



**SHERIFF'S CORNER**  
 KINNEY  
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 by Sheriff Norman Hooten

A philosopher once said, "In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that worships him and a cat that will ignore him."  
 This gentle reminder of the fallibility of man applies particularly to elected public officials in that we serve at the pleasure of the PEOPLE. The people elect us to serve them, not our inflated egos and misguided visions of grandeur linked with the mistaken belief that we know better than the people what they need and want. Nor do the people elect us to set up our own little dictatorships to benefit a select few at the expense of the majority. As the people vote us into office, they can also vote us out of office. And, when the majority of the people realize that an elected official is not representing the will of the majority of the people and is not performing his or her job in the best interest of the majority of the people, then the PEOPLE vote that official out of office. This process is what keeps democratic America strong.  
 The recent Democratic Primary Election demonstrated the will and desire of the PEOPLE as shown by their votes, therefore it is regrettable that a couple of local officials that were soundly defeated at the polls are so incensed by their defeat that they are like blind rattlesnakes, striking out in all directions. They have arrogantly made threats of political and personal retribution and revenge directed against not only those who defeated them, but the supporters of

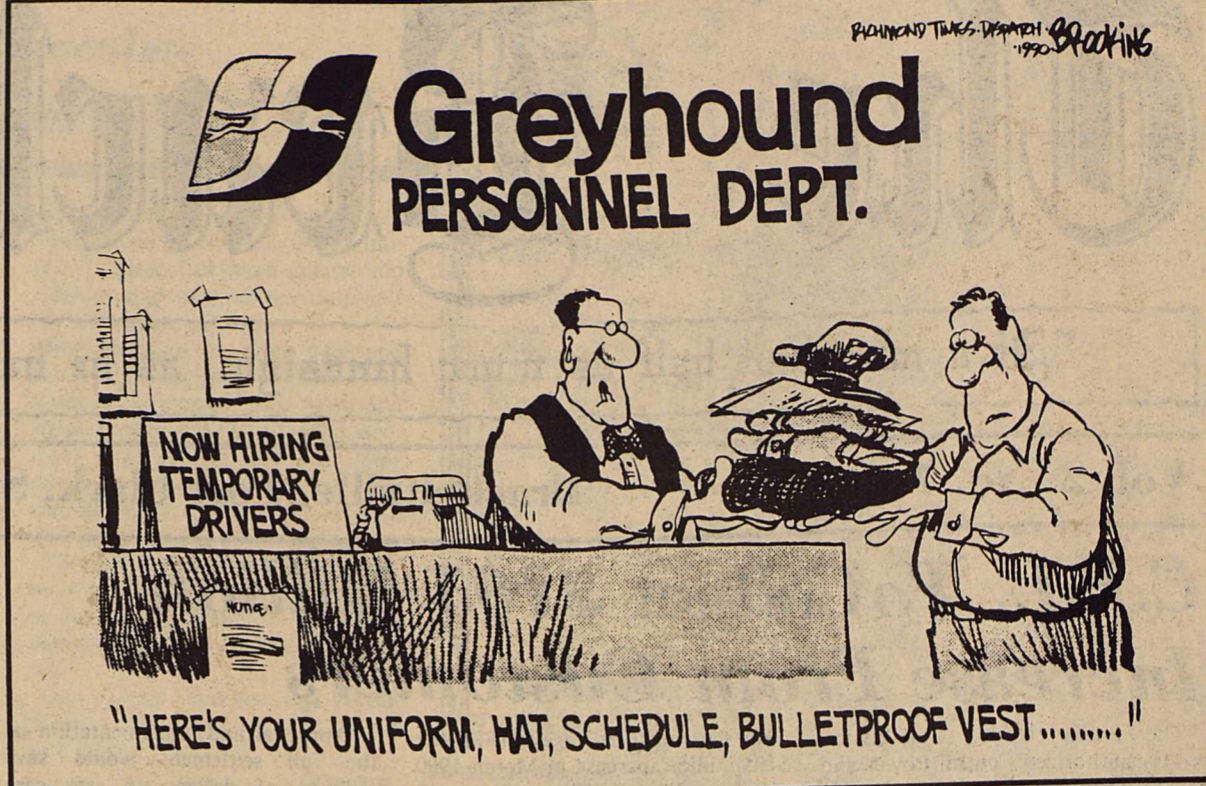
their opponents, and in some cases even those "who didn't help me enough." By their actions and statements they are only confirming that which the people already suspected, and that is that they do not respect the will of the people they are supposed to be serving.  
 This is still the United States of America, and we still have the right to support and vote for the candidates of our choice. And Thank God we have citizens, taxpayers, and voters in this county who have the courage and the strength of their convictions to support and vote for the candidates of their choice for public office in spite of attempts at intimidation, threats, and false statements of arrogant tyrants "who would be kings!" It is exactly that attitude that got those folks beat at the polls in the first place and hopefully will keep them out of office in the future. We need honest, compassionate public servants who desire to serve the PEOPLE, and not those who seek public office to satisfy their selfish desires of inflated egos and personal gain.  
 It has been said, with great truth, that "the true measure of one's character comes not in victory, but in defeat." Anyone can be a good winner, for it is in the agony of defeat that one must reach way down inside and call upon the strength, honor, and integrity of one's inner self in order to carry on with honor and dignity. If there is no inner character of honor, strength, and

