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## Texans question Guerrero's past

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AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Chairman Lena Guerrero's academic past and political future were hot topics of conversation across Texas on Tuesday.

From radio talk shows to coffee shops, Texans were talking about Guerrero's admission that she really isn't a college graduate and doesn't know how she became erroneously linked to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

"It should be called Phi Beta Kappagate," said one caller to Austin radio station KLBJ-AM, where Guerrero's resume was under discussion for a second straight day.

An Austin restaurant known for wisecracking humor displayed

### Commissioner did not receive degree from UT or belong to honor society

a sign that read: "Lena, it could have been worse. You might have almost graduated from A&M."

The controversy arose last week, with Guerrero's admission that she wasn't a graduate of the University of Texas-Austin, as she has claimed for 12 years.

It grew more heated Monday, when Republican opponent Barry Williamson produced literature

from Guerrero's 1984 state House campaign — which he said was prepared by her own advertising firm — that claimed she was a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honors society.

Guerrero, a Democrat, said she always believed she earned a bachelor's degree and never intended to mislead anyone.

She said she only learned otherwise after being questioned by

news reporters and discovering — to her shock — that she was four classroom hours short of the 120 hours required for a degree.

As for the Phi Beta Kappa claims in her old campaign and legislative biographies, she said, "I have never myself, I believe, made that claim."

While political analysts were assessing the fallout, so were voters.

"Her credibility is zero," said a KLBJ caller. Another called Guerrero the victim of a backlash against Gov. Ann Richards and her "good ol' girl appointees." Offered a third, "The governor's reputation — especially with her emphasis on ethics — is suffering."

**"Lena, it could have been worse. You might have almost graduated from A&M."**

— from a sign displayed by a restaurant

## Report shows pilot made fatal mistake

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DALLAS — A federal investigation shows pilot error caused the helicopter crash that killed blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and four other people.

The National Transportation Safety Board, in a report released Monday, found that "improper planning decision" by the aircraft's pilot was the main probable cause of the 1990 crash near East Troy, Wis.

Contributing to the copter's crash into the side of a manmade ski hill were "darkness, fog, haze and rising terrain," agency spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said.

The 35-year-old Vaughan, a Grammy

Award-winning musician who was raised in Dallas, died on Aug. 27, 1990 after the Bell 206 copter carrying five people left the Alpine Valley Music Theater, an open-air concert facility, and crashed.

The NTSB took more than two years to complete its investigation into the crash of the craft, owned by Omniflight Helicopters Inc. of Dallas.

A Chicago attorney representing Vaughan's estate said he was not surprised by the NTSB findings. Thomas Demetrio had filed a lawsuit in July on behalf of the estate.

Papers filed in the lawsuit contend that the helicopter charter company should have known that the weather "precluded safe flying conditions."

John Neilson, Omniflight general manager, said he could not comment on the NTSB report because he had not seen it and because of the lawsuit pending against his company.

Earlier, a company official had contended that a mechanical malfunction caused the crash.

The helicopter was carrying Vaughan to Chicago after he performed in a concert that included Eric Clapton, Robert Cray, Buddy Guy and Vaughan's older brother, Jimmie.

Others killed in the crash included Jeff Brown, the helicopter pilot; Bobby Brooks, Clapton's agent; Nigel Brown, a bodyguard for Clapton and Colin Smythe, an assistant tour manager for Clapton.

## Corpus Christi to receive mine-warfare command

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CORPUS CHRISTI — A U.S. Navy consultant says Naval Station Ingleside will be home to a second mine-warfare command.

"It is now definitive," said former U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton, a homeport consultant.

Denton, a retired rear admiral, said the mine-warfare command for the Navy's Pacific fleet will move from Seattle, bringing three officers and 96 enlisted personnel to the Ingleside homeport.

The Atlantic fleet command is already moving from Charleston, S.C., to the Texas coast base, located north of Corpus Christi. Denton, who was in Corpus Christi to speak to the Town Club Men's Forum, said he learned of the second move from Navy officials.

"You will probably end up with more than you expect and hope for," said Denton.

Lt. Cmdr. Nettie Johnson, an Ingleside spokeswoman, said Tuesday that the base had not received any official notification of the move. She did not know when official word would be forthcoming.

But Frank Summers, a spokesman for the commander at Naval Base Seattle, said the move will be made. He did not know when.

Officials could not estimate how much the payroll of the Pacific fleet group would be, but the smaller Atlantic fleet has a total payroll of \$2.1 million.

Ingleside is scheduled to be home base for 25 vessels and their crews. All but three of the ships will be dedicated to mine-warfare operations and training.

## Complex owners settle case with rape victim

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The owners and managers of a Harris County apartment complex have agreed to pay a woman \$1.5 million settlement after she was raped while living at the complex in 1988.

Depositions and other evidence presented during mediation talks showed the complex had been negligent in providing security for its tenants, the woman's attorney said Monday.

Attorney G. Robert Friedman said his 27-year-old client had returned to her home in the Hunterwood Apartments late from visiting her mother on the night of Sept. 20, 1988. She put her two children to bed, then took a shower.

Friedman said she was attacked as she got out of the shower by a man who may have entered the apartment through a sliding glass door off a patio. The

man was in the apartment for about an hour. He never has been caught.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit were Hunterwood Apartments, M&S Associates, which owned the complex, and the Richard Gill Co., which managed it.

In another case, a Harris County jury in July awarded a woman \$3.38 million in a judgment against the Richard Gill Co. The company had managed a Webster apartment complex where she was raped in 1988.

Attorney Karri J. Webb, who represented the management company in the more recent lawsuit, declined comment Monday on the settlement.

The settlement was reached Friday through the mediation of Phil Peden, a former judge who now serves on the advisory board of Texas Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services Inc.

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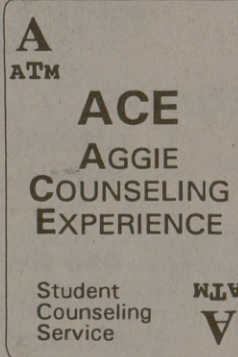
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## TAMU Bicycling Club

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7:00 p.m., Room 228 MSC

Everyone is welcome.  
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We will have elections and discuss activities for the rest of the semester.

For more information, contact:  
Travis 847-4060 Christine 847-2043

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Contracts are available in room 230 Reed McDonald, and must be returned by Thursday, September 17, to assure your group a page and avoid a late fee.

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### ADULT SKIN INFECTION STUDY

Individuals age 13 and older wanted to participate in a research study for bacterial skin infections such as infected wounds, earlobes, infected burns, boils, infected hair follicles, impetigo, infected ingrown toenails and others. Investigational oral antibiotic in capsule form. \$100 incentive for those chosen who complete the study.

### CHILDREN'S SKIN INFECTION STUDY

Children, age six months to 12 years, wanted to participate in a research study for bacterial skin infections such as: infected wounds, bug bites, earlobes, burns, boils, hair follicles, ingrown toenails, impetigo and others. Investigational oral antibiotic in liquid form. \$150 incentive for those chosen who complete the study.

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Individuals ages 12-17 with ragweed allergy wanted to participate in a 2 week, 4 visit research study using medication in nasal inhaler form. Free ragweed skin testing provided. \$100 for those completing the study.

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