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**Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his
friends.**

- John 15:13



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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Good-Bye Magnifying Glasses

You guys my Mimi had her other eye surgery. It was a success!!

My Mimi can see things (without big thick glasses or contacts) for the first time in her life!

She is so happy. Pap tells everyone that Mimi finally see's what she married. That man is a hoot.

Seriously though: Mimi can drive, she can cook, she can see which bottle is shampoo or conditioner in the shower. She can read the mail, crochet, she can thread a needle, she can see prices on tags, she can watch TV, she can see at night!

All of her life she has prayed that someday she could see. This is a dream come true for her and truly a miracle.

So, I guess **God** gave her cataracts so she would meet Dr Hessert and through him, **God** gave her the gift of sight.

So, thank you to Dr Hessert and Dr Frasier and all the staff at the Eye Center of Oak Ridge, for all you have done to help my Mimis dream come true. She is truly grateful, we all are.



For more of my Pet Perspective like and allow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MORGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

The Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to invite all Farm Bureau Members to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 202 S. Kingston Street in Wartburg.
The meeting will begin with an evening meal and the annual report will be given.
We encourage all Farm Bureau Members to attend this meeting.

Together Morgan County will meet Fri, September 13, 2024
at 9:00 a.m. EST at Morgan County Schools Central Office located at 136 Flat Fork Road in Wartburg.

This is a hybrid meeting. Anyone wanting a link to join virtually can email heltons@mcsed.net. Everyone is welcome to join the collaborative as plans are made to support students and families in Morgan County.

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Wartburg.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Peggy L. Durham has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:

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Sep 6, 2024
Coalfield vs Greenback - W 60-0



Sep 6, 2024
Oakdale vs Sunbright - W 33-0



Sep 6, 2024
Sunbright vs Oakdale - L 0-33



Aug 30, 2024
Wartburg vs Harriman - L 15-33



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Tom Redmon
Columnist

I can honestly say that I have been a patriot since following our troops in World War II. How proud I was when I saw a soldier in uniform going off to war. I just had to see every WWII movie that came out. I even wished I was old enough to help my country out during the war.

In September 1945, as every city and town were celebrating VE and VJ Day, I walked two and half miles up to the court house square in Wartburg to meet all the veterans. Then when

some of my relatives returned home from the war, I went up to my uncle's house to hear them talk about the victories in Europe and in the Pacific. I could have listened to them all day as they shared their war stories of battling our enemies.

All through my school days I was a patriot and I praised my country for being high on patriotism in the 40's and 50's. I just wished that today we had half of the patriotism that we had after WWII.

In high school I started collecting WWII books, and in the 1980's - 2000's I started collecting VHS tapes and DVDs. Now I have a library full of WWII books and films.

I remember on November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated. I was teaching at Central Elementary at that time and when I returned to my school, Harry Smith had all the students and teachers out on the playground for prayer and pledging our allegiance to our wonderful flag.

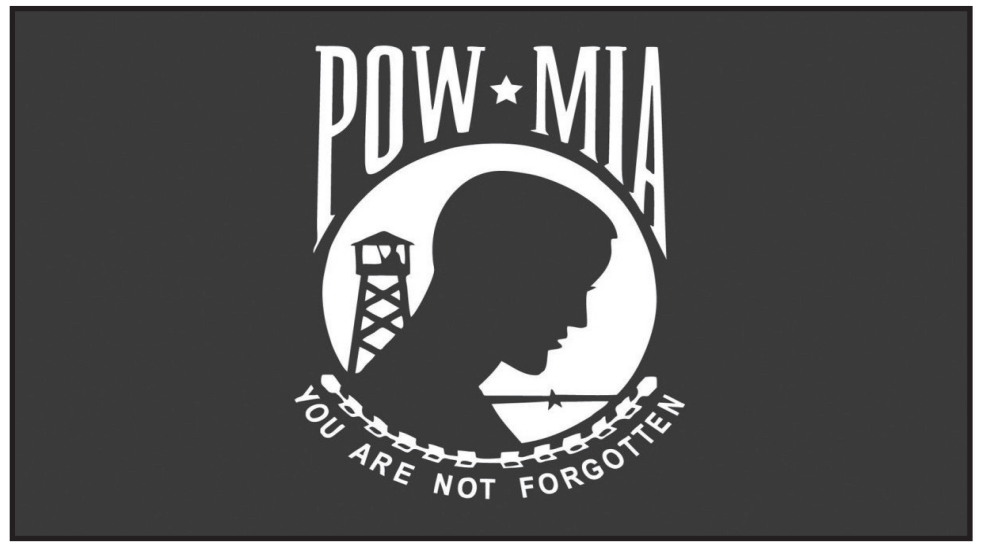
As a teacher I would never start the day before we had pledged our allegiance to our flag, and played our national anthem.

In 1971-72 I was teaching high school in Bradenton, Florida. The schools had been integrated the year before and some schools had, had problems. In my homeroom when we had our pledge to the flag and our national anthem played, I had a boy by the name of Gary who refused to stand. I had a little talk with Gary and finally he came around to do the right thing. Many teachers didn't feel like I did, but if many of our young men, both black and white could go to war and give their life the least we could do was to respect our flag. The Vietnam War was going on at that time and we really owe those veterans a lot.

When I became principal in Manatee County, Florida I felt like I could have my own program at Myakka City. I invited all vets and active members of our military to come to our school on special days. I found an ex-POW organization. The men belonging to this organization had served in WWII and had been captured by the Germans. They were imprisoned from their time of capture until the end of the war, so they are now called ex-POWs. I loved those men and they came to my school several times. In 1994 they presented me with a plaque honoring me as the Manatee Patriot of the Year. All thirty-five of those men are dead now. They were very special.

I love America and it almost breaks my heart to see her the way she is now.

