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Growing up fatherless made student self-sufficient
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Device monitors infant’s breathing

© The CO2 sensor was developed by researchers at UT-Arlington.

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ARLINGTON — Parents of newborns often invest in nursery monitors that let them hear or even see when their baby is awake or sleeping. And most know the importance of putting the infant to bed on his or her back so that breathing won’t be obstructed.

Now researchers at the University of Texas at Arlington have designed a device that offers parents more assurance that their newborn is breathing properly, with the goal of reducing the rate of sudden unexplained deaths.

Electrical engineering professor J.-C. Chiao, doctoral candidate Hung Can and Heather Beardsley, a research engineer at UT Arlington’s Automation on Infant, 108

Friction gives rise to fiction: Pilot writes suspense novel based on woes in the industry

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Karlene Pettit wasn’t too surprised when a JetBlue Airways pilot snapped and launched into an in-flight tirade a few weeks ago.

The Delta Air Lines pilot and former nearly three decades of flying passenger jets has written a page turner that depicts stressed, crazed pilots doing far worse things.

Flight for Control is a fear-of-flying-inducing yarn that imagines the unimaginable: a series of unexplained airplane crashes that kill hundreds of passengers.

The self-published novel is well-written and fast-paced. And while not entirely plausible, the plot reflects the upheaval in the airline industry and the frazzled emotional health of its employees, Pettit says.

"I believe it’s a not-too-exaggerated glimpse at the pressures facing the airline industry and its employees," the Seattle-based pilot said.

The book was inspired by what she sees among her colleagues and friends: employees pushed to the brink when

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Two Arlington companies are indicted

© The businesses are accused of being part of a mortgage fraud scheme.

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Two Arlington companies accused of being part of a $13 million mortgage fraud scheme in North Texas have been indicted on criminal charges.

The companies, Sierra Developers and homebuilder Genesis Homes of Texas, are accused of generating more than $400,000 from fraudulent loans in December 2004. The loans were handled by a lending company run by a mortgage broker who has since pleaded guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity.

Prosecutor David Lobinger, who is with the economic crimes division of the Tarrant County district attorney’s office, said the two companies join nearly two dozen individuals charged with participating in the multimillion-dollar scam.

Lobinger said the rare criminal indictments of corporations open the

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