6/25/99 - Judge STEPHEN C. VILLARREAL -CV 322861 BARRON (Bonnie Dombrowski of Jacoby & Meyers, L.L.P.) v HUSSEY (David L. Curl of William B. Blaser Associates) - PERSONAL INJURY -PARKING LOT MISHAP. Plntf, female, a neonatal nurse at University Medical Center, operating vehicle, was struck, by Dfnt's vehicle, in the parking lot. Dfnt, female, age 79, admitted negligence, but argued Plntf was not injured. Plntf alleged she sustained cervical, thoracic, and lumbar strains and sprains, and has residual headaches and daily mid-back pain. Plntf used videotape deposition of Lynn M. Carlson, P.T.; and Philip P. Tygiel, P.T., both physical therapists, who opined Plntf's physical therapy was reasonable, necessary, and related. Plntf also used videotape depositions of William C. Ludt, D.O., an internist; and Harmon L. Myers, D.O., a general practitioner, who opined Plntf's injuries were causally related and her

treatment was reasonable and necessary. Dfnt planned to call Joseph D. Peles, Ph.D., a biomechanical engineer, but Court precluded his testimony. Prayer: Just and reasonable compensatory damages; \$5,500 medical expenses; plus \$9,000 lost wages. Plntf made a pretrial demand of \$45,000 - Dfnt made an \$8,513 offer of judgment (D). (Carrier: State Farm Insurance.) During closing arguments, Plntf's counsel asked jury to award Plntf her medical expenses and lost wages, plus \$50,000 to \$100,000. Defense counsel argued Plntf was not injured. In the alternate, defense suggested jury award Plntf the cost of her treatment for three to six months. Jury out one hour. Three day trial. AWARDED PLNTF \$2,500 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES. UNANIMOUSLY.