I am hoping and praying for better leadership in Washington, D.C. The liberals have tried to destroy our great land. I cannot understand why so many Americans support this type of government. They are not the



WWII American POWs captured during the Battle of the Bulge
democratic party of old. Harry Truman and John Kennedy are probably turning over in their graves. If you just look at the present democratic platform you will know this is not the party of the 1950's and 1960's. This is really socialism on the way to turning into communism.

I love Lee Greenwood's song God Bless the USA. God has really blessed the USA and He blessed me by letting me be born in the USA. I graduated from high school in 1954; not with the highest marks, but the vice president of LMU said "Tom if you are willing to work, we will give you an education. You know we gave Jessie Stewart and education and he was poor like you. He worked here for less than you will be making. Now Jessie is the author of many books."

My commander in basic training in the Navy, Company 190 told us more than once that anything worth having is worth working for. I'm really glad that I worked for my college education. I didn't need for tax payers to pay for my education because my country gave me the opportunity to make a success of my life. I took that opportunity and am glad I did. Many people think that president Biden is paying those college bills. Believe me that money doesn't come from our government but from our tax paying citizens, not Biden.

God bless America!



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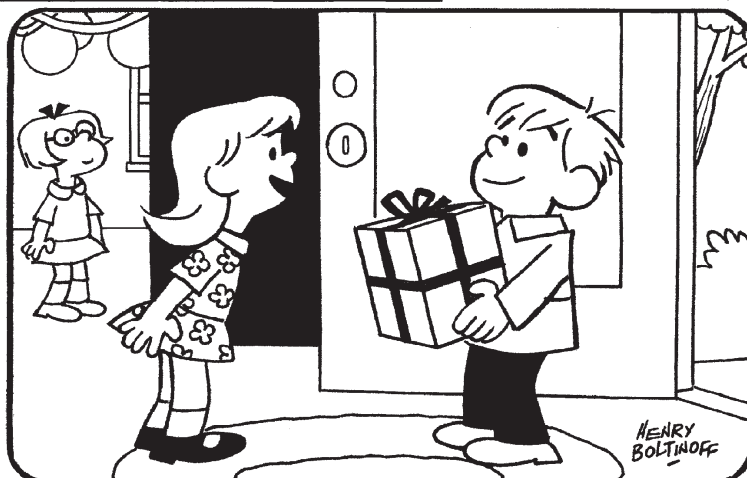
1. Which duo released "Islands in the Stream"?
2. Who released "The Way We Were"?
3. Name the artist who wrote and released "Rock Me Gently."
4. Who wrote and released "Long Tall Sally"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now I've heard there was a secret chord, That David played, and it pleased the Lord."

Answers

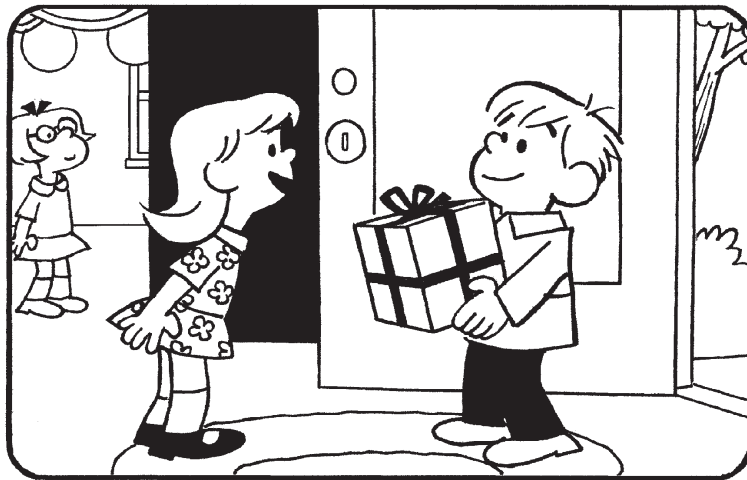
1. Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers in 1983. The song was written by the Bee Gees, who didn't release their own version until 1998.
2. Barbra Streisand, in 1973 in the film and on her album of the same name. The song won a long list of awards, including Song of the Year.
3. Andy Kim (born Androwis Youakim), in 1974. A prolific songwriter, Kim penned hits for several others, including the Archies and the Monkees.
4. Little Richard, in 1956. The song finally made it into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999.
5. "Hallelujah," by Leonard Cohen in 1984 on his "Various Positions" album. Initially rejected by the record company, it was a version that appeared in the animated film "Shrek" in 2001 that brought the song much attention. Legend says it took Cohen 10 years to write the song, which included 180 verses at one point.

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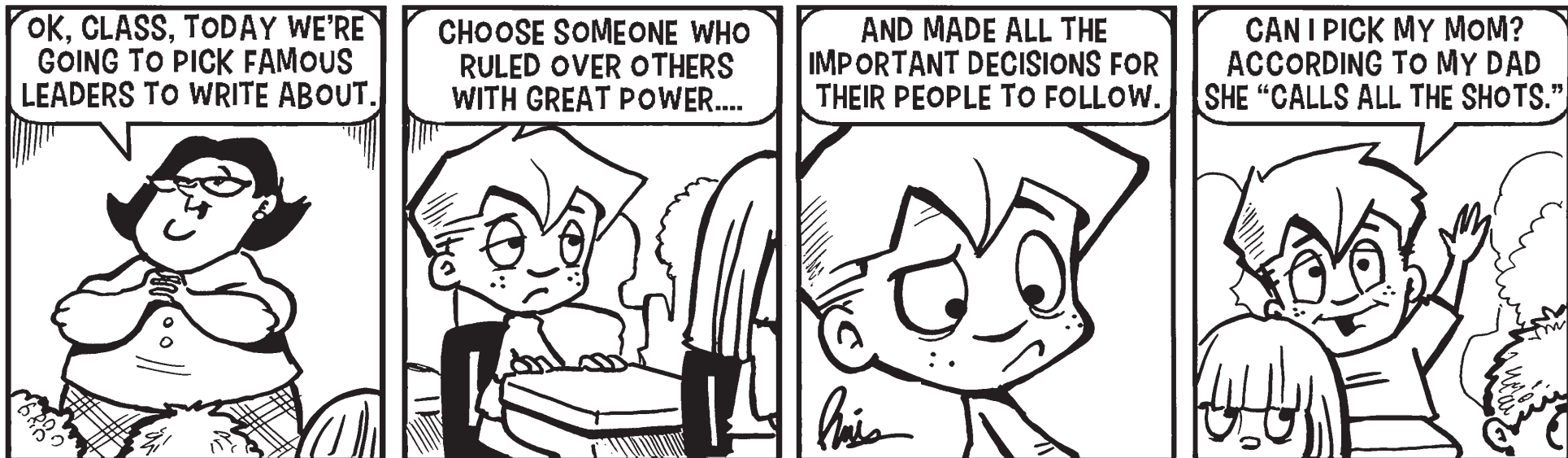


