

# INFORMAVE

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## Library Hours Effective August 27, 2003

Mon. - Thurs.  
7:30a.m. - 1:30a.m.  
Friday  
7:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.  
Saturday  
10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.  
Sunday  
Noon - 1:30a.m.

### Reference Services

Mon. - Thurs.  
8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.  
Friday  
8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.  
Saturday  
10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.  
Sunday  
Noon - 10:00p.m.

### Library Media Center

Mon. - Thurs.  
7:30a.m. - 1:15a.m.  
Friday  
7:30a.m. - 7:45p.m.  
Saturday  
10:00a.m. - 7:45p.m.  
Sunday  
2:00p.m. - 1:15a.m.

### Library Instruction Center

Mon. - Thurs.  
8:00a.m. - 12:00a.m.  
Friday  
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
Saturday  
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.  
Sunday  
2:00p.m. - 12:00a.m.

### Special Collections & Archives

Mon. - Fri.  
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
and by appointment

## Christine Shupala Named New Library Director

The Bell Library is pleased to announce that Christine Shupala accepted the position of Library Director on July 1, 2003.

Chris has held a variety of positions in the Bell Library in the Public Services and Technical Services divisions. She was originally hired as the Reference/Government Documents Librarian in 1995 and then became the Catalog/Technical Services Librarian in 1997. She was then promoted to Interim Associate Director for Systems and Technical Services in 1998 and became the permanent Associate Director in 1999. She served on the Library Management Team from 1998 to 1999 and again from 2002 to 2003.

Chris has served on a number of committees at A&M – Corpus Christi in the past eight years, including committees that focused on University budgets, planning, information technology, distributed learning, Web authoring, institutional effectiveness, and accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She also served on Faculty Senate and was an instructor in the Freshman Seminar Program in 1996.

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## Library Increases Operating Hours

As part of its ongoing efforts to expand and improve services, the Bell Library will be increasing its operating hours, beginning the first day of the Fall 2003 Semester. Effective August 27, 2003, the Library will be open these hours:

Sunday: Noon – 1:30 a.m.  
Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The library increased its operating hours by 14.5 hours after it conducted an expanded hours project last spring. The staff kept statistics on transactions at the service desk and labs, as well as the number of people who were in the building every half hour after midnight. Based on an analysis of the data, the Library Management Team recommended increasing the number of hours of operation, which was approved by the President's Cabinet.

For the hours of specific departments, please consult the Library web site at <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/info/hours.html>.

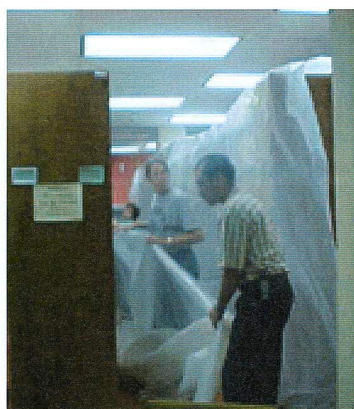


## *Library Prepares for Tropical Storm Claudette*

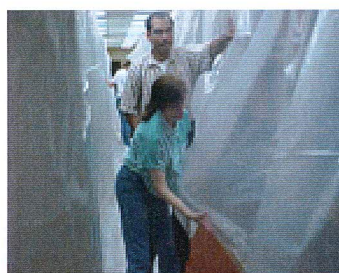
While the Library generally welcomes all users, a potential visitor caused an unusually large amount of preparation for the staff: Tropical Storm Claudette, which formed in the lower Caribbean in early July.

On July 11, while Claudette was trying to decide where to land on the Texas coast, the Library staff began implementing its already-established hurricane defense plan on orders from the University Administration. That day, the staff began "bagging" PCs in their work areas before they left for the weekend. They also began pulling rolls of already-cut plastic sheets and taking them to the corresponding shelf ranges on the second floor.

On July 14, a total of 20 people, including Library staff, student workers, custodians and even one or two library patrons, covered the collections on the second floor in only an hour-and-a-half. All of the areas of Special Collections and Archives were covered that day, too.



Jose Gonzalez, Sarah Sutton and Michele Hall



Jose Gonzalez & Michele Hall



Noreen Kalien, Krinsha Molugu & Custodian,  
Ruben Solis  
Photos taken by Virginia Buckley

On the morning of July 15, the campus closed down, and the Library staff taped the plastic sheeting to the ends of all the shelf ranges between 7:30 and 9 a.m. The Systems staff ran backups, and other staff members finished "bagging" the PCs in the Public Services areas, including the computer labs. Several staff members also moved the materials from the bottom shelves of the Reference collection to the top shelves in case of flooding on the first floor. When the campus opened on July 16, the staff pulled down all of the plastic and folded and stored the sheets.

