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Guerrero
appointed
to commission

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards, making her first major appointment, named state Rep. Lena Guerrero of Austin to the Texas Railroad Commission Monday.

Guerrero, 33, will become the first woman and first Hispanic to serve on the century-old panel that regulates the oil, gas and transportation industries in Texas.

"I am delighted to make this historic appointment. I want the appointment of Lena to send a message to the people of Texas," Richards told a crowd in the Texas Senate chamber.

"And that is that rich and poor, and old and young, and men and women, and white, black and brown alike are going to be in positions of power and responsibility in this state," she said.

Guerrero, a three-term House member, will succeed Commissioner John Sharp, who was elected state comptroller. Richards said the appointment would take effect as soon as she is inaugurated Jan. 15.

If confirmed by the Senate, Guerrero, a Democrat, will serve until the next general election, in 1992. The nominee said she would seek election at that time.

The new Railroad Commission will include Commissioner James Nugent and Bob Krueger, both Democrats. Krueger was elected Nov. 6 to succeed retiring chairman Kent Hance.

Richards said Guerrero "brings to the commission a background that is strong in areas that are important to my administration: a thorough understanding of ethics in government and a sensitivity to the rights of consumers."

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Pharmacist
faces charges
on records fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — A drug company president who also is a pharmacist was indicted on charges that he failed to keep records on the disposal of drugs worth about \$1.2 million on the street, officials said.

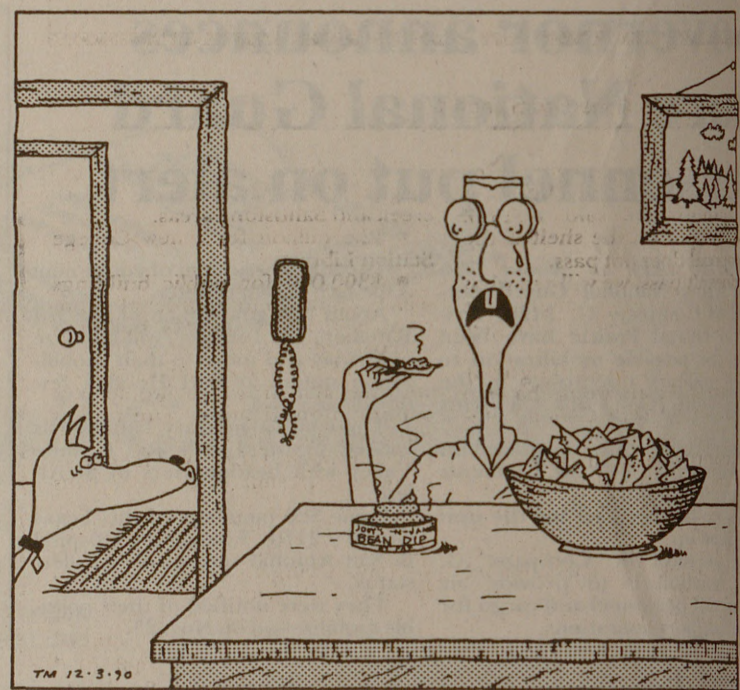
Wayne Holloway was indicted Monday by a Travis County Grand Jury on charges he violated the Texas Controlled Substances Act, the district attorney's office reported.

Fred Brinkley Jr., executive director of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, which began the investigation, said the case represents the most serious allegations against a pharmacist in the state over the past 10 years.

Holloway was accused of failing to keep and furnish records for more than 60,000 tablets and drugs, including dilaudid, percodan, nembatal, seconal, tuinal, and preludein.

"These drugs are highly sought after by addicts on the illicit drug market," the district attorney's office stated.

Nerd House by Tom A. Madison



Mayors shout over gulf policy

HOUSTON (AP) — A news conference called by mayors and councilmen attending a convention of the National League of Cities erupted into a brouhaha on Monday when about 10 opponents of the Bush administration's Mideast policy were outshouted by about twice that many colleagues who support the president.

The late afternoon press conference was a vehicle for some mayors and council members to express their opposition to U.S. intervention in the Persian Gulf.

But Bush policy proponents packed the room, shouted questions and eventually took over the podium. "This is exactly what Saddam Hussein wants," one angry council member shouted.

St. Paul, Minn., Mayor James Scheibel said he and others who oppose the administration's Mideast policy scheduled the meeting as part of an effort to reach a peaceful resolution to the Gulf conflict. "We don't want to see any bodies come back in body bags," Scheibel said. "We want military force to be used as a last resort."

Martin J. Dunleavy, a Connecticut alderman, said the decision on whether to send troops overseas was a tough one. "But I'll tell you, not one of my neighbors is worth a nickel off the price of gasoline," Dunleavy said. "We want a diplomatic solution."

He said the National League of Cities should take a stand on the issue. "Just as this organization has been on the record for the rights of people in South Africa and Northern Ire-

land, we should be in favor of a diplomatic and peaceful solution to world problems that do not in any way cost the lives of American citizens or in any way take advantage of valuable natural resources and use them in such a way to act as a death knell to our cities," Dunleavy said.

Others said the National League of Cities should stand out of national politics. "It's up to the senators and Congress to debate and not the National League of Cities," said Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut III. "I want you to know there are some people who feel as though the President is right and should be supported."

Dayton Walker, a Greenville, S.C., councilman, fought back tears as he told of his three sons in the U.S. Marines, one of whom is leaving for Saudi Arabia next week and a second scheduled to be deployed in two weeks.

"Where do you people have the right to stand up and put my children's lives in jeopardy?" Walker said, adding that Saddam would be gratified to know that Americans are split on the issue.

Dan Muldowney, a councilman from Springboro, Ohio, agreed. He said he has two sons in the military, including one in Germany with whom he spoke a few days ago. "He said, 'Dad, don't stand for it. Don't let them do us what they did in Vietnam. We're trained and we're proud to serve our country,'" Muldowney said.

Arson blamed for school fire

BALLINGER (AP) — An early morning fire that destroyed the main building of Ballinger Junior High School was deliberately set, fire officials said.

Ballinger police chief Paul Poggers said the fire started in the center of the 1930s-era building at about 3:30 a.m. There were no injuries, but classes were canceled until

an alternate site is found. A state fire marshal will inspect the site Wednesday, Poggers said. Officials have no suspects, he said.

"We have a band hall and an art room that are separate and were not affected, but the main structure is pretty well a total loss," said Ballinger school superintendent Rodney Gordan. "We've lost all our text-

books, supplies, everything." Gordan said the building's contents were valued at about \$500,000 but he did not have an overall damage estimate.

He said officials had not yet discussed alternatives for classes. He said he hoped school would be able to resume next week at the latest. Ballinger is a town of 3,850 about 35 miles northeast of San Angelo.

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