

Views Around The Lake by Cindy Klopsteck

"We may run, walk, stumble, drive or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way." —Gloria Gaither

There's a blue sky with low clouds, minutes after a late afternoon thunderstorm. Too much moisture in the air, I decide, as I again wipe at some drops of sweat sliding down my cheek.

Warm enough that I'm glad I'm not toting my three pound hand weights, but the little six-wheeled cart I'm gingerly pushing up my paved street adds a little resistance training to my evening walk.

About a year ago I wrote a column on enjoying daily walks

around my extended block, through my neighborhood.

My emphasis was on the small wonders of nature and the joy of friends and neighbors around us - the everyday things we tend to overlook and take for granted at any moment of our busy lives, except perhaps when we are taking a leisurely (or even quick-paced) walk in the evenings.

It's a year later and I'm still recognizing those small wonders - the old appreciated ones as well as the newly-discovered ones. Those small wonders, tiny delicacies that contribute to the richness of our lives.

If I've enjoyed that brisk neighborhood jaunt these past years,

imagine my pleasure now as I walk pushing a sleek stroller containing my only grandchild.

The birds and squirrels and other neighborhood occupants - both human and not - always make for a pleasant walk, but the added measure of a smiling, pink-cheeked baby, whose face is a reflection of all the new wonders she is absorbing today, makes the outing much more than mere exercise.

For her exclusive discovery, there's a new sound to the right, a new scent of some blossoming plant to the left and just over her head a little neighbor boy's smiling, smudged face bending down towards her. As we turn the corner, we are both recipients of a newly-discovered, wondrous sight - a double rainbow.

The rain of some thirty minutes ago not only freshened the earth, but also painted the sky - twice. I try to remember if I ever witnessed a double rainbow, and stand for a moment to just view and appreciate the wonder of it.

To make sure I'm not seeing double myself, I ask the passing neighbors, who are also enjoying

a post-storm walk, if they see it. They confirm they had already marveled at it and stop for a few minutes to marvel at the little beauty in my wheeled basket.

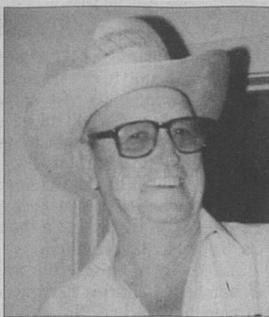
We continue our walk under the double-colored arcs, and I consider how joy does come in pairs.

Just yesterday it was two grandmothers with two strollers, as my friend and I walked our grandchildren together. Just some three weeks apart in age, we already have planned for double outings, hoping her grandson and my granddaughter will be friends, making it the third generation of friendship through our families' acquaintance with each other.

The babies had slept during our afternoon stroll, but she and I had accomplished a good hour of exercise that day.

As I turn back now toward my house and the rainbow begins to lighten in the evening sky, I look down to see Maddie's eyes getting heavy. It's just the end of an everyday-kind of walk, but it's a small delicacy, under a rare double rainbow, contributing to the richness of my life.

Obituaries



William Johnston Martin
May 15, 1920 - July 7, 2006
Served his Lord Jesus Christ with praise,
His country with honor,
His family with love,
His fellow man with integrity.
Born in Eagle Lake, Texas he graduated from Eagle Lake High School, Class of 1939 and graduated with a BBA from Texas A&I Kingsville.

During World War II he served in Army Air Force for four years. Later he worked as a mortgage officer for 27 years in Houston and Dallas, before opening his own business as a residential real estate appraiser.

He was a past member of Dallas Mortgage Bankers Association, Dallas Real Estate Board, and Dallas Home Builders Association Society of Real Estate Appraisers, to name a few.

William served as deacon of Casa Linda Presbyterian and Elder at New Covenant Presbyterian.

He enjoyed hunting and water sports, especially at Lake Texoma.

Preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Margaret Martin; sister, Anna Margaret Martin White; brother, Robert Samuel Martin; survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mary Rickard Martin; son, Robert John Martin and wife, Carole; nephew, Jack C. White, Jr.; and nieces, Janet White Campbell and Judith White Old.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 10 at 11 a.m. from New Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Interment will be held July 29 at 11 a.m. in Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the charity of your choice or to New Covenant Memorial Fund.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

William A. Manis
William A. Manis, 87, of Garwood, passed away July 11 at River Oaks Health Care Center in Columbus.

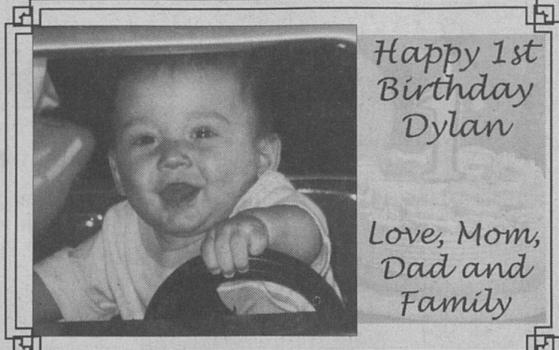
He was born August 27, 1918 in Wharton, the son of James Wesley and Mable Dewett Manis.

