



# Plain Brown Rapper



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News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

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## Good Old Fashioned Politics ???

If we told Charles once, we told him a thousand times not to argue politics with Anna! But would he listen? Oh, No!!!! Now look what's happening to him. Just look at the pickle he's in. As everyone knows, Charles is running for County Commissioner in El Paso County, Colorado (Colorado Springs). He runs under the alias "Chuck" Brown and up until now, he has run with a free rein and wins by a landslide every time.

Enter the new breed of resident in El Paso County and we have a whole new ball game. There are at least 155 different Religious Organizations located there and a full blown branch of the Montana Freemen and the Idaho Militia. These residents don't look kindly on "Chuck" making them clean up their back yards and stop placing their "outhouses" over the creek. Their target ranges have always been within 50' of the road and falling down trailers are a way of life. Needless to say, these upstanding citizens all joined the Republican Party so they could run their own candidate and get rid of this pesky Commissioner, Chuck Brown.

There is another twist to this story. A female Commissioner, who I won't name, is the Commissioner from this beautiful area East of Colorado Springs and she swears she isn't threatening the zoning officer when she says the residents are stockpiling guns and ammo in the good old style of the wild west justice, the lynch mob.

Chuck decided to put his name on the ballot through the petition process and gathered more names than he needed, but the County Clerk decided he used petitioners who were not from his district to gather names and so any petitions they collected were invalid.

Next process is the court. The Judge said Chuck was right and could be on the ballot. The County Clerk has appealed and now, only God (and perhaps Anna) knows how this will come out. His name will be on the August 8<sup>th</sup> ballot but whether the vote will count is up in the air. They are going to a lot of trouble to get rid of the thorn in their side.

Chuck in the meantime left town on the pretext of seeing his Grandson, Ryan (Cindy's son) graduate from High School and visit his son Ken and his family. Likely story.

If you want to keep current on this continuing saga, visit the Colorado Springs newspaper site on the internet. It is: [www.Gazette.com](http://www.Gazette.com).

Just a little background on this man. Chuck is the 11<sup>th</sup> child of Tandy and Grace Brown. Gives a whole new meaning to being a "Middle Child." He joined the Marine Corps in April of 1945, in fact, Nancy went across the stage to get his diploma because like many other young men at the time, Chuck had already left for boot camp. World War II ended and he served in China. At the end of his enlistment, Chuck took advantage of the GI Bill and attended Colorado A & M (now Colorado State University). After getting his degree in Engineering, he took his family to Colorado Springs where he remains to this day.

If you meet anyone who has been involved in bringing Colorado Springs from the "Cow Town" to its present Metropolis, they will tell you the success has been due to the hard work and dedication of Chuck Brown. His love of the city and ability to foresee the future has been largely responsible for its success. He helped to bring the Air Force Academy into the area and is responsible for many other positive results. He has worked, loved, and believed in his city.



## Jerry Shriver Keslar sends along this very important message

### *Jeremiah was a Bullfrog . . .*

No, this is not about a rock and roll song, but a story about our grandson Jeremiah Lynn Keslar, a little boy with lots of heart and a big smile. On July 8, 1999, Jeremiah came into the world singing his lungs out. As the days went by, he did not accept his mother's milk and was not gaining weight. After many tests, the Children's Hospital in Denver confirmed the diagnosis we did not want to hear. Jeremiah has Cystic Fibrosis. His first year has been filled with continued visits to doctors in Cheyenne, antibiotics, special foods, enzymes for digestion, and visits every four to six weeks at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at Children's Hospital in Denver. At seven months, a sinus infection nearly caused the loss of his left eye, but caring and expert doctors brought him through. He soon will be one year old and is doing very well. We all agree that the tender loving care he receives from his mother, Shannon; father, Jared; and his favorite sister, Brenna, is giving him the strength to beat the life expectancy of most CF patients.

### **Cystic Fibrosis**

CF is a genetic disease affecting 30,000 children and adults in the United States. A defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus. This abnormal mucus leads to chronic and life-threatening lung infection and impairs digestion. Currently, there is no cure.

