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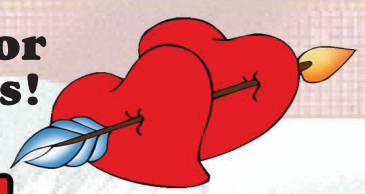


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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury



Herb Kelleher, 1931-2019... Southwest Airlines founder, from a fleet of four planes to the current number of 792.

For decades, four words have been used to magnify success achieved by remarkable individuals. The words? "Only in America could..." Following this opening are tributes to support such a lofty claim.

I'm not sure such a well-intentioned comment really is a true "fit" for Herb Kelleher, who introduced discount air travel to America a half-century ago. This admitted maverick would have "made it big" in the ingenious ways of his choosing in whichever country he lived in.

The late icon's business acumen, zest for life, indomitable spirit and commitment to both employees and the flying public were as expansive as the skies across which fly aircraft of Southwest Airlines, the country's largest domestic carrier....

Media reports of his recent death at the age of 87 were as colorful as the man himself. Herb, the name he liked to be called, wasn't to be figured out by anyone. He earned his eccentric label, laughing all the way.

One person given to hyperbole said Kelleher could call the names of all Southwest employees when he saw them.

this accolade, countering that he hadn't met ALL 60,000 SWA employees!...

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Greats, near-greats and ordinary folks shared "Herb stories," many beginning with, "Do you remember the time that?" Among hundreds of tributes, perhaps none was more compelling than Ralph Nader's: "... No one has been able to imitate Kelleher's super-successful management philosophy, his hands-on behavior and authenticity. They may install cut-rate fares, but fortunately for the people, Kelleher stands alone as one of a kind."...

I'm one of the "ordinaries" who never met Mr. Kelleher. I "saw his tracks," though, and believe the "warp and woof" of his book, Peanuts, make it a "must-read." On my book shelf, it rests next to Dale Carnegie's How to Win Friends and Influence People.

It provides a wonderful, common sense guide on how to succeed, in business specifically and in life generally. Perhaps the SWA motto printed on napkins says it best: "In a world full of no we're a plane full of yes."...

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I saved a personal, hand-written note from the aviation giant. It was written with the same "scrawl" of his signature seen in print.

It is my memento of proof that he always had time for ordinary people.

It was a response to a letter I'd written to him....

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I had completed a long-ago SWA flight. Waking from a nap during the flight, I walked shoeless to the lavatory when the "unoccupied" light came on. A flight attendant joked about my "going in there in stocking feet."

I responded in kind, saying that I'd seen Herb doing the same thing. (Okay, admittedly I hadn't, but it was fun to "play along.") She quipped that he would be the only other person on the planet who would do so.

I wrote him a letter praising the young lady AND his airline, not expecting a reply. A few days later came his note, including these words: "Your recent letter 'made' my day! Welcome to the 'shoeless lavatory club.' We are a rare breed."...

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I'm guessing that across the years, "boy babies" have been named "Herb" by countless SWA employees.

Speaking of naming youngsters in honor of heroes, I heard the other day of a Clemson graduate from South Carolina who has been transplanted to Dallas, where he is now a fan of the Cowboys in general and Dak Prescott in particular. He was lavish in praise of Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence and Dak in recent conversation, predicting that "real fans" will name babies in honor of this duo.

"The names 'Trevor' and 'Dak' are going to be on baby boys' birth certificates," he crowed. "In fact, why not both? 'Trevor Dak' has a nice ring to it. Then, they could just call 'em 'TD' for

short." (OK, after the 'Boys' derailment by the Los Angeles Rams, maybe "dak" should begin with a little "d")....

