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**To The Editor & You**

**Clean out your closets and give a little too!**

The first chills of autumn have arrived at Camp Warhorse, in Ba'Qubah, Iraq, where I have been stationed with KBR these eleven months. After summer days which reached 120 degrees in the shade, I welcome that change! However, it also means that the cold and rainy season in Iraq is soon upon us.

This letter to you and your readers is for a very big humanitarian request: The Iraqi people here are extremely poor. This ongoing war has made many homeless and destitute. They will need clothing, especially winter clothing—but any would still be a blessing—as these cold months approach. I would humbly ask that your readers—my friends back home in Eagle Lake—dig into their closets and pull out those old clothes they no longer wear, and ship them to me, here in Iraq.

I know this is a big request, but no bigger than the need here. The Iraqi people need clothes and food and jobs. I thought I would volunteer my time to help out on the clothes end.

We can use any stitch of clothing available here at Camp Warhorse: infants, children, men's, ladies', seniors. Woolen, polyester, cotton...it doesn't matter. Just old clothes you no longer wear.

If you can do this, you will, definitely, be making a difference for these people over here, possibly even the most important difference in their lives, I can assure you. And please know that this is strictly a humanitar-

ian effort, totally separate from the pros and cons of this war effort. Kindness can never be criticized.

You may even want to pool your resources for this project, if you so decide to help out, working through your service organization or church. Please ship boxes of clothing to this following address through the U.S. Postal Service: CPT Allen Acosta, Operation Iraqi Freedom, FOB Warhorse, 3 BCT, APO AE 09392.

Please note: do not include the word "IRAQ" anywhere on the package. By mailing these clothes you will also be making a financial commitment: in essence, the postage needed to ship your package. Please be mindful of this, and know that your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

I cannot stress enough how desperately needed are your old clothes that you no longer wear. It will be a blessing for many, many people here in Iraq. And they will appreciate what you are doing for them.

May God bless you all, and thank you for considering this very big request.

Sincerely yours,  
**Tom Reed**

P.S. Deborah, John and Sara are doing great in Australia. My wife has even established a web site for photos and news from Down Under. Please see for yourself at [http://mascam.homestead.com/Reeds\\_in\\_oz.html](http://mascam.homestead.com/Reeds_in_oz.html)

**The Hypocrisy of the Left...Again**

Twenty-two ways to be a good Liberal

1. You have to believe that even though Al-Qaeda has been found in over 40 countries throughout the world, including America that Iraq, somehow, they weren't in Iraq.
2. You have to believe that the AIDS virus is spread by a lack of federal funding.
3. You have to believe that the same teacher who can't teach 4<sup>th</sup> graders how to read is somehow qualified to teach those same kids about sex.
4. You have to believe that guns in the hands of law-abiding Americans are more of a threat than U.S. nuclear weapons technology in the hands of Chinese and North Korean communists.
5. You have to believe that there was no art before Federal funding.
6. You have to believe that global temperatures are less affected by cyclical documented changes in the earth's climate and more affected by soccer moms driving SUV's.
7. You have to believe that gender roles are artificial but being homosexual is natural.
8. You have to be against capital punishment, but support abortion on demand.
9. You have to believe that businesses create oppression and governments create prosperity.
10. You have to believe that hunters don't care about nature, but loony campaign funds for John Kerry or Howard Dean but that it's full of wackos and extremists when it catches Dan Rather in a lie.
11. You have to believe that self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to ear it.
12. You have to believe that the military, not corrupt politicians start wars.
13. You have to believe that NRA

is bad because it supports certain parts of the Constitution, while the ACLU is good because it supports certain parts of the Constitution.

