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Deputies busy with drug, resisting arrest cases

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa man made things worse for himself Friday evening when he resisted arrest by Gray County sheriff's officers at his residence.

Deputies Steven White and Zach Kidd went to the home of Larry Gene Caviness, 51, of Pampa at 10:12 p.m. Friday to serve a grand

jury indictment to Caviness.

Caviness had been indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

He was also charged with resisting arrest after refusing to cooperate with deputies, and was booked into Gray County Jail on the indictment and charge.

Two Lefors residents were arrest-

stop in Lefors was conducted by Deputy Kidd at about 10:30 p.m.

The stop was made for a reported traffic violation, Hoard said. "Upon approaching the vehicle,

the deputy smelled what seemed to be marijuana," Hoard said.

Kidd asked for and received consent to search the vehicle, and found a baggie of a green leafy substance

ed Saturday evening after a traffic believed to be marijuana in the vehicle, Hoard said.

The two occupants of the vehicle were arrested and charged with possession of less than two ounces of

Booked into Gray County Jail on the charge were Clifton Robert Keener, 20, and Frank Martin Gill

City to consider grant, requests from utilities

"No customer's

rate will increase

as a result of these

proposed

regulations"

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will consider a \$35,000 grant to United Medicore, Inc., during their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Medicore will make a presentation during the ___

meeting. Pampa City John Manager Horst said that United Medicore Daniel CEO Stevens has requested the commission forgive \$24,000 the company owes the city and provide a lump sum

\$35,000 grant.

Horst said in a memo to the mayor and city commission that he and Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Dwight Fiveash agree that the company needs to provide the city with a plan and assurances that the \$35,000 will sustain the company for several months and not

just cover one month's expens-

United Medicore, in turn, will stay in Pampa for one year, pending the grant.

The commission will also hear from Southwestern Public Darla Sander of United Service/Xcel Energy Tuesday.

Pat Rendon of SPS is asking that the commission take no action on the utility company's application to revise rate tar-If the city fails

their application

to act, the new tariffs will go into David Hudson effect 35 days after SPS files

> with the city. In a letter to the city, David Hudson, director of regulatory affairs for SPS, said the proposed revisions would produce lower customer bills for certain customers.

> "No customer's rate will increase as a result of these proposed regulations," Hudson said

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Window cats



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Two cats perch in the front window of a Pampa home and watch the world go by.

CORRECTION

Thornberry to speak in Pampa

A story that ran in Sunday's edition said that Congressman Mac Thornberry will be speaking in Pampa on Tuesday. This event will take place next Tuesday, March 18, and not tomorrow.

He will be speaking to Gray County residents from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. March 18 at the M.K. Brown room of the Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 N. Ballard.

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Planning



Meeting set to plan senior party

A meeting to organize high school cafeteria. and plan the Pampa High School Senior 2008 all night party, which is a drug and alcohol-free option for students, is scheduled for

All parents of senior students are invited and encouraged to attend to help plan this party for the students. At the meeting, 6:30 p.m. tonight in the parents will break into

vaious committees for planning.

For more information, call Lois Parker at 665-4922 or e-mail lois.parker@pampaisd.net.

Courtesy Photo

 Alisa Humphrey, left, and Sherri Fortenberry look over a list of names of Senior 2008 parents to help with games at the drug-free and alcohol-Free All Night Party to be held on May 31.

War memorial highlights tree restoration project at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A tree replanting project at Texas A&M University is helping to restore the school's living memorial to former students who died in World War I.

Twenty-five live oaks will be used to replace older trees that form part of a 55-tree formation at Simpson Drill Field. Each tree represents a former A&M cadet killed during the war, with markers listing the fallen

solder's name, class, site and date of death.

In addition to the trees at the memorial, the restoration project will plant another 105 trees around the A&M campus.

The 160 new trees, including live oaks, cypresses, cedar elms, Texas ashes and Mexican sycamores, are 10 to 12 feet tall and about four years old, said Koby Weatherford, an urban forester for the university.

"We lose trees every year on camfor multiple reasons," Weatherford said. "We want to go into those areas and replant trees to get the areas growing again."

The live oaks at the war memorial had declined due to water damage and other problems. The memorial was created in 1920, and a granite war memorial was later built on the west side of the drill field.

"One of the most important things

I have learned about Texas A&M is that we value ourselves as an Aggie family, so when we lose someone, we take it really hard," said Laura Wood, chair of the traditions council at A&M. "It is important for their memory and legacy that we keep the area looking the best we can."

Most of the new trees should be in the ground by Monday, Weatherford said. There are about 12,000 trees on the A&M campus.



NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday

Wednesday





Thursday

Sunny

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

44. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North

northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

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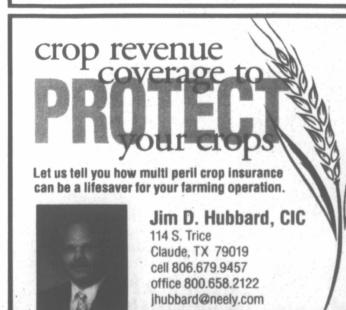
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Obituaries

Elma McGee, 91

Hot Springs, Ark. — Elma McGee, 91, of Hot Springs, Ark., went to be with the Lord, Sat., March 8, 2008. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wed., March 12, 2008, at Lewis Hill Cemetery, Hollis, Okla., with John L. Herring officiating, under the direction of the Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Hot Springs, Ark.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tues., March 11, 2008, at Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Hot Springs.