integrity on which to draw upon in times of adversity, then one has nothing left to feed upon but the bitter grapes of wrath and the sour seeds of discontent.  
 Any public official that is defeated at the polls by the voice of the people as demonstrated by their votes has no one to blame for that defeat but his or her own self. Threats of retribution and personal and political revenge satisfies only the misguided and inflated egos of the one's making them and only serves to strengthen the will of the people against them, and in fact will serve to alienate some who might have been their supporters.  
 All the public officials, and especially elected officials, should have a dog, AND A CAT! THAT'S ALL!

**Texas Promotes Cleaner America**

Now that the Lone Star State has cleaned up its act, it's issuing a Texas-sized challenge to the rest of the nation.  
 The state takes its successful "Great Texas Trash-Off" a giant step further with the "Great American Trash-off" March 31. The event, promoted by the highway department, encourages Americans to get out that spring day to pick up litter with their Adopt-a-Highway, Adopt-a-Beach, and local Keep America Beautiful organizations across the country.  
 "We're excited about the potential impact this could have on antilitter efforts nationwide," said J. Don Clark, director of the highway department's Travel and Information Division. "Imagine first the visual effect of hundreds of thousands of volunteers out cleaning roadways that day.  
 "Then think of the tremendous gains in changed attitudes and the long-range benefits to the environment. The public interest will be well served by an undertaking of this nature."  
 Last year, Adopt-a-Highway groups throughout the state collected 1.2 million gallons of roadside trash during the Great Texas Trash-Off. The annual cleanup is part of the highway department's antilitter efforts which, through the "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign and the Adopt-a-Highway program, have reduced visible roadside litter by 64 percent in just five years.  
 The Adopt-a-Highway program, started in Texas in 1985, has served as a model for 40 other states. Thirty-two states are following Texas' lead with programs of their own and eight others are planning them.

**Greyhound PERSONNEL DEPT.**



"HERE'S YOUR UNIFORM, HAT, SCHEDULE, BULLETPROOF VEST ....."

**BETWEEN US**  
 BY JOE TOWNSEND

There is an organization in our community that is little known but which serves a useful cause. The Ministerial Alliance is composed of all pastors of local churches. The alliance sponsors a community Thanksgiving Service at which time a free will offering is taken. This money is for a single purpose. This is the only organization which assists transients who come through town and need help. Any transient in need can contact any pastor and he can give assistance. This week three men came into town. They had left Oregon on their way to San Antonio. Two of them had jobs waiting for them. They "rode the rods." When they arrived in Del Rio the Border Patrol checking the train for aliens called the "bull" and they were put

off the train and pointed toward the highway. They then walked from Del Rio to Brackettville. They carried bed rolls and personal effects. When they reached Brackettville the day was well spent and they needed some place to spend the night. They were pointed to Roland Cole, pastor of the United Methodist Church. He contacted Jewel Robinson who contacted me and asked what she could do. I went to Slater Hall and picked the men up. I told them since they had bed rolls, they could spend the night in the Fellowship Hall at Frontier Baptist Church. This pleased them so I took them to the church. They had not eaten all day, it was late but I took them to Ora's. I asked her to feed them and I'd pay her the next day. She was glad to do it. She fed

the men and they returned to the church where they spent the night. The next morning I picked them up and took them to the bus stop where I bought them bus tickets to San Antonio. I went to Ora's to pay her. She refused to take the money saying, "I'm not going to let anyone go hungry." These men left Brackett with high praise for our city. One said, "I'd never heard of Brackettville before yesterday but I'll never forget this town!" This action was possible because of the Ministerial Alliance supported by contributions of the people of Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs, and Kinney County. The Ministerial Alliance while serving this need is grateful for the support of the community.

