

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

## Something for every Texan: the THC web site

Thousands of people visit the Texas Historical Commission (THC) web site each week for research, to plan vacations or for information about events around the state. THC is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archaeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

One of the most popular pages is the La Salle Shipwreck Project page

where visitors can learn the watery details of the Belle, the ship of French explorer La Salle that the THC excavated from the bottom of Matagorda Bay in 1996-97. Visitors can view a photo album of the excavation and learn the history of Fort St. Louis, the first European colony in Texas.

The site also offers information on grants available for preservation projects, details on THC projects such as the Texas Courthouse Preservation

Program, Texas Trivia and all recent THC press releases.

For more information, visit the site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or contact: Nancy Nesbitt, Marketing Communications Division, THC, 512-236-0437.

### THC GRANT DEADLINES

Several grant programs administered by the THC have upcoming deadlines.

Applications for the **THC Heritage Tourism Partnership Grants**, which will help fund projects in the Texas Forts Trail region, are due on Dec. 6, 1999.

The Texas Forts Trail is part of the Texas Travel Trails program, a regional heritage tourism initiative providing training, education, technical and financial assistance to a targeted region. For more information, contact Vince Martinez at 512-463-5861.

**The Museum Grants Program** helps provide local history museums with an opportunity to preserve their collections and develop educational (See THC, Page 5)

## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



### COUNTY COURT CASES FILED Nov. 2, 1999

Bradley Wallace, Pryor, Okla., possession of marijuana (PoM), 6-25-99 in Columbus.

### COURTY COURT DISPOSTIONS Nov. 2, 1999

Bradley Wallace, Pryor, Okla., PoM, 6-25-99 in Columbus, investigated by Isaac Leal. Defendant pled guilty, assessed a \$500 fine plus court costs.

### Nov. 3, 1999

Manuel Ramirez, Columbus, assault, 8-18-99 on State Hwy. 71; investigated by Colorado County Sheriff's Department (CCSO) Deputy Neisner. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$2,000; sentenced to 34 days in jail (all credited for time served).

Jose Robales, Houston, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1-3-99 in Weimar; investigated by Weimar Police Department Officer Khravjak. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs; placed on one year probation.

Cathy Ward, Eagle Lake, DWI, 8-26-98, on US 90A; investigated by Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Owens. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500,

court costs; one year probation.

Sergio Garcia, El Campo, driving while license suspended (DWLS), 4-1-99 on Hwy. 90A in Sheridan; investigated by CCSO Deputy Basco. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$250, court costs; placed on 90 days deferred adjudication.

Amanda Camp Hawn, Columbus, PoM, 4-30-99 on FM 109; investigated by CCSO Deputy Edman. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs; placed on six months deferred adjudication.

Norman Gerald Holley, Houston, DWLS, 7-28-99 on I-10; investigated by DPS Trooper Holub. Defendant pled guilty, fined \$250, court costs; placed on 90 days deferred adjudication.

### DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Yvette Andrea Marshall, individually a/n/f for Travis Williams, a minor vs Jason Vasquez, Gregorio Vasquez and Mary

Helen Vasquez, personal injury; filed 11-3-99.

Ron Shifflett and Diane Shifflett individually a/n/f for Blake Shifflett, a minor vs Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, personal injury; 11-4-99.

Toy Kurtz dba The Farris Hotel vs Helyn Farris, Bill Farris, Bill Watson, Clif Anderson, Fritz Huntress and Jack Meyer, defamatory remarks; 11-4-99.

### DIVORCES GRANTED

James Eaton Sr. and Brenda Joyce Eaton; granted 11-5-99.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