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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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— In Loving Memory —

Wanda Rose Kennedy, 63



Father: Eugene Rose

Sisters and Brother-in-laws: Tammie and Tim Willis, Patty Nance, Karen Vespie and Missy Wyatt.

Grandchildren: Brian, Wyatt, and Emma One Great-grandchild. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and her four-legged companion Emma.

Service Arrangements will be made at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wanda Rose Kennedy.

Wanda Rose Kennedy age 63, departed to her heavenly home on August 31, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her Son: Brian Nelson, Mother Dorothy Ann Rose, Brothers: Donald (Punkin) Gregg, and Jerry Rose.

She is survived by her children: Stephanie & Travis Hamby Nathan Nelson.



Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

Psalm 123:1

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**

Michelle Lee Jenkins (Shelly), 53



Charles & wife Tami Shedd and Craig & wife Mary Shedd Nieces, Hope Louise Jenkins, Shyann Micole Jenkins, and Danielle Turpin. Nephews, Elijah James Freels, Peyton Michael Lee McCarter, Lee Thomas McCarter, and Cody Bunch. Great-nieces and nephews, Myia Freels, Maverick Brys, Allenia Turpin; Caregiver; Timber and her best friend Amanda Laymance And a host of other special family members and great friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg.

Funeral Services will be at 7pm with Bro. Jamie Basler officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday, 11am Western Cemetery, Coalfield, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michelle Lee Jenkins.

Michelle Lee Jenkins, (Shelly), age 53 of Coalfield passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 29, 2024.

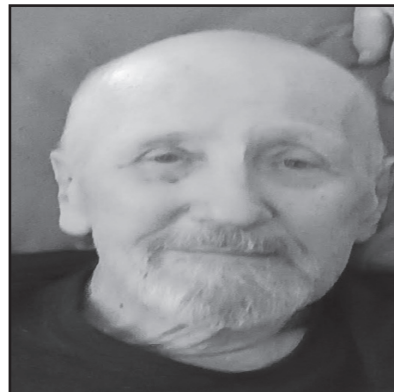
She was loving and kind. She had a heart of gold and captured that in everyone around her. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lee Thomas Jenkins, Sr.; Sister, Helena Louise Williams and her baby, Cody Williams; Brother, Lee Thomas Jenkins Jr.; and Nephew, Aaron Tray Gunter.

She is survived by her mother, June Jenkins of Coalfield; Sister, Cheryl & husband Charles Woodstock; Brothers, James Audley Jenkins (Jamie),

Steven V. Jenkins, 74

United States Army Veteran



the family moved to East Tennessee. He enjoyed making yard ornaments out of steel in his shop and basket weaving and he loved his cat Scratchy.

Steven is preceded in death by his father Dwaine Jenkins; mother Belva Jenkins, and brother Jerry Jenkins. He leaves behind his wife Susan Cain Jenkins; son Jeremiah (Tara) Jenkins; daughter Lea Hawkins; grandson Elijah Jenkins; brother Eddie Jenkins and a host of extended family and friends.

The family is honoring Stevens wishes to be cremated and no services will be scheduled.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Steven V. Jenkins.

Steven V. Jenkins, age 74 of Wartburg passed away September 6, 2024 at his home. He was born Feb. 17, 1950 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Steven was in the United States Army from 1971-1972. He was a member of the Grace Community Church in Kingston. He enjoyed going fishing and clam digging during the 48 years he and his wife Susan lived in the North Oregon. Steven retired and



— In Loving Memory —

**Donald Putz, 77
United States Air Force Veteran**



Don Putz
April 4, 1947-Sep. 2, 2024

Don was preceded in death by his wife Helen and his mother Beatrice Patrick.

He is survived by his son, Jeff Putz, his sister Sandee (Brian) Collins, his aunt Margie Gibson, Brothers in law Leslie (Diane), Stanley (Cathy) and Wayne (Pam) Woods; sisters in law Charlene Hall, Gail Walker, Barbara Hall, Gail Woods and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg on Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. with Bro.

Clayton Duncan and Bro. Randal Landrum officiating. Grave-side service will be immediately after at Morgan Memorial Gardens.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Don Putz.

What a glorious day! On September 2nd, 2024, Don Putz, age 77 of Wartburg, was reunited with his wife, Helen and saw his Savior face to face. The words of his favorite song became reality "where forever he will be with the one who died for him, what a day, glorious day that will be."

Don was a faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Don served his country in the United States Air Force in Viet Nam refueling fighter jets. Through the years, he taught drafting and was a guard at the prison. He enjoyed spending time with family, going to church, playing jokes on people and eating ice cream.

Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.



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David Zubler
Columnist

Don't Fall for Fake Police Scam

Con artists are pretending to be the police department and demanding thousands of dollars.

The caller claims to be a "Sergeant" with the police department and claims that since a court appearance was missed, there is a warrant for immediate arrest. The so-called Sergeant then asks for the victim's email address to which they send documents to further validate their story.

