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## Residents oppose home for retarded

DALLAS (AP) — A planned home for the mentally retarded is opposed by a neighborhood association which contends a county agency tried to deceive it about ac-

quiring the site.

The choice of the McShann Road area rather than a white neighborhood in North Dallas was

also racist, residents said.

"Why on this street?" Dallas
County Commissioner Jim Jackson
told the Dallas Times Herald in
Thursday's editions. "This is a
rather old and established neighborhood and a rather unique
African American paighborhood African-American neighborhood in my district.

Jackson said he would try to stop the county's Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center

and Mental Retardation Center from opening the group home until the decision can be investigated.

The vacant lot on McShann Road, an area of affluent black professionals, is one of five sites that the county MHMR has targeted for home construction by February

February.
But the McShann Road Neighborhood Association said MHMR officials, who bought the lot in July, tried to keep the purchase a

'They've been deceptive," said Robert Prince, whose house is lo-cated next door to the lot. "They didn't take the 'for sale' sign down until this morning.

# Attorney urges Navratilova to settle lawsuit out of court

FORT WORTH (AP) — A lawyer warned counsel for Martina Navratilova that she and former lover Judy Nelson would suf-fer "devastating" emotional stress

if their palimony lawsuit was not settled out of court, according to tes-timony Thurs-

day.
"If litigation is filed, the press here and abroad will have a field day," contended Jerry Loftin, an attorney for Nelson, in a letter

sent four months ago to Mike Mc-Curley, Navratilova's Dallas

lawyer.
"The emotional stress and

tempting to perform," Loftin wrote last spring. " ... Both sides will be the loser."

McCurley produced the letter and read excerpts into the record during cross-examination of a witness in a bizarre preliminary hearing in which Navratilova is at-

tempting to have Loftin removed as Nelson's attorney.

Testimony in the pretrial issue began Monday, but has been overshadowed all week by on-again, off-again negotiations of a settle-ment. Those talks apparently broke off Thursday

The tennis celebrity's lawyers maintained Loftin was negligent when representing her in previous legal matters, including a controversial document that lies at the

strain on an ordinary individual would be devastating and seemingly catastrophic to an athlete attween Navratilova and and former companion, Nancy Li man-Cline, gave Loftin confiatial knowledge of the players fairs that should preclude his resenting Nelson.

Loftin denies that allegation Nelson, 45, contends the year-old Navratilova breached so-called "non-marital constition agreement" signed in 1% pact which sources said couldents of the course of the sources of the course of the c Navratilova as much as \$4.5

The couple's relationshipe ed earlier this year.

In his letter of last May Loftin warned McCurley that a al of a lawsuit would have only personal but financial cons

Kickback scam affects thousands

### Official sues mental health company

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales on Thursday filed suit against a mental health care company and its Fort Worth affiliate, accusing them of of illegally paying a "bounty hunter" to find crime victim patients the entities could use to siphon state victim compensation funds.

After filing suit against Washington, D.C.-based Psychiatric Institutes of America Inc. and Psychiatric Institute of Fort Worth Inc., Morales said the action represented just "the tip of the iceberg" in a kickback scam that has affected thousands of Texans and tens of millions of state dollars.

Morales said an investigation was prompted by

"an alarming rise" during the last year in payme to mental health care companies from the state's w lent crime victim compensation fund.

More than \$23 million was paid from the fund gover fiscal year 1991, officials said.

"The skyrocketing payments made to bogus the apies now threaten to drain the crime victims' fundaments." undermine its very existence, and prolong the pro found pain the crime victims and their families can

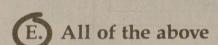
with them day after day," Morales said.
The lawsuit was filed in state district count.





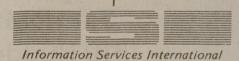
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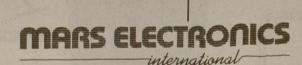
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## toll facilities DALLAS (AP) - Highwa

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planners Thursday were consid ing toll lanes on existing routes a possible answer to increasing snarled freeways in North Texas.

Committee

considers

Members of a regional tran portation committee in Fort Wort were examining a study by the North Central Texas Council Governments. The report identified 18 projects along new and eisting corridors that could be anneed through tolls.

"We need to evaluate the possibility of building for the possibility of the possibility

sibility of building freeway express lanes as toll facilities in a existing corridors where it is feas ble if we are serious about impro-ing mobility," Michael Morris, the council's director of transporta-tion, told The Dallas Morning

News.

"We are talking about new construction projects only," he construction projects only," he was the construction of the c said. "Converting existing freeway lanes to toll facilities is against the law, and we are not considering

that option at all. Morris was in the regional transportation meeting Thursday and did not immediately returns

call to The Associated Press.
"Toll roads are a good way to build roads when you want them, instead of when the highway de partment says you're going to get them," Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"If the citizens want then they're one way to expand highway capacity," he said.

#### Lobbyists finance trips for legislators, group says

WASHINGTON (AP) - House members in the last Congress took thousands of trips, many to prime resort spots, that were paid for by lobbyists and other private interests, according to a consumer advocacy group that condemned the practice as "legalized bribery."

Democrat Patricia Schroeder of Colorado topped the overall list of frequent fliers in the report released Thursday by Public Citizen. Most of her 98 trips were financed by educational institutions and public-interest groups. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, took the most trips courtesy of business interests, with 50.

Public Citizen's examination of financial disclosure forms for the 101st Congress, in 1989 and 1990, found private groups paid for 3,984 trips by House members. Some were paid by colleges and universities, but two-thirds, or 2,636, were paid for by corporations or corporate-sponsored trade associations that lobby Congress on issues affecting their economic