



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

Monday, November 10th:
Time to take down the flag. I decide. The rain and wind are gusting fiercely around the office building and too much exposure will cause Old Glory to tatter and tear. I had just bought a new flag a couple of weeks ago.

As the rain slowly subsided I stepped out in front of the office and grabbed the ropes that were

now twisted about the flagpole. As I lowered the flag I carefully held the long red, white and blue material to make sure it did not touch the ground.

That is a rule on flag etiquette that was engrained in my mind years ago.

As an American Legion Auxiliary member for 35 years, I have in my possession - somewhere - a

complete guide to flag care and etiquette, which I need to again review, having forgotten most points about flying in inclement weather, after dark, etc.

But I have always strongly remembered the fact that this symbol of our freedom should not touch the ground. Too many men and women have sacrificed so very much for so many years.

And tomorrow is Veterans' Day.

I carefully place the flag in the office to dry and hang it appropriately, field of blue at left top corner. Then I decide to contact some local veterans to discuss their feelings about Veterans' Day.

Judith Jarvis is a retired Army nurse and has some wonderful stories to tell about the 21 years she served with the Reserves during peacetime support of training events.

However, she also traveled and served in Europe and Central America, as well as having had active service in Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

When I spoke with her Monday, she had just returned from decorating local veterans' graves with other representatives of the Eagle Lake American Legion Post. "It feels good to know that someone remembers (those who have served) and that 100 years from now I will still be remembered." Of special note to her is a very old grave at Lakeside Cemetery, which they recognize each year - on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day - with a small flag, for the veteran buried there many years ago. "It means something,"

she quietly says.

Henry Kretzschmar can tell you a lot about what it means to have served one's country. This past year he returned with his family to visit the battlefields where he fought in Europe 64 years ago.

On a tour with 35 veterans and their families, he met with four other men who, like him, had fought at the Battle of the Bulge. It is there, after landing on Omaha Beach, that he earned a Purple Heart for his service.

But he is quick, like so many veterans, to express that "the real heroes are those who sacrificed their lives." He was 29 years old at that time, significantly older than the many 18 and 19-year-old boys who were fighting that war with him. He remembers the very young men who died in battle.

Mr. Kretzschmar told me it meant a lot to him to return years later and share that visit and many memories with his wife and children, though everything seemed "a lot different after so many years". He enjoyed talking with the other veterans on the trip, though he did not know any personally. Of particular meaning was their visit to General Patton's grave in Luxembourg City, where the general is buried to face the more than 5,000 of his fallen troops who are also buried there.

Had he ever met General Patton? "Oh, yes," said Mr. Kretzschmar, "and he was a regular person who talked with us just plain and simple like we're talking now." At that foreign site where so many American servicemen are buried, the American flags proudly wave there also in the passing winds and the National Anthem is played intermittently. And, says Mr. Kretzschmar, all those visitors stop upon hearing the familiar music and stand in quiet respect and attention, honoring those veterans who had not returned home.

Tuesday, November 11:

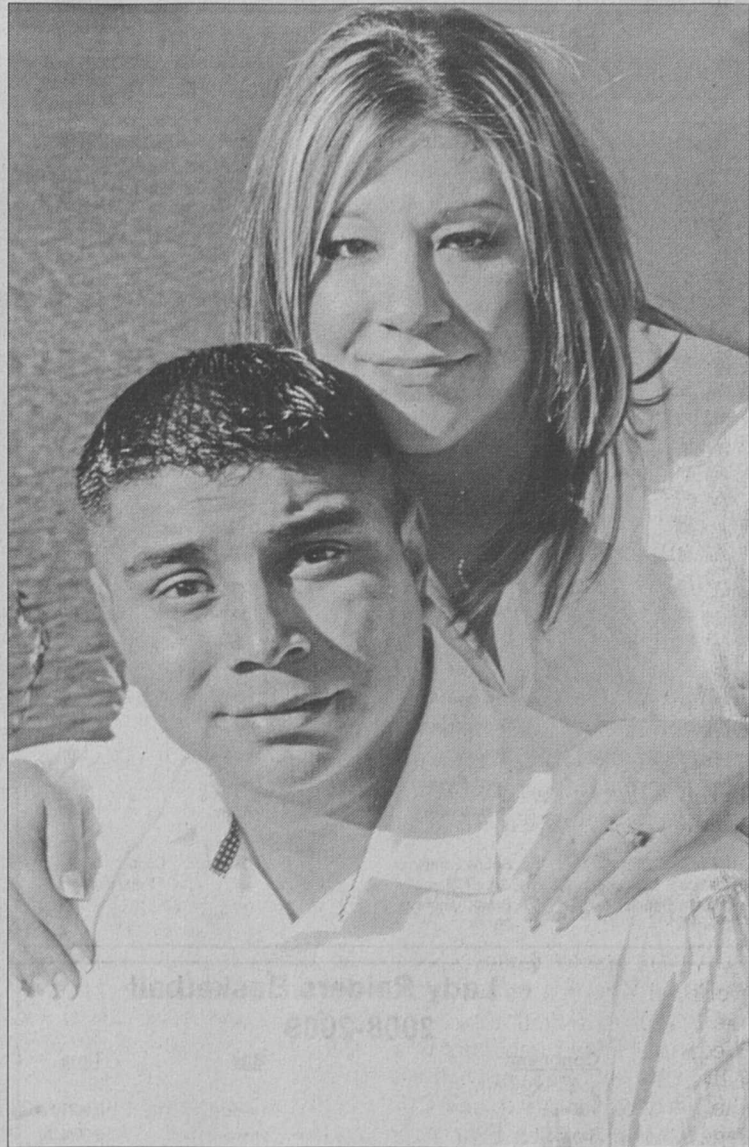
It's Veterans' Day and the sun is shining brilliantly as I carefully attach the flag to the hooks that will carry it to the top of the flagpole. A wind, much lighter than yesterday, unfurls it in equally brilliant splendor. Today, to honor and remember our veterans. And to especially remember, as Mr. Kretzschmar so humbly stated, the heroes who did not return home.

"It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise.

We see them as something like the founding fathers, grave and gray-haired. But most of them were boys when they died. They gave up two lives: the one they were living and the one they would have lived.

When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for their country, for us.

All we can do is remember."
-- President Ronald Reagan, November 11, 1985 at Arlington National Cemetery



Sosa, Mancha Engaged

Rose Sosa and Rocky Mancha of Columbus would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Diane Rodriguez and the late Richard Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.

The groom is the son of Juan and Marcella Mancha of Columbus.

Rose is a 2000 graduate of Rice High School and is currently employed at Wal-Mart Distribution Center as a payroll clerk.

Rocky is a 2000 graduate of Columbus High School and is employed at LeHigh-Hanson as a scales operator. He is also currently attending Blinn College majoring in Business Management.

The couple will exchange vows on December 6 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus.

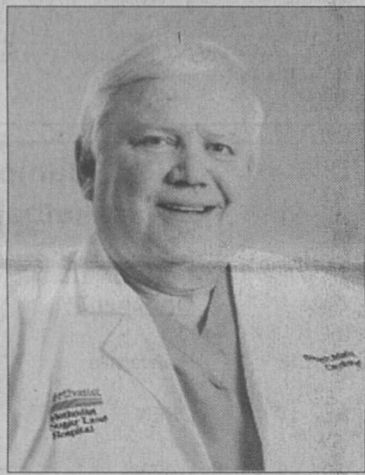
Dr. Mahoney Receives Humanitarian Award

The 10th annual Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids on Friday, Nov. 7, honored the first Ferris Humanitarian Award recipient Dr. Ron Mahoney.

Dr. Mahoney was honored by Ferris for his outstanding contributions of service during the war in Vietnam as an artillery battalion surgeon and village doctor, as well as his current outreach activities in the rural cardiac clinics he established to serve low-income patients in the outlying communities of Houston, including Eagle Lake.