Mrs. McGee was born on Oct. 6, 1916, in Bethel, Okla., the daughter of Elmer Dickerson and Jewel Keaton Dickerson. She was a member of Hot Springs Baptist Church and the Faithful Learners Sunday school class. She enjoyed the outdoors, working in her yard and loved doing special

things for others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John McGee; one brother, Elgin Dickerson; and three sisters, Maybel Toller, Oma LeEllen Springs and McElhaney.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Wanda McGee, and Lynn and Sue McGee, all of Hot Springs; seven thirteen grandchildren;

great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

The family request, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hot Springs Mission Scholarship Fund, 144 Weston Road, Hot Springs, Ark. 71913.

Sign the guest registry at www.davis-smith.com.

Blair and wife Sandra.

Viola Bruinekool Nichols, 89

dren were high school grad-Amarillo — Viola Bruinekool Nichols, 89, of uates. Amarillo died Sun., March 2008,

Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Nichols Mrs.

was born July 17, 1918, in Densmore, Kan., Peter and Willemke Bruinekool. She was the youngest of seven children

and the last survivor in her family. Her parents were very proud that all their chil-

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July 14, 1925, in Emory,

Texas. As a child, his family

moved to Lefors where he

lived and attended school

until his induction into the

U. S. Marine Corps. He

Lubbock — Alisa Kay Loftis, 34, of

Lubbock, formerly of Pampa, died

recently with her 3-year-old son Gianni

Shelby in Lubbock. Services for Loftis

are pending with Warford-Walker

She was preceded in death by one

son, Gianni Shelby; her father, Bim

Parker; and grandfather, James

Alisa is survived by two sons, Derek

Pollard and Jonta Pollard, both of

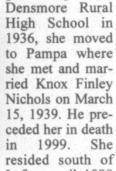
served in the Pacific Theatre

Mortuary in Amarillo.

Leonard Hunnicutt.

Mr. Powers was born on

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graduating from

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Community in Amarillo. Mrs. Nichols was a talent-Dutch immigrants who were ed homemaker who enjoyed all kinds of sewing projects,

crafts, cooking, painting, and reading. She was a very active member of First Baptist Church

types of youth activities. Survivors include three daughters, Janie Blair and husband Larry

of Lefors, par-

ticipating in all

Nichols Mike of Waco, and Mary Ann Osborn and husband son, Jerry Nichols and wife Barbara of Amarillo; four

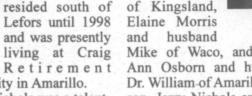
grandchildren, Dr. Stephen

Nicole Nichols Sanders and husband Clayton, Sarah Osborn, and Sean

Osborn; five greatgrandchildren, Audrey and Ian Blair, and Lauren, Jillian, Madeline and Sanders; and by several nieces and nephews

Memorials can be sent to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 409, Lefors, Texas

-Sign the on-line regis-Dr. William-of Amarillo; one ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.



Harold 'Slats' Powers, 82

Harold "Slats" Powers, during World War II. He woodworking and garden-82, went to be with his Lord was a marksman with the, ing, but most of all, he loved and Savior on Sat., March 8, rifle and served as an antiaircraft gun crewman and was a wonderful husband, 2008, in Amarillo. A private service will be held with was honorably discharged with the Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of the Carpenter's rank of corporal.

married Wanda Cargill on April 19, 1957, in Clovis, N.M. He worked for Carlson and Cradduck in the pipeline industry for many years and a heavy equipment

operator, bulldozer operator, and truck driver. Powers, and Hollis Powers, VFW Post.

Mr. Powers enjoyed



Powers

to be with his grandchild. He father, and grandfather with

> a shining sense of humor and expressions to match. He was preceded in death

by a son, Johnny Gyle Powers, by four brothers, H. C. Powers, H. R. Powers, James

He was a member of Pampa and a by a sister, Narlene Burks.

wife, Wanda Powers of the home; one son, Jim Powers of Pampa; one daughter, Jamie Powers-Stewart and husband Jon of Amarillo; two sisters, Norma Faye Skinner of Fort Worth and Nadine Bichsel of Pampa; one granddaughter, Chelsie Lynn Powers of Pampa; and one great-granddaughter, Jacie Sierra Adcock of Pampa ; and numerous nieces and nephews; and a beloved dog, Baby Memorials can be sent to

The Arbors, 1910 Medi-Park Dr., Amarillo, Texas 79106. -Sign the on-line regis-

ter at www.carmichael-Survivors include his whatley.com.

Alisa Kay Loftis, 34



Gianni Shelby, 3 Alisa Kay Loftis, 34

Pampa; two brothers, Keith Young of Pampa and Erick Parker of Greensbough, N.C.; two sisters, Kimberly Young of Pampa and Geralyn Smith of Hutchison, Kan.; her mother, Lovetia Young of Pampa; her grandmother, Maudine Parker; two neices, three nephews, one cousin, Jessica Hunnicutt; and a host of friends and

Emergency Services

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 8 12:48 a.m. — Two units

and six personnel responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a false 5:52 a.m. — One unit and

three personnel responded to the 500 block of South Ballard on a first responder

9:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a medical assistance call.

Sunday, March 9

10:03 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson on a first responded call.

Monday, March 10 6:14 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to 1000 block East Frederic for a diesel spill clean-up.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Saturday, March 8

Edward Lee Briley Jr., 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Garland by Pampa Police Department for disorderly conduct/language.

Christine Charlotte Phillips, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of East Brown by PPD for no valid driver's license and capias pro fines for running a red light and no valid driver's license.

Angel Renee Whinery, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Browning by PPD for consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to appear and no seat belt.

