Brown is new CCEDC coordinator

County Economic Development Cor- arteries and directional signage for poration will have a new coordinator visitors to major attractions. heading the non-profit organization.

perience to the position including ur- effects community development. ban planning, community developin retail, agribusiness and light industry through cross marketing of regiontourism, historic preservation and sectors.

Brown's experience as the former Main Street Program Director for the City of Brenham in Washington Cou-mentation programs, real estate develnty expanded her career focus from a opment, bond issues and multi-sector traditional architectural practice to grants and finance packages. one including the elements of economic development for revitalization of the central business district and county seat.

work in historic preservation from University of Texas in Austin.

al Planning through the Development Community Development Corp. Training Institute of Baltimore, Maryland, and Pratt Institute of New York. is proud of her early Texas roots in

tial and Commercial Historic Preser- maintains a historic home on a 500 vation Programs at Galveston Histori- acre ranch near Hostyn. cal Foundation, she spent three years facilitating the development of 15 neighborhoods and the Strand Mechanic Commercial Historic District estate in Harris, Washington and Faythrough the provision of technical and ette Counties. financial support services to over 1200 property owners per year.

sity of Houston, College of Archi- active members of the community at tecture's graduate program in Historic large while living close enough to Preservation, she taught architects their farm to manage the upkeep and and public administrators the principals of design, organization, promotion and economic development in liam A. Brown, Attorney, and her established communities.

She also served the City of Galveston as an Urban Planner in the De- an immediate familiarization tour of partment of Planning and Transporta- Colorado County communities, intion preparing zoning cases for public dustries and natural resources as well hearings, grant writing and project as the local chambers of commerce,

Effective Aug. 3, the Colorado parks, landscaping for commercial

Although she does not sell real Ms. Lennie Brown of La Grange, estate, she maintains an inactive real formerly of Cypress and Galveston, estate license in order to keep up with brings a broad range of skills and ex- the changes in real estate law as it

Although Brown will scale back ment in small and moderate size cities, operations of her 20 year old consultdowntown revitalization, affordable ing practice, TEXANA Community housing, small business development Consultants, her consulting practice has generated projects requiring community development skills in working al products, real estate development, with the private, public and non-profit

Many of these projects forged successful partnerships, producing comprehensive plans, development imple-

President of a City Council-appointed Housing Finance Corp., Chair of Galveston's Broadway Beautification She completed her Bachelors de- Committee and Historic Resources gree in architecture with graduate Committee, and Tri-Chair of Urban Issues Committee for the American Institute of Architecture Houston While working for Galveston His- Chapter during its most recent considtorical Foundation, she completed ad- eration of zoning ordinances. She was ditional hours in Community Region- also founder/director of the Galveston

A fifth generation Texan, Brown As the former director of Residen- Fayette County where her family

> Her husband, Bob Lukeman, is a banking consultant with numerous banks in the area and practices real

Together with their daughter, Dancy, they look forward to moving As an adjunct professor at Univer- to Columbus where they can become periodic hospitality events.

She is the daughter of the late Wilmother, Ann, who lives in Houston.

Brown hopes to commence with management for improvements to the state and regional agencies that pro-

From the office of State Rep. Robby Cook...

TDHCA to administer help

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Funding crite recently announced that it will be the centage of local population below the lead agency in administering the poverty level, relative weather condistate's \$32.7 million share of federal tions, and overall population, among emergency funds earmarked for low- others. income families with high utility bills

used for weatherization assistance for gible for assistance. Larry Paul Manhomes with inadequate insulation. In ley, TDHCA executive director, exdocumented emergency situations, pressed optimism that these organizafunds may also be used to purchase tions would receive their portion of and distribute portable window air- the funds this week. conditioners.

Thursday, July 23, authorized the re- begin meeting with prospective lease of \$100 million in funding clients and to start processing applicathrough the U.S. Department of tions," said Mr. Manley. "It is also Health and Human Services' Low- important to recognize that these Income Home Energy Assistance funds are supplementing an existing Program (LIHEAP) to Texas and 10 program that currently assists hunother southern and southwestern dreds of thousands of low-income states.