14. You have to believe that taxes are too low, but ATM fees are too high.
15. You have to believe that Margaret Sanger and Gloria Steinem are more important to American history than Thomas Jefferson, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Thomas Edison.
16. You have to believe that standardized tests are racist, but racial quotas and set-asides are not.
17. You have to believe that the only reason socialism hasn't worked anywhere it's been tried is because the right people haven't been in charge.
18. You have to believe that homosexual parades displaying drag, transvestites, and bestiality should be constitutionally protected, but mangel scenes at Christmas should be illegal.
19. You have to believe that illegal Democratic Party funding by the Chinese government is somehow in the best interest of the United States.
20. You have to believe that the political gerrymandering of districts in Texas in 1992 by Democrats was okay, but the political gerrymandering of districts in Texas in 2004 by Republicans was unfair, unjust and evil.
21. You have to believe the Internet is a good thing when it helps raise campaign funds for John Kerry or Howard Dean but that it's full of wackos and extremists when it catches Dan Rather in a lie.
22. You have to believe that this message is a part of the vast, right wind conspiracy.

Tom Kelly

**"Toot" your own horn**

Congratulations to the Rice Consolidated High School band, Mr. Cummings, and staff. Take a "bow" for a job well done.

You've proven that discipline, positive attitudes, and hard work has paid off.

Many others and I congratulate you all. The band is "awesome". Keep up the good work. And remember to continue to shoot for the moon, even if you miss. You still land among the stars.

With pride,  
**Rene Cooper-Scott**  
 A Proud Rice Raider Fan

**Question of the Week**

On Oct. 18, 2004 County Judge Al Jamison informed the citizens of Alleyton in a meeting held at the courthouse, that the commissions court had offered to LCRA to "SELL" them the Alleyton sewer and the Alleyton water plant for \$10. AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. The other consideration is for LCRA to "forgive" the loan made to the businesses of Alleyton when these businesses wanted to hook-up to the sewer plant. This loan was not made by the residents of Alleyton and was not part of the STEP grant program.

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**Lets Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**Oct. 2, 1980**  
 Vandals did heavy damage to the Eagle Lake Primary School during the weekend...

**Carol Crabb, 1980-81** queen for the Eagle Lake Lions Club will reign at the parade opening the 1980 Street Carnival...

**Carol Allen** of El Campo and **Brock Ashby** of Eagle Lake were champions at the golf tournament held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Runner-up in the women's competition was **Ernie Sommerlatte**...

**Sherlyn Lockett** and **Stephanie Rhodes** were selected as the 1980-81 Colorado County Gold Star honorees. Sherlyn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **James Lockett** and Stephanie is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. **Obie Rhodes**...

A Bath-Linen Shower honoring **Miss Peggy Leopold**, bride-elect of **Tommy Burns**, was held at the **Albert Leopold** home in Nada on Sept. 27...

**Mr. & Mrs. James Moore** announced the birth of their first child a daughter, born Sept. 26 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. **Amy Lynn**

weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces...  
**Mrs. Ben Woodruff** was complimented with a surprise birthday party at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Berger** in Garwood on Sept. 24...

The lovely country home of the **Wilburn Blacks** was the setting of a delightful birthday party honoring **Mrs. Avis Goolsby** of Eagle Lake...