Jesus Maria Velasquez, 60, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of South Ballard by PPD for expired motor vehicle inspection, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

Robert James Ellis, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for insufficient bond on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Clifton Robert Keener, 20, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than two ounces of marijua-

Frank Martin Gill Jr., 22, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than two ounces of marijua-

Sunday, March 9 Larry Wayne Erwin, 37, of Wheeler was arrested by

GCSO for theft by check. Charlene Brinkley, 33, of Wheeler was arrested by GCSO for theft by check. Daniel Duran Montero,

21, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West 23rd by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Kyle Ray Robert, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for possession of a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated and two counts of violating a protective order.

Cresenciano Bustamontes Garcia, 53, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West 23rd by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Miguel Angel Villegas, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of Warren by PPD for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Erika Dawn Doyle, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of South Hobart by PPD for failure to identify, giving false or fictitious, information, failure appear and theft under \$50.

Monday, March 10 Jeffery Baker, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South; Starkweather by PPD for no: valid driver's license and a capias pro fine for no valid: driver's license.

Chafen Wayne Wilson, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a capias profine for theft under \$50.

Sedrel Allen McGuffin Sr., 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Reid by PPD for no valid driver's. license, no liability insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and a capias profine for no valid driver's

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Friday, March 7 Seven traffic stops were made. One stop in the 1100 See RECORDS, Page 3

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Parents of boy killed by hospital error hope to prevent others

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Horst and remainder coming from bonds. Luisa Ferrero took their intelligent, healthy and happy 3-year-old, Sebastian, in for a

Sebastian's parents have formed the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation in the hopes of preventing similar accidents. They plan to give it the \$850,000 settlement they received from Shands Healthcare at the University of Florida.

involved," said Horst, 33. "This was some- dren's hospital within the UF hospital. thing preventable and this was something simple. This was a routine test."

The Ferreros hope to build a \$300 million, 125-bed standalone children's hospital Debbie Joseph, the foundation's executive in Gainesville within five years. They esti-director. mate they must raise about 10 percent of the money — \$30 million — with the took Sebastian to the University of Florida

The couple, who are developers, believe if Sebastian had been treated at such a hosmedical exam last October. Two days later pital, the cascade of mistakes that led to his he was dead, killed by a series of medical death might have been avoided, or at least errors that began with a massive drug over- caught in time. The Institute of Medicine estimates that as many as 98,000 people die each year in U.S. hospitals due to medical

Although their son died after being treated at Shands University of Florida hospital and Shands AGH, both in Gainesville, the boy's parents hope the new hospital would "We never thought there was a risk be operated by Shands. It operates a chil-

> "It will depend how involved the community gets and how committed UF and Shands are to make this a reality," said

The tragedy began when the Ferreros

Pediatric Outpatient Clinic for a routine growth hormone stimulation test suggested by his physician.

At 25 pounds, the boy was small for his age, and the doctor wanted to see if he be seen. might be a candidate for growth hormone

Sebastian's 32-year-old mother told him about the test, and said it would feel like a mosquito bite. She bought a portable Thomas the Train set to entertain him.

The test involved the infusion of the amino acid arginine into his veins. His physician prescribed a dose of 5.75 grams, Shands Medical Plaza's outpatient pharmacy was 60 grams.

Hospital workers administered the dose, and did not realize the error even when the parents asked them to check their son, who developed a headache and appeared to be in extreme pain.

The parents took him home, but when he vomited and had seizures they brought him to the Shands AGH emergency room, where they waited four hours for the boy to

He was later sent to a pediatric intensive care unit, and a CT scan was misread because there was no pediatric radiologist on duty, the Ferreros said.

By the time he was transfered to the intensive care unit at Shands at the University of Florida, the boy was brain

The Ferreros soon learned from their but the prescription processed by the physician that the overdose was the cause of Sebastian's death.

> Shands immediately admitted its errors caused Sebastian's death and its investigation uncovered another arginine overdose: The mother of a 5-year-old boy stopped a test when her son jumped off the couch screaming, "My brain is on fire."

City

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in his letter.

Hudson said the revised tariffs would place caps on demand charges for very low load factor customers. He categorized these tion of an endowed community customers as entities such as churches, ball parks or seasonal customers that use on a few hours a week or during seasonal opera-

SPS has filed similar applications across its service area.

The commission will also hear a presentation concerning the formafund in partnership with the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The commission will consider an ordinance on first reading dealing with collective bargaining for Pampa firefighters.

They will also consider an appointment to the Lovett Memorial Library Board.

In other business, the commission will consider a bid of \$1,001.50 from Brian Darnell for delinquent tax property at 843 S. Faulkner.

The Pampa City Commission will meet beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the city commission chambers on the third floor of City

UNSURE WHETHER YOU CAN RETIRE? LET'S TALK.

Edward **Jones**

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block of North Sumner resulted in at least one arrest. Traffic complaints were

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ed. ro. received from the 900 block of Varnon Drive and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Charles streets and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 1800 block of North Price Road, the 2100 block of Coffee, the 1800 block of North Faulkner, the 800 block of East Foster and on two occasions in the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Tyng and Finley streets, the 800 block of Jordan and the 2300 block of Alcock.

A welfare check was made in the 1900 block of North Wells.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 700 block of Murphy and the 300 block of Tignor.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one

A suspicious person call was received from the 100 block of West Brown.

was received from the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of North Gray.