A majority of the LIHEAP emergency funding-which is administered Disease Control in Atlanta is advising in Texas by TDHCA's Comprehen- citizens that at very high temperaturesive Energy Assistance Program high 90's and above-fans are ineffec-(CEAP)-will help low-income fami- tive for cooling and may actually in-

clude the elderly, disabled families mends that persons without home air with very young children, and house- conditioners seek shelter in an airholds with the lowest incomes and conditioned environment, rather than highest energy costs. CEAP's target relying on the use of electric fans. It is population is households with in- for this reason that TDHCA discourcomes at or below 125% of the federal ages the use of fans and allows for the poverty guidelines. A family of four, purchase of air conditioners under for example, must have an annual emergency situations. income not exceeding \$20,563 to be eligible for utility payment assistance. agency responsible for affordable An individual must have an income housing community development and

are in addition to approximately \$1.47 factured housing industry. The Demillion in state aid granted last week partment annually administers funds through the Governor's Office and the in excess of \$500 million-most of State Energy Conservation Office of which is derived from mortgage revethe General Services Commission. nue bond financing and refinancing, Once received, all funds will be allo- federal grants and federal tax credits. cated directly to each of 54 nonprofit community action organizations and who currently represents Bastrop, county governments currently provid- Fayette, Colorado and Wharton Couing services on a local level in con- nties, said persons knowing of resijunction with the state. TDHCA is not dents in need of assistance should endirectly providing any services or courage these people to contact local assistance: therefore, citizens that energy assistance providers. "Many need information about the energy of the people targeted by these proassistance program are strongly en- grams, like the poor elderly, are not couraged to contact their local com- aware that there is assistance available munity action agency.

component, households are poten- to people who they believe may be in tially eligible to receive up to \$1,000. danger due to the heat wave." However, benefits are based on the actual cost of energy consumed. House-sidents of Bastrop, Colorado and Fayholds are potentially eligible to re- ette Counties should contact their loceive up to \$1,000 in utility assistance cal provider, Combined Community under the regular utility assistance Action Inc. at 512-237-2434. components, and up to an additional \$1,000 under the heating and cooling should contact Galveston Community component, which is an energy effi- Action Council Inc., 409-762-8418.

Funding criteria includes the per-

The community organizations resulting from an extreme heat wave. working with the state represent all of A portion of the funds will also be Texas' 254 counties, and each is eli-

"We have already instructed local The Clinton Administration last service providers throughout Texas to households each year," he said.

In a related note, the Center for lies pay for soaring home energy bills. crease heat stress and the risks of heat Eligible low-income citizens in- stroke. As a result, the state recom-

The TDHCA is Texas' lead not exceeding \$10,063 to be eligible. community assistance programs, as The \$32.7 million in federal funds well as regulation of the state's manu-

State Representative Robby Cook, to them. It is up to members of our Under the CEAP energy crisis communities to offer this information

Representative Cook said that re-

Residents of Wharton County



vide support data and services for economic development.

She plans to build on the successes of her predecessors, Administrative As a volunteer, Brown served as Assistance and the Board of Directors ing while license suspended (DWLS), 5-8of the CCEDO by updating and refining the existing Economic Development Plan with input from each community before the end of the year.

For more information, contact the CCEDO Office in Columbus, 409-732-8774.

DWI not DWLS and by failing to complete Lopez; 7-31-98. community service.

COLORADO COUNTY

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

July 31, 1998

Lucille Jane Hruska, Ellinger, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 7-2-98 on State

12-8-97 in Eagle lake.

Hwy. 71 near Columbus.

I-10 near Columbus.

near Garwood.

DWI, 7-23-98 in Columbus.

16-98 on I-10 near Weimar.

98 on FM 950 near Garwood

5-25-98 on I-10 near Columbus.

Shannon Sanders, Eagle Lake, theft,

Edward Charles Ellis, Houston, DWI,

Edward Charles Ellis, Houston, mak-

Lakeshia Rena Jackson, Eagle Lake,

Roberto Mendoza, Houston, DWI, 7-

Bobby Ray Guthrie, Garwood, pos-

Bobby Ray Guthrie, Garwood, driv-

session of marijuana, 5-8-98 on FM 950

Correction on cases filed July 24, 1998

Desi Rivera, Eagle Lake, motion to revoke probation filed for assault not pos-

session of marijuana. Defendant violated

conditions of probation by failing to obey

the law in that he committed the offense of

ing alcohol available to minor, 5-25-98 on

COURTHOUSE REPORT

DIVORCES FILED Richard Joseph Barton Jr. and Toni Jo

Barton; filed 7-29-98. Rodolfo Lopez and Emilia Escobedo Beth Valla; 7-29-98.

Larry Edward Skaines and Colleen Kanani Skaines; 7-31-98.

MARRIAGE LICENSE Randall Robert Gallaher and Chandra

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