The fake documents include:

- Order Of Arrest United States vs Defendant
- United States District Court vs Defendant court date
- Postal receipt showing a signature that the mail was received
- FDIC Mass Action Plan for Recovery of PPP Plan Funds

At first glance, these documents look to be official and could potentially fool any unsuspecting person. The idea is to make their scam look legitimate.

The "Sergeant" states that the signed postal receipt proves they should have already received the documents. Once the victim has confirmed they have no knowledge of the postal receipt being signed or received by them or by anyone on their behalf, the "Sergent" goes on to claim that there have been several postmen have been fired in the area for fraudulently signing documents.

The victim is asked to carefully read a document which explains the victim's rights and responsibilities and is then told to answer a phone call from the "Lieutenant". After a short discussion with the so-called "Lieutenant", the victim is instructed to again answer when the "Sergeant" calls back.

The victim is reminded that there is a warrant for their immediate arrest for not making the court appearance. If they don't go to the courthouse that day, the police will pick them up at their home. The "Sergeant" tells the victim that since it involves the FDIC, bond should be posted before coming to the courthouse, to avoid remaining in police custody. The victim is told he can use PayPal or Venmo to pay the FDIC.

The victim is asked to pay his bond and is told to remain on the line so that the officer knows that he isn't a flight risk. The scam keeps the victim on the phone and does not give him a chance to contact anyone to see if the scam is legitimate.

Although this scam involves anyone who took PPP funds during the pandemic, con artists could come up with a scam that doesn't involve PPP funds.

Never make any payment until you have time to thoroughly investigate the matter. Once the money is sent, it may be difficult to recover.

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Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge: A Leader in the Making, Part 2 (1929-1931)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Barbara Scollin brings us the second in the series on Major General Kenneth Nichols.

Ample reasons, most notably leadership skills, personality traits and qualifications, led to choosing General (then Colonel) Kenneth D. Nichols as Deputy District Engineer and subsequently as District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). In this capacity he had supervision of the research and development connected with, and the design, construction and operation of all plants required to produce plutonium-239 and uranium-235, including the construction of the towns of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Richland, Washington.

The responsibility of his position was massive as he oversaw a workforce of both military and civilian personnel of approximately 125,000; his Oak Ridge office became the center of the wartime atomic energy's activities. He also was responsible for internal security operations in the production facilities that helped keep the development of the atomic bomb secret.

In this second installment of several articles covering the life and accomplishments of Kenneth D. Nichols, we explore his first tour of duty and lessons learned to become the leader needed for the Manhattan Project.

After graduating from West Point in 1929, Ken's first assignment as a Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Corps of Engineers was with the 29th Engineer Topographical Survey unit in Nicaragua. He wrote and furnished survey data and diamond drill data. Ken explains:

"Before building the Panama Canal, the United States had given serious consideration to a canal through Nicaragua. Congress rejected that route only after someone pointed out that the country's national seal contained the images of five volcanoes.

"However, the Inter-Oceanic Canal Board was charged with comparing various proposals: incorporating a third set of locks in the Panama Canal, building a sea level canal across the Isthmus of Panama, or constructing a canal through Nicaragua. The [Nicaraguan] route we were to survey offered a shorter trip between the Atlantic and Pacific for about two-thirds of the traffic then using the Panama Canal."

Although the United States abandoned the idea of a Nicaraguan canal by 1932, recently the idea was resurrected by China. <https://www.theepochtimes.com/article/china-behind-super-highway-that-targets-us-with-mass-migration-economic-warfare-5610607>

Ken summarized his Nicaraguan assignment in his account HOW I CAME TO BE A U.S. ARMY ENGINEER which could rightfully be retitled "How I Came to be a Leader". Ken summarized the Nicaraguan tour and the impact on his leadership training with his characteristic humility:

"I learned far more during my tour as a 2nd lieutenant in Nicaragua than how to keep my valuables dry. I found that West Point didn't actually train 2nd lieutenants—they trained prospective generals. I had a hell of a lot to learn when I arrived in the field. In the Old Army the noncommissioned officers tutored new officers during basic troop duty.

"Sergeants Smith and McLean were quite experienced, and... they constantly taught me how the peacetime Army functioned. I learned how to drill at the Academy, but I didn't know



Handwriting on the back by General Nichols "On the dock at Granada, just before sailing for San Carlos [L to R] Lt. Lane, Lt Nichols, Lt Mills, Lt. Rice" (Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Office of History)

how to take care of my men and perform all the field duties of engineer officers.

"I was always one day's distance from the next officer in the chain of command, so I had to maintain a close relationship with my sergeants; we were sort of interdependent. I needed all the help I could get!

On his first outing by boat Ken recalls, "The first time we halted along the bank to gas up the outboard motor I wrapped my rope around a convenient tree extending out of the water. Right then I learned a first-hand lesson about tropical ants. To my regret, the tree was serving as a flood haven for ants which immediately swarmed over the rope onto a new haven – my hand. It felt as if I had stuck it into a bed of hot coals."

Describing his camp life (for his first eight months), "Each night we made camp fairly early so as to be finished before dark... We placed our cots and stuck poles around them into the deep mud caused by the constant heavy rains. Atop the poles we placed a sloping frame for a roof made of sticks and vines tied together with four layers of palm leaves over that, and then we put up our mosquito bars.

"With our shelters in order, we then ate our meal of crackers, beans, corn beef, sardines and fruit. Getting ready for bed was quite a ritual. I...stuck my leather boots down into the mud so they would remain upright and not fill with water. Then off came my wet clothing to be hung outside on a stick.

"I put on my dry trousers and shirt and crawled under my dry blanket. Before I fell asleep, I thought of the stories my grandmother told me about their pioneer cabin in Ohio and wondered if they ever had to contend with rain this hard."

On a lighter note, he writes, "Occasionally, I acquired a bed companion in these wild surroundings. The cook's pet ocelot would crawl under the mosquito bar and curl up beside me on my cot."

