

Nasher's \$52M parking ticket

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How much would you pay for a parking space at the NorthPark Center shopping mall?

Ten dollars?

A hundred dollars?

How about \$100,000?

That's how much NorthPark owner Ray Nasher thinks the City of Dallas and State of Texas ought to pay.

The city and state say they must gobble up about 500 of the mall's parking spaces to widen North Central Expressway. They have offered \$13 million, but Nasher wants \$52 million —

partly to build a new parking garage for NorthPark patrons.

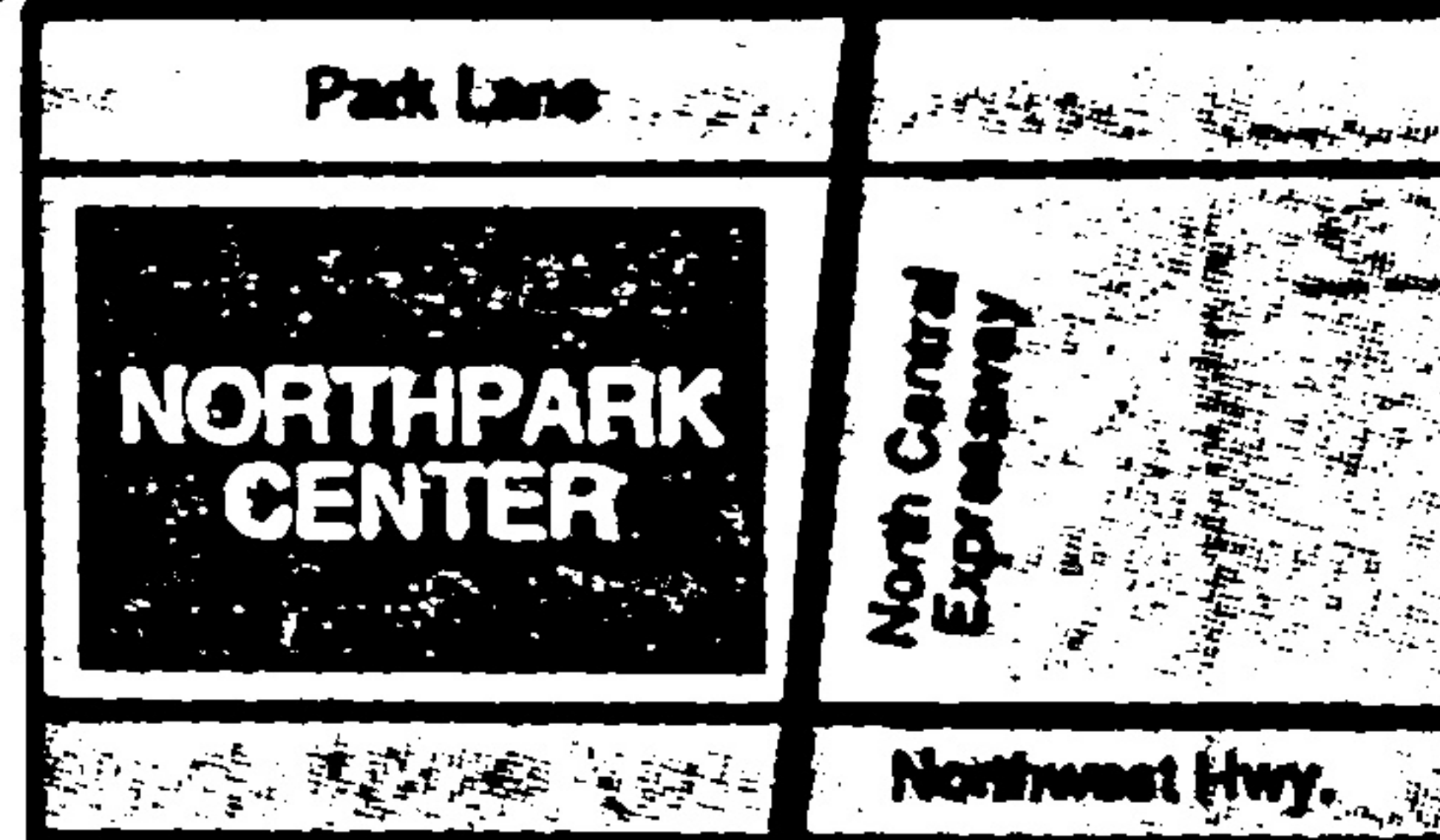
"We were kind of shocked to hear what he was asking for," said John Kelly of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Unable to reach an agreement, Nasher and the government highway planners are heading into court to let a Dallas County jury decide how much the parking lot property is worth.

Nasher attorney Richard Rogers said the dispute involves much more than parking spaces.

Rogers said the freeway expansion will disrupt activity at

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NorthPark for at least five years, and it could permanently impair the mall's ability to attract customers.

He said that Nasher — well-known as a philanthropic business

Expansion of North Central Expressway threatens to consume about 500 parking spots at NorthPark Center.

leader — originally underestimated the scope of damage that the road project would inflict on his 25-year-old shopping center.

"The man obviously does a lot

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