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## Commuter plane crash kills all 29 people aboard

**By JOHN HUGHES**  
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MONROE, Mich. (AP) - The pilot of a doomed commuter plane gave no indication that the flight was in trouble before it nose-dived into a snowy field, killing all 29 people aboard, federal investigators said. Comair Flight 3272, a twin-engine Embraer 120, was en route from Cincinnati to Detroit when it crashed at dusk Thursday as it tried to land in a snow storm. "It didn't skid at all. It went straight into the ground," said 14-year-old Cathy Conner, who was getting off a school bus just as the plane crashed. "It was just like a

blur, it was going so fast. Then I saw the explosion and flames just went everywhere." With the bodies of the victims under tarpaulins on the field 18 miles southwest of Detroit Metropolitan Airport, federal investigators worked this morning to find what the cause of the crash. Among the possible causes were icing on the wings and propeller problems. "We can't ignore that fact we've had two other crashes with Embraer-made planes that were caused by propeller problems," said an investigator quoted by The Detroit News. Those crashes occurred in 1991 and 1995. Planes at the Detroit airport had problems with ice all day Thursday in the snow and cold. "Ice was building up on fuselages and wings all day long," airport spokesman Mike Conway told the News. "A significant percentage of our flights were affected." Just seven minutes before the 3:56

p.m. crash, a pilot reported trace icing at 3,500 to 4,500 feet - about the same altitude the Comair flight was flying, USA Today reported. Comair officials said they don't believe icing was a problem, but a company pilot told The Cincinnati Enquirer that it could have been. "When you have ice-build up, that disrupts the airflow over the wings causing the plane to lose lift and stall," said the pilot, who was not identified by the newspaper. "Typically what happens is you'll lose lift on one wing and that will cause the plane to roll over and go into the ground."

## Arctic cold front moving into region

**By The Associated Press**  
An Arctic cold front was moving southward into Texas early today, bringing with it plunging temperatures that will reach into the single digits in the Panhandle and the teens elsewhere across the northern half of the state. There is a chance of snow tonight and Saturday over the Panhandle and South Plains. Some light snow is possible in western sections of North Texas by Saturday night. The front will bring extremely cold temperatures that are expected to stick around for the next 4-5 days. The front had reached the South Plains and the area along the Red River during the pre-dawn hours today. Dalhart recorded 18 degrees at 4 a.m. today. It will be mostly cloudy in West Texas. Clouds will be increasing across North Texas and it will be windy and much colder tonight and Saturday. Clear skies in South Texas will allow temperatures to plunge below freezing in the Hill Country and into the 30s across the rest of the area. Lows tonight will be in the single digits in the Panhandle and the teens and 20s elsewhere across West Texas, the teens and 20s in North Texas and in the 30s in South Texas. Highs Saturday will be near 10 in the Panhandle and in the 20s and 30s across the rest of West Texas except in extreme West Texas where readings will be in the 50s.

## Police reveal results of local STEP project

The Hereford Police Department is taking STEPs to prevent seat belts, child safety seats and speed violations in the city limits. Police officers implemented STEP, or Selected Traffic Enforcement Program, Dec. 30 - Jan 2, Cpl. Terry Brown said. The police department received a grant to implement STEP, which is funded by the Texas Department of transportation. The city was divided into four quadrants. The police department had nine additional officers in marked and unmarked cars patrolling each quadrant, he said. Officers issued 306 citations during the four-day period, Brown said. A pre-survey showed 64 percent compliance for seat belts in the city of Hereford. A post-survey showed 71 percent compliance, which is the state average, he said. However, Brown said, the news was not as good for child safety seats. A pre-survey showed 53 percent compliance for child safety seats. A post-survey showed 47 percent compliance, which is below the state average of 61 percent, he said. The police department's goal is to

increase the compliance of child safety seats. Therefore, an officer will be handing out pamphlets on child safety seats at local businesses this week, Brown said. Lt. Ben Barrick will attend a training session on occupant safety in February. Then he will instruct local officers on how to detect motorists in violation of seat belt and child safety seat laws, he said. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe, healthy environment for the citizens of Hereford, Brown said. All too often, tragic motor vehicle accidents happen too close to home. A fatal traffic accident occurred in Hereford in December, he said. The program is not designed as a revenue making project for the city, Brown said. The police department again will implement the STEP program over the Easter holidays, March 28-31, he said. For more information on the program, contact HPD at 363-7120. Also, officers will make presentations on the STEP program to local clubs and organizations, Brown said.

