

## Pustejovsky, Perez exchange vows at St. Mary's

Shannon Denise Pustejovsky, daughter of William (Skip) and Judy Pustejovsky of Eagle Lake, was united in marriage with Joe Lee Perez, son of Otero (Bo) Munoz and Albert Lee Perez Sr., on Saturday, November 11, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Msgr. Victor Schmidtzinsky performed the ceremony. Charlyne Spanihel provided the organ music and Cynthia Sunderman, soloist sang, "Amar," "You are mine," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Sing a New Song," "Shepherd Me O God," "Only A Shadow," "Pan de Vida," and "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother."

The church altars and candelabra were adorned with cream colored bows, variegated ivy and sprays of carnations, daisies, snapdragons, Queen Anne's Lace and chrysanthemum in shades of fuchsia, ecru and navy blue.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ecru satin gown with sculptured V neckline and a front Basque waistline. The back featured a cathedral train and a candy box bow with a gathered bustle. The sleeves, bodice and skirt were all trimmed with re-embroidered Schiffli lace and hand-beaded pearls and sequins.

The bride held a bouquet mixture

of marigolds, carnations, daisies, snapdragons and Queen Anne's Lace in shades of eggshell and accented with ivy.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Carol Jackson of Houston, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Sylvia Castaneda, friend of the groom; Anna Perez, sister of the groom; and Tanya Perez, sister-in-law of the groom of Eagle Lake and Columbus respectively.

The flower girl was Adrianna Forister of Granite Shoals, cousin of the bride.

The bridesmaids dresses were designed by Alfred Angelo with fuchsia satin tea length gowns with a deep V-neckline and Basque waistline. The backs featured satin bows and fabric covered buttons.

They carried bouquets with a mixture of carnations, daisies, snapdragons, and Queen Anne's Lace in shades of fuchsia and ecru accented with variegated ivy.

Serving as the best man was Andrew Castaneda of Eagle Lake, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Albert Perez of Columbus, brother of the groom; Scott Ripper of San Antonio, friend of the groom; Jesse Yanez of Eagle Lake, friend of the groom; Mikie Galvan of Bay City, cousin of the groom and

Thomas Salazar of El Campo, cousin of the groom.

The ring bearer was Kevin Perez of Columbus, nephew of the groom.

The ushers were Ric Pustejovsky of Friendswood, uncle of the bride; and Marty Mancian of Eagle Lake, cousin of the groom.

Other attendants were Mrs. Estephena Perez of Edna, the groom's grandmother; the bride's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Alton Meyer of Schulenburg, Mrs. Lovie Gimdt of Columbus and Mr. Harvey Pustejovsky of Sublime; Culley and Cooper Herrera of Austin, cousins of the bride; church gift bearers; Wesley Cadrie of El Campo, cousin of the groom, and Audrey Smith of Allen, aunt of the bride; church lecturer; Cynthia Sunderman of Eagle Lake, friend of the couple, soloist;

Also, Charlyne Spanihel of Eagle Lake, friend of the couple, served as organist; Ray Sykowski of Eagle Lake, friend of the couple, Eucharistic minister; Tony Janish of Nada, friend of the couple, Eucharistic minister.

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception and dance were held at the Eagle Lake KC Hall.

After a wedding trip to the Riverwalk in San Antonio, the couple are at home in Eagle Lake.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Perez

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## Art

Third grade, second: Theresa Henry, Jarrett Christal, Robert Woodard Jr. and Stacie Wied.

Fourth grade, first: Mark Hernandez, Jess Little, Fabiola Vasquez, Reinbeaux Guthrie, Dora Juarez, Cynthia Torres, Morgan Perry and Dustin Krensek; second: Ella Edwards, Adrian Axel, Lawrance Vasquez and John Rivera.

Fifth grade, first: Jesus Ortiz, Ramiro Esparza Jr. and Aimee Buebel; second: Alma Tapia, Melanie Brown, Vanessa Johnson, Melissa Drik, Leslie Woodard and Kenisha Wicks; third: Lacey Lehrer, Jessica Popp and Elizar Zepeda.

Garwood Junior high, first place: Keishae Sewell, Janna Janish, Agustina Ortiz, Lakeisha Johnson, Jerry Labay, Jacob Little, Lori Smith, Tanika Scott, Kristi Moore\* and Blake Wied\*; second: Benjamin Or-

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## Alleyton

By Rollin Baker - Chapter 8 - Houston

Seth Randolph decided that Houston was an untidy frontier town. Its buildings were mostly poorly constructed - like they had been thrown together in a hurry.

The streets were muddy and gouged deep with wagon tracks. Crossing from one block to the next must have been difficult for the ladies, although mud-free board walks along store fronts were common.

