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Callahan County Library News

Some new books at the library are: My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick, Smiles to Go by Jerry Spinelli, The Case of the Missing Marques by Nancy Springer, The Dragon Heir by Cinda W. Chima and This Side of Heaven by Karen Kingsbury. Some not so new books at the library are: Short Straw by Stuart Woods, The Collectors by David Baldacci (large print), Before I Wake by Dee Henderson, The End by Lemony Snicket, and Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street by Roni Schotter. These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
April 24, 1880

The roundup season has fairly commenced. Simpson, whose ranch is on Elm, rounded up last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and the next will probably be between Cutbirth's and Adikins' ranch on Deadman. Tomorrow, 25th, Lynch will round up.

Mr. Lark Hearne has bought from Messrs. Merchant Bros & McCoy, between 800 and 1000 head of beeves to be gathered in this vicinity. Mr. H. will ship from Gainsville. That is right keep the money circulating. It looks as though the prosperous times would soon be felt here. Mr. J.D. Merchant has brought 5000 head of stock cattle in this vicinity, some of them from Mr. Hart of Deep Creek and 800 head from Mr. Moore of Spring Creek. Mr. Merchant has again sold these cattle and will deliver them to the purchaser at this place on the 20th of May next. Such transactions as these must necessarily put considerable money into circulation in our midsts.

Mr. Claib Merchant started out west last Wednesday, to be gone about three months. Messrs. Merchant & McCoy have bought about six thousand head of beef cattle out in the extreme west, and Mr. Merchant has now gone out with hands and equipment to receive them and drive to market. He will drive to Fort Worth and ship from there. We hope this enterprising firm will be more successful this season than they were last.

The Railroad

The T & P.R.R. Con. Co. are building their section house three miles north of Callahan City, on the north route which runs through Messrs. Powell and Wagoner's sheep ranch, near the Newlon place and up that branch and through Hubbard Timbers, and from thence toward Buffalo Gap. The locating party are now at or near that place still going westward. While we have no definite news that this is the final location of the line, still there is but little doubt in our mind that this will be the route, and ere long we shall expect to see the graders at work, clearing away the rubbish, removing the obstacles and leveling the way so the iron horse can go on his way unobstructed. We didn't get the road in the heart of our city, still it is where it should be. Who ever heard of a railroad running right through the heart of a city when it could just as well go through the suburbs? It is so much nicer. We have built up a prosperous and live town, when the railroad had not entered into the question, Belle Plain has been built, and substantially so, simply upon her own merits and the good country and natural resources surrounding country becomes developed, our thriving town will naturally keep pace with it.

One Act Play Rescheduled

Baird, TX- Due to a conflict with the schedule, the One Act Play public performance will be rescheduled from March 29, 2009 to a later date in April.
Written by: Alysa Isenhower
BHS Journalism Class

DPS Report

3-15 to 3-21-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings-131
Complaints- 63
DWI-2
Driving While License Invalid- 1

ACCIDENTS

There was 1 accident investigated during this time span.



The wisteria bushes are blooming everywhere.

Commissioners' Court Minutes

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
1100 W. 4th St.
Baird, Texas 79504
March 23, 2009

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on March 23, 2009 A.D., with the following officers present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding
Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Brian Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4
Dianne Gunter, County Treasurer
Donna Bell, County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

Under Public Comment - John Windham reported that the 3 individuals who set fires in Callahan County and Eastland County were apprehended in Eastland.

After discussion by the Court of the Burn Ban no action was taken. The Burn Ban will remain in effect.

Texas Association of School Boards To Present Results From Community Survey

Chuck Ziegler, of the TASB, will be presenting the results from the community survey that was sent to the community in late November and information was collected through early January. The survey consisted of over 30 questions on the opinion of how the community feels the current state of the school district is at this time. The meeting should last one hour and will give the community a

The Court discussed overtime pay for County employees during a disaster. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to table the decision to pay or not to pay overtime during a disaster until later. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to sell a used generator to the City of Baird for \$1506.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The motion passed 5-0.