Each week, Ken wrote to his family in Ohio. His letters provide insight into the extremely difficult conditions of working in a jungle with 400" of rain/year. After a long day, typing a letter could be a challenge:

"Just crawled into bed with my typewriter to finish writing letters, the mosquitoes chased me to

cover. However, there is plenty of light under my mosquito [sic] bar so I think I will be able to finish a few letters before time to shut off the generator for our lighting system."

After apparently receiving a letter of rebuke from his father, he responded, "So I haven't been giving you enough description of this country? Well I will try to do better in the future, starting with this letter. If the typewriter holds out, and it doesn't get too hot in this tent, this will be a long letter."

True enough, he proceeded to type three pages describing the geography of Nicaragua and its society, worthy of an encyclopedic entry. After two years of absence from his parents, he was clearly missing them. On May 9, 1931, he wrote, "Tomorrow is Mother's Day. If I were not so far away, I would go to see you tomorrow, but they don't make airplanes fast enough to make the trip from here. However, some Mother's Day I may be home. You have a wandering son, don't know where he will go next. However, home or away I will be thinking of you tomorrow."

By 1930 he was in San Carlos with his first troop assignment in charge of the warehouse and boat line.

Despite his junior status, he was brought in to replace a problematic officer and to solve a morale problem which he did. He was designated Assistant Battalion Supply Officer, Assistant to the Quartermaster, and Assistant Finance Officer. In addition, he handled a court martial of the cook ("vicious when drunk") and various medical emergencies. He wrote home about one medical incident: "I just took time out to doctor up one of my men. He had a slight fever, probably malaria, so he is now sweating it out as a result of prescribing 24 grains of quinine and a mug of hot coffee containing two whiskey glasses of Johnny Walker and two of Bacardi Rum. I am expecting an increase of patients when the news of my 'treatment' leaks out."

While at San Carlos, he met an individual who would greatly influence his work in the Manhattan Project. Ken recalls, "I also dealt with 1st Lieutenant Leslie R. Groves, who would figure prominently in my career a decade later. ... He was, even then, able to encourage and inspire his command to get things done in a hurry."

A specific incident provides insight to Ken's future relationship with Groves: "I found that Groves tried to get more than his fair share of fresh fruit and produce ... I told Sergeant Jackson to refuse to give Groves more than his quota. At the same time, friction also developed between our noncoms when Groves borrowed a boat for hydrographic survey. Sergeant Smith kept our boats, including the bilge, absolutely spotless.

Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge: A Leader in the Making, Part 2 (1929-1931)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

“When yet another boat was returned dirty, Smith forced Groves’ sergeant to scrub it out. I was apprehensive about Groves’ reaction, but he ...only said: ‘Nichols, I hear you are taking good care of my men and furthering their training when they work with you.’ Clearly, he and I learned early on to respect each other’s capabilities and methods which allowed us to work together later on the Manhattan Project (development of the atomic bomb).”

His letters home to family reveal his ability to quickly appreciate the workers assigned to his command. They in turn, appreciated his priority of making better living conditions. He recalls, “Restoring morale in the camp was a real problem. The hardships endured while surveying in the jungle rain forest created constant frustrations....Because of the jungle vegetation and the weather, the men seldom saw the sun. I quickly learned that if I visited each crew, each day, it reassured them and the men didn’t feel so abandoned. Many times, I carried needed food to the sub-camp so they wouldn’t have to wait for the regular delivery of supplies.”

And, “Being isolated with men like these was an education in the human problems of command. Every man is an individual requiring special handling to obtain the best results.” [emphasis added]

Early morning on March 31, 1931, a large earthquake hit Nicaragua centered at Managua, the capital. At President Moncadas’ request, the U.S. Army Engineers provided relief support.



Handwriting on the back by General Nichols: “Cadet K.D. Nichols at Transit, Surveying Course, U.S. Military Academy, Plebe Year, 1925,” and by Jacqueline Nichols, “looking forward 20 years into the future to 1945.” (Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Office of History)

With earthquake damage to the city’s water system, the Army engineers devised other means to combat the fire and were finally able to contain it after three intensive days of battling it night and day. Colonel Sultan, Major Hawley, Lieutenants Groves, Talley, Calvin, and Nichols received the Nicaraguan Medal of Merit for their efforts.

At the close of Ken’s surveying tour of duty, President Herbert Hoover sent Ken a letter of appreciation. With his characteristic acknowledgement of others, Ken summarized his Nicaraguan tour:

“I reflected on the two years I had spent in Nicaragua...those years proved to be the most interesting and instructive assignment of my career. ...I gained confidence coping with unusual situations and trusted my own judgment in making the necessary decisions. However, Major Hawley, and Major Gross in particular, ...spent many hours discussing current problems and

solutions with me. I shall always appreciate their counsel.” [emphasis added]

Ken was more than ready to return to the United States for the next steps in his life leading to the Manhattan Project.