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# At The Corral Gate



Enola Gay

Jefferson, Texas is pretty exciting for a quaint little antique town! I recently took Jefferson by storm with members of my book club (the Bright Star Literary Society of Sulphur Springs or BSLS) and joined a large delegation of The Pulpwood Queen's International Book Club, descending on Jefferson during mid-January. Kathy L. Murphy is the Diva Queen of this sprawling book association. The "Girlfriends Weekend" party celebrated her 20th year as President and queen bee of more than 2,000 members and 400 chapters, including 10 in foreign countries and one in a women's prison. Kathy always dresses outrageously in theme costume...Gypsy, Native American royalty, even as a Mountain Man! Her attractive invitation to visit the pre-Civil War town came because of an Author's Convention which about 100 women (mostly) attended. Many of the gals stayed in Jefferson's various Bed n Breakfasts and others filled the Excelsior Hotel on Austin Street, the main path through the historic district. The weekend was largely spent meeting authors and listening to panel discussions, but pretty much everybody found time during their three-day stay to stroll the sidewalks and sample the signature coffeeshop, bistro and boutique



Kathy L. Murphy, Pulpwood Queen hosted the event



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Jefferson atmosphere. Plus, the antique ambiance of the lodgings added to the undercurrent of grace and gentility that pervades the air in Jefferson. My roomie Hope Cain and I were delighted with our vintage-elegant suite at the Urquhart House of Eleven Gables.



Back at the Book Conference on Thursday, Sharon Feldt set up her table of books and hand-sewn quilts beside the other product vendors. Sharon lives in Sulphur Springs with her lawyer husband John Feldt, she teaches Creative Writing at Thee Treehouse Christian School at Yantis, finds time for quilting and she writes children's books. The main character in her two-book series is Sarah O'Shea, a precocious little red-haired girl. Oh, and Sharon is also President of the BSLS book club and hosts monthly meetings in her lovely home.

Author Sharon Feldt at her product table

A sit-down dinner rounded out the Friday session, and everyone dressed Western for that. It was fitting because the theme of the conference was "How the West Was Won". Many of the authors hailed from the deep South and a number were from Texas. Their writings betray their roots, because the Southerners describe the warm air, dusty roads and a "bless her heart" gentility within their historical fiction. Some of the Texas writers specialize in action like Reavis Wortham from the Paris, Texas area who produces the Red River Mystery Series. His characters are based on his real-life ancestors. Some of the Texans are also Western writers, supplying great stories for current-day Western fans. As far as appearance, it was easiest to spot the Yankees...some of them did not seem entirely comfortable in their hats, boots and Western wear! The wildest appearance was made by Ms. Murphy herself, and great Western entertainment was shared by country singer and yodeler Hanah Brie Howard, a product of

Jefferson, Texas. The 20-year-old appeared in a 2018 Netflix flick called 'Dumplin' with Jennifer Aniston, filmed in Los Angeles. When the movie filming required a yodeling song for a scene, Hanah promptly wrote an original "Hey Cowboy" and performed it on site! Hanah is a beauty who writes, sings, dances, acts, yodels, can even cook! and really loves the Lord. Watch for more from this young lady!



Hanah Brie Howard entertains like a true Texan!



Dance Hall Girl

The Jefferson Garden Club provided a luncheon in the elegant dining room of the Excelsior Hotel on Saturday and served almost all the 100 conventioners in the cordial style Jefferson is famous for. A chicken salad plate on china with sweet tea (of course!) was accompanied by an array of delectable desserts. The Garden Club raises money for not only grounds-keeping but to purchase, restore and maintain a sizable list of historic buildings. I met those little old ladies who are actually dynamos in disguise...I don't see how they accomplish it all! Saturday night brought the Big Hair Ball with dancing and merriment, then time to say goodbye. I enjoyed Girlfriends Weekend immensely! Maybe you and I will run into each other soon on the sidewalks of Jefferson, Texas. Until then, I'll be checking out the seed catalogs while awaiting garden time, and watching for you at the corral gate.