Sheriff Jon Windham discussed with the Court whether to repair or trade in a diesel ton pickup belonging to the sheriff's office. After the discussion Commissioner Windham made a motion to repair the pickup and to budget for a new one in October. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

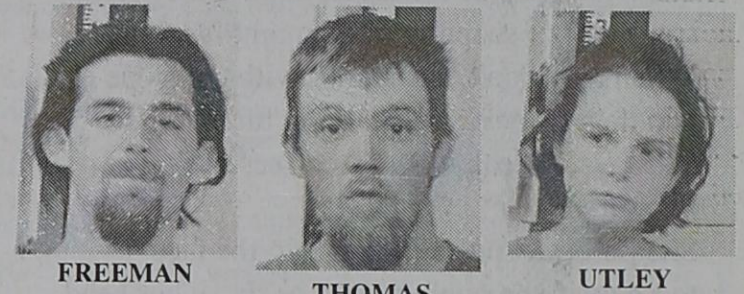
Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Roger Corn County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and approved this 23rd day of March 2009.

Donna Bell County Clerk



FREEMAN

THOMAS

UTLEY

Callahan/Eastland County Arsonists Arrested

Three Eastland County residents have been arrested and charged with arson in connection with recent wildfires that burned more than 260 acres and destroyed five structures in Eastland and Callahan Counties.

Suspects Brian Freeman, 23, Christina Utley, 20, and Michael Thomas 24, have each been charged with five counts of arson and one count of organized criminal activity related to wildfires intentionally set in Eastland County on Sunday, March 23, 2009.

Freeman, Utley and Thomas were initially arrested for fighting and public intoxication. Suspicious items found in their vehicle by the Cisco

Police Department led to an investigation and questioning by the Eastland County Sheriff's department, Cisco Police Department and Texas Forest Service (TFS) regarding deliberately-set wildfires in the area.

The three suspects remain in the Eastland County jail with bonds totaling \$87,500 while TFS and local fire departments still fight to suppress the 270-acre Callahan-Eastland Complex Fire that has been burning since Sunday afternoon.

For more information on Texas Forest Service Law Enforcement visit <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu> and click on Fire and Emergency Response.

Callahan County Commissioners' Court Open Meeting Held March 23

Callahan County Commissioners' Court
Notice of Open Meeting
Date of Meeting:
March 23, 2009, 9:30 A.M.
Location: 100 West 4th, Suite 200
Callahan County Courthouse
Baird, Texas 79504
Complete Agenda:
Call to Order
Deliberate and Consider
Action on the following items:

- I. Review and Sign Minutes of Previous Meetings
- II. Public Comment (5 minutes per speaker) No Discussion or Action
- III. Discuss - Consider Burn Ban
- IV. Discuss - Consider

County Policy on Overtime Pay During Disaster
V. Discuss - Consider Selling Generator
VI. Discuss - Consider Repair or Replacing Sheriff Vehicle
VII. Review & Pay Approved Bills
Adjourn

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chap. 551, the Commissioner's Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 which provides statutory authority will be announced.

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American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

I've gotten to the age at which I am starting to strain to hear things, but I am glad to have gotten to that age, all the same. Here's a fine poem by Miller Williams of Arkansas that gets inside a person who is losing her hearing.

Going Deaf

No matter how she tilts her head to hear she sees the irritation in their eyes. She knows how they can read a small rejection, a little judgment, in every What did you say? So now she doesn't say What? or Come again? She lets the syllables settle, hoping they form some sort of shape that she might recognize. When they don't, she smiles with everyone else, and then whoever was talking turns to her and says, "Break wooden coffee, don't you know?" She pulls all she can focus into the face to know if she ought to nod or shake her head. In that long space her brain talks to itself. The person may turn away as an act of mercy, leaving her there in a room full of understanding with nothing to cover her, neither sound nor silence.

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Words To Rhyme By:
Whistle-stop
Chop
Tiptop
Mop
Swap
Sop
Slop

Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.

5. Please address all submissions to:
Literary Editor
Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers
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Eastland, TX 76448
email: thebairdspotlight@att.net

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S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

Retrospect

I often pause to think upon the passing of time, things gone by.

As time may be a fickle friend and as things begin so they must end.

I think about those lean and early years, the gleeful chatter and tiny feet

scampering across the floor.

Those busy years took early flight and those sounds were heard no more.

And all God's gifts along the way,

Sometimes dismissed in lieu of less important deeds.

The Sabbath morn, the sound of song, and natures grand parade are prime among man's special needs.

From earth's clay we all are born

and soon we shall return.

We must take the time for life's gifts, born of God, no way to earn.

Leo Williams
Ranger, Texas

Roses Writing A Novel

Sometimes one can't think of what to write about, even though the world is out there. One may say there is nothing new to enthuse the short story, novel or poem. Everything has been done. The writer certainly doesn't want to copy the work of others, or even to work the same theme in the same way. Think of how many poems, for instance, have been written about love, about a rose. This is where the artist must analyze the object for a different take on the thing. It is hard to do, but there are aspects of roses still to be written.

