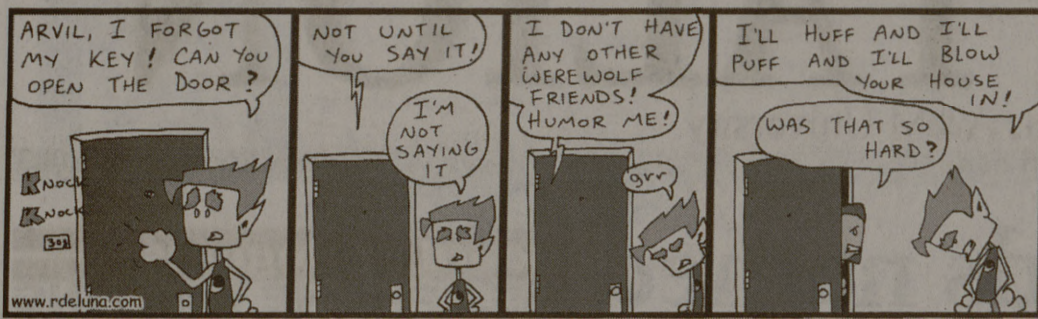


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Crash

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by either the airline or the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board to the crash site, said Liz Verdier, a spokeswoman for the company. The plane, a 737-200C, was delivered to the airline in September 1975, and the condition of the plane would depend on how well it was maintained, Verdier said. About 10 minutes after takeoff, the pilot radioed the control tower about a problem in one engine, the Red Sea State governor told the Sudan News Agency. The pilot announced he was returning for an emergency landing, but the plane went down a few miles outside the airport, the governor said. A local journalist described the scene after the crash. "Bodies were scattered everywhere, burned and charred and could be seen all over the place," Muhammad Osman Babikir of El-Sahafa daily said by phone. "There was no way of performing the Muslim ritual of washing the bodies. It was horrible." Foreign Affairs Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail blamed U.S. sanctions imposed against

Sudan in 1997, saying they had led to shortages of vital aircraft parts. "This is a sad incident," he said, during a visit to Mozambique. "We simply cannot get the parts to maintain our airplanes." He called on President Bush, who is on a tour of Africa, to drop the sanctions. The United States imposed sanctions claiming Sudan sponsored terrorism, allowed human rights abuses and destabilized neighboring countries. In Washington, State Department spokesman Philip T. Reeker offered condolences and said no American casualties were reported. He also said there was no ban on equipment needed for aviation safety. Sudan has suffered few passenger-plane accidents in recent years, but several crashes of military aircraft during a 20-year-old civil war. Two years ago, a military-plane crash in the south killed the country's deputy defense minister and 13 other high-ranking officers. In 1996, a Sudanese passenger jet crashed during a sandstorm while trying to make an emergency landing outside Khartoum, killing 50 people. A decade before that, the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army shot down a Sudan Airways aircraft shortly after it took off, killing all 70 people on board.

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even though she had been badly injured when the first tower fell. "For someone who was very disappointed in mankind as the towers fell, I was very impressed by the response of the people I worked with in New York," Wiersema said. During those two weeks, Wiersema said he was the first person to come in contact with the remains extracted from Ground Zero when they reached the medical examiner's office. Wiersema said he determined the minimum number of individuals in each body bag and sorted the remains according to sex, age and ancestry by using his knowledge of the human skeleton. Bartelink and Wiersema

worked in New York City from May to August of 2002, and Bartelink has returned to help this summer, while Wiersema took a job working in Guatemala. The two other anthropology graduate students, Cassidy Yoder and Andrew Scherer, were involved in the next stage of the process, which required working with the medical examiner. After anthropological verification, Yoder and Scherer said they helped prepare the remains for long-term curation at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner until they could be identified by DNA and returned to the families, Wiersema said. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner started the Anthropology Verification Project on May 28, 2002, Wiersema said.

Poultry

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cockfighting. "I think it's inappropriate to be using taxpayer dollars to be paying for cockfighting birds or to be supporting the cockfighting industry in any way," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., who is a veterinarian. Cockfighting is illegal in California and all states except Louisiana and parts of New Mexico. In Oklahoma, voters approved a ban last year, but lawsuits by gamefowl breeders have suspended enforcement of the new law in about 30 of the state's 77 counties. The Oklahoma Supreme Court has been asked to decide the constitutionality of the ban. Federal law bans breeders from shipping fighting cocks even to states where cockfighting is legal. Violation is a misdemeanor. Agriculture officials said they had no qualms about compensating people who probably owned banned fighting birds, saying their sole mission was to eradicate the disease. "The whole idea of paying compensation is to give people incentive to participate in the program," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said. By some estimates, there are 50,000 illegal cockfighting locations in California alone. And while California outlawed cockfighting, owning game cocks is legal, said Steve Lyle, a spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. "By law, we're required to pay any individual who owns a bird that is taken ... irrespective of what the bird is used for," Lyle said. Francine Bradley, a poultry expert at the University of California, Davis, said owners should get credit for contacting authorities when they saw outbreaks of Newcastle in their flocks. "If they wanted to, they could have moved these birds in the dark of night in the backs of vans outside the quarantine area," Bradley said. Just how the latest outbreak of Newcastle began last fall remains a mystery, but officials said one theory is that fighting cocks were responsible. "The fighting-bird theory is a real one because that activity involves the movement of birds and because it's such a contagious disease" said Leticia Rico, spokeswoman for the state-federal task force created to fight the Newcastle outbreak. The disease is caused by a virus found in the droppings, breath and eggs of birds. Containing the disease is especially hard in California because many people keep birds in their back yards. The outbreak appears to be on the wane. The most recent case was found in a back yard in Los Angeles County on May 31, Rico said. When it was at its peak in late fall and again last winter, inspectors asked few questions and did not coordinate with law enforcement. "It does put us in an awkward position. I'll admit that," said Larry Hawkins, a USDA spokesman in California. "We're accused of somehow supporting cockfighting. We don't." Wayne Paccelle, vice president of the Humane Society, said paying owners market value instead of prosecuting them tacitly encourages cockfighting. "The breeding and fighting are inseparable because you have to demonstrate your bird is a good fighter to get good value for it," Paccelle said. The handful of Californians who advertise in cockfighting publications were unwilling to talk to the AP. The government withheld the names of all but commercial bird owners. Bill Mattos, executive director of the California Poultry Federation, said he is not complaining about the discrepancy in compensation for commercial poultry and backyard birds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Texadelphia relocates to The Woodlands

