FEISTY OCTOGENARIAN KNOWN FOR BEATING AROUND THE BUSH

at Bay dinner on Oct. 6th.

"She was cheap; she was old," said Tiger Bay Board Chairman Janet Hinkle. "Our members are cheap and old - she was a natural and Abe Lincoln had some nice things to say about her."

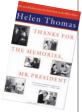
The feisty octogenarian is said to possess more energy and exhibits a stronger work ethic than anyone on her political beat.



bad days are good!



An interview with Nancy Reagan in the family quarters.



Thomas reported on every President from Kennedy to Clinton and her books offer a privileged glimpse into the White House and a telling record of the ever-changing relationship between the presidency and the press.

"She's the only person left with testosterone in the White House press corp." said one reporter.

Highly accustomed to the microphone and revered for her candor, she is the first woman officer of the National Press Corps and has delivered presentations on the White House and the Presidency throughout the country.

"I'd heard about this Tiger Bay bunch," said Thomas, "they'll try to roast me but I'll show them. I hear they've invited President

George Bush to debate me. I say . . . bring 'em on."

In response to her alleged accusatory tone at White House press conferences, President George Bush in March 2003 discontinued her long tradition of closing press conferences with

"Thank you, Mr. President," by using his own phrase "thank you for your questions."

And in an effort to further discredit her, Bush advisor Karl Rove called administration friendly reporters and revealed that Thomas was "Lebanese", adding, "not that there is anything wrong with that."



Even a president likes to joke around, and Bush was no exception.

Handcuffs on Standby for Thomas Appearance

Tiger Bay President Mark Miller has put Civic Center security staff on notice that he may need their help at the annual evening Tiger at Bay dinner featuring Helen Thomas.

Tiger Bay sources claim that Sheriff Larry Campbell has loaned Miller handcuffs from his private collection.



Tiger Bay President Mark Miller

Miller won't say where he got the cuffs but insisted he wouldn't nesitate to use them.

"She's got the dirt on all of them - Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Carter, Reagan Clinton and the two Bushes" Miller said, "We're not going to let her out of the building until we hear it all."

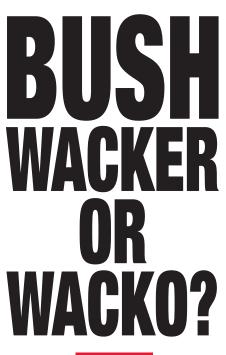


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HELEN THOMAS

Thursday, October 6, 2005 Tallahassee/Leon County Civic Center



EXCLUSIVE

TIGER BAY EXTRA - Reporter, columnist, author Helen Thomas has accepted an invitation to speak at the 34th Annual Tiger

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Bush Reveals Truth at Annual Bash Oct. 6th





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HELEN THOMAS Biography



To those who regularly watched presidential press conferences during the latter half of the 20th Century, Helen Thomas was a familiar figure. Usually dressed in red - a tradition dating back to the administration of Ronald Reagan - and always seated in the front row, she was

Helen on News Conferences:

"Presidents have to be questioned early and often. And this is the only accountability that we have for them. It's the only forum in our society where a president can be questioned is a press conference."

invariably the first or second reporter the president called upon.

It is an honor she earned by virtue of her long and distinguished career in Washington, and it was one she relished. Besides, it afforded her the perfect opportunity to do what she does best--bluntly challenge the president to tell the plain, unvarnished truth. "We (reporters) are not there to curry presidential favor, nor can we respond to efforts at presidential intimidation," she asserted in her memoir, *Dateline: White House.* "Our priority is the peoples' right to know."

Helen on The Press:

"Every new administration comes in with a new crop of reporters who have been on the campaign with them and have gotten to know them, and their bosses say, "You're going to the White House because you know intimately so-and-so and can call them up and get an interview." So not only do they tend to be young, but they tend not to question what is said."

Thomas served for fiftyseven years as a correspondent for United Press International and, as White House bureau chief, covered every president since John F. Kennedy.

Ms. Thomas was the only print journalist traveling with then President Nixon to China during his break-through trip in January 1972.

She has the distinction of having traveled around the world several times with Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton, during the course of which she covered every Economic Summit.

She was the first woman officer of the National Press Club after it opened its doors to women members, the first woman member and president of the White House

Correspondents Association and the first woman member of the Gridiron Club. In 1998, she received the International Women's Media Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award and was honored by President and Mrs. Clinton as the first recipient of the Helen Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award.

She left UPI in May 2000 and joined Hearst Corporation as a columnist writing on the White House and other national affairs.

In her 1999 memoir Front Row at the White House, Thomas wrote that she had witnessed presidents in situations of great triumph and adulation, when they're riding the crest of personal fulfillment, and has seen them

Helen on The President:

"He doesn't have to like me. I would prefer that he respect me. We don't have to be liked. We didn't go into this business to be liked or loved. If we did, we're making a big mistake. It's not the point. You cannot have a democracy without an informed people."

fall off their pedestals through abuse of power.

It's been said that Thomas asks the kind of questions that are on the mind of the housewife from DesMoines.

"I hope that is true," said Thomas. She personifies what the nation wants to know, and too many times these presidents have forgotten they are responsible and accountable to her and the country.



The Lady in Red at 34th Annual Tiger at Bay

Featuring Helen Thomas, Grand Dame of D.C. Press Corp

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2005

Time: Cash Bar Opens at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.

Program begins at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Tallahassee-Leon County

Civic Center

IMPORTANT NOTE: This year's event has RESERVED SEATING for all attendees.



Rules of the RSVP

Table reservations and seating will be determined based on when reservation reply cards are received; the sooner you get your reservations in, the better the table. When the space for this event is sold out (and it will), so is your ability to attend; please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Walk-ins will not be accommodated.

This event will use RESERVED SEATING for all attendees. Each member attends free of charge and is allowed to bring one guest free of charge. In addition, each member is allowed to bring up to four additional guests at a cost of \$50 per guest. Payment for guests must be received with the registration.

All efforts will be made to secure seating for members and the guests identified (and paid for with the reservation) on their reply cards. For members who are not bringing any paid guests but desire to sit with a group of other members, please note on the reply card the name(s) of the Club members you would like to be seated with. All efforts will be made to accommodate your requests. It would be extremely helpful to have members talk with one another to coordinate seating requests. The tables will seat up to eight (8) per table.

Members who are not bringing paid guests will be seated at tables according to when your reservation is received. Tables will be numbered and attendees will receive corresponding numbers at the door.

RSVP by September 30th