Even so, the place was busy with commercial activities. War, Seth thought, must be profitable to some even in this area, fairly remote from military actions.

At the nearby port of Galveston, however, the Yankee blockade was causing financial panic among shippers. Seth would have liked to have visited this fabled coastal city on the Gulf. It would have to be another time.

Again, Seth studied his horse demanding a double ration of oats for the faithful beast. Then he rented a room again under the name of John Hyde.

He visited a barber shop for a full tonsorial treatment plus the opportunity for his total immersion in a tub of steaming water for a good soak. He probably would have enjoyed this aquatic occasion even more had the water not been used previously.

"You are fortunate, miss," the grinning, toothless swarmer had lisped. "The first two fellows to use this water looked so clean that I did not think that they needed baths at all."

Back at the rooming house, the scrub woman did not seem too happy at the prospects of washing Seth's trail-soiled clothing. Seeing her distress, Seth promised a little something extra if she did a good job. She smiled at that and went off behind the building humming what sounded to Seth like an Irish folk tune.

With some of the necessities of good living taken care of, a thoroughly-groomed and clean-clothed Seth stepped out on the board walk in front of the rooming house.

In the bright late-winter sunlight, he felt like an entirely new person - clean, refreshed, and sporting a new cloth coat. The local citizens seemed out in full force that mid-morning with the streets cluttered with assorted horse- and mule-drawn conveyances and occasionally a drover tending a few head of livestock.

Draymen had their wagons mostly loaded with bales of cotton - probably headed ultimately for Alleyton was Seth's thought. Signs over several offices within Seth's view indicated that cotton factors played prominent business roles in these trouble times.

Seth, with some knowledge of the economics of cotton marketing in Virginia, wondered how much money the cotton farmers earned in comparison with the amount that these traders received when they sold the ginned product to the Confederate quartermasters. War is tough on most but surely a gold mine for a few.

Seth, certainly looking draftable in his civilian clothes, moved easily without attracting attention around several blocks of the business district. He stopped to look at the unimpressed

building which had one time housed the state capital, back in Sam Houston's glory days.

The spring general was now retired in Huntsville and in his dotage. He had lost most of his following for objecting so strongly to the move by Texas to join the Confederacy.

After a couple of days of relaxation, Seth decided that he had seen enough of Houston. He packed his cleaned clothing and picked up a railroad ticket for himself in the chair car and also paid the fee for transporting his horse in an animal car.

The obliging hotel desk had also arranged for a carriage to transport him to the station. Feeling almost like a dandy from the first such deluxe treatment since his days in Richmond, Seth rode in style casually looking left and right at the town's people - all strangers to him. A groom from the hotel's livery stable followed leading his horse.

The rail station was another busy location. There were would-be passengers, many in uniform, mingling on the platform, but the center stage was the freight deck. Assorted flat cars were being loaded with baled cotton from heavy wagons either backed to or driving along side the rails. Somewhere behind all of this must have been a turn-table for the engine and rail yard.

Seth noticed that some of the workers with swarthy complexions must have been stay-overs from Santa Anna's army. He had heard that after the action at San Jacinto that some members of the Mexican forces had stayed on to become local residents.

He always pleased Seth that his training in military history included such trivia. Of course, when he mentioned such at home, his parents questioned what good such knowledge might be to a landed Virginian and a gentleman.

Like Seth's bath water, the rolling stock of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos, and Colorado River Railroad was second-hand but durable, thanks to good mechanics and operators. Although the operation began with modest financial support, the owners were finally making money.

This was despite the fact that their plans to run the rails to Austin were stymied by the hostilities. The construction had been abruptly terminated by the beginning of the interstate conflict. Luckily for the Confederacy's cotton trade, the rails did get a fair distance west. Every little bit helps, was the comment of one bystander.

This sudden BBB&C rail prosperity came as a result of buyers freight - mostly of southwest-hauled baled cotton - to the terminal at Alleyton on the east bank of the Colorado. This turned out to be a convenient place for ox carts to load the cotton for the rest of the way to British buyers on the Mexican side in the Rio Grande Valley.

The BBB&C officials, with their track fortunately heading the right direction to aid the military, prospered, the war effort was enhanced, and

as a result, Alleyton became a boom town.

"My ticket for Alleyton includes transportation for my horse," explained Seth to the station agent.

"Yes, Mr. Hyde, I made a record of that when the hotel boy came to buy yours. There will be plenty of time to load your animal before the train leaves."

Finally the chair car and the freight cars were coupled to the noisy steam-puffing engine and firewood-loaded tender. Then the conductor announced that passengers could board their car. More than twenty filed into the narrow passage way selecting seats on one side or the other.

Passengers included uniformed and armed security guards, two families, and assorted sales and business people.