Public intoxication was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of Alcock and on two occasions in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct and criminal trespass were reported at Pampa High School, 111 E, Harvester.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 600 block of North Gray. Shots were reportedly fired at the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were report-

Three building checks were made.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Various items with total estimated value of \$125 were taken.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of Prairie

Kelley's Chevron, 1020 E. Frederic. The incident involved a forged check for

Saturday, March 8

tion of Murphy and Henry orderly conduct/language of Brown and Barnes streets resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 500 block of North Wells, the 400 block of North Wynne, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 400 block of East Frederic and the 1800 block of Williston.

A person of minor age driving under the influence was reported in the 900 block of Murphy.

Driving while intoxicated, tampering with a government record and failure to identify as a fugitive were A domestic disturbance reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather. An ID one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Twiford, the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 1100 block of Juniper, the 300 block of Ward, the 900 block of Denver, the 900 block of Cinderella, the 500 block of North Starkweather and the 400 block of North Davis.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 2400 block of Charles.

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> Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of North Russell, the 900 block of North Nelson and the intersection of Wilks and Dwight streets.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1200 block of North Russell and the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was card was altered. At least reported in the 1000 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Assault by threat was reported in the 400 block of

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby. The victim is being harassed at multiple locations.

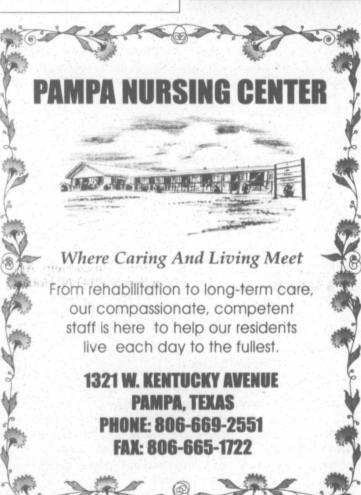
Assault was reported in the 300 block of Tignor. Minor injuries which did not need medical attention were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of Tignor. The victim was threatened with a

glass bottle. Five alarms were report-

One building check was

200 block of Tignor.





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Viewpoints

Did the Alamo have an escape tunnel instead of a back door?

Three Alamo expressions the old Spanish mission in of town, struck a layer of discovered the long-lost pasare almost universally known: "A line in the sand," "Remember the Alamo," and "The Alamo had no back door.'

The world will never know whether Col. William B. Travis used his saber to draw a line on the ground and invited all who chose to fight to the death to cross it. But the expression endures as resolutely as our memory of the siege that ended on the morning of March 6, 1836.

The second leg of the "Remember the Alamo," is well-documented as the last three words hundreds of Mexican soldiers heard before they died at the hands of Sam Houston's vengeful army during the battle of San Jacinto on April

San Antonio had no back door? And what if the Alamo did have a back door, or at least a secret escape route?

On Sept. 15, 1894, the Eagle Pass Guide reprinted a story from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "The Alamo's Secret Passage."

The piece began:

"There has been a tradition among the Mexicans of this city [San Antonio], since the early part of the present century, that the old Alamo and Conception Missions are connected by means of an underground passage, and a discovery has just been made which leads to the belief that the tradition is well founded."

A few days earlier, the story went, workmen digging a well on the farm of But who first noted that one Walter Scott, just south

rock.

"After penetrating this barrier they came upon a passage which is about 8 feet in height and 5 feet wide," the story continued. "The sides are walled with rock slabs, and the bottom seems to be laid with a material resembling

cement. Mike The pas-Cox sage runs in a north and Columnist south direction, and at

the time the

discovery was made it was half filled with water, it being just after heavy rains. The top of the passage is about 12 feet from the surface. It is in direct line between the two missions, and Mr. Scott is thoroughly convinced that he has at last

sage, and that upon further exploration he will bring some wonderful things to light."

The story said a brief exploration of the passage had been made, but no one had gone very far because of the water. The unidentified

author of the article said secret passages were common in the missions Mexico of and the

Southwest and that they were "constantly [being] discovered and explored, even at this late day, and in some of them immense amounts of treasure have been brought to light."

While that's possible, the notion of secret tunnels is a

definite folk tale sub-category, often connected with the broader treasure story genre. The idea behind the tunnels, of course, is that they were used as escape routes in the event of Indian attack.

The story went on: "When the Franciscan Fathers came to the new world they found many enemies with which to contend in their work of advancing [religion] and civilization. They built these missions and fortified them so that in case of attack from the sav-

ages or other enemies they could make resistance. It is a well-known fact that in many places in Mexico they were successfully used in turbulent times, and when the attacking party would enter the religious edifice it would be found deserted."

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well-built and well-disguised, the story noted.

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"Another thing that lends color to the theory that the Alamo and Conception Missions are connected, the story said, "is that in the north wing of the Alamo in one of the cell-like rooms that was formerly occupied by the severe and soberappearing monks, there is a spot about five feet square in the cement floor which within the past few years has sunk several inches, and when one walks upon the spot there is a hollow sound."

Should the existence of a passage running three miles from the Alamo to Mission Conception be proven, the story said, "the discovery will also reveal that the

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 10, the 70th day of 2008. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson - come here - I want to see you." (The words were recounted by Bell in his lab notebook.)

On this date:

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

We must not waste life in devising means. It is better to plan less and do more.

William Ellery Channing American clergyman (1780-1842)

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

> In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1948, the body of the anti-communist Toreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague. Authorities said that his death was a sui-

cide, but others continue to claim that he was murdered In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death in Purchase, N.Y. (Tarnower's former lover, Jean Harris, was convicted of murder; she served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in January 1993.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

In 1988, prior to the 50th anniversary of the Anschluss, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim apologized on his country's behalf for atrocities committed by Austrian Nazis. In 1988, pop singer Andy Gibb died in Oxford, England, at

age 30 of heart inflammation.

