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## Delta lands CEO



Former Northwest Airlines CEO Richard Anderson takes the reins at Delta on Sept. 1, replacing outgoing CEO Gerald Grinstein. Anderson, 52, will become Delta's eighth CEO.

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- THE NEW CEO**  
► **Name:** Richard Anderson  
► **Job:** Chief executive officer  
► **Age:** 52  
► **Hometown:** Galveston, Texas  
► **Now lives in:** Minneapolis  
► **Starts at Delta:** Sept. 1  
► **Job he's leaving:** Executive vice president, UnitedHealth Group.  
► **Before that:** CEO, Northwest Airlines, from 2001 to 2004. Spent 14 years at Northwest and before that worked at Continental Airlines. Joined Delta board in April.  
► **Notable:** Will be the eighth CEO in Delta history, and the first to have been CEO at a major rival. Has a law degree and once was a prosecutor in Texas.



**IN-HOUSE PROMOTION**  
► Delta's Ed Bastian is the new president and chief financial officer.

## Ex-Northwest exec gets nod over insider

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Delta Air Lines' new board of directors named industry veteran Richard Anderson as the company's new chief executive, choosing the former Northwest Airlines head over two in-house executives that outgoing CEO Gerald Grinstein had groomed.  
The selection of Anderson, who was part of the new board assembled last spring when Delta exited bankruptcy, was announced Tuesday.  
Anderson, 52, becomes CEO on Sept. 1.  
"It's an opportunity to do something transformative in the industry," said Anderson, who also worked at Continental Airlines before moving to Northwest, where he was CEO from 2001 to 2004. He left the airline that year for an executive vice president post at UnitedHealth Group in Minneapolis.  
He led Northwest through the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks and now takes over Delta as it emerges from a

similar crucible.  
After years of retooling operations, "Delta is in a very good position," Anderson said in a short phone interview from Delta headquarters. He said he plans to focus on expanding the carrier's overseas operations, strengthening its alliances with other carriers and shoring up its operations against future downturns in the industry.  
"It's the leader in the industry in all the metrics," said Anderson. "We just have to continue that momentum." He said he plans to spend coming weeks meeting Delta's employees and learning operations.  
Grinstein, 75, will retire on Sept. 1. A longtime Delta board member, he became CEO in a 2003 shake-up and led the airline into and through its bankruptcy case. He also fended off last winter's buyout attempt by US Airways, an effort that rallied employees and seemed to put wind under Delta's wings.  
Though he had openly hoped for an inter-

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## Mayor: Web site enables child sex

Craigslist should remove ads that seem to promote child prostitution, says Atlanta's Shirley Franklin.

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Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin has called on a popular Web site to take responsibility for what she said is the company's role in promoting child prostitution.  
"Children are being marketed through Craigslist," Franklin said Tuesday during an update on the mayor's "Dear John" campaign, a crackdown on the city's child prostitution industry.



Franklin

Craigslist, founded on the Web at craigslist.org, may be best known as a bulletin board for people who want to sell a car, buy a home or meet people. But Atlanta vice officer Kelleita Thurman said Tuesday that Craigslist and similar sites account for 85 percent of the sexual liaisons men arrange in Atlanta with boys and girls.

In a letter sent Tuesday to the company, Franklin said the site could do more to prevent itself from being used "as a means of promoting and enabling child prostitution." She called on the site to revise its warning on pages for erotic services and personal ads and to remove postings that offer sexual services for sale, among other things.  
Craigslist spokeswoman Susan MacTavish Best said in an e-mail that she and Chief Executive Officer Jim Buckmaster are in Europe and "neither of us are aware of such a letter so it would not be possible to comment about this."

Company founder Craig Newmark, who also was mailed Franklin's letter, no longer is involved in the company's daily affairs and is traveling, Best said.

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## Private eyes sneak into church group

Lawsuit charges couple listened to confessions of others' most personal secrets.

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When a new couple arrived at Southside Christian Fellowship Church in August 2005, members welcomed them with open arms.  
Soon, the new couple talked their way into private group support sessions in the Stockbridge home of church member Ken King.

During the private talks, church members confessed abortions, sexual orientation issues, drug addictions and other dark secrets.  
No one knew the couple wasn't actually interested in joining the church. Instead, they were private investigators hoping two church members, Bill and Leandra Pitts, would spill something they could use to discredit the pair in an ongoing lawsuit over a traffic accident.