There are the thorns, there are the odd colors, there are the green limbs, there are the leaves and the nuisance growth, and of trimming. Perhaps these are not all, a "beauty" to chant, but they are rarely written about. Look at a climbing rose that has been hung and grown

Words You Can Use

Diffluent: This describes something that flows away or melts without effort, like modern money and value.

Epizeuxis: This is the effort to repeat something to emphasize it, to emphasize it, to emphasize it, to emphasize it.....

Holosteric: If something is solid through and through, it is described by this adjective.

Larithmics: This is the study of the statistics of populations. Probably it could refer to a study of flies in a cow pasture, but there are other large groups to study.

Ozostomia: Dentists know this as the condition of a person having breath, but dogs have it too. Unknown to Hawaii because of the ocean breezes.

INTELLIGENCE OPERATION

A review of Irish poet Ciaran Carson's captivating and witty new collection.

By Carmine Starnino
Poetry Media Service

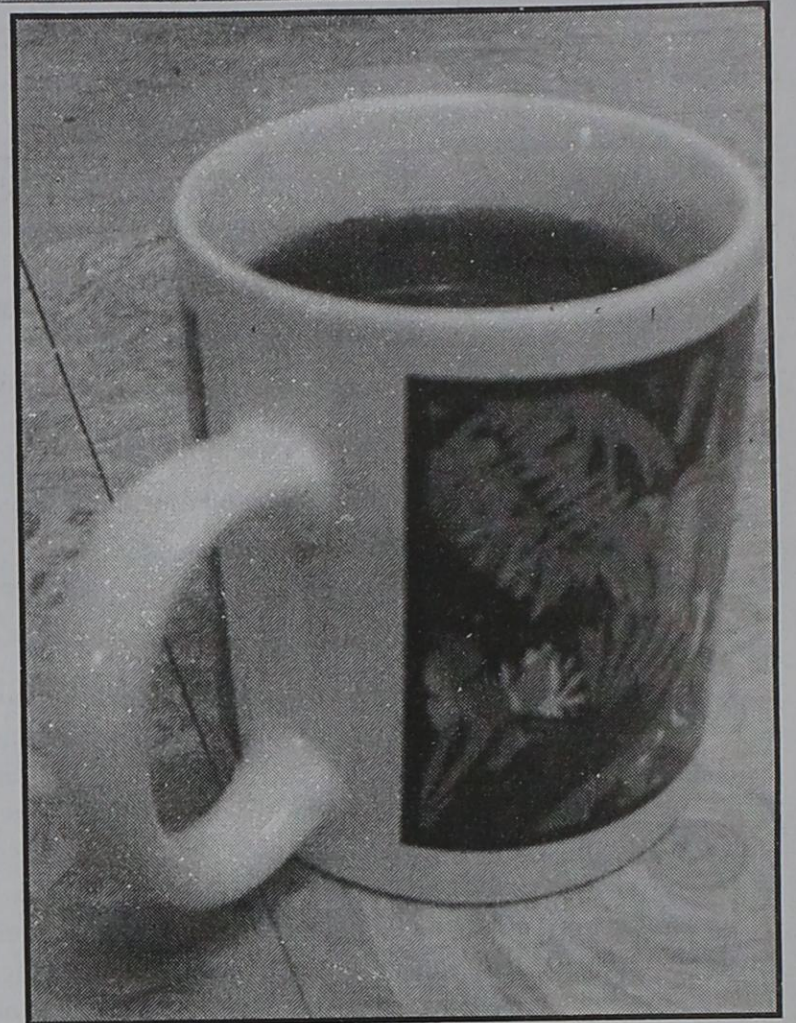
For All We Know, by Ciaran Carson. Wake Forest University Press. \$20.95 cloth; \$12.95 paper.

Without the Troubles, it's hard to say what kind of poems Ciaran Carson would have written. The New Estate (1976) introduced him as talented if typical. But the Troubles did happen. And nine years after his first book, a very different poet emerged: daring, high-spirited, and, above all, mouthy. Written during Belfast's British occupation, The Irish for No (1987) was the acoustic equivalent of an adrenalin rush. Carson's ability to make grittily rich music out of local speech ("Horse Boyle was called Horse Boyle because of his brother Mule; Though why Mule was called Mule is anybody's guess") revealed a powerhouse ear paired with a down-at-heel sensibility. Literally so, in fact, since the poems cast him as a flaneur taking in the sights and sounds of his now-militarized childhood haunt ("A no-go area, a ghetto, a demolition zone"). But behind the unceasing patter and punch lines was a spooked mind. The poems were simply trying to calm themselves down.