Ten years ago: U.S. Air Force and Navy personnel in the Persian Gulf received their first vaccinations against anthrax. Indonesia's President Suharto was elected to his seventh term. Actor Lloyd Bridges died in Westwood, Calif., at age 85.

Five years ago: Facing almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain delayed a vote in the U.N. Security Council to give Saddam Hussein an ultimatum to disarm. Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, told a London audience: "Just so you know ... we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas.'



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Famous people are often soon forgotten

that William F. Buckley Jr. had died at the age of 82. Television, which seems provided they are young, sexy and brainless, hardly seemed to notice his passing compared with its coverage of such intellects as Britney Spears.

At one time, Buckley was one of the most famous men in America. At one time, if you wanted to read a conservative publication, you had no choice but to read his magazine, National Review. He was one of the key players in the resurrection of political conservatism, the best debater I ever saw, a fine blue-water sailor, a novelist and a former CIA agent.

who, in the last public interdie, having done most of America's imperialistic ten-

I saw on a screen crawler what he wanted to do. He dencies and criticized the was a staunch Catholic. He was, of course, not without faults. His biggest fault, in obsessed with celebrities my opinion, was betraying the trust of one of his protégés, Joe Sobran. When Joe

began quite correctly criti-Charley cize the Reese Israelis and their lobby Columnist went after h i m,

Buckley fired him. He should have defended him. Everything Sobran wrote about Israel was true, and he was not and is not an anti-Semite.

In fact, Buckley was not a conservative in the traditional sense. He was an anti-He was also a brave man communist and pro-capitalist. He was disdainful of libview I saw him give, said ertarians and populists. He that he was quite ready to was not opposed to

traditional conservatives who were noninterventionists. He was inordinately proud of his intellect. And, as the Sobran incident illustrates, he was also an opportunist. But

> all of this amounts to "sowhat." Men come and go, and all are in part a product of

their times. If they catch the spotlight of fame, it is usually for a brief time. The times change, and most people don't. The new faces forget the old ones.

An old samurai said that most famous people are forgotten after 15 years. Can you think of who the famous were in 1993? What was the hit song? Who was the hottest singer? What film

won the Academy Award as best picture? Most of us would have to fish out an old almanac to answer those questions.

Yet Buckley was one of the more influential men of his time. I know that as a young reporter, I was thrilled when he came to speak at Pensacola (Fla.) Junior College and was even more thrilled to be invited to sup with him by his sponsor, who was a family friend. Buckley never noticed me, and there was no reason he should have. I mostly listened, which is what a young man should do in the presence of more knowledgeable people. He was, at least in the privacy of a restaurant, the same as he was on the public stage or on television.

Thanks to an oil fortune amassed by his grandfather,

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around n March 2

Austin American-Statesman on after the March 4 primaries:

The high stakes battle between U.S. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton to be the Democratic Partys presidential nominee has made for an interesting month in Texas.

Clinton and Obama are scratching for every advantage in delegates, pushing supporters to go to the precinct caucuses after the polls close Tuesday. Together, the candidates have spent more than \$7 million in TV advertising in Texas. And Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson is predicting a record primary vote of 3.3 million, or 26 percent of registered voters.

In all likelihood, Tuesdays winner in Texas will be the Democratic Party nominee. It will be a crushing disappointment, however, if that nominee forgets Texas in the upcoming race against presumptive Republican nominee John McCain.

Texas Democrats who have campaigned hard for Obama and Clinton have a lot riding on the fall campaign, too. To be jilted by the nominee would be more than humiliating. It could set back a resurgence that saw Democrats win from Dallas to Sugar Land to South Texas in 2006.

· Texas has been a Republican state for a long time. The last two Democratic presidential nominees

spent not a dime trying to win Texas against George W. Bush. And before that, Bill Clinton wrote off the state, too, spending time here only to collect campaign checks.

But this year is different. There are thousands of new voters, bitterly divided Republicans, solid Democrats running in statewide and local elections, and an electorate acutely tuned to the presidential race.

If the nominee - whether Clinton or Obama, but especially Obama because he has so energized new voters - dismisses Texas as unwinnable, that could be a self-fulfilling prophecy. And it might doom Democratic candidates who could ride the nominees coattails

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IDEA?

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: America is making steady progress in the war against colon cancer. It's largely because of early detection and improved treatments. However, there's more to be done, and here is where I need your help. Abby, colon cancer remains the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in the United States, with about 50,000 deaths expected this year. The good news is that colon cancer is one of the two cancers (the other is cervical cancer) that can be prevented through regular screening. Colon cancer tests allow doctors to find and remove growths (called "polyps") before they become cancerous. thereby preventing cancer. Furthermore, these screening tests can also detect cancer at an earlier, more curable stage. Unfortunately, many Americans still aren't getting lifesaving tests for colon cancer. Only four out of 10 Americans get the recommended screening. Therefore, only 39 percent of the new cases are found at an early stage, when a cure is most possible. A substantial number of the 50,000 deaths expected from colon cancer this year could have been avoided with wider use of proven screening tests. As always, the American Cancer Society is here to offer help, including a free information kit to make it easy for people to talk to their doctor about colon cancer testing. -- ELMER E. HUERTA, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

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DEAR DR. HUERTA: Thank you for reminding me to remind my readers that March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. We all know that testing saves lives, and it is my hope that because of your letter, Dear Abby readers will become more aware of the importance of

getting tested for colon cancer and will talk to their doctor about having the tests done beginning at age 50. Readers, for more information about this important subject, (800) 227-2345 or www.cancer.org anytime, day or night, and let the American Cancer Society help you stop colon cancer before it starts.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew is being married this summer in an outdoor garden wedding. He casually mentioned that his future mother-in-law plans to purchase several large planters with live plants from a housewares store to use for the ceremony. She then intends to return the planters for a refund, saying, "They didn't work out."