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**Head Football Coach Announced**  
 In a special meeting that began on March 27 and ended at 7:15 p.m. on March 28, The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees interviewed five outstanding applicants and unanimously agreed to employ Steven Kolb in the position of Head Football Coach and Athletic Director. The vote was unanimous to offer Mr. Kolb a two year contract at 207 days.  
 The board also approved bringing the new coach to Brackett on April 16 providing that he could be released from his coaching duties. Bob McCall, Superintendent for the district indicated that this would give Mr. Kolb a head start in preparing his coaching staff and student athletes for the coming year.  
 Mr. Kolb and his wife Staci will be moving to Brackett with two young children, Jase and Blake, ages one and four years. Mr. Kolb has been Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Lubbock Cooper for the past four years. He played Football at TCU under F.A. Dry and has worked as an assistant coach at Howard Payne College and at Early, Texas.

**Russian Visitor**

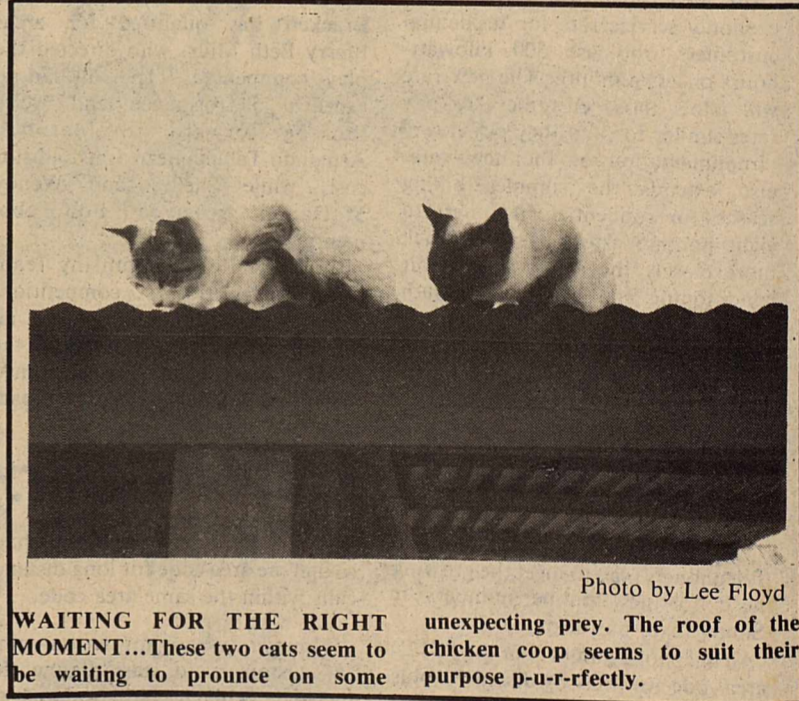
Micheal Orlov, a Russian Baptist Christian of the only Baptist Church in Moscow, in on a tour of the U.S. Churches and will be attending services at the Brackettville Methodist Church this Sunday morning. Orlov will sing "Amazing Grace" during the service and will be on hand after the service with an interpreter to answer questions and share with fellow christians.  
 The Baptist Church of Brackettville will also be attending this service.  
 In a joint effort Baptists and United Methodists of Brackettville are sponsoring a potluck dinner for the community to come and share.  
 The dinner will be held across the street from the Methodist Church in Slater Hall. The public is invited to attend the worship service and the pot luck dinner to follow and to meet and share views with the honored guest Micheal Orlov.