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### Wilburn L. Winnett

Graveside service with military honors for Wilburn L. Winnett, age 94, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. David Hamm officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Mr. Winnett passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Wilburn was born on December 30, 1925 in Yantis, TX to Sam and Eva Winnett. He married Carla Hunter in Dallas, TX in 1979. Wilburn served in the US Army during WW II. He worked as a Stocker and loader for Proctor and Gamble. Wilburn was a member of Freedom Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Carla; son, Richard Winnett and wife, Melinda of Mineola; granddaughter, Kristi Chance; two great grandchildren.

Wilburn was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Houston Winnett, Rayburn Winnett, Buford Winnett; sisters, Pearl Fox, Lorene Winnett.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### Sandra "Sandy" Jean Fisher

Memorial Service for Sandra "Sandy" Jean Fisher, age 80, of Winnsboro, will be held at 12:00 P.M. Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Central Christian Church in Winnsboro with Kevin Hollowell officiating. Inurnment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA at a later date. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren. A visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Central Christian Church in Winnsboro. Mrs. Fisher passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Carriage House Manor.

Sandra Jean Bunn was born August 29, 1938 to John Wiley Bunn and O'Neal (Buchanan) Bunn in Fayetteville, TN. She married Grady Fisher on February 9, 1958 in Nashville, TN. Sandy was dedicated to making a loving home for

her family. In the aftermath of her beloved Grady's death on January 18, she passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Carriage House Manor. After Sandy's sons went to college, she followed them there and she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from East Texas State University in 1985. As a Certified Public Accountant, she owned and operated her own accounting firm for many years. She was a member of Central Christian Church, the Pilot Club of Winnsboro and Beta Alpha Psi Honorary Accounting Fraternity. She also served on the board of the Winnsboro Chamber of Commerce. In 1956, Sandy was crowned Miss Davidson County (Nashville) Tennessee.

She is survived by sons, Jeff Fisher and wife, Markeda, of Sulphur Springs, TX; Ken Fisher and wife, Shannon Timberlake, of Lewisville, TX; grandchildren, Megan Miller and husband, Daniel; Robert Fisher and wife, Kimmie; Amanda Fisher; Brittany Fisher and fiance, Patrick Schwartz; Ryan Fisher; Daniel Fisher; Justin Dodd; Caroline Dodd, and Price Orwosky; great-grandchildren, Kaden Fisher, Chloe Fisher, Cheyenne Miller, Charlie Miller, and Logan Schwartz; brother, Dick Fowkles; and numerous nieces and nephews; and caregiver Cathy Jones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and daughter-in-law, Lela Fisher.

Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church, PO Box 796, Winnsboro, TX 75494.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### Leta York

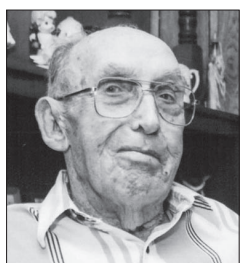
Funeral service for Leta York, age 99, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Terry Bolton and Tom Friday officiating. Interment will follow at Weaver Cemetery. Visitation will be held at one prior to the service. Mrs. York passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs.

Leta was born on June 25, 1919 in Weaver, Texas to Welcome and Donnie Smith. She worked as a office manager and was a member of Weaver Baptist Church.

She is survived by her grandsons, Toby Boatman and wife, Sandy and Todd Boatman; great grandchildren, Josh Boatman (Tye), Jacob Boatman (Ashten), Nathan Boatman (Shayna) all of Sulphur Springs, Ethan Boatman (Victoria) of London, AR; great-great-grandchildren, Emma Boatman, Bayler Boatman, Brayden Boatman, Brett Boatman, and

Aubrey Boatman.

Leta was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Paul Harris and Henry York; infant daughter; daughter, Gwendolyn Boatman; and sister Lorene Wynn (Paul). Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### Harlan Willey

Funeral service for Harlan Willey, age 90, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. Michael Coker and Bobby Carey officiating. Interment followed at Gafford Chapel Cemetery with Danny Wilburn, Colton Morrow, Bryan Kellar, Morgan McCoy, Billy Phillips and Bobby Carey serving as pallbearers and Men's Sunday School Class at Greenpond Baptist Church serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Harlan "Pap" Willey passed away on January 19, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.

