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Johnson served as FDR's butler, argued key federal case

Kerrville man was Army officer, fought in 2 wars.

By JOHN MACCORMACK
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Rufus Johnson, whose wealth of life experience ranged from serving soup to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the White House to arguing a key case before the California Supreme Court, died Sunday at 96 in Kerrville.

Army and serving in Italy during World War II.

"I have two outstanding characteristics," he told a reporter for the Kerrville Times last year.

"I spilled soup on a president and didn't get fired, and I kicked a general in the rear and didn't get court-martialed."

Johnson also served in the Korean War, where he was the second African American to become a commissioned officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps.

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RUFUS JOHNSON

After retiring from the Army with honors as a lieutenant colonel in 1971, Johnson practiced law in Arkansas, California and Washington, D.C. He is best known for winning a case that won American Indians the right to use peyote.

On his 95th birthday last year, the Texas Senate honored him with a special tribute.

He is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Smith of Kerrville, and her children.

A memorial service will be today at 4 p.m. at the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg with full military honors.

Interment at a later date will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Retired Army Lt. Col. Rufus Johnson was the second African American to become a commissioned officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps.

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James and Dion Kruczek, who served together for a year as musicians in the 1st Infantry Division in Iraq, are now stationed at Fort Sam Houston. They're teaching music to their children, Alex, 7, and Danielle, 9.

Couple use their music to cheer troops

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Band assigned to Fort Sam Houston. The band has gigs throughout the year, and members often volunteer to play for wounded comrades and soldiers returning from the war.

"I just think that could be me there," Dion Kruczek, 41, said in a recent interview. "I want to contribute any small way I can. As a fellow soldier, I don't want them to feel forgotten."

The couple know how it feels to rumble down strange roads in a convoy. They've felt their stomachs curl when mortar rounds hit 25 feet from their shadows. They know the pain of longing for their children and loved ones thousands of miles away.

Each time they've performed for burn victims and wounded soldiers at the Powless Guest House and at off-post functions, their yearlong deployment to Iraq that started in early 2004 pushes back.

The Kruczek, both of whom hold the rank of sergeant first class, were deployed together to Iraq in February of that year. They served with the 1st Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit until February 2005 and were among more than 84,000 couples serving in the military, according to an estimate published on out.com's U.S. military page.

The couple share more than a love of the military. The classically trained Dion is a multi-instrumentalist

"We've never been away from them that long. I have never actually been so sad before."

DANIELLE KRUCZEK
9-year-old daughter of Army couple

James have played together in Army bands for 16 years, performing everything from marching tunes and patriotic songs to rock 'n' roll.

Together, they follow a long military tradition of musicians entertaining in the war zones to raise troop morale. The practice dates back to the fife and drum corps performance at a celebration for Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys after the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775.

For the first five months of their yearlong deployment, the couple rode in the back of half-ton trucks on eight-hour trips to stark locales. Later they traveled by air, swooping in to sites on separate helicopters. If one crashed, both wouldn't be lost.

The couple practiced every spare moment of every day — discipline kept their nerves from becoming frazzled about their children and each other's safety.

When they returned to their quarters every night, inside one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, they flipped on their computer-connected camera and spoke to their children, who were staying with their grandmother and a nanny in Germany.

Their 5-year-old daughter, Da-

nelle looked forward to visiting them online once a week; her 3-year-old brother Alex didn't quite understand the situation, or their absence.

"It was hard for us," daughter Danielle, now 9, said recently. "We've never been away from them that long. I have never actually been so sad before."

Dion felt the same longing. She wrote a song called "Silver Moon" that speaks to how much she missed her children. She no longer sings that lullaby, as the notes dredge up painful memories.

"If they had been infants or toddlers, they wouldn't have known what was going on," said James, 40. "But it was a tough age for them, they learned to go potty and ride a bike. That's stuff we missed and we can't get back."

Two years have passed since they returned home, and still they're performing to help fellow soldiers through the healing process.