As critics have pointed out, living under occupation encouraged Carson to change linguistic identities. Carson's next book, Belfast Confetti (1989)--slang for the fistfuls of screws, bolts, and nails hurled by rioters--was a mishmash of genres. First Language (1994) moved more aggressively into polyphonic wordplay and the

upside down. Could that be a strangulation weapon in an Agatha Christie type murder mystery?

- Patrick Ready



A good cup of coffee

Photo by Patrick Ready

"general boggledybotch" of ludic storytelling. When the carbonated whimsy of Opera Et Cetera (1996) turned up, it became clear Carson was writing some of the most remarkable political poems around. Outwardly irreverent but shot through with concerns of "urban authenticity" ("His Belfast" accent wasn't West enough. Is the H/in H-block aitch or haitch?") and a constant look-over-your-shoulder unease ("Be paranoid," one poem ends). Carson has today learned to throw his voice in any direction he pleases. And after the careful, one-word-or-two steps of Breaking News (2003)--"red alert/car parked/in a red/zone/about to/disintegrate"--he takes a running leap into one of the best books of his career.

For All We Know begins with a couple at a dinner table celebrating an anniversary ("whether first or last"). But they seem more like spies trying hard not to give themselves away: "For one word never came across just as itself, but you/would put it over as insinuating something else." Right from the jump, courtship marries itself to the theme of dissembling. Each with something to hide, the lovers spend the next seventy poems teasing hidden patterns out of the texts of each other's lives. Conversations become sites of puzzle solving. Putting two and two together, they see clues in every word. Spy craft has, of course, had many devotees among contemporary poets (W.H. Auden, John Hollander). But I can't think of anything quite this smart and subtle. While Carson doesn't lean on the conventions, he's clearly a junkie of pulp atmospherics. The romance plays out against the backdrop of European cities. Twists occur and the story turns out to be more complicated than first assumed. Ends and means become confused. Anonymous men close in.

Carson makes effective sport of these elements in couplets of (mostly) end-stopped lines. The form fits: it aerates the language, lifts it into greater transparency. More voiceover than inner voice, Carson's virtuosity is a potently simpler version of his earlier pell-mell energies. Content is generalized: lots of details, but free of context. What strikes us, instead, is tone. Odd angles on familiar bits of diction colored with menace ("Then I would try to separate the grain from the chaff of/helicopter noise as it hovered above my house"). The mood--itself unaccountable, like a thought

process without address--fills in for real information, forcing us into a kind of implication manhunt.

Again you are trapped in the smouldering streets. Knots of men

armed with axes, files and chisels guard the intersections.

For all that you avert your gaze you know you know your kind.

The city wards have all been sealed, and there is no escape.

For all that you assumed a sevenfold identity the mark of your people's people blazes on your forehead.

You will be questioned by the black stream of the shibboleth,

your story picked like a cheap lock until it comes unstuck.

This, from "Birthright," shows that Carson's couplets are also handy for visually suggesting the loose ends that will forever go untied. We get news--more like strobe glimpses--of war: bombblasts, gunfire. But unabsorbed into any larger political storyline, the sequence becomes a self-contained world that keeps shrinking. Circling back to the same events, poems swim in a kind of narrative stasis, a Beckett-like sense of anti-adventure. And yet anxiety mounts. The book, structurally speaking, is two-faced: divided sections, with matching set of no Irish titles ("Treaty," "The Assignment," "Collaboration," etc.) reinforce the theme of double lives. Images not only repeat (helicopters, quilts, fountain pens, watches, foreign perfumes) but, like a fugue, new emotional information seems folded into each new repetition. The book, you might even say, is its own nonce form: the abba of a mysterious, and mysteriously moving, chiasmic experiment. What happens, happens again, and the mesmerizing rotteness pushes the poems halfway to allegory, and, at times, all the way to brilliant. For All We Know is an intelligence operation in the truest sense.

Carmine Starnino's newest book of poems is *This Way Out*, from Gaspereau Press. This article originally appeared in *Poetry* magazine. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation at www.poetryfoundation.org.

