

# Media company announces sale of Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Times Herald, a daily in one of the nation's most competitive newspaper cities, is being sold for the second time in less than two years.

MediaNews Holdings Inc., controlled by Times Herald Chairman William Dean Singleton, plans to sell the paper to DTH Media Inc., a new corporation controlled by MediaNews stockholder John Buzzetta, both parties said.

Rumors had been circulating for weeks about the pending sale of the Times Herald, which has had marginal profits in the face of a weak state economy and tough competition from the larger newspaper, the Dallas Morning News.

Buzzetta, 38, has been associated with Singleton, 37, since 1977. Buzzetta is president and majority stockholder in the Scrantonian Tribune of Scranton, Pa.

Singleton and a partner, Richard B. Scudder, acquired the Times Herald, the second-largest paper in Dallas, in June 1986 for \$110 million from Times Mirror Co. As part of the deal, they received \$7 million that the newspaper had in the bank, as well as a \$20 million discount for paying early, to bring their total cost to \$83 million.

Singleton, who was in Denver Tuesday in meetings at the Denver Post, which he also owns, said in a statement that proceeds from the transaction will go toward retiring debt and for new acquisitions.

The sale comes as the young entrepreneur has extended himself financially to purchase the Houston Post, the Gloucester County Times in Woodbury, N.J.; and Today's Sunbeam in Salem, N.J., which he owns through MediaNews Holdings, a holding company under Media News Group. Media News Group includes Garden State Newspapers.

which owns 16 medium-sized dailies. Specific terms of the Dallas deal were not disclosed, but Buzzetta said, "A substantial amount of cash and stock was involved in the transaction."

Buzzetta said DTH Media Inc. will have a controlling interest while MediaNews will retain a financial interest in the newspaper and will remain a stockholder.

"The Dallas Times Herald is currently showing a healthy annual operating profit," Buzzetta said in a statement.

"We're buying a winner and we intend to operate the Dallas Times Herald in the proud tradition that has kept it successful for more than 100 years," he said.

Buzzetta said no layoffs are planned in the Times Herald newsroom.

In his statement, Buzzetta said he would become publisher of the newspaper and Art Wible, publisher since 1985, had agreed to leave.

Singleton issued a statement saying, "The proposal was attractive enough financially that it had to be considered seriously."

Earlier reports said Singleton was negotiating to sell the paper for \$140 million.

Two weeks ago, the Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times Herald agreed to drop lawsuits filed against each other concerning paid circulation figures.

Latest figures released through the Audit Bureau of Circulation for the six months ended Sept. 30, 1986, showed the Times Herald's daily circulation was 246,370 and the Morning News was 390,987. On Sunday, the Times Herald's reported paid circulation was 338,963, and the Morning News reported 531,417.

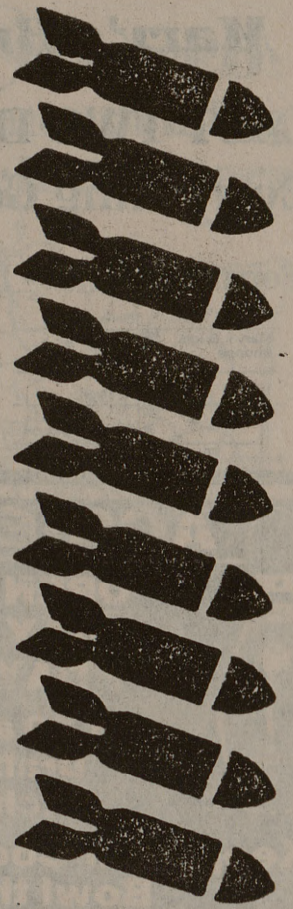
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1.09	3,850	7,000	575	1,200	.70	1,395	2,780	
1.04	2,150	4,000	275	500	.65	1,195	2,390	
1.03	3,595	7,000	375	600	.63	895	1,600	
1.01	1,495	3,000	335	600	.58	995	1,800	
1.01	1,895	4,000	335	600	.57	1,225	1,400	
1.01	3,495	7,000	275	500	.53	1,225	1,400	
1.01	2,185	4,200	335	600	.51	1,095	2,200	
.95	1,895	3,000	210	400	.28	312	600	
.95	2,395	4,600	165	300	.10	105	200	
.93	1,595	3,000	185	400				
.92	1,850	3,200	165	300				
.92	1,650	3,200	165	300				
.91	3,195	6,000	155	300	.90	\$1,890	\$3,600	
.90	1,595	3,000	111	200	.75	1,590	3,000	
.90	1,750	3,100	111	200	.58	1,375	2,600	
.89	1,350	2,600	95	180	.51	1,395	2,600	
.89	895	1,700	78	140				
.88	1,340	2,600	63	120				
.83	1,595	3,000	55	110				
.82	1,765	3,100	48	90	2.16	\$6,795	\$13,000	
.80	1,025	2,000	45	90	1.37	4,850	8,900	
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# Rainbow Family opens more sites for meeting

