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State airplanes' leasing is sky-high

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AUSTIN — Texans will pay \$5 million in 1981 to maintain and lease the state's 36 airplanes, frequently used for political and personal appearances, it was reported.
"Everyone's hustling around the state in a twin-engine or they're busy hustling for one in the Legislature," a state pilot was quoted in the Dallas Times Herald Tuesday.
Two years ago the Legislature passed a bill to save money by centralizing the state's air fleet in a pool, rather than having aircraft assigned to a particular agency or official. However, the bill was not able to take effect because the Legislature did not fund the pool board.
A study by the Legislative Budget Board said a pool would allow the state to sell some airplanes, prohibit per-

sonal and political use of the planes, save money through lower maintenance and eliminate some pilot jobs.
Officials and agencies that have airplanes assigned them can be expected to oppose consolidation.
Gov. Bill Clements used his plane to take his wife, the wife of H. Ross Perot and 12 other citizens to tour the governor's mansions of Mississippi and Georgia when Clements was interested in restoring the Texas governor's mansion, the newspaper said.
According to a log of Clements' flights, he used state airplanes for trips to Chamber of Commerce and service club functions, testimonials, ribbon cuttings, barbecues, political gatherings and the Republican National Conven-

tion in Detroit.
Clements spokesman Jon Ford said the governor would not oppose airplane pooling but probably would not lead the way for it.
Comptroller Bob Bullock has the largest fleet with three airplanes, including an eight-seater. His press secretary, Tony Profit, said the state's planes were a money-saver but the Times Herald said many commercial flights were cheaper.
The newspaper said it cost the state \$171.55 for each person on an Austin-Amarillo flight while Southwest Airlines offered a \$43 ticket. Austin-Dallas costs \$114.86 per person on a state plane but \$28 on Southwest.

Dallas Siamese twins safely separated

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DALLAS — A team of doctors at Children's Medical Center successfully separated twin girls born joined at the spine in a delicate 10-hour operation, hospital officials said Tuesday.
The 3-month-old sisters were released in "excellent condition" on Valentine's Day, exactly one month after doctors separated a portion of the spinal cord and nerves leading to each child's bladder, lower legs and feet.
"They (the parents) have two perfectly normal little girls," said Dr. Ted Votteler, who led the 10-member medical team. "We're

really pleased about that."
The girls, born by Caesarean section the first week of November, were sent home in December but returned to the medical center Jan. 11 in preparation for the Jan. 14 surgery.
No information had previously been released about the twins because of "a very strong desire for privacy on the part of the family," said a hospital spokesman.
Votteler said the babies were joined at the lower back and shared the lowest portion of the spinal cord and bony structures of the spine. The babies shared no other organs.

"The family knew it was in the best interest of both little girls to have the separation," the doctor said. "They also realized that the separation would not create any problems of one versus the other."
The girls are the third set of twins separated at the hospital in the past three years and the first in which both twins survived. One twin died in each of the previous cases.
The biggest concerns of doctors was a fear the twins would share common nerves, that separation might cause injury to the cord or nerves and the fear of infection.
"We really couldn't imagine

what it would be like," said Dr. Joan Venes, pediatric neurosurgeon and a member of the operating team.
"We would pinch one baby in certain skin areas and the other baby would cry," she said. "We don't know how they managed to do that. There was probably some intermixed or duplication of nerve cells."
During the four-hour separation of the spinal cord, doctors used electrical stimulation to test each nerve and "to make sure that each twin had an equal share of

everything," Venes said.
The doctors said the babies appear normal but will require close follow-up for the next few years to make sure their spines grow the way they should.
Votteler said both babies "had good motion in their extremities" when released from the hospital.
Conjoined or Siamese twins occur once in every 60,000 births.

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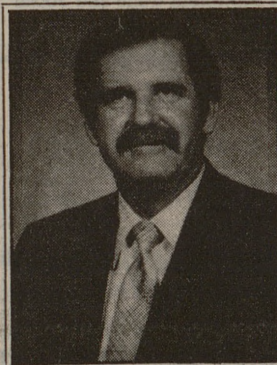
Texas orders California fruit fumigated

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AUSTIN — A decision by the state to fumigate fruit shipments from California to defend against an infestation of the Mediterranean fruit fly drew harsh criticism from California officials, who called the action unwarranted and unnecessary.
Fred Heringer, president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, said Tuesday the fly had never been found in commercial agriculture in California and all commercial crops leaving the Santa Clara Valley were already treated.
He called the action by the Texas Agriculture Department "unwarranted and unnecessary."
"The real losers in this outrageous action will be the consumers of Texas who will pay higher prices at the supermarket and California farmers who will be faced with costly fumigation that will reduce the quality of their products for no reason," he said.

Texas will begin March 1 to require fruit shipments from California to be fumigated, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown said Tuesday.
"I can't live with myself if we didn't do something and we lost that Rio Grande Valley very productive area down there," Brown said.
He said the order did not require a halt in shipments from California.
"We are only requiring all fruits and vegetables under the order to be fumigated or submitted to cold treatment before they can cross the Texas border," he said. "The Mediterranean fruit fly is a serious threat to the Texas fresh produce industry if it is brought into the state."
Richard Rominger, director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, also called the action "completely unwarranted."

"We do have a quarantine of the infested area, that covers 500 miles in the Santa Clara Valley," he said. "It makes no sense to quarantine the entire state of California."
"No fruit is leaving California that shows any Medfly infestation," said Rominger, who called the Texas action "very costly to California growers."

He said the move would delay shipments, noting that "not all fruits and vegetables will hold up well under fumigation."



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