Students were able to dye eggs and decorate them as shown below.



Upcoming Testing days:

Monday April 21

- ELA TAKS retest high school

Tuesday April 22

- Math TAKS retest high school
- Math 3rd and 4th Grade – all elementary
- Math 6th and 7th Grade – junior high
- Social Studies 8th Grade – junior high

Wednesday April 23

- Science TAKS retest high school
- Reading 3rd and 4th Grade – all elementary
- Reading 6th and 7th Grade – junior high
- Science – 5th and 8th Grade – elementary/junior high

Thursday April 24

- Social Studies TAKS retest high school

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Big Spring could shine at area track meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' track and field teams could be in for an enjoyable day at the Area Track and Field Championships this afternoon in Pecos. The two teams head into the meet with a bevy of athletes that are favored to contend for victories in their respective events.

The meet, which is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., will showcase the top three winners from the recent District 4-3A and District 3-3A track meets.

Big Spring's Tobby Tannehill, Ryan Lopez and Devin Roberson will highlight the boys' outings. Both are expected to walk away from the meet with gold medals. Tannehill posted the fastest time

of any qualifier in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.20 seconds.

Lopez owns the fastest qualifying time in two events, including the 800-meter run and 400-meter dash.

Big Spring teammate Ian Gonzales has the second-fastest time in the 400, at 50.05 seconds.

Roberson is an early favorite to win the boys' 300-meter

hurdles race. He owns the fastest time into the event at 39.74 seconds – almost 2 seconds faster than Fort Stockton's Tanner Bruntington.

Charles Green and Tate Kennedy also appear to have solid chances to qualify for the Region I-3A Track and Field Championships this weekend. Green has the second-fastest time at the area

meet in the 110-meter hurdles with a mark of 15.43 seconds, while Kennedy is tied for the second-highest mark in the high jump, at 5-10.

Snyder's Jarratt Raneau owns the fastest time in the 110-meter hurdles with a 15.42 seconds.

Charlie Boling enters the area meet with the fourth-best mark in the shot put. He See **AREA**, Page 12

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!



Courtesy photo/ Iain Sloan/CIA Media

Members of the Forsan High School baseball team celebrate their 5-4 come-from-behind win over Miles on Tuesday. The victory gave the Buffaloes the District 6-A championship.

Forsan rallies for 5-4 win over Miles

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Forsan High School Buffaloes saved the best for last on Tuesday night. The very best.

The Buffaloes scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to complete a 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Miles Bulldogs in front of a large crowd at the Forsan ISD field.

With the win, Forsan improved to 7-1 in district play and guaranteed itself the No. 1 seed in the upcoming playoff race by clinching the District 6-A championship.

Miles didn't make the win easy. The

Bulldogs pushed across a run in each of the first two innings of play and held a 2-0 cushion heading into the third inning.

Miles gave starting pitcher Michael Kalina even more breathing room in the fourth. The Bulldogs tacked on a run in the frame and boosted their lead to 3-0.

Kalina held Forsan scoreless through the first five innings. The MHS starter finished the game with nine strikeouts.

The Buffaloes managed to get their offense going in the bottom of the sixth. They scored two runs in the

frame and went into the seventh trailing 3-2.

Miles, now 6-2 in district, got one of the runs back in the top of the seventh and took a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the frame.

Down to its final three at-bats, Forsan's bats found their groove. The Buff's batted off three runs in the frame.

Clayton Galloway picked up the win for FHS, allowing just eight hits in seven innings of work.

The Buffaloes' final regular season game will be held on April 22 against Winters.



Courtesy photo/ Jodi Mims

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes, fresh off an 18-0 win over Trent that gave the team the District championship, will face off against an alumni team on Saturday, beginning at 3 p.m.

Lady Buffs to warm-up against Exes

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Fresh off proving they are the best team in the District 6-A race, the Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes will get to test themselves against some of the school's all-time best this Satur-

day afternoon.

The Lady Buffaloes, who capped their run to the District 6-A championship with an 18-0 rout of Trent, will warm-up for their upcoming playoff run by playing a team of FHS alumni on Saturday, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Forsan ISD softball field.