Harlan was born on January 25, 1928 in Hopkins County, Texas to John and Willy Mae Willey. He married Etta Mae Price. Harlan served in the U.S. Army. He moved to Hurst Eules in 1951 and worked at General Dynamics for 14 years then worked at Menesco for 26 years building airplane landing gears. He then retired back to Hopkins County in 1980 and raised cattle, a vegetable garden and worked as a carpenter. Harlan's life was filled with love for the Lord, his family, his church and his many friends.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Etta Mae; brother, Von D Willey and wife, Judy of California; step children, Elizabeth Wilburn and husband, Steve; Tommy Phillips and wife, Rhonda; Brenda Carey and husband, Bobby who live in Missouri; grandchildren, Danny Wilburn (Amanda); Tammy Wilburn, Bryan Kellar (Susannah), Lisa Phillips Smith (Bobby), Shannon Mitchell (Scott), Billy Phillips; great grandchildren, Colton Morrow, Morgan McCoy, Macie McCoy; great great grandchild, Averii McCoy.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Inez Newsome; brothers, Howard and Junior Willey; daughter, Rhonda Kellar; son, Gary Willey; grandson, Andy DeWitt.

Memorials can be made to Greenpond Baptist Church.

### Eileen Darrow

Funeral services for Eileen Darrow, age 75, of Birthright were conducted at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Edgar Clements officiating. Interment followed at Miller Grove Cemetery with Keith Darrow, Brandon Darrow, Ryan Darrow, Kason Anderson, David Joslin and Shawn Martin serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Anson Anderson, Stevie Ferrell and Jason Smith. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Eileen passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at her residence.

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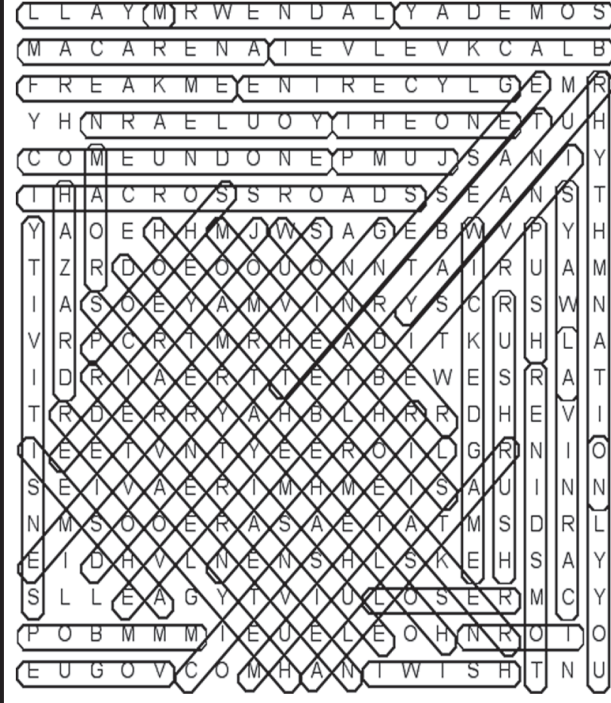
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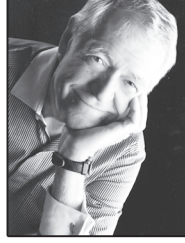
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When he was 8 years old, Leon Measures of Livingston was shooting flies off the wall with a bb gun while going back and forth on his front porch swing. As the years progressed, he increased his accuracy with an air gun. Now he conducts shooting clinics in coliseums and stadiums all over the country. He has devised a special booth where he'll toss a bb into the air and shoot it. He used to demonstrate with aspirin tablets, but wanted more of a challenge, so he switched to bbs as moving targets.