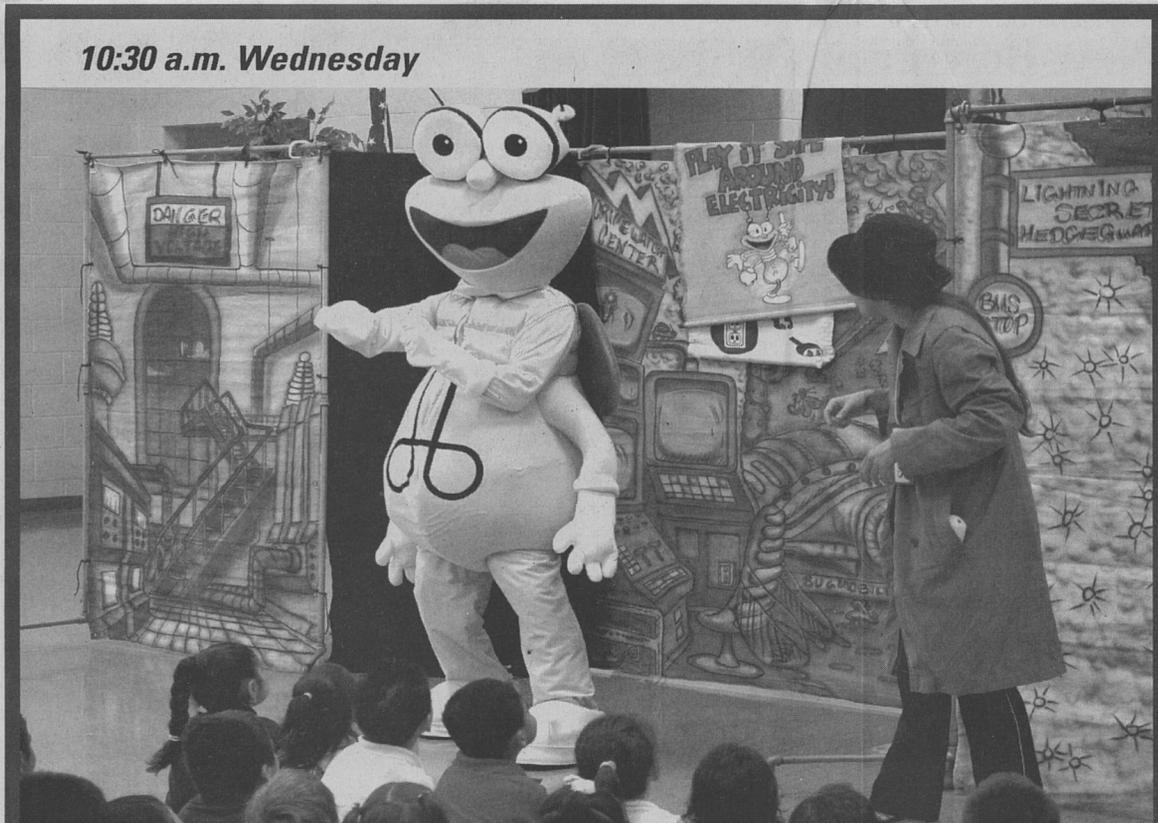
**Mr. & Mrs. W.J. (Ted) Brunner** and **Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Clipson** returned from an eight-day Sagebrush Tour...

**Darryl Anderson**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Anderson** was the lucky recipient of a pair of Houston Astros pitcher Nolan Ryan's baseball shoes at the Pinch Hit benefit following the Houston-Cincinnati game...

**Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Pilkington, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Paschall** and **Mr. & Mrs. Jack Listowski** reported having a good time in Las Vegas...

The Colorado County Cops slo-pitch softball team won the championship of the Law Enforcement Of-

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**10:30 a.m. Wednesday**

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**PVT. Roger Toriz**  
 PLT 3007

Congratulations on your accomplishments, you were determined to reach your goals, and came through.

We are very proud of our Marine, and support you all the way.

We love you,  
 Mom, Dad, Alex, family and friends

**A View from a Former-Ran**

—By Herman W. Brune

Jean Kilgore plans to be our state representative. Governor Perry approved this change in state house representation, and indicated so, by attending a Kilgore fundraiser, September 20, at the Colo Vista Country Club in Bastrop.

The message is clear and the point is unarguable. Governor Perry's actions show that Colorado County's, and the rest of state house district 17's, concerns will be best heard when we elect Jean Kilgore as our state representative.

I want my voice heard in Austin. I'm voting for Governor Perry's choice. I'm voting for Jean Kilgore.

Likewise, I want my voice heard in Washington D.C. and Michael Thamm is the man for the job. Colorado County is in U.S. Congressional District 15. Our former U.S. Representative was Ron Paul. However due to redistricting, we must elect Michael Thamm as our new rep to Washington. He was mayor in Cuero and put that town back together after it flooded and almost washed away. Thamm has the homegrown morals and good sense that we all wish were instinctive products of political platforms. Electing Michael Thamm to protect our freedoms, as Americans and Texans, is the right choice.

I pity elected officials but I expect them to remember their positions as public servants. Party politics should never overshadow the needs of the community and simple right and wrong moral issues should never be confused by special interest associations. Integrity and character are needed to uphold these ideologies in Austin as well as Washington.

Kilgore and Thamm are good choices.

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