Mary Virginia Pittman-Waller enlisted the couple's MEDCOM show band to play at her Welcome Home Wounded Warrior Initiative events around San Antonio.

"We have a mutual interest in how music is helpful in the heal-

ing process," Pittman-Waller said. "They're a big part of my mission."

Before they perform, the couple sit and talk with military members, listening to stories of war and common ties.

Then comes time to play. Time to give the one thing that soothes souls and settles the blues.

"Music is what we can give as a gift," Dion said. "This lets them know you're really important."

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TEMPLETON

Long time resident of San Antonio, Cleo Edwenna (Estes) Templeton age 86 passed away June 30, 2007. She was born March 23, 1921 in Roswell, NM. She was preceded in death by her husband Lt. Col. James R. Templeton; parents Legrand Ennis Estes and Louella (Younger) Estes; sister Dorothy Neher, Fresno, CA and sister Marjorie McMurray, Peachtree, GA. She is survived by her sister Flore Mae Adams, Colorado Springs, CO and numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and one great-grand nephew. She was a member of the Eastern Star, San Antonio Boxer Club, Military Widows Organization and Retired Officer's Club, Diplomat Club, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, and St. George Episcopal Church. Memorial Services for Cleo Templeton will be held at the Wedgewood Apartments Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 4:00 PM and interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston on Friday, July 6, 2007 at 10:15 AM.



SHERBERT

Victoria K. Sherbert (Vicki) born February 26, 1949 peacefully went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2007 at the age of 58. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 20 years, S.A.P.D. Lt. Roy T. Sherbert. She was survived by her loving daughter, Kristy King and husband, Al; grandson, Seth; sister, Linda Tudyk; brother, Michael Loebig and wife Sally; foster parents, Dorothy and Ed Fortmann; numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Prior to becoming sick she was an active member of her church as well as Girl Scouts of America. With her gift of creativity she always enjoyed working on her crafts and she had a great love for the beach. Her greatest passion however, was people. She gave her whole heart to everyone she knew and never wanted anything in return. She will be fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. Visitation will be Thursday, July 5, 6:00 to 8:30 P.M., at Mission Alamo Funeral Home with a Holy Rosary at 7:00 P.M. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, July 6, 2007, 10:00 A.M. at the funeral home with interment following at San Jose Burial Park. The family wishes for memorial donations to be made to the Arthritis Foundation, ATTN: Web Donation Department, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077 or <http://www.arthritis.org>. Alamo Funeral Home.

VIDALES

Adolfo Molina Vidales age 47 went to be with the Lord June 29, 2007. He is survived by wife, Sylvia Vidales, daughter, Amy N. Vidales, son, Adolfo Vidales Jr. Father: Rudolfo Vidales, sister: Norma Garcia, brother: Fernando Vidales. Visitation will begin Thursday at 1:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at the Delgado Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Procession will depart Friday at 10:00 AM for 10:30 Graveside Service at Meadowlawn Memorial Park. Delgado Funeral Home.

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Former Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

The Air Force Real Property Agency invites you to attend the next Kelly RAB meeting

Tuesday July 17, 2007 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Begins 8:00 p.m. - Public Comment Period

Port Authority of San Antonio - Main Boardroom 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite #6, San Antonio, TX 78226

(The meeting was originally scheduled for 10 July 2007. The RAB generally meets quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday in Jan., Apr., Jul. and Oct.)

A variety of issues concerning the cleanup at the former Kelly Air Force Base will be discussed.

Call the Kelly Public Information Line at (210) 925-0956 for more information.

If Spanish translation or sign language interpretation is needed, call (210) 925-0956 at least two days in advance. (Si usted necesita un traductor de español, por favor llame al (210) 925-0956 con no menos de dos días de antelación)

School Board candidates for SAISD District 7 Invited to Apply

Qualified residents of SAISD District 7 interested in serving as Trustee should submit a letter of interest and resumé by Wednesday, July 11 to fill an unexpired term that runs until May 2008. Letters should be addressed to "District 7 Vacancy" at 141 Lavaca, 78210. Letters must be postmarked by midnight July 11 or hand delivered that day by 4:30 p.m.