The private eyes even tape-recorded the sessions.

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## Heating up? Panel says no problem

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And now for a message on global warming from your Georgia Legislature: Don't sweat it.  
Climate scientists and environmental activists like former Vice President Al Gore are alarmists. They use flawed statistical models to predict a catastrophic future of thawed glaciers, super-charged hurricanes, swamped coastlines and scorched crops.  
That was the conclusion of three of the four panelists at a state House hearing on Tuesday titled "Climate Change: Fact or Fiction?"

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## A step ahead of Dean

Hurricane Dean, weakened but still powerful, was on target to hit Mexico's oil industry hub around Toluca by this afternoon. Residents were taking to higher ground to escape winds and flooding. Experts say the storm is likely to do between \$750 million and \$1.5 billion in damage before it's done. **A6**

# Warming: Panel sees no need for alarm

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While other states are looking for ways to reduce the greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming, Georgia officials are not convinced there's a problem they can do anything about.

"In the media, we hear the gloom and doom side," said Rep. Jeff Lewis (R-White), chairman of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee that held the hearing. "There is alternative information out there."

The hearing was followed by a lunch for lawmakers, sponsored by Georgia Natural Gas and ATEK. It was a rare state-sanctioned discussion on global warming, a topic Gov. Sonny Perdue has steered clear of even as his counterpart in Florida, fellow Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, is leading the charge to slash that state's greenhouse gas emissions. Last month, Crist signed an executive order requiring utilities to produce more power from renewable sources and lower emissions.



Lewis



Cox



Crist



Creech

"I believe this issue is being driven by hysteria right now," said Patrick Michaels, a professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia and senior fellow in environmental studies at the Cato Institute, a Washington-based think tank with Libertarian leanings.

The hearing came a few weeks after a global warming discussion at the National Conference of State Legislatures annual meeting in Boston. Lewis said he felt the NCSL meeting was stacked with the "extreme side" preaching that global warming will have a catastrophic impact.

At that meeting, Georgia was one of eight states that voted against a resolution in support of California's attempt to pass more aggressive environmental laws than the federal government to reduce greenhouse gases.

Eric Schaeffer, who directs the Washington-based Environmental Integrity Project advocating stronger enforcement, said Georgia is lagging behind many other states in dealing with global warming.

"You've got a very conservative group of politicians running things. That doesn't mean they necessarily reflect the rank-and-file thinking," said Schaeffer, who resigned as head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's civil enforcement section in 2002.

Michaels, the scientist from UVA, said climate change is real. But he said the likely impact — the dramatic rise in sea level, the extent of the loss of the glaciers of Greenland, the jump in severe hurricanes — has been exaggerated.

Many of the suggestions to reduce CO2 would cost a lot of money and provide very little change, he said.

"If you care about warming, you should care about affluence," Michaels told lawmakers.

Michaels argued that people with more money will invest in companies that produce things like hybrid cars that use less fossil fuel.

John Christy, director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, said temperature data does not support predictions that greenhouse gases will cause a massive warming of the Earth's climate over the next century. In fact, he said temperatures in Georgia and Alabama have declined over the past century.

"I plow through the data from scratch. I don't see the catastrophes happening,"

Christy said. Members of the Republican dominated panel said they appreciated the skeptics viewpoint.

"What this has done is it has affirmed my assumption coming in here that there are too many opinions on this subject" to draw a conclusion, said Rep. Clay Cox (R-Lilburn), a member of the House committee.

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South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, another Republican, wrote an opinion published this year in The Washington Post urging fellow conservatives to take the lead in the global warming debate by pushing for market-based solutions.

Dennis Creech, executive director of Atlanta-based Southface, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving energy and water, said after the hearing he could've suggested a more balanced panel for the legislators.

"Just look at surrounding states," Creech said. "They're all not in denial mode. ... [Energy saving] measures are going to save our economy, not cost us."

About two-thirds of Georgia's electricity is produced by coal-fired power plants, the single largest producers of greenhouse gases. According to the Environmental Integrity Project, Schaeffer's group, Georgia Power operates the biggest carbon-emitter in the country at Plant Scherer near Macon, and the third biggest, at Plant Bowen in Cartersville.