A complete roster of former FHS players expected to participate in the game was unavailable at press time, but multiple players from the Lady Buffaloes' past few seasons, including the 2009-2010 state championship squads, are expected to turn out for the event.

Let the (real) games begin

MIAMI (AP) — Finally, the NBA playoffs are set.

It took the entire season to fill out those brackets.

Overtime thrillers in Memphis and Charlotte, a go-ahead dunk in Oklahoma City to win a game and cap another scoring title for Kevin Durant, plus some good old-fashioned disinterest by Brooklyn ... all that, and more, on the final night of the season was needed before the eight conference-quarterfinal matchups in this season's NBA playoffs could be decided.

In the Western Conference, San Antonio — the league's best team this season, and a club that had the NBA title slip from its fingers a year ago — opens with Dallas. Oklahoma City gets Memphis, the Los Angeles Clippers face Golden State and Houston squares off with Portland. In the East, it's Indiana against Atlanta, Miami against Charlotte, Toronto facing Brooklyn and Chicago meeting Washington.

And for the third straight year, it's the same question entering the playoffs: Can anyone beat the Heat?

By late June, we'll have an answer.

"Now it's time," Houston's Chandler Parsons said, "for the real fun."

If what's occurred in the season's first 170 nights wasn't the real fun, then these playoffs could be epic.

More points were scored in the NBA than ever before this year, more 3-pointers were both shot and made in league history, the Spurs won 62 games — including 19 straight — and Durant scored at least 25 points in 41 consecutive games, a stretch of offensive brilliance that spanned exactly half of the season. Durant wound up winning his fourth scoring crown, making him the overwhelming favorite to deny LeBron James a third straight MVP award.

Downing leads BSJHS netters in Sweetwater

Robbie Downing walked away from the Sweetwater Junior High School Tennis Invitational with plenty to smile about. The Big Spring standout turned in a gold-medal effort en route to winning the girls' singles division on Thursday, April 12.

Downing effort highlighted a solid showing by the BSJHS tennis squad. Overall, the team finished in the top three in five events.

Charlie Correa gave the Steers a second-place finish in the boys' singles division.

The BSJHS girls dominated the doubles' standings. The Lady Steers took second and third in the doubles division. Breanna Matthews and Elisa Hernandez tied teammates Krista Starr and Brooklyn Tubb for second, while Hayley Allen and Jasmine Solis placed third.

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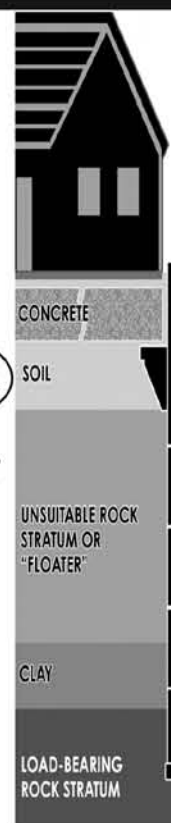
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♣ 9 6 4 3 2

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Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 12

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who think you should suffer for your art or work. But if you've already suffered through your adolescence, consider that you've done enough suffering for a lifetime and take it easy on yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As you ponder your next move, remember that the investment of education is one that no one can

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will serve you to believe unreasonable things that most people wouldn't consider to be true. By your thinking, if they haven't been proved false, the possibilities remain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be dealing in your material assets. Your choice will be between spending, saving or giving of what you have. Keep in mind that each of these choices ends in loss; it's just a matter of timing.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people make decisions together, there's a chance the result will be a compromise that suits no one. If there's a better way, you'll think of it this afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you can judge a book by its cover and a movie by its poster. But you can't judge a book by its movie. You'll have the choice of a long journey or the shortcut that gives a mere taste of the whole experience.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Support your mind by giving it the conditions it needs to work best. Sleep, nutrition, fresh air and sunshine will be involved. Also required: distance from a certain tedious experience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The future holds surprises. Treat everyone fairly. Everyone. Over time, friends have a way of becoming enemies, and enemies have been known to join forces as true friends.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 17). Friendly to everyone, you're never sure from whence your next luck will spring, but you're sure it will be good, and you're right. You'll shake hands and make deals with VIPs. Next month's travels will open your mind to doing things differently. You'll follow a wild idea to full realization. Cash in at the end of November. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 4, 39 and 11.