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Re-Creation's "Glamorous" Show Coming To Big Spring

Mr. Dan Marsh, Director, West Texas VA Health Care System announced that Re-Creation's "GLAMOROUS!" show will perform two shows in Big Spring on Thursday, March 26, 2009. At 2 p.m., Re-Creation will entertain veterans at the Lamur Lusk Sanchez State Veterans Home and again at 7 p.m. they will share their talents with com-

munity veterans and families at the Hall Center of the Arts, Howard College.

The group represents Re-Creation USA, Inc., which provides a national program of live entertainment for America's hospitalized veterans in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. Help Hospitalized Veterans has recently joined in a

primary way to help present Re-Creation in the VA Health Care System. The BVL Fund, Re-Creation's longest-running sponsor and a Bowlers of America charity for hospitalized veterans, also helps to underwrite tour costs. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission, in conjunction with local BPOE lodges, house Re-Creation touring group's nation-wide. The Veterans Fund provides tour cost assistance and support in placing Re-Creation media materials in all the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. And the entire tour is produced in co-operation with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Re-Creation "GLAMOROUS!" spotlights great songs and great stars as America's young ambassadors to hospitalized veterans focus on this nation's best loved music. Dynamic vocal renditions are enlivened by intricate, disciplined dance and choreography as the stage...and the entire room...virtually reupt with Re-Creation excitement.

Re-Creation was founded in 1976 and performs in all

50 states. Credits include appearances at some of the nation's most prestigious fairs and festivals, at local, regional, state and national corporation banquets and conventions, and at major resort areas. Civic clubs, fraternal groups, schools, and public and private organizations now keep Re-Creation booked for more than 300 concerts each year. Re-Creation travels with comprehensive sound equipment and staging materials. Each Re-Creation performance is a full variety production designed to provide unique and satisfying musical entertainment.

Inquiries may be directed to the West Texas VA Health Care System Community Relations Department at 432-274-4824.

Baird 2009 Golf Schedule

- March 26- Girls Golf
- April 6- District Golf
- April 13 Boys & Girls Golf
- April 20 & 21 Regional Golf at Shady Oaks
- May 11 & 12 State Golf Tournament

Clyde Lady Bulldog 2009 Softball Schedule

- 3-27 Hawley in Hawley JV & Varsity 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 3-31 Eastland in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.
- 4-3 Merkel in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.
- 4-7 Cisco in Cisco Varsity & JV 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 4-9 Anson in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.
- 4-17 Eastland in Eastland JV & Varsity 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 4-21 Merkel in Merkel Varsity & JV 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.
- 4-24 Cisco in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Baird Lady Bears Softball Schedule

- 3-27 at Hamlin 5 p.m.
- 3-31 Cross Plains (District) 5 p.m.
- 4-3 Gorman (District) 5 p.m.
- 4-7 at Ranger 5 p.m.
- 4-10 Albany (District) 5 p.m.
- 4-14 Bye
- 4-17 at Eula 4:30 p.m.
- 4-21 DeLeon (District) 5 p.m.
- 4-24 at Cross Plains 5 p.m.

Baird Track Schedule

- 3-27 May (Tiger Relays)
- 4-3 Eastland (Mayerick Relays)
- 4-9 Roscoe (District 13-A)
- 4-16 Abilene McMurry (Area)
- 4-24 Regional Qualifiers
- 5-1 & 2 Abilene ACU (Regional)
- 5-15 & 16 Austin (State)

Sudoku Answer

3	4	5	1	6	8	9	2	7
9	2	8	5	7	4	1	6	3
6	1	7	9	3	2	8	5	4
5	3	1	4	9	7	2	8	6
2	6	9	8	5	3	4	7	1
7	8	4	2	1	6	3	9	5
4	9	6	3	8	5	7	1	2
8	5	2	7	4	1	6	3	9
1	7	3	6	2	9	5	4	8

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- Same as 12 down
- Lanka
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- 1949 Nobel Physiologist
- Pupa of a moth
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- An obstacle on a golf course
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- Ruth's husband (Biblical)
- Per ____: sentence enders
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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6032-88-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on April 16, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$97,193.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 29206
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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be

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Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. has a contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide Heating and Cooling services to low income homes in a seven (7) county area (Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels Counties). Invitation to Bid will be accepted to procure the following: installation/repairing of window A/C units, space heaters, and HVAC systems. A contract pursuant to this solicitation, if awarded, for the first year will be for a period of twelve (12) months with an option to renew for an additional four years, contingent upon availability of funds.