In addition to submitting documents in writing, please contact SAISD attorney Jennifer Hall at 225-0001 to express interest and ensure your packet has been received. Candidates will be interviewed by School Board members on Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

A qualified resident:

- Must be 18 years or older, a registered voter and U.S. citizen
- Has lived in Texas for at least one year and in District 7 for at least six months
- Has not been finally convicted of a felony
- Has not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court

Other qualifications can be found in the Election Code 141.001

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Mirasol Task Force's efforts to fix problems progressing

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keeping the task force focused on its mission. Though sticking to their agenda, members also united in showing compassion to residents whose lives have been devastated in recent months.

On Tuesday, they heard resident Sara Olivares' tearful story of getting an eviction notice because she refused to allow repair work to continue until she could see that the mold was remediated.

Ed Ocampo told how he abandoned his furniture and personal belongings because they had become contaminated. He asked that SAHA destroy them rather than let them go to another fam-

ily that might get sick from them. Task force members, under Hartman's leadership, worked out a plan that would allow Olivares to view the remediation work, allow repairs to continue and not be evicted.

The Mirasol Homes are part of a federal housing project that includes \$21 million for 246 homes in five West Side locations. Complaints about foundation work surfaced in December, and were soon followed by concerns that mold or other contaminants in the houses were making residents' children sick.

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En el Consulado General de México en San Antonio se efectuó la toma de posesión de la nueva mesa directiva de la Federación de Comunidades Mexicanas. De izq. a der. aparecen Thomas Díaz, tesorero; Adolfo Rodríguez, secretario; Angelina Pliego, vice presidenta y Mary Lou Reza, presidenta. (Foto por Roberto J. Pérez)

Nueva directiva de Federación de Comunidades Mexicanas

Por Roberto Pérez Jara

En una ceremonia efectuada el viernes 29 de junio en el Consulado General de México, la nueva directiva de la Federación de Comunidades Mexicanas en San Antonio (FCMSA), con Mary Lou Reza como presidenta, tomó posesión de su cargo, ante la presencia de la embajadora Martha I. Lara, cónsul general de México en esta ciudad.

Al evento asistieron representantes de los clubes y asociaciones que integran la Federación para presenciar la toma de posesión de los directivos Angelina Pliego, vicepresidenta; Adolfo Rodríguez, secretario; Thomas Díaz, tesorero, así como las vocales Maricela Mares y María Galván.

Al respecto de las actividades para el año administrativo que inicia, Mary Lou Reza expresó que el principal punto de una activa agenda es promover la unidad entre todos

los clubes y asociaciones que están agrupados en torno a FCMSA, ya sea con membresía oficial u honoraria, a fin de que la actividades conjuntas tengan éxito y las actividades independientes reciban el apoyo del resto de los grupos afiliados.

La transición está programada para efectuarse el fin de semana con la administración saliente que preside Elida Milland, quien en conversación con este semanario dijo que "todo está en orden y el ambiente que priva en la Federación presupone una continuación armónica entre todos sus integrantes y ambiente propicio para el ejercicio de los nuevos directivos".

Los clubes afiliados oficialmente son: ADEMESA, Alianza por Amistad, Grupo Guanajuato, Casa Guanajuato, Unión Coahuila y Grupo Jalisco.

Entre los grupos no afiliados administrativamente a la Federación de Comunidades son Latinos en

Acción y Alianza Latino Americana, entre otros.

La Junta Asesora de Restauración (RAB, por sus siglas en inglés) de la Base Aérea Kelly

La Fuerza Aérea le invita a asistir a la próxima junta de la RAB. Se discutirán una variedad de temas acerca del programa ambiental de Kelly.

martes
17 de julio del 2007
6:30 p.m. - Inicio de Junta
8:00 p.m. - Período de Comentario Público
Port Authority de San Antonio - Sala de Reunión
143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite #6
San Antonio, TX 78226
(Esta junta estaba originalmente programada para el 10 de julio del 2007.)