PROCESSING THE PAST WITH PLUTO: The retrograde status of Pluto in Capricorn begins a five-month cycle of processing the past. If you dread facing the "yuck" of your yesterdays, have no fear. There is more than one way to overcome emotional baggage.

Tip No. 5: Reinvent yourself.
One way to prove to yourself that you are not defined by the past and

the things that have happened to you is to create a new identity fashioned purely to your preferences. Think of it as an exercise in making up alter egos. Instead of settling for the trends of your times and reflecting the limitations of your culture, conjure a mental image of who you would be were you not bound by location, economics or social expectation. Write about this new character. Collect symbols and images that tell you who he or she is.

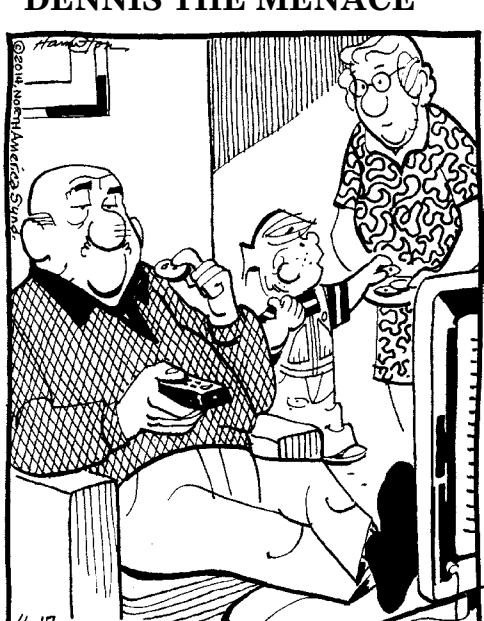
Like a gamer creating an avatar, you don't have to adopt the first character you come up with. Play and refine your ideas. Start over from scratch time and again. When you strike on an identity that really fits, ask yourself: How can I represent this in the world in some small (or big) way?

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aries actress Jennifer Garner will star with Steve Carell in the upcoming family comedy "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." With her moon, Venus, Mars and Saturn all in Gemini, Garner has the flexibility of mind to find the positive side of even the worst days. In fact, it's one of her cosmic superpowers.

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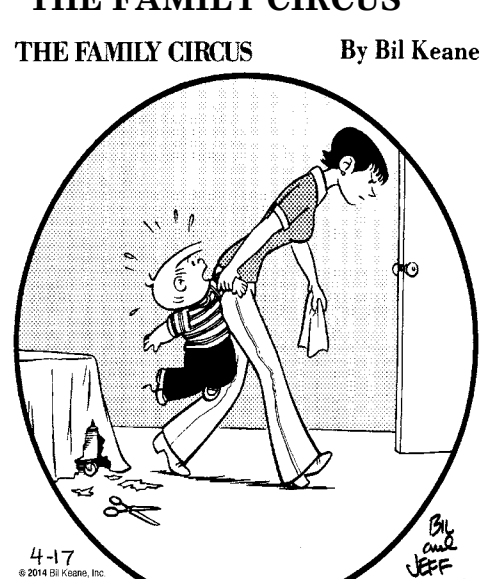
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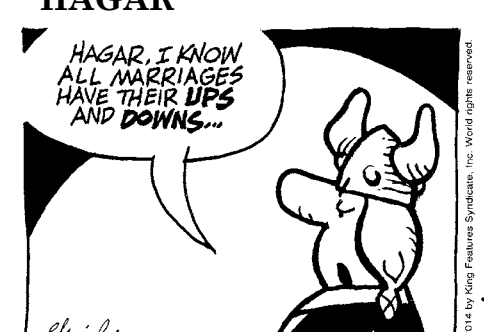
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

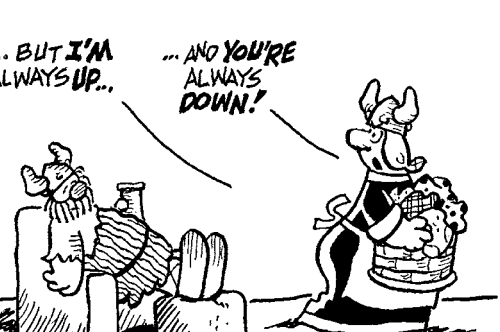


"Maybe this'll just be one of those things we'll look back on and laugh."

