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Tire falls off jet; Delta plane forced to land

HOUSTON (AP) — A Delta Air Lines jet was forced to land at Houston Intercontinental Airport after a tire apparently fell off when the aircraft took off from Houston Hobby Airport about noon Thursday, offi-

Delta's Flight 881 from Hobby in southeast Houston enroute to Dallas lost one of its four main landing gear tires on the plane's right side, said Bill Ainsworth, manager of public affairs for Houston's aviation de-

Delta spokesman Jackie Pate said, "The pilot decided to go over to Intercontinental to land since the runtercontinental to land since the runways are larger and did so without seeking sex

The Boeing 737 jet landed at Intercontinental in north Houston at 12:25 p.m. and was being inspected, Ainsworth said. The 106 passengers on board were taken by bus to an airport terminal, he said.

Arrangements were made for passengers to get to Dallas on other flights, Pate said.

Delta has been plagued in recent weeks with a series of near-accidents and other problems.

Last Sunday, because of controller error, two Delta jets flew dangerously close to each other in the air over Virginia, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Delta airliners caused at least two near-collisions with other aircraft, landed on the incorrect runway, landed at the wrong airport and came perilously close to crashing into the Pacific Ocean because of a pilot's mistake, officials said.

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Police arrest Dallas men

DALLAS (AP) — In a lunchtime sting that lasted for two hours outside a Dallas motel, undercover female police officers arrested a dozen men who offered to pay an average of \$30 for various sex acts, authorities said.

The roadside-decoy operation, conducted Tuesday on Harry Hines Boulevard, is conducted periodically, and police would not say when

they plan to strike again.

"It's something we could do every day if we had the time and manpower," Dallas police Sgt. Don Marks said.

"It's till Cabination and the lime and manpower," and strike the said.

"It's like fishing in a stock tank," he said. "There's no telling the num-

bers we could pick up."

Marks said those arrested represent a cross-section of the community, with about half the clientele

What's up

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will conduct a "Frida" Night Alive" meeting at 6 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

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Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days be fore desired publication date.

Texas, southern states not receiving fair share of U.S. funds, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A shift in the way the federal government spends its money on the states has left economically strapped states in the South with fewer dollars and Texas at the bottom of the list, according to a report released Thursday by the Sunbelt Institute.

"As this report makes clear, the West-South Central region of the country — which includes Texas as well as Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma — ranks dead last in a regional ranking of

homa — ranks dead last in a regional ranking of per capita federal grants," said Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, chairman of the congressional Sunbelt Caucus.

The report states that while New York sends only 75 cents to Washington for every dollar of aid it receives, Texas sends \$1.59, the worst ratio of taxes paid to benefits received of all 50 states. Florida is second to last with a \$1.49 to \$1 ratio,

according to the report.

Rep. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., said, "The bottom line is the South is not receiving its fair share." Dr. Bernard L. Weinstein and Richard W Wigley, who authored the report, said, "The reason for the regional imbalance is clear: biased and misdirected federal formula grants, and a steady flow of federal procurement dollars to states outside of the Sunbelt."

At a press conference in the Capitol, half a dozen Sunbelt Caucus members declared that changing the system under which federal grants-in-aid and procurement are allocated will be the number one goal of the Sunbelt Caucus in the

100th Congress.

But the Sunbelt Institute report shows southern states are not the only states paying more than they are receiving in federal aid. New Jersey ranks third to last at \$1.42 followed by Connections of the context of \$1.25.

cut at \$1.35. A statement released by the Northeast Midwest Institute claimed that under the current federal system "Frost Belt" states get more fed-eral grants-in-aid because they pay more in taxes and matching grants.

"Northeastern states paid \$12 billion more in federal taxes in fiscal 1986 than they received in federal outlays; the Midwest paid \$21 billion

more," according to the release. "The gained \$27 billion, and the West, \$29 billion If grants and procurement are taken in count, so should federal salaries and wage payments to individuals, said Diane DeVaurector of policy for the Northeast Midwesl

'Of the ten states receiving the highest of federal expenditures per dollar of fe taxes, four were in the South . . . and six we the West," DeVaul said in her statement.

Among actions being pursued by the St Caucus is a bill by Rep. Charles Bennett, I that would require use of the most curent data to determine per capita income for a tion of federal grants. "It ought not to depend on whether so

nes's got a better congressman, a more cham more charismatic congressman," Bennettsi He said most southern states rank at the

tom of the list in per capita income yet an getting the federal monies designed to maid to disadvantaged parts of the country.

New air-conditioned helmet cools off motorcycle riders

PLANO (AP) - Summertime, with its balmy evenings and bright days inspires communion with the out-of-doors, and what better way to enjoy the summer elements than astride a motorcycle?

One of the drawbacks to Texas bikers has been the heat, especially while wearing the safety helmets required by law.