To prove he hits the bb, he'll have someone in the audience get in the booth with him and place a bucket on the floor. If he misses, the bb will go into the bucket and make a sound that indicates he missed the bb. But he seldom misses. When he shoots 10 times, only 2 bbs will hit the bucket. He usually tells the person from the audience if he misses 5 bbs, he'll buy lunch. So far he has never had to pay.

Leon must have some uncanny ability when it comes to teaching. His ultimate goal is to train people how to use a shotgun. His training tool is a bb gun. He has trained blind people to shoot and they have bagged everything from pheasants to elk.

For sighted people he calls his method shoot where you look. His bb guns don't have sights. Some hunters have taken exception to this radical approach and have been so insistent on using sights that they have been ready for fisticuffs with Leon.

He has developed a new training tool. "I had no idea about the monumental task I had taken on," says Leon. "In the year 2000 the main manufacturer of bb guns quit making the model we use for our program. We searched the world over. Spent 5 years and a lot of money on engineering and design. Went to China twice. In Las Vegas some Russians were ready to throw me off a balcony because I wouldn't let them make a gun the way they wanted to. For an air gun to work for our purposes, it has to be slow enough that the average individual can see the bb in the air when it comes out of the barrel of the gun. That's the secret to it. You get to see where you shot compared to where you thought you did. It also has to be consistently accurate at 20 feet. If you shoot at a paper target 9 times you should have made a hole smaller than a dime."

His search has finally paid off. "Late last year we found the last manufacturer in the US to make the parts for the bb gun we're trying to develop. There's about 25 parts. We have the working models and we have the prototype. Most of the parts will be made in St. Louis and assembled in Neosho, Missouri. Now we're on a quest to find a million and a half dollars to put it on the market."

He has written a book and produced a DVD on his prototype. "Every time I sell a book or a DVD the next question I get is where can I get one? And there aren't any. If there were, I'd be selling them. But they just do not exist. There are air rifles, bb guns, whatever you want to call them, on the market that are accurate. But they develop far too much velocity and should be considered deadly dangerous because they are. The ones that are slow enough are not consistent."



# LeAnn Rimes

# TEXAS PAGE



Margaret LeAnn Rimes Cibrian (born August 28, 1982), known professionally as LeAnn Rimes, is an American country and pop singer. Known for her rich vocals, Rimes rose to stardom at age 13 following the release of the Bill Mack song "Blue", becoming the youngest country music star since Tanya Tucker in 1972.

Rimes made her breakthrough into country music in 1996 with her debut album, *Blue*,

which reached number one on the Top Country Albums chart and was certified multiplatinum in sales by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). The album's eponymous lead off single, "Blue", became a Top 10 hit and Rimes gained national acclaim for her similarity to Patsy Cline's vocal style. When she released her sophomore studio effort in 1997, *You Light Up My Life: Inspirational Songs*, she

moved towards country pop material, which set the trend for a string of albums released into the next decade.

Rimes has won many awards, including two Grammys, three ACMs, a CMA, 12 Billboard Music Awards, and one American Music award. She has released ten studio albums and three compilation albums and two greatest hits albums, one released in the US and the other released internationally, through her record label of 13

years, *Asylum-Curb*, and placed over 40 singles on American and international charts since 1996. She has sold over 37 million records worldwide, with 20.3 million album sales in the United States according to Nielsen SoundScan. Billboard ranked her 17th artist of the 1990-00 decade. Rimes has also written four books: two novels and two children's books.