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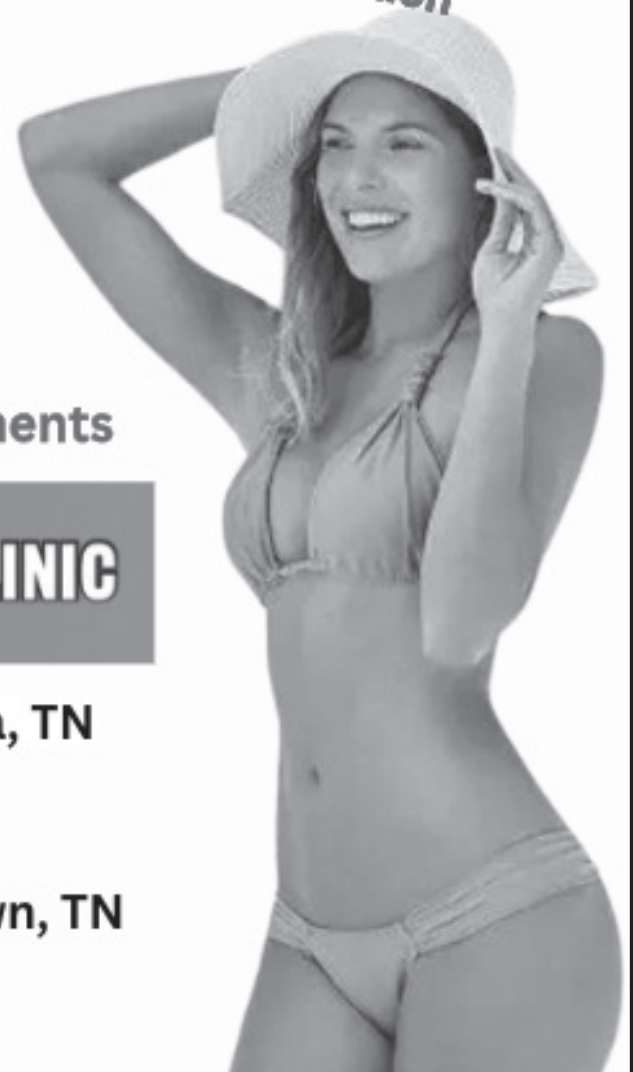
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Becoming the Mem, Psalm 119:97-104



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Vs.97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Vs.98 You, through your commandments make me wiser than my enemies. For they are ever with me.

Vs.99 I have more understanding than all of my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

Vs. 100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.

Vs.101 I have restrained my feet

from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

Vs. 102 I have not departed from your judgements, for you yourself have taught me.

Vs. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Vs. 104 Through your precepts, I get understanding; Therefore, I hate every false way.

Today, we encounter the Mem. It is the 13 th letter of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet. With a numerical value of 40.

The rains of Noah's flood lasted for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses lived 40 years in Pharaoh's house. He fled to Midian to learn to shepherd Israel in Jethro's house for 40 years. He then led Israel the fledgling nation, through the wilderness for 40 years as God allowed the generation that complained to die.

40 is the number of years God required the Jewish men to learn their priestly calling. Jesus Christ fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to prepare for his mission to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

The Mem is defined as the living water. The Mem is expressed in the English translation Bible as the letter M. Whenever an M appears at the end of a Hebrew word, a duality is being expressed. A duality is described as a singular idea expressed in plural form.

The living water in all of our lives, exists as a duality. Jesus Christ the God-man is our true living water, and the written revealed word of God is our guide to learning the mind and plan of Messiah.

The water that flowed from Messiah's side on Calvary, gives the confessed sinner access to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to comfort the believer when tribulation and promised persecution come.

To truly believe in the living water come down from God, places our feet firmly upon the foundation for true individual relationship to Messiah through the living water of daily Bible study and correction.

The mem is the 5th letter in the creation name of God: ELOHIM.

Elohim is a singular pronoun expressed in plural form. One God in three persons. The Aleph is one Father. The Hay is one Holy Spirit, and The Mem is the living water of Jesus Christ.

Another duality must be understood to truly learn the origin of evil in our world. The duality found in the Nephillim. The offspring of fallen angels and human daughters. Genesis 6. The perversion of the human genome as Lucifer commanded his fallen angel army to impregnate human daughters.

He was attacking the seed plot of Genesis 3. Lucifer has been attacking the bloodline of our Messiah through replacement theology in church and through antisemitism in church which denies 87% of the Bible by denying or allegorizing God's word in relation to how he deals with national Israel.

God birthed Messiah through a Jewish virgin. He gave Jews the

oracles by which men are truly saved and born again. The first Christian believers were Jewish and Jews are coming to Jesus around the world as I pen these words. Our Jewish Messiah taught this day would come.

These men separate God's word to practice Roman traditions of men. As if God would ever divorce the nation he calls the apple of his eye forever. They deny the divinity and power of Messiah. God has never changed on how he sees our Jewish ancestors.

One day the Jews in Israel will look upon him they have pierced and cry Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai Elohim. Today in Israel, God is reminding the world that he never sleeps nor slumbers when it comes to his covenant people.

King David understood God's; plan to one day birth the Messiah who must become a suffering servant before inheriting his throne. The Messiah David hoped for has come and died. He is now awaiting the fathers command to retrieve the virgin bride I promised you before we spoke the world into existence.

King David valued his daily connection to the revelation found in the word of God. The Old Testament is King David's living water. He stood on the 2000 promises of a first and second coming of Messiah.

King David dreamed of a day when God would write the new covenant on the hearts and in the minds of the remnant God was supernaturally restoring to their land from where they will eventually accept Messiah. He is returning at the end of the 7-year tribulation to receive his promised kingdom.

It is a literal kingdom yet to be realized. The entire world is now united to stop God's plan to place Jesus Christ throne in Jerusalem. Will the organized denominational church continue in biblical illiteracy? Will roman traditions follow the now apostate organized church into the coming tribulation?

The Living water is calling for repentance and a return to scriptural literacy. It is time for true Christian revival and a return to humility. Time to allow scripture to correct our religious piety and replace it with true internal and individual conviction as to who was on that cross.