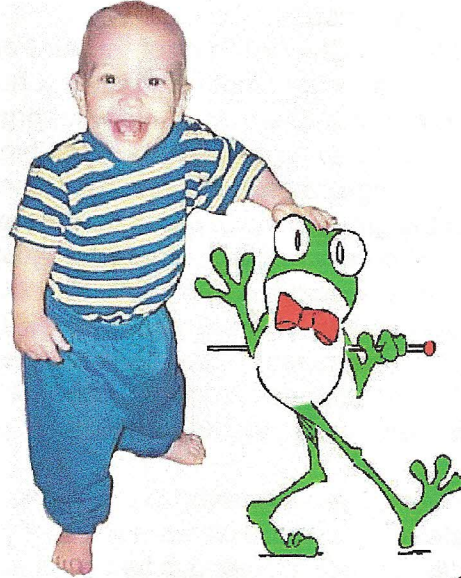
### **Great Strides Cheyenne**

On August 26, 2000, a walk-a-thon called Great Strides Cheyenne will take place at Lions Park, to raise funds for life saving research toward a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Shannon is forming a team called Jeremiah's Bullfrogs, consisting of family, friends, and co-workers, to walk for the cure. We are aware most of the family cannot join us in Cheyenne for the six-mile walk, but if any want to donate to the cause and walk-a-thon, please send your donations payable to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, c/o Jerry Keslar, 3605 Burke Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82009, by August 15, 2000.

**Thank you for listening to our story . . . we hope it is a long and happy one.**

I'm sure all of you know, Jeremiah is Leah and Willis' Great Grandson and we hope Jerry, Rick, Shannon and Jared know we are keeping them and Jeremiah in our hearts and prayers as they go through this trying time. Lets all get together and send Jerry a \$5.00 bill. In this family it can add up to a lot of money. Hopefully they can find a cure for this and many other diseases.

# Jeremiah's



# Bullfrogs

## A Wonderful Memory

Living in the Washington, D. C. area has left some indelible memories in my mind. Watching the PBS broadcast of the National Symphony Orchestra over the Memorial Day weekend brought back many of them. One of the most vivid is my time as a volunteer with Army Ladies of Arlington. We lived for several years on the Army Installation called Fort Myer. The Post is on the West edge of Arlington Cemetery and on the other side is the Pentagon. Bob worked for several years at the Pentagon and he could walk to work, some 2 miles away either through the cemetery or through the Navy Complex. We spent many hours in the cemetery reading headstones or just enjoying the area. Many services were conducted there and we watched President Reagan on several occasions when he spoke at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Services. We came to love it as many people in this great country have.

In 1948, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force had an occasion to pass through Arlington and witnessed a soldier's funeral, a lonely sight with only the honor guard and chaplain in attendance. He decided this should never happen and with the help of his wife, organized what was to become the "Air Force Ladies of Arlington." Shortly after, the Army organized the same type of group and they are "The Army Ladies of Arlington."

This is a highly honored group of some 60 ladies who worked in teams of two. It was a privilege to be invited to join the group. I'm not sure how I received my invitation however I did and soon I was among the team of 60 wives who served. We usually had just one day a month and our job was to attend the funeral of any person who had served our country. We did not attend the funeral of spouses or children of the military member. We were given an escort, a member of the "Third Infantry Honor Guard" and went along with the Chaplain to the grave sight. At the end of the service, after the Chaplain had presented the flag, we presented the family with a card of condolence from the Chief of Staff of the Army, all military family's and the Army Ladies of Arlington. If there wasn't any family in attendance, we sent the card to the nearest living relative along with a brief letter.

For nearly 6 years I served in this capacity, under three Chief's of Staff of the Army. I have all their thank you certificates and every year we were invited to a luncheon served in Quarters One on Fort Myer. We also received other invitations to various functions and were always taken in a bus and given Military Escorts. Bob's dress blues got a work out while we were there. We got to meet many VIP's one of whom was General Colin Powell (he was a Colonel at the time) and his lovely wife. They were terrific. Bob worked for General Schwartzkopf, of "Desert Storm" fame, a man who didn't take lightly anyone who didn't know how to do his job. Bob always laughed that when the General walked down the hall even the pictures stood at attention. Bob liked him a lot and worked with him for about 9 months before the General was shipped off to command an Army Division and then the Southern Command. I didn't get to meet him personally, but it was fun to say he was Bob's boss.

Each year the Arlington Ladies are asked to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown and on October 19, 1985, the honor was mine. This was just 2 ½ months after our son, Bob, Jr. lost his life when he was trying to rescue a family from the flash flood which occurred in Cheyenne on July 31, 1985. I'm sure this is why I was given this honor for we had just buried him in Arlington on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Whatever the reason, it was my honor and privilege. This memory will always be tucked away in my heart and every time I see the ceremony on TV or in person, I will remember my day. Bless the Army photographer, he gave me about 20, 8 X 10 color photos of my day and I have them tucked in an album. Just for fun, I have added one of them in this addition to share with you. Hope you enjoy, it was one of the most moving experiences I'll ever have.

It was a very serious moment, thus the serious look on my face. No smiles at this ceremony.



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