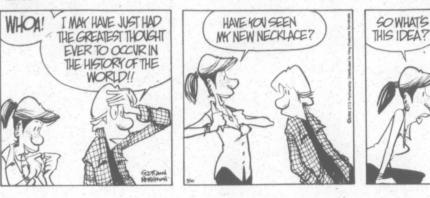
I consider this to be totally unethical. My family agrees, but because the bride's family is paying most of the wedding costs, we feel it is inappropriate to speak up. Now I'm beginning to wonder about the morals of the family into which my nephew is marrying. But since I'm only a relative, I can't say anything without starting trouble. What do you think? -- DREADING THE WEDDING, ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR DREADING THE WEDDING: There's a saying, "All that's needed for evil to flourish is for good people to say nothing." If you and the family have already made your opinions known, then you have done enough. But while you're "wondering about the morals of the family into which your nephew is marrying," you should also wonder about the ethics and morals of a young man who would allow this to be done on one of the most sacred occasions in his life. Shame on him for not speaking up. As to this practice being harmless, many companies have eliminated return policies because of it. So everyone gets hurt.

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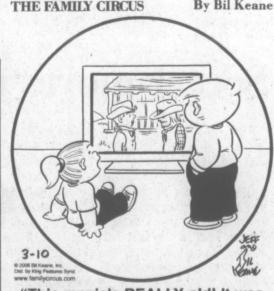






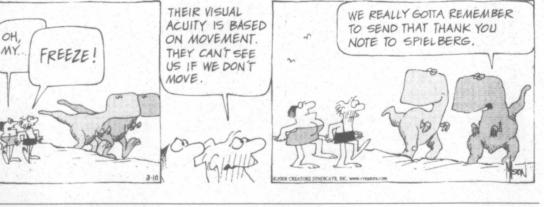
"Why can't you ever play hard to get?"

The Family Circus By Bil Keane



"This movie's REALLY old! It was made back in the nineties."

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Sports

11-12 CAL RIPKEN LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

Clendennen appointed Commissioner

Darrin Clendennen has ers." appointed Commissioner of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club's 11-12 Cal Ripken League, according to Optimist President John Warner.

"This will be Darrin's third year to Commissioner of this league," 'Warner said. "We are pleased to have him continue. He has done a great job his first two years."

Clendennen coached baseball for eight years and softball for four years before becoming the league's commissioner.

"Baseball is a fun and competitive sport," Clendennen said. "It builds confidence and self esteem tor and incident commandin players and teaches them er at Celanese where he has

Clendennen is an opera-



Darrin Clendennen has been appointed the Commissioner of the 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

how to interact with oth- been employed for the last

19 years. He and his wife, Jody, an employee of One Stop Flooring, have three children. Kenzie is 18, Keziah is 17 and Channar is 14. The Clendennens are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

"All of our children have played Optimist ball," said Jody Clendennen. "It has been family time for us. It has brought us closer together. Any time in this day and age that a family can have time together builds a closer bond."

Trouts and registration for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2008 will Tuesday, held Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All players must register to play this season.



Courtesy Photo

Cesar Marrufo has the ball in his possession at the game played in Canyon Saturday. The Harvesters won the game, 8-0.

JV girls softball takes third in Borger tournament

The Pampa JV softball in seven unearned runs. team defeated Dumas B 14-3 in the opening game of the Borger tournament.

Kenzi Carter and Brooklyn Barker hit back to back homeruns.

Carter hit her ball over the left field fence, while Barker blasted hers over the left

center field fence. Devin Valentine had a triple and Madi Shulto had a double to give the Lady

Harvesters a big first inning. Katelin Will picked up the win to improve to 5-1 on the year.

Pampa defeated Caprock B 7-1 in their second game. Lead off batter Valentine had three singles to lead the

team in hitting. Jordan Mayhew struck out the side in the first inning and picked up the win to improve her record to 4-3

on the year. The Lady Harvester's eight game winning streak came to an end with a 9-11 loss to Caprock A in the semi-finals. Pampa jumped out to a 6-0 lead but Caprock battled back with eleven

Pampa's defense had

Leading hitters were

Brooklyn Barker, Emilie Trovell and Devin Valentine, each with two singles apiece.

Pampa got back in the win column with an exciting 12-10 win over Dumas A in the third place game. The highlight of the game was a triple play in the second game. Runners were on first and third when pitcher Jordan Mayew struck out the batter. Catcher Velentine drobbed the ball so the runner cold advance to first base. Valentine fired the ball to the first baseman Barker who stepped on her base for the first out and then tagged the girl who was on first base for the second out.

Barker then threw the ball home to Valentine who made a perfect tag for the third out and a triple play.

Pampa held a 12-4 lead going into the last inning when Dumas rallied for six runs, making the game interesting for the fans.

Rachel Heuston, Barker and Shulto had doubles. Heuston, Troxell and Candia Jimenez each had triples. Mayhew imporved to 5-3 on

the year. Pampa's record is now 10-5 on the season.

The JV girls are entered in the Childress Varsity Tournament on Saturday. The first game is at 9:45

Meanwhile, the Varsity softball team played Levelland on Saturday and won 5-4 in eight innings. Carlyn Teichmann got the win on the mound and imporved her record to 3-0.