William was a retired crane operator having been employed by Brown & Root and was a veteran of World War II and a resident of Garwood since 1966.

Preceded in death by his parents; son, Robert Gene Manis; brothers, Johnny James Manis, Phillip Fayett Manis, Bill Franklin Manis; and sister, Amanda Rebecca Manis; survivors include his companion, Jolly Manis of Columbus; daughters, Kim Gold of Garwood and Diane Lee of Fredericksburg; sons, Robert Woolard of Garwood, Roger Manis of Alvin and William Manis of Florida; sisters, Martha Threlkill and Eva Price of Odessa and Ruby Howard of West Virginia; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 12 at 3 p.m. from Lehrer Memorial Cemetery in Garwood with Chaplain Richard Luhrs officiating. Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



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County Fair Queen Contestants Sought

Contestants are being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Queen Contests to be held at the Columbus High School Auditorium Saturday, Sept. 9.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are eligible to enter the Junior Queen competition and girls from 14 to 21 years of age may enter the Fair Queen competition. All contestants must be single and must be residents of the county or attend school within the county.

To qualify for the pageant, contestants for Junior Queen must sell 20 season passes and Fair Queen contestants must sell 50 Spasses for the 2006 fair.

The Fair Queen contestant who sells the largest dollar amount of season passes will be crowned Membership Queen and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and a life membership in the fair association. The first runner up in season passes sales will receive a \$750 scholarship and the second runner up in sales will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Out-of-town judges will choose the Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen. They will be judged on personality, appearance and poise. The contestant chosen Fair Queen will receive the \$1,000

Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. If the contestant who wins the Membership Queen sales contest is also chosen Fair Queen by the panel of judges, she will receive both awards.

The Fair Queen, Membership Queen and Junior Fair Queen will participate in activities during the 28th annual Colorado County Fair to be held at the Colorado County Ag Complex on the Highway 71 Bypass from Sept. 14-17. They will also represent the fair association by riding the official fair float in area parades throughout the coming year.

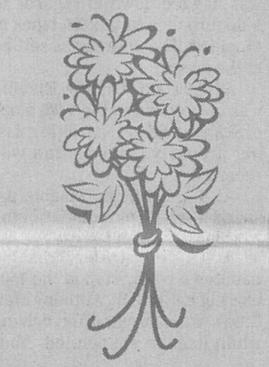
A complete set of rules, entry forms and season passes may be obtained by calling one of the following members of the Queens Contest Committee: Pamela Potter, 979-732-2705; Deborah Hayward, 979-725-8603; and Diane Brunner, 979-234-5671.

The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m., Friday, August 18, no exceptions.



Damyon Lee Torres
Markie Torres and Chellsie Francis of El Campo are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born July 9 at 11:20 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.
Damyon Lee weighed seven pounds, and measured 19 inches at birth.
Maternal grandparents are John and Kim Francis of El Campo.
Paternal grandparents are Mourillo Torres Sr. of El Campo and Raymonda Torres of Edna.

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Gladys Ruth Spates Spann
Gladys Ruth Spates Spann passed away Sunday, July 16.

A wake will be held Friday, July 21 at 7 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Sugar Land.

Funeral services are set for Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Sugar Land.

A full obituary will follow in next week's Headlight.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer
Children in the community are invited to attend Vacation Bible School July 23-27 at First Baptist Church, Sheridan.
Time will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for children pre-school thru sixth grade.
This year's theme will be, "Take The V.B.S. Artic Edge Challenge."
Sympathy is extended to the family of Orbon Haynes who passed away Monday, July 10 in Bridge City. A resident of Sheridan for 14 years, he was 76 years of age. Memorial services were held in Bridge City Wednesday and in Sheridan on Sunday, July 16. He had retired after 32 years working for Southern Pacific Transport. The oldest of 11 children, he is survived by one daughter and one son, seven grandchildren, three sisters and five brothers.

Twenty-two nieces and nephews also survive.

His parents and one brother preceded him in death.

From 1954 until 1964, LeMont Menking was instrumental in teaching and guiding the lives of students at Sheridan High School. As the girl's high school basketball coach, from Sheridan he was the only one to reach state tournament in 1960 with his girls. After leaving the Sheridan School in 1964 he continued in education as principal at North Ave. Elementary School in Gonzales.

Mr. Menking passed away Thursday, July 13. He is survived by his wife Mary, son, Jeff, and two grandchildren, a brother, Warren Lee Menking, and wife, Sonia, of Hallettsville.

Services were held in Gonzales, Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. from First United Methodist Church.

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Sinus headache treatment is directed at unclogging the clogged sinuses and treating the infection. Medicines commonly used to unclog swollen sinuses are called *nasal decongestants*. They come as oral tablets and nasal sprays. Antibiotics may be prescribed, if the infection is believed to be caused by bacteria. Home remedies that are often effective include alternating hot and cold compresses held across the sinuses for 20 to 30 seconds. Steam from a hot shower or from a vaporizer may help open clogged sinuses. Over-the-counter pain reliever medicines such as *acetaminophen* or *ibuprofen* may provide relief as well.

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Bible Verse of The Week

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— Isaiah 65:24:7
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