Every May, the Library reviews and revises its storm defense plan, which outlines in detail the types of alerts and the procedures for each alert. Teams are formed to carry out specific tasks. Also, in the middle of May, the entire staff meets to review the plan and carry out the procedures and drills before the beginning of Hurricane Season.

## *Spotlight on: Web of Science*

**Web of Science** is a database that provides online access to bibliographic information from thousands of scholarly journals in all major disciplines. Users can search for bibliographic information for articles, as well as articles and other sources that were cited in those articles. Researchers can also use this resource to determine if people have cited their work, as well as the frequency with which they have been cited.

This database includes three citation indices from 1993 to the present:

- j Science Citation Index
- j Social Sciences Citation Index
- j Arts & Humanities Citation Index

Users may perform basic searching, general searching or cited reference searching.

Any questions about using Web of Science can be directed to Library liaisons or the Reference Desk at 825-2609.

## *TDNet will replace Periodicals Holdings List*

By Sarah Sutton

Beginning this fall, library patrons will be using a new resource to check the availability of journals in all formats.

The Library has purchased TDNet, a web-based journal management tool that will replace the current Periodicals Holdings List and will help us to provide access to all of our periodical holdings (print, microform, and electronic) from a single source.

The greatest benefits of TDNet are a title-level subject searching function and a current listing of all of the titles to which the library subscribes. The subject searching function is based on Library of Congress Subject Headings and is provided via a series of drop-down lists that allow the user to create as broad or narrow a journal title search as they wish.

TDNet will include links to all of the titles to which the library has electronic access through both publishers' websites (e.g. the Nature titles) and through full-text databases (e.g. Academic Search Premier and LexisNexis). Of course, TDNet will include our print and microform holdings too, with links to Portal, the online catalog.

The Periodicals Department will work with the creators of TDNet through the summer to customize the Bell Library's new Periodicals Holdings List by TDNet.





## Personnel News

**Dan Cayce**, formerly Library Assistant III for Circulation, was hired as the Circulation Supervisor in March.

**Grace Charles**, Library Assistant III, attended the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists held in New Orleans, May 22-24, 2003. While there, she participated in the preconference workshop on archival arrangement and description.



**Congratulations to Richard Graham**, Information Literacy Librarian, on the birth of his new baby boy Lincoln, on January 1, 2003. Lincoln was also the first baby born in Corpus Christi in 2003.

**Noreen Kalien**, formerly the Circulation Supervisor, was hired as the Accounting Clerk in the Library's Administrative Office in February.

**Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck**, Associate Director for Special Collections & Archives, received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Corpus Christi Married Couples Club at its annual banquet on February 15, 2003 for his work with Special Collections & Archives relative to the Hispanic community. Tom's book, *Mexican American Odyssey: Felix Tijerina, Entrepreneur and Civic Leader 1905-1965*, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the American Association for State and Local History. He also attended the annual meeting of the National Council on Public History held in Houston, April 24-27, 2003.

**Stacey Nash** was hired as the Library Information Specialist for Public Services in early May.

**Dr. Paula Scott**, Driscoll Hospital Librarian, attended the Medical Library Associations 2003 Conference held in San Diego, California, May 3-6.

**Deanna Solomon**, Network Manager, and **Sally Bickley**, Access Services Librarian, attended the 11th Annual Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, California, April 25 - 28.

**Sarah Sutton**, Serials Librarian, attended the NASIG conference in Portland, Oregon in July. Sarah was awarded a scholarship from NASIG to attend the conference.

**Jan S. Weaver**, Library Assistant III, has been working closely with Del Mar College history instructor Mary Jo

O'Rear on her archival research dealing with the Great Storm of 1919 and its impact on Corpus Christi development.

Several Library staff members attended the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia in January: **Sally Bickley**, **Edward Kownslar**, **Christine Shupala** and **Sarah Sutton**.

The staff members who attended the Texas Library Association's annual meeting in April included **Sally Bickley**, **Denise Landry-Hyde** and **Sue Willman**.

Library staff members have continued their involvement in professional organizations on the state and national level. The librarians who have been appointed to committees and officer positions in the Texas Library Association include **Sally Bickley**, who is the orientation chair for the NMRT orientation program in 2004 in San Antonio; **Edward Kownslar**, who chairs the CULD information committee, as well as the GODORT Electronic Resources Committee; **Denise Landry-Hyde**, who serves on the Continuing Education Committee; and **Sue Willman**, who was elected the Secretary/Treasurer for NMRT for 2003-2004. Denise is also the co-chair of the IAMSLIC regional conference for 2004.