**Letter to the Editor**

The reason for this letter is the lack of response to all communication with your organization in regard to the selling of potted plants, bedding plants, and the rumor that you will be selling hanging baskets. If you will recall, when Super S moved into Brackett your employee was sent to meet with the owners of the Sunshine Garden Center and Sagebrush II. It was all of our concern that because the flower and nursery business is such a seasonal business, what the selling of plants at the Super S would do to these local businesses, and how devastating it could possibly be. So it was agreed, with a promise and a handshake that the Super S would not sell plants. Nothing was ever said about soil, chemicals, seeds, onion sets, roses, fertilizers, tools, etc.--and that was fine. We were told, "Your handshake is good enough for me if mine is good enough for you."  
 Now we all agree that Free Enterprise is a wonderful thing. But when you consider how small Brackettville is, and how much competition small businesses already have with Wal Mart, HEB, and nurseries 40 miles to each side of us, it has to be recognized that small local businesses just can't sustain that much competition. And how good can it be when the competition results in the ruin of local Brackett business. What's minor income to you is the bulk of ours. When you move in with plants at the peak season, sell for a few months, then move out you saturate the market.  
 What is disturbing is why you no longer feel obligated to keep your agreement. Does a business that has an income of several thousand dollars a week no longer concern itself with its image or standing in the community? Does the fact that you own dozens of stores all over the state make you indifferent to the needs and concerns of a very small community?  
 It's not that competition is bad, it's that in this case it could result in the loss of some very nice little businesses that rely on that income for a livelihood. You were concerned about that when you first came to town. Now when anyone tries to approach the executives we spoke to, or any other executive, your response

is; We are not interested in discussing this matter, we are too big to concern ourselves with making exceptions in some stores, and it's too much trouble to load our delivery trucks different for each store.  
 Okay--we hear you. But we want the rest of Brackettville to hear you too.  
 We would like to mention that David Dosrough, your manager, has been very professional and very approachable. He is caught in the middle as he was not here when we made our agreement, and he has handled our concerns with the utmost respect and diplomacy. In no

way do we want to involve him in this matter. Our concern is with your high level management, its lack of response to our feelings, its disregard for its reputation and standing in the community, and its ethics.  
 So we are writing this letter in the hopes that you will reconsider how harmful the selling of plants can be to the smaller businesses that rely on the selling of plants totally for their existence, and that you will comply with our original agreement.  
 A handshake is still good enough for us.  
 Signed: Kathy Bader  
 Melanie Jones  
 Archie and Jill Woodson



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**Arnie armadillo**

Dear Arnie,  
 Are armadillos really old? If the dinosaur is gone, why aren't you? Scotty  
 Dear Scotty,  
 Yes, armadillos have been around for a very long time. We protect ourselves with our armor. Plus, we try to avoid danger. You can "put on your armor" by getting a good education and being aware of what's going on around you.



**Unsung Hero**

There is a very fine woman who was born here and except for time when her husband's work took her away, has spent her life here. She has been very devoted to her family. She tragically lost her husband a number of years ago and returned to Brackett with her two small sons. She has done an outstanding job of rearing these two fine young men. She has worked for some time in the Tax office. She is most loyal to her church and so taught her sons. She is a serious minded, personable, friendly person. Surely Zulemia Wilson is certainly and "Unsung Hero."



# Automobile Efficiency Saves Money

Operating your automobile efficiently not only saves energy but also saves money and reduces car maintenance. The following no-cost or low-cost tips can save fuel if practiced regularly.

The first step in saving fuel is regular maintenance. Check the air pressure in the tires. Often tires are inflated 8 to 18 pounds per square inch (psi) below the rated pressure. Fuel efficiency improves when pressure is maintained at about 30 psi. You should check the air pressure at least twice a month.

Checking the oil regularly is another good habit. Check the oil level every time you fill the tank with gas. Have both the oil and oil filter changed at the manufacturer's suggested time.

When adding oil, remember that thick oils increase friction and reduce flow, thereby increasing fuel consumption. However, a good multi-viscosity oil (like 10-W-30 or 10-W-40) will improve gas mileage compar-

ed to single-grade oils. Also, consider the new "slippery" oils that increase mileage from 3 to 8 percent.

The next step in saving energy in your car is to choose the appropriate fuel. A higher octane gasoline, which is more expensive, is not always the best kind for your car. You should choose gasoline with an octane level just high enough to stop engine knocking. Higher levels do not improve a car's mileage.

