

## Salinas has full schedule today

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SAN ANTONIO — Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari faces a jampacked schedule when he arrives here today for free trade speeches, art exhibit openings and public appearances.

It is his first visit here since becoming president.

Mexican first lady Cecilia Ocelli de Salinas arrived Wednesday evening and Thursday visited a children's hospital, apartments for the disabled and art, fashion and silver exhibits.

Salinas is to to address a joint session of the 72nd Texas Legislature and meet with Gov. Ann Richards in Austin today.

# Anti-smoking group staging 'Emphysema Slims' tourney

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In the fight against tobacco-related disease and death, the actions of Doctors Ought to Care might be viewed as a combination of guerrilla warfare and theater of the absurd.

This Saturday, the health activists will show both sides of their character as they stage an "Emphysema Slims" tennis tournament in MacGregor Park to spoof the upcoming Virginia Slims Tournament, sponsored by Philip Morris Inc.

The anti-smoking physicians and medical students will help stage the alternative tournament with "Martina Noshmakanova" and the "Dakota DaCough Da-Cancer" participating.

"Martina" is actually fourth-year Baylor College of Medicine student Bennett Weiss who Thursday was decked out in a blond wig, padded bra and female tennis togs for a media conference.

"The whole point is to make the image look ridiculous, particularly the association between cigarette

smoking and women athletes," said Weiss.

DOC's plans come on the heels of a Wednesday speech by Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Louis Sullivan encouraging fans to avoid supporting sporting events sponsored by tobacco companies. Mayor Kathy Whitmire also proclaimed April 13 "Throw Tobacco Out of Sports Day."

Led by its founder, Dr. Alan Blum of Houston, DOC has been in the forefront of opposition to tobacco-sponsored sporting events for years.

The Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament is scheduled to start Monday and end Sunday, April 21 at the Westside Tennis Club. DOC members plan to hold a candlelight vigil on Saturday, April 20 in memory of the estimated 435,000 tobacco-related American deaths.

In a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Blum published an analysis of the television ban on tobacco advertising. Blum claims that tobacco companies have shifted gears and now spend two-thirds of their budget on sports promotion to circumvent limitations on tobacco commercials.