

## Delta pilot says he should have applied power

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pilot of Delta Flight 1141, which crashed on takeoff near Dallas last August, told investigators he thought he could fly his Boeing 727 out of trouble but said he should have applied full power much sooner, according to government documents.

The plane crashed several thousand feet beyond the runway and burst into flames, killing 14 of the 108 people aboard. The Delta Air Lines flight was bound from Dallas-Fort Worth to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Documents released Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board said that while Flight 1141 had no problems as it rolled down the runway, it encountered almost immediate trouble after liftoff and rolled violently from left to right.

Seconds after Capt. Larry Davis, 49, a veteran Delta pilot, raised the plane off the ground there was an unusual "snap" noise followed by a vibration of the control column, a warning that the aircraft was about to stall, according to the documents.

Davis told investigators he first thought they would make it but then more bangs were heard and he had a sensation the plane was losing power and "pulling us backward . . ."

But according to the documents made public Monday, Davis did not apply full engine power for about 22 seconds after the first unusual noise and nearly 20 seconds after the stall warning system began to activate.

Even after a series of five engine compressor stalls and an exclamation by Davis that "we're not gonna make it" the captain did not call for "full power" for another eight seconds. The first sound of impact came less than a second later.

According to aviation experts, the normal procedure when an aircraft is about to stall during takeoff — when a plane is dangerously close to the ground — is to apply maximum power.

In an interview with investigators from his hospital bed several days after the accident, Davis, according to the documents, said: "In retrospect, I should have pushed up full power immediately" — when there was an indication of stalling.

Although Davis said he sensed a loss of engine power, investigators, after closely examining the three engines, have ruled out any mechanical engine failure. It is widely believed the compressor stalls were caused by an interruption of proper air flow, which could be caused by a plane flying at an unusual angle.

Davis acknowledged to investigators that after the plane rotated off the runway he continued to pull back the control column, raising the nose of the aircraft to an unusually high angle. At one point the angle was so severe he no longer could see over the aircraft's nose, the documents said.

Davis said he did so because he feared imminent impact with the ground.

The investigation continues to focus on the possibility that the flight crew failed to set the plane's flaps properly, inhibiting its lift. The NTSB previously has said that the flaps were found in a retracted position in the wreckage as was the cockpit lever controlling the flaps.

Investigators also have closely examined two "click" sounds on the cockpit voice recorder tape of flight 1141 to determine whether they might have been co-pilot Carey Kirkland setting the flaps. But one document released Monday concluded that after sophisticated sound tests it was determined that the two clicks do not match sounds of the actual setting of flaps on a similar aircraft.

In fact, said the NTSB document, no noise pattern could be found on the entire cockpit voice recorder tape that matched the pattern heard when flaps were set on a test aircraft.

On the other hand, the same tape also shows — as had previously been made known — that the co-pilot acknowledged that the flaps were in the correct position during a routine pre-flight checklist.

"Flaps," the flight engineer Steven Judd was heard to say.

"Fifteen, fifteen, green light," responded Kirkland, 37, referring to the proper flap degree setting.

Kirkland has told investigators he recalls nothing after the plane departed from the gate.

## Court rules prayer case as frivolous

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Prisons don't have to supply free prayer shawls, sermon tapes or religious books to inmates, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

The court upheld U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's decision that Donald Ray Frank's lawsuit against the Texas Department of Corrections should be dismissed as frivolous.

"We agree with the District Court's observation that '(t)here cannot possibly be any constitutional or legal requirement that the government provide materials for every religion and sect practiced in this diverse country,'" the 5th Circuit said.

Frank, who is Jewish, claimed his freedom of religion was violated because the department wouldn't give him religious materials including six books, a prayer shawl, sermon tapes and a kippah — the skullcap also called a yarmulke.

The 5th Circuit noted that Frank does not claim he is not allowed to worship or that he is discriminated against because he is Jewish.

## Actor Houseman dies in home at 86

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — John Houseman, the producer who terrified millions with the "War of the Worlds" and won an Oscar for intimidating his students as the imperious law professor in "The Paper Chase," died Monday. He was 86.

Houseman died at his seaside home before dawn, said Ivan Goff, a family friend and scriptwriter. Margo Harley, a longtime friend and colleague, said he had spinal cancer.

Houseman brought a magnetic eloquence to the role of the curmudgeon and gained wide fame while in his 70s as Professor Charles W. Kingsfield in "The Paper Chase," a role he first played in the 1973 film and then in the television series.