Bid packets for Heating & Cooling will be available for pick up beginning Thursday, April 2, 2009. Interested parties should contact Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 2302 Commercial Avenue, Coleman, Texas 76834, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. A Sealed Bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. office. Deadline to submit Sealed Bid is 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The public Sealed Bid opening will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. office. Only complete Sealed Bids will be accepted. (3-26-09)

Baird Project Graduation April Fund Raiser Set

Baird Project Graduation has announced its upcoming April fund raiser. We are hoping to put the fun back into fundraising with this project. Beginning April 1st (April Fool's Day) "Toilet Man" will begin appearing in local residents' lawns. "Toilet Man" is a paper mache figure which is seated on a porcelain toilet. Residents must make a donation to have him

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For Immediate Release: March 20, 2009

AUSTIN ... Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.02 million head on March 1, down 3 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up slightly from the February 1 level. Producers placed 430,000 head in commercial feedlots during February, down 2 percent from a year ago, and down 2.1 percent from the January 2009 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head during February, down 7 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month.

On March 1, there were 2.36 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 84 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 4 percent from last year but up slightly from the February total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 375,000 head, up 1 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last month to 360,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2009. This inventory was 5 percent below March 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.68 million head, 3 percent below February 2008. February placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 320,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 385,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 538,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 435,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, 5 percent below 2008.

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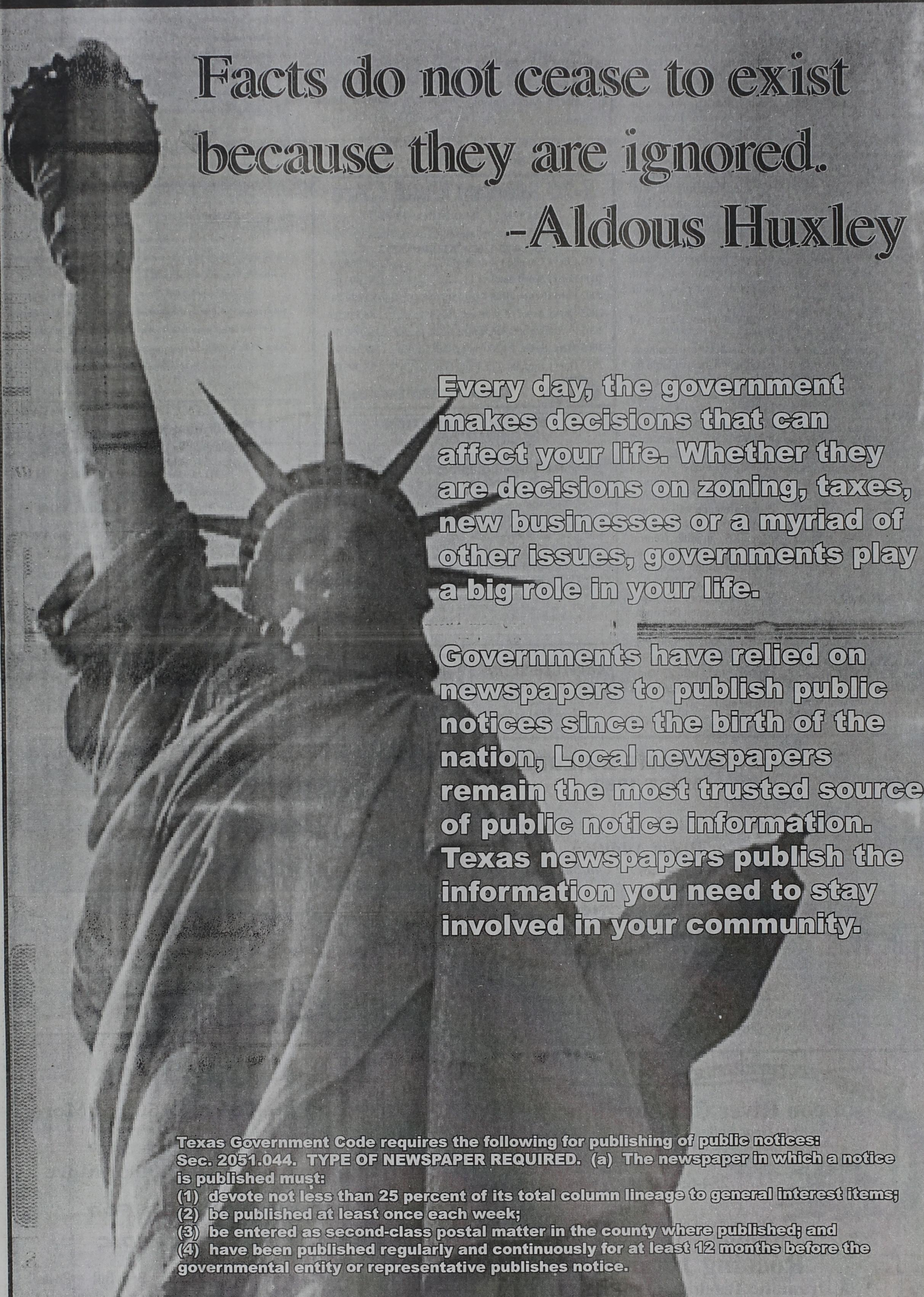
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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,
I am writing to ask for your help in getting the word out about the Third Marine Division Association annual reunion. The Association is made up of anyone who is now, or ever has been, in the Third Marine Division or attached to the Third Marine Division. Our Marines have served bravely wherever and whenever asked, from WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacetime. The members of our Association gather once a year to celebrate old friendships, make new ones, and