Driving habits also affect fuel efficiency. Most people do not think twice about car warm-ups, idling time, or "pedal pushing," but these types of second-nature actions can greatly affect your vehicle's fuel consumption. When starting the engine, a 30-second warm-up is usually enough. Drive at slower speeds for the first few miles to completely warm the engine. And remember, excessive idling wastes fuel. For example, a car idling for 3 minutes uses enough gas to drive one mile.

If you find it difficult to maintain an even speed, a cruise control device could be helpful to you. The cruise control is designed to maintain a set speed so fuel is not wasted by increasing and decreasing the driving speed.

Here are a few more Fuel-saving tips.  
 •Combine trips. The average household makes five to six short trips everyday. By making one long trip and planning the routes to take, you can save time and gas.  
 •Remove "Dead Weight." Unneeded items in the car reduce fuel efficiency. If necessary, added weight should be placed inside the car (rather than the trunk) to balance the weight.  
 •Consider alternate means of transportation. Try walking or biking short distances. Car pooling and transit systems are useful for traveling longer distances.

Finally, when selecting a new automobile, keep in mind several points about the vehicle itself that

affect fuel efficiency. First, the type of engine in the vehicle determines the fuel efficiency possible. For instance, diesel engines can get 25 percent better gas mileage than other types, but they can cost more to repair. In addition, manual transmissions generally are more efficient than automatics, though driving skills can affect their efficiency.

Second, certain features affect fuel efficiency. Radial tires can give 3 to 7 percent better mileage than non-radials. And, power options (i.e., air conditioning, power steering) use more gas.

For more information on fuel-saving practices, call the Texas Energy Hotline at 1-800-643-SAVE. Ask for a free copy of the "Automotive Fuel Efficiency" factsheet. If you manage a fleet of vehicles, ask for the factsheet "Energy Efficient Fleet Management."

The Energy Hotline is operated by the Texas Energy Extension Service, a program of the Governor's Energy Management Center.

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Jack Huey  
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men's water polo competition against Dilley; but were washed out.

During the meeting Mary Jane Garcia was appointed to the office of Historian. The next convention will be held in September at Uvalde.

## Milner to be Key Speaker

COLLEGE STATION-Texas Chamber of Commerce President Larry Milner will be the keynote luncheon speaker for the 1990 Basic Industrial Development Course on March 26th at Texas A&M University here.

Milner, who is also chief executive officer of the 20,000 member Texas

Chamber, will be speaking to people with newly launched careers in industrial development. Milner is widely recognized as an expert on Texas business development.

The course is sponsored by the Texas Industrial Development Corporation.

**Happy Birthday**

Melody Barrett on March 29th

**OBITUARY**

**Curtis David Shattuck**

Curtis David Shattuck, a resident of Fort Clark Springs, passed away March 19, 1990, at the age of 74. Curtis was born June 6, 1915 in St. Charles Minnesota. He was married to Allene (Nickie) Nichols on Dec. 31, 1947 in Winona, Minnesota. He is survived by; Wife, Allene (Nickie) Shattuck, Ft. Clark Springs. Daughters: Mary Massie of Layton, Utah, Susan Montgomery, Ft. Clark Springs, Texas.  
 Sons: Robert Shattuck of Winona, Minnesota, Butch Shattuck of West Salem, Wisconsin.  
 Six Grandchildren.  
 Sister: Virginia Quiggle of Rosewell, New Mexico.

He was preceded in Death by his parents, two brothers, and a daughter Peggy Shattuck Trapp.

A memorial service was held for Curtis at the Methodist church Friday 23, at 1:30 p.m. Services were held by Pastor Roland Cole and Rev. Phil Bell of Rocksprings.

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<b>Tuesday 3</b> Steak Fingers Home Fries Winter Mix Veg Hot Rolls	<b>Wednesday 4</b> Nachos Pinto Beans Fruit	<b>Wednesday 4</b> ½ egg Pancakes Fruit
<b>Wednesday 4</b> Hot Dogs Pork & Beans Scand Mixed Veg Fruit	<b>Thursday 5</b> Hamburger Hamb Salad Fruit	<b>Thursday 5</b> Sweet Roll Peanuts Fruit
<b>Thursday 5</b> Chili W/Beans Fresh Veg Stix Fruit Cobbler Cornbread	<b>Friday 6</b> Burrito Fruit	<b>Friday 6</b> Energy Square Fruit
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