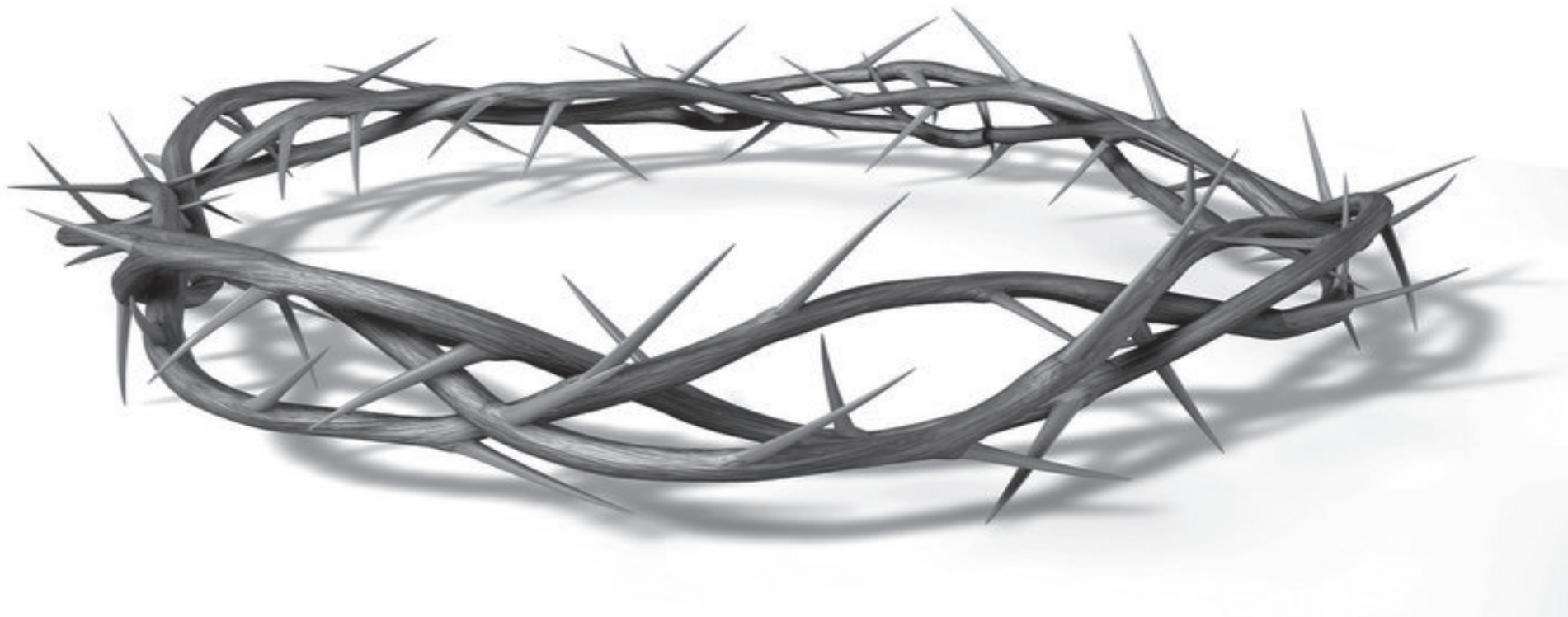
Let him who has ears hear what the spirit is saying.

In Christ's Love, JB 9-6-2024

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He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.



Matthew Chapter 27 Part 3 of 3



Melvin Howard

(Matthew 27:45-56) The agony of paying the sin-price: Christ had been crucified at nine a.m. At twelve p.m., darkness came over the land and remained until three p.m. The extent and nature of the darkness is not specified. It was not a solar eclipse, for the moon was full at Passover time, and under this circumstance a solar eclipse cannot occur. It was a supernatural phenomenon orchestrated by the Lord God, punctuating the importance of this redemptive event. At about three p.m., Jesus cried out with

a “loud voice” (note the strength of speech still retained), saying, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (v. 46).

This is one of the most profound passages of all Scripture. Consider the following: (a) It is a fulfillment of Psalm 22:1---certainly not a lapse of faith, for the Savior vigorously claims: “My God, my God.” (b) In some sense, however, he affirms that God has forsaken him. It frequently is the case in Hebrew idiom that the active voice of a verb is used in a passive sense, what God is said to do, he merely permits to be done (Jer. 4:10; Ezek. 20:25; 2 Thes. 2:11). In this case, God did not intervene to rescue his Son from the cross; he must be allowed to die if there was to be any hope of salvation for fallen humanity. (c) The most puzzling part of the question is the “Why?” A part of the incarnation process involved Christ’s self-limitation (Phil. 2:7), which at times involved a veiling of his own knowledge. For example, at times he was amazed at someone’s faith, or shocked at their disbelief (8:10; Mk. 6:6). Could Christ have limited his knowledge at this time in order to identify with us as frail humans who so frequently suffer and don’t understand why? It is a possibility to ponder with wonder.

Because the Hebrew (Aramaic) “Eli, Eli” (“my God, my God”) sounds like the name of Elijah, some of those standing nearby thought he was calling the prophet and mockingly asked if Elijah would respond. One person filled a sponge full of vinegar and, placing it on a reed, put it to the Lord’s mouth (v.48). John provides some background. That the Scriptures might be fulfilled, Christ had said, “I thirst,” and the request was satisfied with the vinegar (19:28; Psa. 22:16; 69:21). Finally, Jesus cried out with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit (Jn. 10:17-18). His spirit was the conscious entity dwelling within his body (not merely his breath), the equivalent of the soul (10:28). This is the biblical depiction of death (Jas. 2:26).

At the time of the Lord’s death, the veil separating the holy place in the temple from the most holy place was torn asunder, from top to bottom (v.51; Ex. 26:33; 2 Chron. 3:14). According to one account from the first century, the veil was sixty feet long and twenty feet wide, and was a hand-width thick. Clearly this was a divinely orchestrated act. Only the high priest went behind this veil, and he only on the annual day of atonement (Lev. 16:12). At three p.m., the priests would be officiating in the holy place and this would be a traumatic experience for them. Could this have been a contributing factor in the conversion of many of them later (Acts 6:7)? The tearing of this veil suggested that the Mosaic system was now ended and that in the new regime Christians would have direct access to God as priests; the Levitical priesthood henceforth would be obsolete (Heb. 7:12).

At the same time, there was a mighty earthquake and rocks were torn apart (v. 51). Tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints were raised---three days later after the resurrection of Jesus’ body (Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5)---and they entered into the city at that time. There is no information on whether these saints died again or subsequently went to be with the Lord. The independence of Matthew’s record of this event argues against the view that he copied from other sources, (Mark and the mythical “Q”).