thank God we are alive. If your paper would insert the following note it would be very helpful to Marines who may not know about our organization. The Third Marine Division Association is holding its 55th Annual Reunion in San Antonio, TX, August 24th -August 30th. For more information call Mike Sohn at 210-654-3310, or e-mail at jumient2@hotmail.com
Sincerely,
Mike Sohn
14418 Boxer Bay
San Antonio, TX 78233

Callahan County Fire Association Needs Your Help

The Callahan County Fire Association is an association established to bring all of the departments in Callahan County together to better serve and protect our community.

Current members of this association are Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Baird, Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, Oplin Volunteer Fire Department and Putnam Volunteer Fire Department.

The Association is asking for your HELP! We are currently trying to purchase some much needed equipment that will be used county-wide. This equipment will be accessible by all member departments. For the Association to be able to make these purchases, we will need the

support of all the communities in Callahan County.

If you would like to assist the association in acquiring this equipment, you can send a donation to:

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If you have any questions or want to help in other ways, you may contact Gerald Brown, Association President at 325-665-6435 or call any of your local fire chiefs.

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Clyde 2009 Baseball Schedule

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- 4-7 Cisco in Cisco Varsity & JV 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 4-9 Anson in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.
- 4-17 Eastland in Eastland JV & Varsity 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 4-21 Merkel in Merkel Varsity & JV 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.
- 4-24 Cisco in Clyde Varsity & JV 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.

Old Timers Appreciation Shoot

Current members of the 4-H Shooting Sports is inviting any former shooter of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Club to attend and participate in an appreciation shoot on April 11, 2009 at the Callahan County Shooting Range.

The shoot will begin at 10 a.m. and provide lunch for all former members.

If you were a part of Callahan County Shooting Sports you are encouraged to come and help celebrate the longevity of the organization.

For more information you can contact Kevin Meier, David Pitzer, Amy Hart, or the AgriLife Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Clyde Jr. High 2009

Track Schedule

- March 26 Albany Relays at Albany
- April 3 Eastland Relays Eastland
- April 9 District 6-AA Meet at Eastland

Crossword Answers

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Friday, March 27
 Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
 Lunch: Hamburgers, Curly Fries, Burger Salad, Carrot Sticks, Cookies

Monday, March 30
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
 Lunch: Sub Sandwiches, Lettuce & Tomato, Tator Tots, Fruit Salad

Tuesday, March 31
 Breakfast: Sausage and Biscuit, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
 Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Sliced Bread, Fruit Cup

Clyde ISD School Menu

Thursday, March 26
 Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk
 HS & JH Lunch: Chicken fried steak, chicken nuggets, sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, broccoli and cheese, orange, milk

Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Steak fingers, chicken nuggets, sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, broccoli and cheese, orange, milk
Monday, March 30
 Breakfast: Cereal & toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy or cheese omelet & toast, fruit juice, milk
 HS & JH Lunch: Cheese sticks w/marinara, spaghetti & meatballs, corn dog, salad, broccoli, fruit, carnival cookie, milk

Intermediate & Elementary Lunch: Cheese pizza, spaghetti & meatballs, corn dog, salad, broccoli, fruit, carnival cookie, milk
Tuesday, March 31
 Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito, breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch: Steak fingers, ham & cheese salad, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, rolls, California veggies, apple, milk