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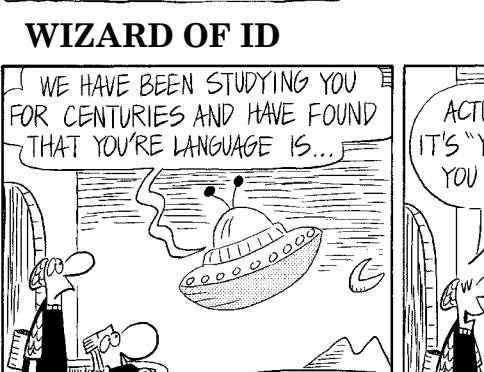
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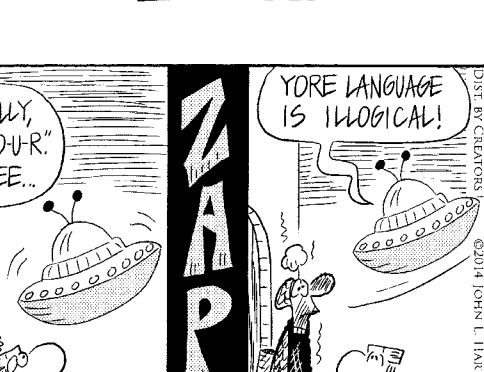
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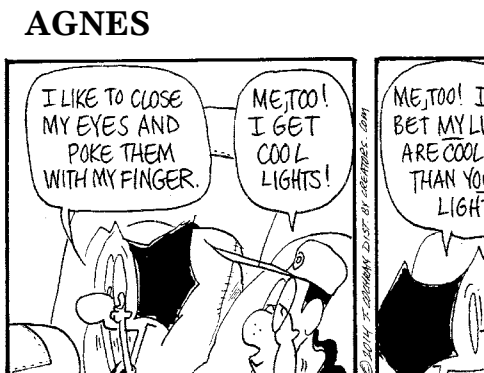
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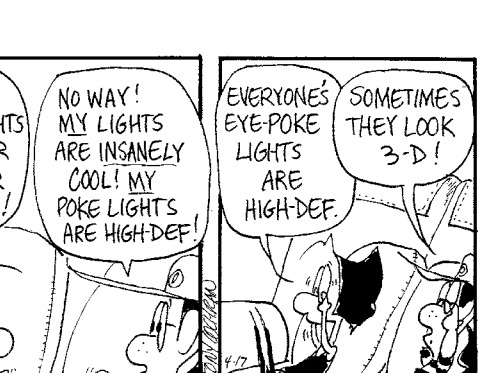
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16 Pizza topping
17 Gained altitude
18 Symbol of Easter
19 Perfectly timed
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25 Goes astray
27 uBid competitor
30 Symbols of Australia
34 Small to-do
38 Gleeful cry
40 Garlic portion
41 Three-Grammy parodist
44 Enthusiasm
45 Nothing special
46 Fit snugly
47 Mecca pilgrim
49 Tools with teeth
51 Sci-fi princess
53 Heroic pilot
58 NYC hub
61 Half of the Captain & Tennille
64 Airport shuttle operator
66 Santa __, CA
67 Baloney
68 Southern marsh

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69 Nothing special
70 News story
71 Highbrow
72 Makes moist
73 Fluctuate
11 In a kind mood
12 In a mean mood
13 Pants part
21 Detective fiction pioneer
22 Biblical sanctuary
26 Drawing room
28 Hole punchers
29 Fluctuates
31 Object of affection
32 Airport shuttle operator
33 Splinter group
34 Started a triathlon
35 Land of llamas
36 Fosters
37 Harry Potter series creature
39 9 Down overseer
42 Opposite of "soaked"
43 In these times
48 "Mamma ___!"
50 Title given to Chaplin
52 Road-sign shape
54 '80s Indian leader Gandhi
55 Indigestion
56 Spread on
57 Hostile force
58 Unkind comments
59 Spanish dessert
60 Bout ender
62 Oxen harness
63 Exam for aspiring DAs
65 What may be heard in a herd

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