But the conversation may be changing. Just last year, Southern Co. seemed content to highlight the uncertainties surrounding climate change. This year, the company, which also owns Alabama Power and Mississippi Power, published a climate change pamphlet acknowledging the need to reduce greenhouse gases and pointing out the company's efforts to that end, including research on cleaner coal technologies and new nuclear plants.

Leonard Haynes, Southern's executive vice president of supply technologies, renewables and demand-side planning, said last week, "The Earth is getting warmer. I don't personally know if it's man-made or a natural phenomenon, but we'll need to take into account greenhouse gas emissions because we're going to have to reduce them."

Also, the State Energy Strategy, a package of proposals presented to Perdue last year by his hand-picked advisers, includes a strong statement on climate change and the need for the state to act by creating an inventory of the state's greenhouse gases.

The advisory panel was chaired by a leading proponent of curbing greenhouse gas emissions, Lee Thomas, the retired president and chief operation officer of Georgia-Pacific Corp.

# Web: Drop child sex ads, mayor urges

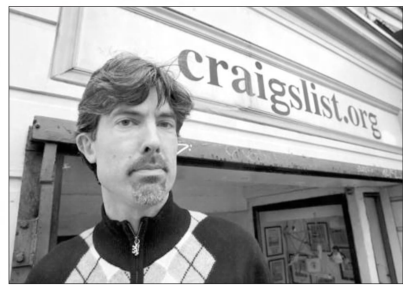
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This isn't the first time Craigslist has been linked to sexual liaisons. News accounts in March identified the Web site as a place where men meet men to arrange sexual encounters in the bathrooms at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. In Seattle, police arrested about 70 men in November who authorities said arranged to meet prostitutes who posted ads on craigslist.org, according to the Seattle Times.

Franklin may not have any legal standing in asking craigslist.org to do anything about the child sex trade, said Greg Lisby, a Georgia State University professor who holds a law degree and teaches classes on communications law and ethics. Georgia's obscenity law was struck down in 2006 and the state Legislature has not adopted a new one, Lisby said.

"I see what the mayor says, that this is promoting child prostitution," Lisby said. "But advertising is protected by the First Amendment. ... There are things that are distasteful, offensive, but not necessarily illegal."

Stephanie Davis, the mayor's policy adviser on women's issues who is coordinating the "Dear John" campaign, said the requests spelled out in the letter have



PAUL SAKUMA / Associated Press

been reviewed by some of the best lawyers in Atlanta, including city attorneys and lawyers with Alston & Bird and Arnall Golden Gregory.

Davis said she intends to meet next week with the city's law department to develop the next steps in the strategy to make Craigslist "accountable as a marketplace where young people can be bought and sold."

A quick check Tuesday morning of the Atlanta site of craigslist.org found more than 200 personal ads had been listed since midnight, dozens of them postings that appeared to be advertising sex for sale by women who may not have been at least 18 years old. Davis looked in an office at City Hall at online photos of a nude woman

who claimed to be 21, but Davis wasn't buying it.

Asheigh, as the woman called herself, posted an ad saying she "love[s] to experience new things with a new friend." The ad said a visit to her at an undisclosed location near Perimeter Mall cost \$150 an hour and \$100 for a half-hour. Men were to call her on a phone number she'd listed and to keep the conversation "short and sweet, no explicit chat or donation discussion please."

Another ad featured a young woman wearing a negligee, who didn't give a name, offering "early-bird playtime specials." A quick encounter cost 60 roses, a half-hour 80 roses and a full hour went for 150 roses. "Roses" is a common

Craigslist.org chief executive Jim Buckmaster is traveling in Europe and is not aware of Mayor Shirley Franklin's letter asking him to stop carrying certain sex ads. Craigslist spokeswoman Susan MacFavish Best said. The Web sites list numerous ads that sex for sale, sometimes by women who look younger than 18.

euphemism for dollars in these types of ads. She gave her phone number and asked not to be sent e-mails or text messages.

But those ads are not necessarily obscene or solicitations for sex, Lisby said.

"I understand by the jargon what it means, but legally, what does it mean?" he said.

Legal or not, Atlanta Investigator Thurman said the vice squad goes to craigslist.org to arrange stings. Police go to the site, arrange to meet a man at a hotel and arrest the man when he arrives, Thurman said.

"It's a sickness," Thurman said. "You have to be sick if you're out trying to buy sex from a child."

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