The Lady Harvester's overall record is 7-9-1.

Jasmine Moore had two hits, one RBI, two runs and one stolen base, while Kelby Doughty scored one run and had one stolen base.

Kambra Jimenez had one hit, one RBI and one stolen base.

Callie Preston had one RBI, while Shelbi Watson had one hit and one RBI.

Sammie Pearson had one

"This was a good win for us," Coach Bobbi Gill said in an email. "They have really strong pitching and we will definitely be seeing the same this weekend in Arlington."

the 100 meter dash at the Warrior Relays held in Miami on March 8. Jackson eight errors which resulted Tryouts continue for Optimist Club until Thursday

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won the event with a time of 13.92. Reynolds placed 2nd.

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AUYXLC UZALYXC Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A STATUE BRECTED TO THE MEMORY OF SOMBONE WHO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE. — JULIES FLLINGER

Tryouts for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2008 will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to to 7 p.m. at Optimist Park, according to Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis.

Courtesy Photo

Registration for all leagues will continue from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on those same days. All players must register to be able to play this season.

"Players in the T-ball and pitching machines leagues do not try out," Davis explained. "The drafts in those leagues are blind

"Players who are nine to 15 years old who are moving up to a new league or who rated by the coaches. Each who did not _

play Pampa last year are required to attend two of the three tryout sessions," Davis con-

tinued. Coaches from the leagues will have the players field fly balls and grounds ball, watch the new

prospects throw and will who have not already been give them an opportunity to bat. The players will then be

'We have a window of

— Kevin Davis Baseball Commissioner

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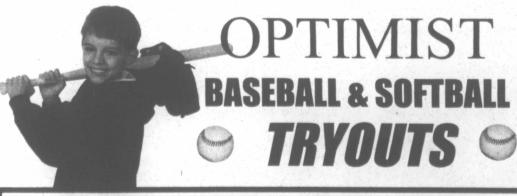
window for drafting," Davis said. "If there are six teams in the league,

team drawing No. 1 may draft any one of the first six players in the window. The No. 2 team may draft any one of the first seven players

drafted. The No. 3 team may draft any one of the first eight players who have not already been drafted and so on. In even rounds the No. 6 team would draft first as we go in reverse order."

Players are urged to bring a ball glove, tennis or baseball shoes and a light jacked for the tryouts.

Most of the drafts are scheduled to be conducted after spring break. Practices are to begin later this month with the first games scheduled for the week of April



Emily Jackson of Lefors stays one step ahead of Reynolds of Darrouzett in

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Soccer moves up in playoffs

The Lady Harvester Team defeated Soccer Canyon 2-1 to get their second win of the district campaign. Canyon scored the first goal of the game after the referee awarded them a penalty kick in the first half of the game. At half the score was 0-1 Canyon Lady Eagles.

The second half got off to a good start by the Lady Harvesters as they pushed forward to get the tying goal off a left footed shot by Lauren Jacoby.

From that point forward it was a physical battle to gain control of the midfield and push for the winning goal by both teams.

With a minute or less left in the game Angelica Pena was able to get enough space to unleash a game winning

keeper and into the goal to give the Lady Harvesters a hard fought 2-1 win over Canyon, placing the team back into playoff contention. The next game for the

girls is Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 5:00 pm in Canyon at Kimbrough Field against the Randall Raiders. The Pampa Harvesters

went to Canyon needing a win to stay in the playoff hunt and secured that win by the score of 8-0. Jack Ware scored the first

goal off cross from David

The next three goals were scored by Tanner Dyson receiving assists from Cesar Marrufo and Enrique Marquez respectively.

At intermission the score was 4-0 Pampa. In the sec-

goal putting the ball over the ond half the Pampa fans saw more of the same with Rusty Snider and Tanner Dyson scoring goals with assists from each other, while Victor Quezada put two goals in to finish the scoring as Pampa left the field with an 8-0 victory.

The boys came out ready to play and played well defensively in the back and also were able to gain enough possession in the central midfield to send quality balls through to the forwards and outside midfielders.

The next game for the Harvesters is today in Pampa at the PHS Soccer Fields against the Randall Raiders. Hotdogs will be sold for \$.25 per hotdog.

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rable. If you are single, allow that "dif-

ferent" person to enter your life. If you

are attached, your relationship grows and

keeps evolving as long as you don't

become too judgmental. Be open to new

ideas. Travel could be important. TAU-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

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ble of. Given time, you might find that a

situation is much easier than you origi-

nally thought. Trust your money sense.

Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for

**** You smile, and others warm

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Stay on top of your game. Others might be watching, and you certainly don't want to trip under these circumstances. You'll accomplish a lot if you maintain your concentration. An admirer might surprise you. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Reach out for others at a distance. You might see a situation much differently if you do. Understand that you couldn't possibly have all the answers. Listen to feedback. Encourage a difference of opinion. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept, 23-Oct. 22) *** If someone seems stubborn and resistant, don't be surprised. That attitude is in the air, and you cannot do a lot to change it. Work with the situation. Pull back and think of the change in responsibility as freedom! Tonight: Togetherness

works SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might want to think a situation over while others are making a pronouncement about what will and won't work. Deal with excessive calling and requests by screening your calls. Leave pleasure for late afternoon. Tonight:

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in fifth gear like you are. Tonight: Have

you heard of sleep? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your creativity comes out no matter what you encounter. You could be overwhelmed with your to-do list. You can find a way to get through most of the list with ease. Tap into your ingenuity! Tonight: Enjoy life, and worry little about what night of the week it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** If you can check out an investment involving property, do. Much might be stirring around your private life. Think positively about what you want and expect from a close loved one or family member. Tonight: Happy at home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Your words touch the right notes as others move to give you what you want. In fact, what you might have anticipated to be difficult becomes so incredibly easy that you could be in shock. Be happy. A meeting is very important. Tonight: Hang out.