GROVETON (AP) — The Rainbow Family was opening additional sites for members planning a Fourth of July peace gathering, but federal officials Wednesday said the group may be "playing games."

A Rainbow Family member known as Alabama said two new sites will hold an overflow as the back-to-nature group arrives and a Groveton camp was being prepared.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Gay Ippolito said Forest Service personnel continue to patrol the area on Forest Road 583 in the Davy Crockett National Forest and are "monitoring the situation."

"We are monitoring things overall," Ippolito said. "If they move, we will move too in order to administer the site."

"Right now, we're not sure what's going on" concerning the family's possible move.

The group does not foresee any problems with the Davy Crockett forest area at Groveton, Alabama said, and family members believe the site will be able to accommodate the annual Gathering of the Tribes.

The Forest Service placed a gate across the north end of the forest road, saying the barrier was put up to protect an elderly woman who owns property near the site.

The Rainbow Family reported that two Groveton men pulled the gate down Friday night and dragged it a mile away.

Alabama said the group has the support of Groveton merchants who do not want the Forest Service "government bureaucrats to hassle us."

Trinity County officers said they have not determined who pulled the gate down, and no arrests were made in the incident. Another gate has been set up.

Deputies have made some arrests for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

One Rainbow Family member was arrested for public nudity Sunday. Officers said he will be extradited to California where he is wanted on a drug charge. Deputies arrested two more family members for disorderly conduct late Monday.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's ruling on the injunction opened the way for the group to meet "pretty much where they want to," Ippolito said.

But, she said, the ruling also pointed out that the Forest Service can enforce laws against disorderly conduct, public intoxication and public nudity, as well as other offenses.

# Court grants new trial to woman for murder

AUSTIN (AP) — A Tarrant County woman who said she killed her husband after he abused her in bizarre sex acts was granted a new trial Wednesday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Pamela Ruth McGoldrick Fielder had been convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to two years in prison in the July 23, 1981 shooting death of Darwin Fielder, an obstetrician-gynecologist.

The Court of Criminal Appeals, in a 7-2 decision, said the trial judge had improperly barred some testimony from a marriage counselor called as a defense witness. The case was sent back to Tarrant County for possible retrial.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney David Chapman, who handled the appeal for the prosecution, was out of his office and unavailable for comment Wednesday on whether the case would be retried. Prosecutors can choose not to retry cases reversed by appeals courts.

According to court records, the Fielders engaged in bondage and discipline games during their three-year marriage. Judge Chuck Miller's majority opinion said evidence showed Mrs. Fielder "initially consented" to the activities.

"These games, however, eventually crossed into the realm of what would clearly be, to the average person, a nightmare of sado-masochism," Miller said.

Evidence at the trial included equipment such as handcuffs, whips and other items used by the Fielders. Testimony showed they had a closet, which they called "the cave," that Fielder had equipped with equipment for bizarre sex acts.

Mrs. Fielder testified that, despite the unusual sexual activity, she and her husband had had a normal marriage for several years. Miller said evidence showed the Fielders were pursuing their careers and "socializing with the country club set."

Mrs. Fielder said she shot her husband in a scuffle that occurred after they decided to divorce.

Miller said in his opinion that the divorce was complicated because Fielder did not want anyone to know about his bizarre sexual tastes.

Prosecutors claimed Mrs. Fielder killed Darwin because she found out he was involved with another woman. They also claimed Mrs. Fielder willingly participated in the unusual sexual activity with her husband.

The conviction was reversed because the trial judge had barred some testimony from Beatrice Mathew, a marriage and family counselor called as a defense witness.

She was not allowed to offer an opinion based solely on hypothetical questions posed by the defense.

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