He parlayed his fame and his distinctive speaking style into a lucrative series of commercial endorsements, including ads for the investment firm Smith, Barney in which he growled, "They make money the old-fashioned way — they EARRNNN it."

"Behind that austere public posture was the warmest, most generous man in the world — with his time, his remarkable intelligence, his insight," writer David Rintels, who collaborated with Houseman on the movie "Gideon's

Trumpet" and the play "Clarence Darrow," said.

Actor Kirk Douglas said, "He was a gentleman of the old school, polite and courtly. He had wonderful manners. He was an unusual character and I'm going to miss him."

While he was best known for his work on screen, Houseman's passions were for the theater, writing and teaching. His acting students included Kevin Kline, Robin Williams, Christopher Reeve, Patti LuPone and David Ogden Stiers. Houseman appears in the new Woody Allen film, "Another Woman," in which Stiers plays a younger Houseman.

At the time of his death, Houseman had achieved what he told friends was his ultimate dream: the establishment of The Acting Company, a touring theatrical ensemble of the nation's brightest talents.

Houseman co-produced the "War of the Worlds" radio drama for Orson Welles. He later apologized for the nationwide panic induced by the program about invading Martians, which aired 50 years ago Sunday.

Born Jacques Haussmann in Romania, the veteran actor, director and producer launched his career in 1934 as the director of a Broadway production.

## Cousin of slain child charged with murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — A murder charge has been filed against a step-cousin in the slaying of Michael Toston, a 5-year-old who was bludgeoned and dumped in a field near his grandmother's east-side apartment complex either Oct. 22 or 23, police said.

Homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said Sirron Hicks, 18, was charged Monday.

Michael had last been seen about noon Oct. 22. He was reported missing about 90 minutes later by his mother, who had

come to pick him up after he had stayed overnight with his grandmother.

The boy's body was discovered by a cousin the morning of Oct. 23, less than 100 yards from his grandmother's front door in a wooded area that had been searched the previous night by neighbors, patrol officers and police dogs, Kratz said.

Kratz said police had been puzzled why someone would dump the body in an area that already had been searched by police and neighbors.

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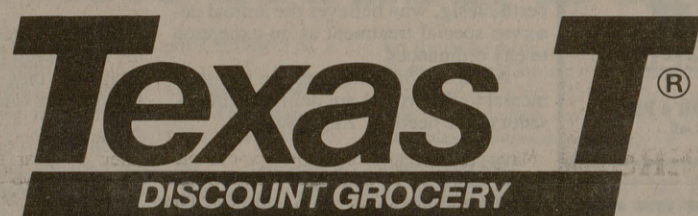


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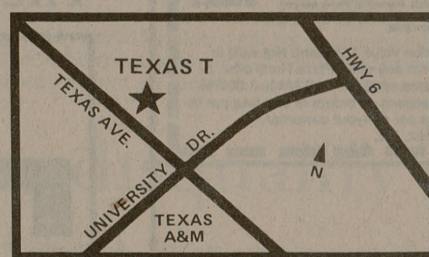
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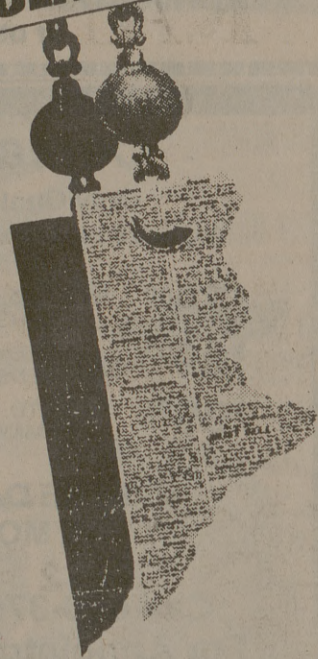


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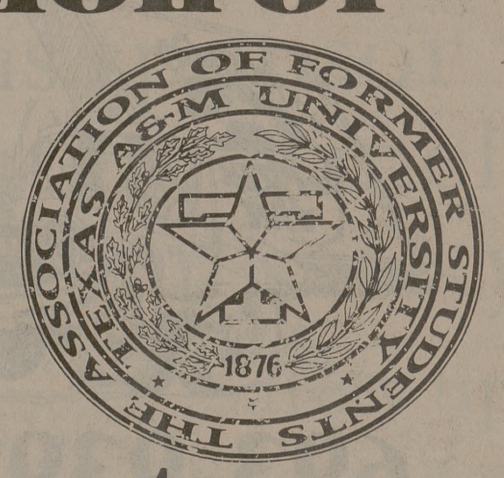


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