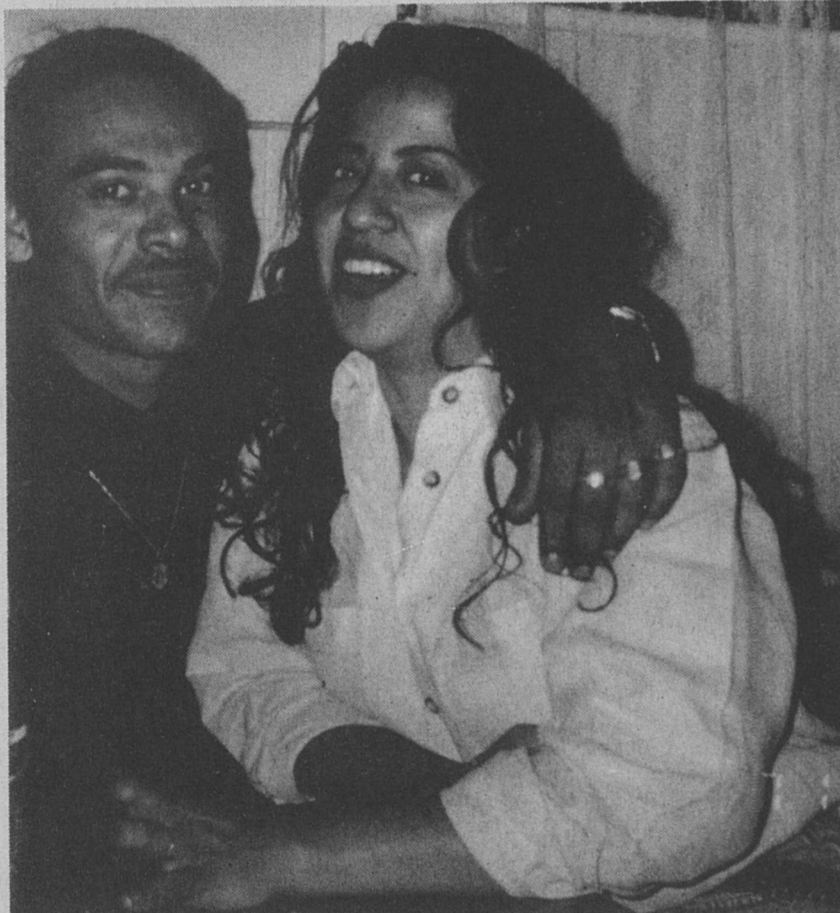
Fernando H. Rodriguez and Imelda Franco; 11-5-99

Clifton Mancias Jr. and Rhonda DeAnn Rodriguez; 11-5-99.

Terry Ryan Newman and Christina Ann Smith; 11-8-99.

### Bible Verse of the Week

*"Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. Tell God what you need and don't forget to thank Him for the answers." — Philippians 4:6*  
Submitted by Neddy Phillips



**Franco, Rodriguez to wed Nov. 13**

Cecila and Santos Franco of Reynosa, Mexico, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Imelda, to Fernando Rodriguez, son of Francisca Rodriguez of Irapuato, Mexico, and the late Jose Rodriguez.

The couple, along with his sister and her fiance, will be married Saturday, November 13, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the home of a relative.



**Rodriguez, Mancias to wed Nov. 13**

Rhonda Rodriguez, of Eagle Lake, daughter of Emma Hernandez of Eagle Lake and the late Jose Rodriguez, will wed Clifton Mancias Jr., son of Clifton Mancias Sr. and Diane Mancias of El Campo.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, November 13, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the home of her sister.

## Help

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79735; or e-mail your request to [bharpermurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:bharpermurphy@hotmail.com). Together our "posse" can roundup the signatures needed to get our legislature's attention.

Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us also give thanks for all those who willingly serve us as law enforcement officers. Let us remem-

ber our fallen heroes in those ranks and let that memory move us into action to improve the quality of lives for their fellow officers, those who are still answering the call.

Sincerely yours,  
Betty Harper Murphy  
Ft. Stockton

## Highlights

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"Driving under the influence is number one. Driving at a speed unsafe for conditions is number two."

Lower injury rates and fatality rates could translate to lower insurance rates, said Sandra Ray of Southwestern Insurance Information Service. She called for a statewide crackdown on speeders.

### Other Highlights

•Whooping cranes are returning to Texas, riding earlier-than-usual cold fronts. Sightings of the protected species should be reported to Texas Parks and Wildlife at 800-792-1112. Last winter, 183 whooping cranes took residence along the mid-Texas coast on and near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

•The Texas DPS announced DPS Director Dudley Thomas will retire Feb. 29 after almost 40 years with the agency. He was appointed director in

1996.

•Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza cautioned Texans against panicking over Year 2000 computer problems but stressed that all Texans should be ready for people problems, such as overreacting, worrying, hoarding food or falling to scams.

•The Nov. 5-7 Texas Book Festival is attracting more than 140 luminaries from the literary world - including Elmer Kelton, Sandra Brown, Dan Rather and Scott Turow - and thousands of book enthusiasts to the halls of the state Capitol. The annual event is a fund-raiser for Texas public libraries.

•Willy Graves, president of Progressive County Mutual Insurance of Texas, says this time of year "the simplest thing drivers can do to reduce an accident with a deer is to drive the speed limit" and "reduce your speeds in areas where visibility is low."

# We Applaud You!



## 1999 Rice Raiders

*Thank you for an enjoyable season of football!*

## Your Fans

P.S.

It may not have turned out exactly like you wanted, but, for us, it's a joy to watch a game when your team fights and plays the entire time, no matter what the outcome.