Texadelphia sandwiches closed its doors unexpectedly Monday after stiff competition from surrounding Northgate establishments coincided with lucrative offers for the restaurant's prime locale, said owner Willie Madden. Madden will use the College Station eatery's supplies to equip a new Texadelphia store in The Woodlands. Madden already operates three Texadelphas in the Houston area. Madden expressed regret to his customers for closing the business, which was just shy of a third anniversary on July 31. "But it makes more sense to the allocation of resources if we're closer to home," he said referring to his Houston base of operations. Competition from recently opened Northgate sandwich shops such as Quizno's and New York Sub helped narrow Texadelphia's profits. But some established area businesses also began offering Philly cheese steaks sandwiches, Texadelphia's namesake, at a lower price than Madden could offer, worsening the situation for the shop, he said. At the same time, Madden received offers for the shop's valuable real estate, which he declined to discuss.

Regents

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He succeeds Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, who was named vice chancellor for engineering, dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering and director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station in September. No other items were slated for the telephone meeting Tuesday. The Board of Regents will meet next at its regular meeting on July 24 at Texas A&M Commerce. "Tomas I know this Res's de the Aggies. coaching st remained of one more y family and Res sta 1999-00, b recovering f his career. He playe 02 while at stamina be stay in the s As a resu ist in Marcl the Year A Foundation "Tomas I basketball f certainly m Tomas all th Res pl and averagi posted care rebounds ag matched his last season. The Agg Slocum to fi

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- CSPD**
7/7/03 4:52 a.m. Public intoxication, 301 Church. One arrest.
7/7/03 5:29 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 309 Regensburg. Taken: speakers.
7/7/03 7:39 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 1412 Bermuda. Taken: stereo, amplifier, speakers.
7/7/03 8:50 a.m. Deceased person, 1903 Amber Ridge.
7/7/03 8:54 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 710 Inlow. Taken: stereo face plate.
7/7/03 9:07 a.m. Warrant arrest, 2611 Texas. Driving while license suspended.
7/7/03 11:01 a.m. Burglary of a building, 404 Sapphire. Taken: unknown.
7/7/03 2:54 p.m. Warrant arrest, 2611 Texas. Making alcohol available.
7/7/03 5:05 p.m. Traffic arrest, Spring Loop/Autumn. No driver's license.
7/7/03 6:19 p.m. Warrant arrest, 2205 Colgate.
- 7/7/03 9:11 p.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 2301 Texas. Taken: SWR meter, CB radio, two duffle bags containing 10 sets of clothing.
7/7/03 10:14 p.m. Possession of marijuana, 2101 Harvey Mitchell. One arrest.
7/8/03 2:49 a.m. Warrant arrest, 1128 Harvey.
7/8/03 3:21 a.m. Warrant arrest, Raymond Stotzer/Harvey Mitchell.
- UPD**
7/1/03 2:23 a.m. Driving while intoxicated, George Bush Dr. One arrest.
7/1/03 8:30 p.m. Theft, Southside Garage. Taken: two bicycles.
7/2/03 9:52 a.m. Theft, Room 310 Wisenbaker. Taken: Pentium II computer.
7/2/03 10:55 a.m. Handicapped placard violation, Parking Area 54. Placard seized and citation issued.
7/3/03 2:58 a.m. Public intoxication, 1504 Texas. One arrest.
7/3/03 11:49 p.m. Public intoxication, Parking Area 77. One arrest.
7/4/03 1:37 a.m. Minor in possession of alcohol, Wellborn Road.
7/4/03 3:17 a.m. Criminal mischief, O&M Building. Fire extinguisher was discharged.
7/6/03 2:23 a.m. Assault/family violence/failure to ID/interference with emergency call, University Apartments. One arrest.
7/6/03 7:25 a.m. Weapon violation, McKenzie Terminal. Knife confiscated.
7/6/03 6:32 p.m. Warrant arrest, Easterwood Airport.
7/7/03 7:44 p.m. Animal bite, Hensel Drive. Subject bitten by cat.
7/7/03 9:26 p.m. Theft, Student Recreation Center. Taken: backpack and contents.
7/8/03 2:06 a.m. Fictitious inspection certificate. One arrest.

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