La Junta Asesora normalmente se reúne en el segundo martes de enero, abril, julio, y octubre.)
Para más información, favor de llamar a la Línea de Información Pública de Kelly al (210) 925-0956.

Si usted necesitará un traductor de español o un intérprete de lenguaje de señas, por favor llame al (210) 925-0956 con no menos de dos días de antelación.

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Ante la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ), City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) ha solicitado el Permiso Estatal de Calidad del Aire Núm. 81903 y el Permiso de Prevención de Deterioro Significativo (PSD) de Calidad del Aire Núm. 1095, que autorizarían la construcción de cuatro Turbinas de Combustión de Ciclo Único en la Termoeléctrica V. H. Braunig, situada en 15290 Streich Road, Elmendorf, Condado de Bexar, Texas. En la sección de avisos públicos de este periódico puede encontrar información adicional sobre esta solicitud.

Cell Phones... (continued from page 1-A)

Berquist, two teenagers from Massachusetts. Since the teens came up with the idea they have collected thousands of phones and raised more than a million dollars to purchase over 75,000 calling cards for military families.

The Berquists contacted the AT&T corp., which decided to get involved by creating drop-off sites for those wishing to recycle their wireless phones. AT&T stores in 1,800 locations will take part in the event, including fifteen stores in the San Antonio area. In addition AT&T has donated over 30,000 prepaid phone cards to soldiers and recently announced the donation of another 10,000. AT&T has also constructed call-

ing centers in several Middle East locations to help connect military families.

Chris Penrose, group vice president and general manager of AT&T, explained that the company is enthusiastic to be a part of this program.

"We saw this idea and we got excited because we have so many stores that upgrade so many people's phones all the time and now we get a chance to recycle phones and also help our armed forces out," said Penrose.

For those like the Sheridan family, the efforts of Cell Phones for Soldiers and AT&T mean a great deal. According to Sheridan, she has remained at home

with the children throughout her husband's deployment. The family separation has been difficult she explained. Although they are able to keep in touch through e-mail, it means a lot to hear his voice and for the kids to talk to their father. "I just want the children to remember what their daddy is like while he is away," Sheridan said.

AT&T encourages anyone planning on getting a new phone to make sure to recycle their old one. In addition to drop-off sites at AT&T stores, more places to donate and additional information about the program can be found by accessing www.cell-phonesforsoldiers.com.

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A Child's unexpected turn of events, a call for help

Here is a story about a 7 year-old boy named Maurice. He is now permanently disabled resulting from a flu shot. The boy's mother, Michelle Mouille, said he began running a high fever the evening of the day the flu shot was administered. Two days later, he had to be rushed to the hospital due to constant seizures. There, doctors discovered out of control swelling of his brain.

Maurice was on life support for about 40 days and 40 nights until he was released, but now suffers from numerous other problems. He suffers from epilepsy, cannot talk anymore and has to have his food puréed in a blender since he can no longer chew. Fortunately, he can still hear and comprehend what others are saying to him

The Mouille Family asked La Prensa to report on the unfortunate turn of events they have endured with Maurice to make other parents aware of questions they should think about asking their doctors before having flu shots administered to their children.

In addition, they would like the public to know that a fundraiser in support of Maurice's recovery and medical bills will be held on July 14 at the Bucket Brigade BBQ Restaurant (18770 FM 2252 - just two miles north of Rolling Oaks Mall) from 11 a.m. to midnight. There will be all types of activities throughout the day for kids including moon bounces, a petting zoo, clowns, raffles, a magic show and dunking tanks, as well as a BBQ plate sale.

Furthermore, anyone interested in helping the Mouille Family can forward monetary donations to the following address:

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