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### **Christine Shupala** **Named New Library Director**

Chris' other library-related experience includes working as a Library Assistant in Government Documents/Cataloging at the University of Notre Dame from 1994 to 1995, as well as serving as a Graduate Assistant in Government Documents at Indiana University – South Bend from 1993 to 1994. She was also an English as a Second Language teacher in the Department of Educational Programs for the Amity Foundation in Nanjing, China, from 1987 to 1988.

In addition to participating on campus committees, Chris has been active in several national organizations. In the American Library Association, she has worked on various committees of the New Members Round Table; from 2000-2001, she was the NMRT President. Also, she has served on several committees of the Library Administration and Management Association. In addition, she has been a member of the Innovative Users Group since 1995.

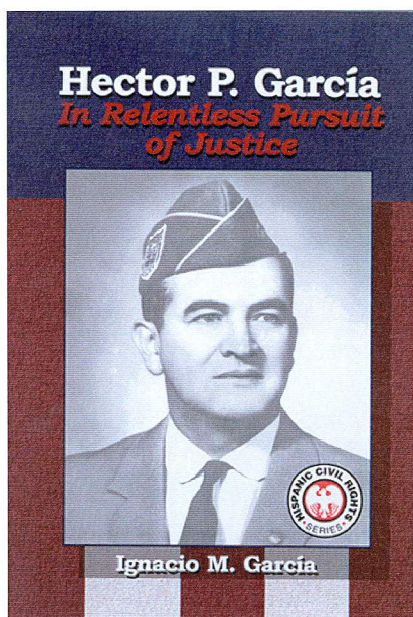
Chris earned a B.A. in Slavic Languages and Literatures from the Ohio State University in 1987, a MLS degree from Indiana University in 1994, and a MBA from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi in 2003.



## Special Collections & Archives: Two Recent Books featuring Dr. Hector P. Garcia

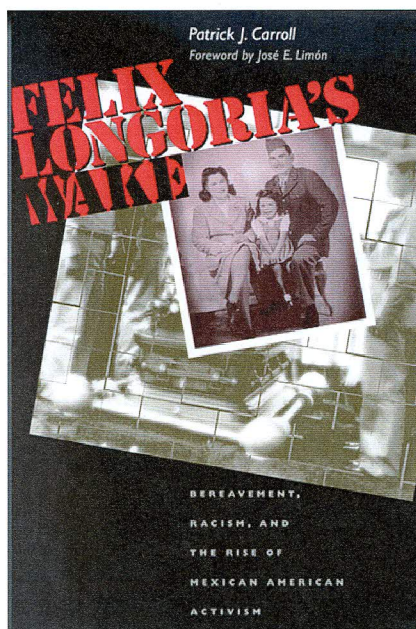
By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

The academic year 2002-2003 culminated with the publication of two books about Dr. Hector P. Garcia which were fundamentally based on the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers in Special Collections & Archives. The first of these works is Ignacio M. Garcia, *Hector P. Garcia: In Relentless Pursuit of Justice* (Houston: Arte Publico Press, 2002). It is the first full length biography of the legendary Corpus Christi physician and champion of civil rights. Professor Garcia effectively argues that Dr. Hector's leadership in the post World War II period defined "a Garcia Age in Latino history in the United States." In this three hundred plus page biography, Professor Garcia demonstrates Dr. Hector's "whole-hearted commitment to social reform and willingness to pay any price and travel anywhere for his raza." A member of the history faculty of Brigham Young University, Dr. Garcia authored the award-winning *Viva Kennedy: Mexican Americans in Search of Camelot* in 2000, also largely based on the Garcia Papers.



Patrick J. Carroll's *Felix Longoria's Wake: Bereavement, Racism, and the Rise of Mexican American Activism* (University of Texas Press: Austin, 2003) is the second of these volumes. Longtime history professor at A&M-Corpus Christi, Dr. Carroll has produced a masterful work. His study represents the culmination of a commitment to Dr. Hector to

do a book on the Longoria Incident, a pivotal episode in Dr. Hector's life as well as in Mexican American history. Though he details the role played by Dr. Hector and others, Dr. Carroll also explores the incident's national and international ramifications. The author interviewed some seventy five people and combed many sources to finish the project; but he began it with Dr. Hector and Dr. Hector's papers as a foundation.



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