Baird FFA Chapter Rabies Clinic April 20th

The Baird FFA Chapter will hold its annual rabies clinic on Monday, April 20th at the Ag building. The clinic will start at 4:00 p.m. and finish up at 6:00 p.m. Due to safety we prefer that you not bring cats this year, you will need to take them to the clinic in Clyde for their shots. Prices on dogs will be \$12.00 for the rabies shot only or \$30.00 for a combo shot. Proceeds will benefit the Baird FFA Chapter. Thanks for your support.
Submitted by Danny Vestal AST

Congratulations To Casey Carter

Casey Carter, 16, a Baird High School student, competed in the American Junior Rodeo Association rodeo held at the Taylor County Expo Center. She competed Friday night in Rodeo One. She competed in 4 events and won in 3. She competed in girls 16-19 division of pole bending and won 1st; tied for 1st in breakaway roping and won 2nd in barrel racing. She did not place in goat tying. Casey was to compete in the rodeo which began Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying in Rodeo Two. Her 9 year old brother, Grant competed in the 9-12 boys breakaway roping. Casey and Grant are the children of Kelley and Rocky Carter of Baird. The rodeo ended on Sunday.

Baird Bear 2009 Baseball Schedule

3-27 Gordon (Double header) 4 p.m.
 3-31 at Eula 5 p.m.
 4-3 Bye
 4-7 Ranger 5 p.m.
 4-10 Strawn (Double header) 10 a.m.
 4-14 Albany (District) 5 p.m.
 4-17 Huckabay (Double header) 4 p.m.
 4-21 at Albany 5 p.m.
 4-27 at Ranger 5 p.m.
 5-1 Eula 5 p.m.

Clyde 2009 Powerlifting

3-28 Boys State Meet Taylor County Coliseum at Abilene 9 a.m.
Clyde High School 2009 Track Schedule
 3-28 Eagle Relays at Grape Creek JV & Varsity
 4-2 Badger Relays at Merkel JV & Varsity
 TBD (Monday & Wednesday)
 District 6-AA TBD JV & Varsity
 4-24 Regional Qual. Meet at Abilene Varsity
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TALK on PROSTATE CANCER

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Prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men in America. One out of every five men will develop prostate cancer. If diagnosed early, a cure is possible. That's why Eastland Memorial Hospital and Avi T. Deshmukh, M.D., F.A.C.S. are offering a free prostate cancer screening for all men - but, specifically for men ages 45 and older. The screening will include the PSA blood test, an important diagnostic tool for early detection.

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Saturday April 11, 2009
 Eastland High School Auditorium
 Registration at 9:30

For Registration Information Contact
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 972-523-2226
 Or email
 statedirector@ourlittlemisstexas.com

Clyde C.I.S.D. 2008-2009

School Calendar

January 5th: Professional development/Workday.
 January 6th: Beginning of 4th Six weeks.
 January 19th: A.S.D. - Student Holiday.
 February 20th: End of 4th Six Weeks (33 days)
 February 23rd: Beginning of 5th Six Weeks
 March 3rd-6th: TAKS Testing.
 April 10th: Bad Weather Day/ Good Friday
 April 17th: End of 5th Six Weeks (33 days)
 April 20th: Beginning of 6th Six Weeks
 April 26-30th: TAKS Testing
 May 1st: TAKS Testing
 May 19th: TAKS Re-Test
 May 25th: Bad Weather Day/ Memorial Day
 June 2nd: End of 6th Six Weeks (31 days)
 2nd Semester (97 days)
 June 2nd: Early Release Day - 12:30
 June 3rd: Teacher Workday
 June 5th: 2009 C.H.S. Graduation
 July 1st TAKS Re-Test
 July 4th: Independence Day
 July 14th: TAKS Re-Test
 2nd Semester - 97 days
 Jan. 6th-Feb 20th: 33 days
 Feb. 23rd-June 2nd: 31 days
 April 20th-June 2nd: 31 days
 177 instruction days
 10 professional days
 Alternative Staff Development Days (A.S.D.) (Formerly called comp days-updated term)
 Monday, August 18th
 Monday, January 19th
 Friday, March 27th
 School Holidays
 Labor Day: September 1, 2008
 Thanksgiving: November 26-28, 2008
 Winter Break: December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009
 Spring Break: March 9-13, 2009
 Early Release Days
 December 3, 2008
 December 19, 2008
 March 25, 2009
 June 2, 2009

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