While manufacturers have reduced the weight and bulk of most motorcycle helmets, they have not managed to combat the heat until re-

But a Plano company, Cool-Power, is offering riders some relief — an air-conditioned motorcycle

'Motorcycle helmets have at least an inch of Styrofoam insulation, and an inch of Styrofoam is also what they use in refrigerators to keep the heat they generate inside," said Richard Buist, president of Cool-

Using a thermoelectric cooling system, Cool-Power helmets maintain an interior temperature that is almost 30 degrees lower than whatever inferno is sweltering outside.

The Cool-Power helmet operates on the principal that most blood at one time or another flows through the head to the brain. The headgear cools that blood, which then flows on to other parts of the body, eliminating all but the most delicate of perspiration.

"I think the greatest thing about it is that it does work," said Buist, a physicist who has been a pioneer in the development of thermoelectrics.

The key elements of the Cool-Power system are two 1.2-inch square ceramic plates that sandwich semiconductor material — made from "dust off a bat's wing, the eye of a newt and stirred in the light of a full moon," Buist said, joking.

Two electrical leads attached to a 12-volt battery convert the module into a heat pump that directs heat from one ceramic surface to the other. The helmet plugs into the motorcycle's power source through a coiled cord hooked up to an electriA finned aluminum strip straddling the top of the helmet exhausts the heat collected in one plate of the

And while heat is drawn to one surface, the other ceramic plate be-comes cool. A copper coating melded to the cool plate transmits cooling to a copper braid suspended

"It just seemed like another wild idea, but when I really started thinking about it, I also knew the application was small enough to be practical."

- Richard Buist, president of Cool-Power

in a "bladder" filled with fluid. The braid cools the fluid, which in turn cools the wearer's head.

'Thermoelectric modules have been used for a long time by the military and NASA, but it's only recently that they've been applied to consumer goods," Buist said. He said a similar cooling system is used in small portable pictures and in small, portable picnic coolers and that French technicians have experimented with thermoelectric power to cool railway cars, although such a large application is not yet feasible.

An entourage of about 15 Cool-Power employees assemble the cooling system in the back rooms at company headquarters in Plano.

The package is shipped to a helmet manufacturer in Idaho, who installs the cooling system along with a typical plastic foam and terry-cloth

Because Cool-Power has farmed its business out to a manufacturer that uses a special technique to con-struct its helmets, each helmet ex-ceeds U.S. Department of Transportation regulations by almost 50 percent, company officials say. And the cooling unit adds only four ounces to the total weight of a hel-

"Within eight months, this will be the wave of the future," Buist said. Cool-Power started marketing its

helmet in April, and already the company boasts a backlog of almost A motorcycle shop in Arlington sells the helmets, and Buist said

Plano Honda is among many distributors that have requested a Cool-Power helmet to test. "Most people have been positive

about the project," he said. "They usually get this look on their face and then say, 'Well, I once thought of something like that,' or 'I was wondering when somebody was going to come up with a way to do that." The primary drawback to the hel-

met is cost. Each one retails for about \$500, but Buist said he hopes to reduce production costs to \$350 in the near future. Top-quality hel-mets sell for between \$250 and \$1,000, depending on the labels they

Buist said the Cool-Power helmet is manufactured by the same company that produces Best helmets, some of which sell for \$1,000.

Best markets a helmet that has a system of vents to circulate air within the headgear, but Cool-Power, which Buist said holds exclusive world-wide patents on its product, is the only company to sell a helmet that actually is air-conditioned.

When Mississippi inventor Jerry McCall first approached Buist in 1983 with the idea for a refrigerated motorcycle helmet, Buist was a senior vice president for technology at Marlow Industries in Dallas and a

skeptic.

"We thought he was just another crackpot," Buist said of McCall. "It just seemed like another wild idea, but when I really started thinking about it, I also knew the application was small enough to be practical."

Marlow Industries worked with McCall to devise a prototype. However, Marlow became concerned with the potential liability of such a product and abandoned the project.

Callers give police clue

HOUSTON (AP) - The ris County Sheriff's office san has received more than 50 from citizens since investig released voice recordings man suspected of killing a k

wood couple earlier this more The tapes of July 14 telepcalls from a man reporting slayings to authorities broadcast on local radio and vision stations Wednesday.

The recordings were reby Harris County sheriffsin gators in their latest move the slayings of Edward Brus Millian, 49, and his wife, Jo 51. The bodies of the couple found in the early morning of July 14, after the my caller notified authorities.

Sgt. J.J. Freeze said that some of the calls received sponse to the recordings s have been pranks, others provided information that checked out by investigator "We feel that somebod

there knows the suspect, an hope (he) will come out," It said. Lt. Drew Warren said the

had been heard by about friends, relatives and busine sociates of the slain couple none could identify the called

The voice is that of ap that had a lot of anger inve a person that would be as path or psychotic in name Warren said.

Investigators said the first phone call to an emergency ator came from a man at the couple's home at 1:22 a.m. caller said, "There's been a

der by the lake, Kingwood The second call was pla

3:27 a.m. to a dispatcher.
"If you hurry to Shore Le
Kingwood Lakes number 4
may still be alive," the callers The caller made no att

disguise his voice on the first but the voice on the seco was disguised, with the voice sounding deep and rate