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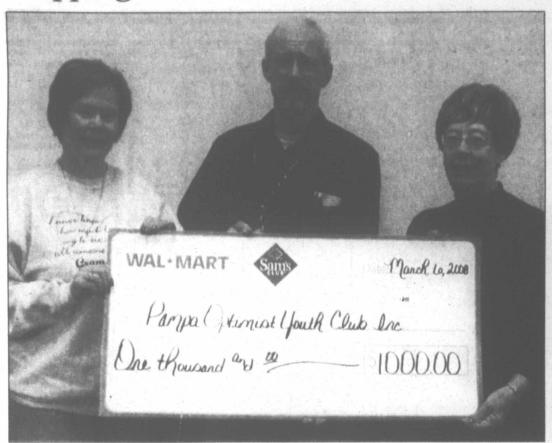
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Primaries

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to victory, continuing the partys surge in Texas.

Its true that Texas has been the reddest of the GOP states for 12 years. But some of that came about because Democratic presidential candidates and the national party have shunned Texas, handing it to the Republicans without much of a fight.

This year the Democratic nominee ought to be willing to compete for Texas and its 34 electoral votes, not wave the white flag and surrender them to McCain without so much as a skirmish.

Republicans have been in control so firmly they are complacent about the fall election. They don't believe that Democrats, wandering in the political

wilderness for years, will show up in big enough numbers to matter in November.

Hillary Clinton said as much to Texas Monthly magazine, declaring that Texas is "usually not in the electoral calculation for the Democratic nominee." That perspective gives too much weight to the past and not enough to a future brimming with new voters fired up about the presidential election. And it discounts the 2006 Democratic victories.

Turnout Tuesday will favor Democrats 3 to 1 over Republicans, and that could carry over into the fall. Clinton and Obama should pledge today to campaign here in the fall. Wed like to see them promise not to give up on Texas and help make it a two-party state.

Thats not too much to ask of them after theyve asked so much of Texas Democrats. URL:

http://www.statesman.com

MILITARY

Texan becomes second woman soldier to earn Silver Star

CAMP SALERNO, Afghanistan (AP)—A-19-year-old medic from Texas will become the first woman in Afghanistan and only the second female soldier since World War II to receive the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest medal for valor.

Army Spc. Monica Lin Brown saved the lives of fellow soldiers after a roadside bomb tore through a convoy of Humvees in the eastern Paktia province in April 2007, the military said.

After the explosion, which wounded five soldiers in her unit, Brown ran through insurgent gunfire and used her body to shield wounded comrades as mortars fell less than 100 yards away, the military said.

"I did not really think about anything except for getting the guys to a safer location and getting them taken care of and getting them out of there," Brown told The Associated Press on Saturday at a U.S. base in the eastern province of Khost.

Brown, of Lake Jackson, Texas, is scheduled to receive the Silver Star later this month. She was part of a four-vehicle convoy patrolling near Jani Kheil in the eastern province of Paktia on April 25, 2007, when a bomb struck one of the Humvees.

"We stopped the convoy. I opened up my door and grabbed my aid bag," Brown said. She started running toward the burning vehicle as insurgents opened fire. All five wounded soldiers had scrambled out.

"I assessed the patients to see how bad they were. We tried to move them to a safer location because we were still receiving incoming fire," Brown said.

Pentagon policy prohibits women from serving in front-line combat roles — in the infantry, armor or artillery, for example. But the nature of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, with no real front lines, has seen women soldiers take part in close-quarters combat more than previous conflicts.

Reese

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Buckley had the luxury of a comfortable life. His early education was by private tutor and at two English boys schools and a prep school in New York. He spent a year at the University of Mexico and then served three years in the Army during World War II. After the war, he enrolled at Yale, where he taught Spanish. He founded National Review in 1955 and began his syndicated column in 1962. He wrote a number of books. He led an extraordinarily busy life and died at his desk.

It may be hard to believe today, but when young Buckley came out of Yale, liberalism was the dominant philosophy in both American politics and cul-

ture. Republicans had rejected Robert Taft, a traditional conservative, for Dwight Eisenhower, an able man but essentially a pragmatist. Buckley started what might be called the modern conservative movement by making it acceptable to liberals. That was a dubious achievement at best.

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Texas martyrs who lost their lives in the Alamo, had they known of the existence of this outlet, [could] have saved their lives by escaping through it."

None of the basic Alamo histories mention anything about a tunnel ever having

been found, though scholars do believe some of the Alamo defenders tried to escape once they realized they had no hope of survival inside the mission. The underground rock-lined structure found in 1894, assuming the story wasn't made up, might have been a remnant of the Spanish irrigation system that connected to the San Antonio River.

As for the "back door" line, it is variously attributed

to the late Maury Maverick Jr. or some unnamed member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Supposedly, when President John K. Kennedy visited the Alamo in 1960, he asked following his appearance to be escorted out the back door of the old mission.

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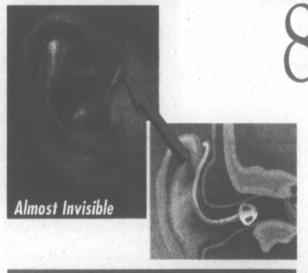
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