Having grown up in the small Michigan town of Standish, Dr. Mahoney didn't know what path his life would take. He remembers working at a very young age to help his parents. From selling cans of Cloverine brand salve to peddling the Grit, he understood early that he needed an education to make something of himself. He graduated from Ferris in 1959 with a degree in pharmacy and continued on to Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, obtaining his medical degree in 1963.

Dr. Mahoney is currently the director of cardiology at Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. In addition, he has spent many years and dollars of his own establishing outreach clinics in rural communities, such as Eagle Lake, for patients who aren't able to travel to the city for specialized heart care. He'll treat 15 to 20 patients when he's there each week, who often



Dr. Ron Mahoney

can't pay for their medical care. They've given him baked goods and fresh grown vegetables to show their appreciation for what he does for them and for their community. It's the kind of small-town medicine he lives for.

Established in 1991 to respond to the University's need for a long-range fundraising program, The Ferris Foundation has grown over the last 17 years to include managing more than \$35 million.

"Since the University was founded by Woodbridge N. Ferris nearly 125 years ago, its mission has been about providing opportunities for students," said Foundation Chair-Elect Dick Shaw. "Through your generosity and the work of the Foundation, the dream of an education becomes a reality for current and future Ferris State University students."

County Commissioners

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mittee to screen applicants for the county Emergency Medical Services Director. Chuck Rogers had been working in that position, but submitted his resignation, effective at the end of December.

The committee will consist of Commissioners Darrell Gertson, Doug Wessels; Dr. Don Campbell, the EMS medical director, and representatives of the hospitals in Weimar and Eagle Lake.

Rogers will continue to work as the county's emergency management director.

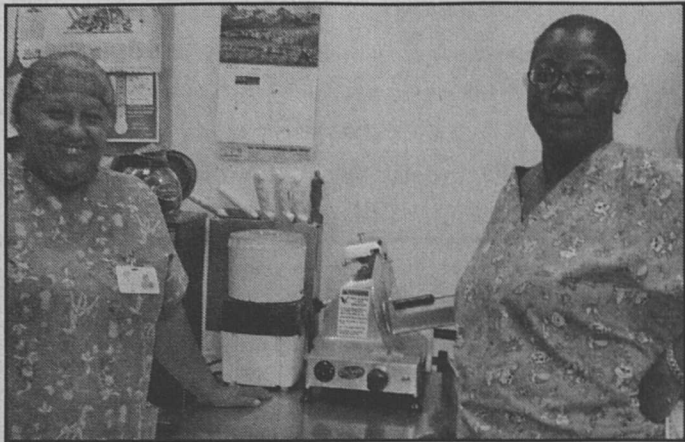
--Agreed to change the Medicare supplement plan for retirees. Retirees pay the entire cost if they choose to participate.

--Authorized construction of a replacement bridge on McCormick Road in Precinct 4 under an emergency status to exempt the county from the requirement of obtaining bids. Commissioner Darrell Gertson said he was just notified by the state that the bridge needed to be replaced. He said about 70 percent of the traffic over the bridge goes to rice dryers.

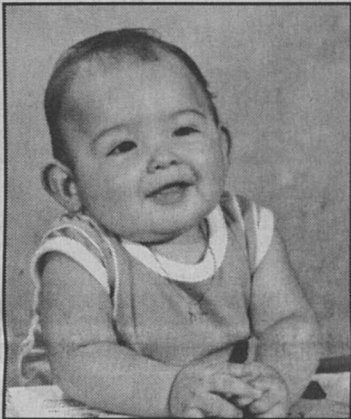
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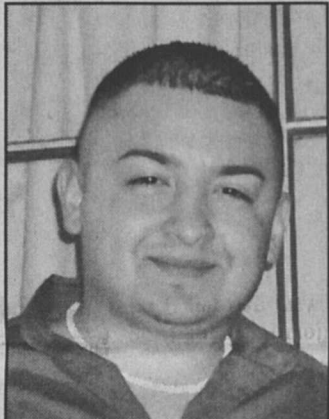
Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers purchased new dietary equipment to enhance food preparation for patients and the general public. RMC continues to offer to the public modified diets and regular meals for breakfast and lunch. for further information regarding meals, contact Latanya Black at 979-234-5571 ext 5214.



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