The centurion and his companions, when they saw the effects of the earthquake, were seized with great fear, saying (repeatedly): “Truly this was the Son of God” (v. 54). The common claim that this was merely a pagan exclamation to the effect Jesus was “a god” similar to the many of that society is refuted by Luke’s comment that the soldier “glorified God”; and he further noted that they had killed “a righteous man” (23:47). Many noble women among Jesus’ followers were watching from a distance. Among these were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and Salome, the mother of James and John (v. 56; Mk. 15:40).

Jesus spoke seven times during the six hour he was suspended on the cross: “Father, forgive them...” (Lk. 23:34); “today you will be with me...” (Lk. 23:43); “Woman behold your son...” (Jn. 19:26); “My God, My God...” (Mk. 15:34); “I thirst” (Jn. 19:28); “It is finished” (Jm. 19:30); “Father, into your hands...” (Lk. 23:46).

(Matthew 27:57-61) The burial of Jesus’ body: Jesus died at about three p.m. and since the Sabbath was approaching at six (Mk. 15:42), the burial of the Lord’s body needed to be expedited. Accordingly, one of Christ’s disciples, a wealthy man (Isa. 53:9), whose name was Joseph

(from Arimathaea---not mentioned elsewhere), went to Pilate and asked for the Lord’s body. The governor was surprised that Jesus was dead already, wondering how long it has been since he expired (Mk. 15:44). He discussed the matter with his centurion and commanded the corpse to be released (v. 58). This incident reveals three things: (a) the significant political influence of Joseph; (b) the credibility of the centurion who witnessed the events; (c) the disposition of Pilate. Why would he release the body, knowing that Jesus had foretold his own resurrection? Might not some chicanery be perpetrated? In fact, prophetic details were being fulfilled. God was in control!

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. Apparently others assisted him, for “they...bound it in linen cloths, with spices” (Jn 19:40; Lk. 24:12). This contradicts the myth of the so-called Shroud of Turin, upon which the entire image of Jesus, face included, is supposed to be revealed. Moreover, the spices were to prevent the odor of decomposition--demonstrating that the disciples had not understood David’s prophecy concerning Jesus’ flesh not seeing corruption (Psa. 16:10). They figured the body would decay; they did not anticipate the resurrection. Their subsequent belief in this event, therefore, could only have generated by genuine evidence!

The body was laid in Joseph’s “new tomb,” new in the sense that no one had been interred there previously (Lk. 23:53), thus association with the site would not render one “unclean” (Num. 19:16). Joseph rolled a “great stone” over the opening of the tomb. A similar stone door has been found at the entrance of the Herod family tomb in Jerusalem. The strength of several men would be required to roll the stone upward in the groove into which it had been inserted. The woman on the way to the tomb on Sunday morning knew they would be unable to budge it (Mk. 16:3). Like silent sentinels, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Mk. 15:47) sat near the tomb---unable to tear themselves away from the body of him they loved so devotedly. The prominence of Joseph negates the baseless theory that Jesus is still buried somewhere near Jerusalem and the location of the tomb was misplaced.

(Matthew 27:62-66) Securing the tomb: The following day, the chief priests and the Pharisees secured a meeting with Pilate. They reminded the governor that the “deceiver” foretold that “after three days” he would rise from the dead (v. 63). They urged Pilate, therefore, to secure the tomb “until the third day” so that his disciples would be prevented from taking the body and claiming his resurrection. Should that occur, a worse deception would be perpetrated than the Lord’s original treachery (his miracles). Note the interchangeable use of “after” three days and “until” the third day (63-64). This reveals the flexibility of these expressions and defuses the controversy over precisely how long Jesus was in the tomb.

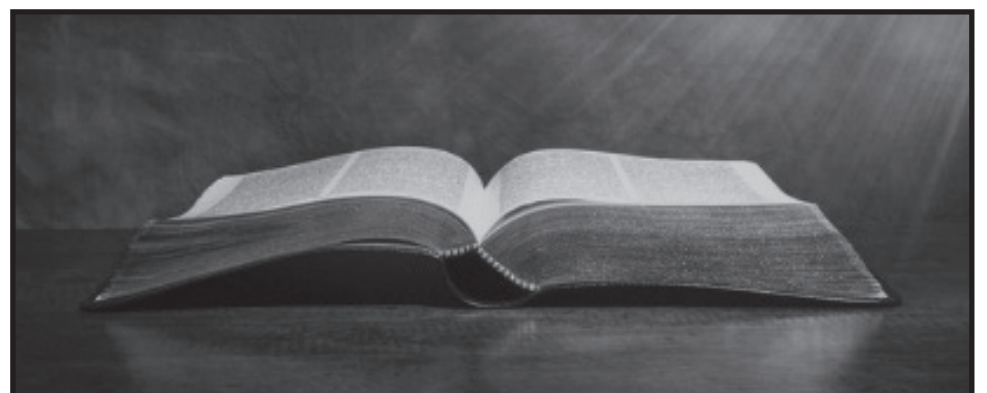
Pilate, with almost a sense of irritation, dismissed them with: “You have a guard; go, make it as sure as you can” (v. 65). They thus went, making the “tomb sure” and “sealing the stone”---the guard with them consisting of several soldiers (28:11-112). The seal was likely a cord stretched across the stone door with wax at each end, stamped with an official seal. There certainly would be an official record of the location; hence, the theory that everyone lost track of the gravesite is exploded. It would have been a serious crime to break the seal. A decree, apparently from the time of Claudius Caesar, note it was a capital crime to remove corpses in an unauthorized fashion. This is an important point to remember.

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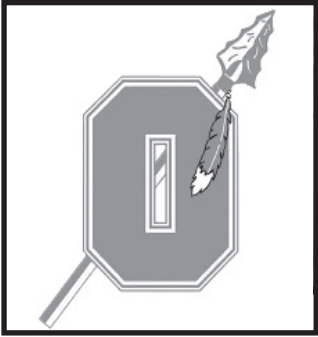
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