Margaret LeAnn Rimes was born in Jackson, Mississippi. She is the only child of Belinda Rimes and Wilbur Rimes. The family relocated to Garland, Texas when she was six years old. She was singing by the age of two, was enrolled in vocal and dance training, and by the age of five was performing at local talent shows. Rimes initially began her career in musical theatre, performing in a Dallas, Texas production of *A Christmas Carol*, and almost landing the lead part in the Broadway production of *Annie*. However, after appearing on the network television competition show *Star Search*, where she clearly charmed host Ed McMahon in addition to the more important fact of being a one-week champion on the show, Rimes decided to pursue a career in country music. Following her national television appearance, Rimes made a number of appearances on *Johnnie High's Country Music Revue* in Arlington, Texas, which garnered the attention of national talent scouts.

By the age of nine, Rimes was already an experienced singer. She toured nationally with her father and also regularly performed a cappella renditions of "The Star Spangled Banner" at the opening ceremonies of the Dallas Cowboys football games. In order to bring his daughter more national attention, Wilbur Rimes began recording his daughter under the independent label *Nor Va Jak* when she turned eleven. She released three albums under the label between 1991 and 1996.

Rimes was discovered by Dallas disc jockey and record promoter Bill Mack. Mack was impressed by Rimes's vocal ability, and over the following three years, he made various attempts to bring Rimes to a mainstream level. The center of Mack's plan to bring her success was his self-penned composition, "Blue", which Mack claimed he intended to be recorded and made into a hit record by Patsy Cline, but she had been killed in a plane crash before ever recording the composition. In July 1994, Rimes recorded the song on her independent album, *All That*.

After signing with *Curb*, Rimes re-recorded a new version of "Blue" that was released on her debut studio album, and as a single which peaked at number ten on the *Billboard Country Chart*. During this time the media was reporting that Rimes was the successor to Patsy Cline's legacy. The album *Blue* sold 123,000 copies in its first week, the highest figure in *SoundScan* history at that time. It peaked at number one on the *Top Country Albums* and debuted at number three on the *Billboard 200* albums chart, eventually selling a total of four million copies in the United States and eight million copies worldwide. All music considered the album to be "delightful" and that it could "help inspire other young teens". Rimes followed up the single with several charting country singles from her 1996 album, starting with "One Way Ticket (Because I Can)", which reached number one on the *Billboard Country Chart* in 1996. She also released a duet single with Eddy Arnold from the album, a remake of his 1955 hit "The Cattle Call". The album's other hits included the Top 5 "The Light in Your Eyes" and the minor hit "Hurt Me".

With the album's success, Rimes received many major industry awards. In 1997 at 14 years old she became the youngest person to win a Grammy, for

Best New Artist and Best Female Country Vocal Performance for "Blue". She was also the first Country music artist to win the Best New Artist category. The same year she won the Country Music Association's "Horizon Award" for Best New Artist Of The Year, becoming the youngest person to ever be nominated and win a Country Music Association award.

1997-2001: Pop crossover and worldwide success In 1997, Rimes released a compilation of previously recorded material under the *Nor Va Jak* label, *Unchained Melody: The Early Years*. The album mainly consisted of cover versions, ranging from Country to pop covers, including songs originally recorded by The Beatles, Whitney Houston, Bill Monroe, and Dolly Parton. Rimes's version of the title track became a major country hit in early 1997 and helped increase sales for the album. In June 1997, Rimes would appear on the Disney Channel for television special called *LeAnn Rimes in Concert*. In September 1997, Rimes released her follow-up studio album to *Blue* titled *You Light Up My Life: Inspirational Songs*.

In 2000, Rimes would make her full crossover into pop music. On March 8, 2000, Rimes contributed to the soundtrack from the 1999 TV movie *Jesus*, called *Jesus: Music From & Inspired by the Epic Mini Series*. The song, "I Need You", would be released as a single from the soundtrack on July 18, 2000. "I Need You" was characterized by Allmusic as having similarities to that of Adult Contemporary and Pop music. The song became a Top 10 country hit and also a major pop hit, reaching number eleven on the *Hot 100*. Rimes would make a cameo in the 2000 film *Coyote Ugly*. She would also contribute four songs for the film's soundtrack on August 1, 2000.

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