## Mr. and Miss HHS

Rob Reinauer was selected Mr. HHS and Cassie Abney was selected Miss HHS at the Koobraey '97 assembly in the Hereford High School auditorium Thursday night. "Koobraey," or "yearbook" spelled backwards was sponsored by the HHS yearbook staff.

## HHS yearbook favorites recognized at assembly

Cassie Abney was named Miss HHS and Rob Reinauer was named Mr. HHS at the Koobraey '97 assembly in the HHS auditorium Thursday night. The selection of Miss and Mr. HHS was the highlight of the assembly, which had the theme of "Midnight Masquerade." "Koobraey" is yearbook spelled backwards. The HHS yearbook staff presented the awards, most of which were voted on by 23 percent of the student body. Several students and teachers performed musical selections and skits for the audience. Camila Freire of Brazil, Carol McNaughton of Scotland and Katerina Petrova of Russia were recognized as the Foreign Exchange students. The winners received decorative glass mugs and will be featured in the 1996-97 yearbook. Other awards presented at Koobraey included: **Senior class favorites:** Andrea Scott and Josh Alvarado. **Junior class favorites:** Wendy Brisendine and Tate Head. **Sophomore class favorites:** Lyndi Carlile and Carey Lyles. **Freshman class favorites:** Audra Witkowski and L.J. Vallejo. **Teacher of the year:** tie between Cindy Rogers and James Perkins. **Friendliest girl and boy:** Briar Baker and Cal Wallace. **Well rounded girl and boy:** Julie

Ramplay and Josh Alvarado. **Best leadership girl and boy:** Danielle Cornelius and Tyson Foerster. **Shyest girl and boy:** Mary Fuller and Amit Patel. **Most courteous girl and boy:** Brynne Bryant and Ryan Noland. **Most likely to succeed girl and boy:** Monica Tijerina and Cory Schumacher. **Most humorous girl and boy:** Rebecca Gutierrez and Ruben Flores. **Most cheerful girl and boy:** Meredith Tabor and Jace West. **Cutest girl and boy:** Wendy Brisendine and Johnathan Keenan. **Most talented girl and boy:** Diana Detten and Eddie Montoya. **Most dependable girl and boy:** Jessie Salazar and Carey Lyles. **Most intelligent girl and boy:** Katie Bone and Damian Esquivel. **Who's Who - girl:** Cassie Abney, Kari Barrett, Stephanie Bixler, Danielle Cornelius and Monica Tijerina. **Who's Who - boy:** Joseph Artho, Damian Esquivel, Tyson Foerster, Rob Reinauer and Isaac Walker. **Nominees for most beautiful:** (pictures of nominees will be sent to judges and announced in the 1996-97 yearbook) Kari Barrett, Stephanie Bixler, Dana Brisendine, Lisa Chavez, Kris Daniel, Annie Hoffman, Andrea Scott, Erin Sessions, Myra Villaneuva and Anna Witkowski. **Nominees for most handsome:** (pictures of nominees will be sent to judges and announced in the 1996-97

yearbook) Josh Alvarado, Joseph Artho, Stephen Cloud, Nathan Gavina, Dustin Hill, Johnathan Keenan, Ryan Noland, Jeremy Reiter, Trip Robison and Isaac Walker. The yearbook sponsor is Laurel Horton. The staff members are Elizabeth Cooper, co-editor; Sarah Wright, co-editor; Jeff Ricenbaw; Brian Thomas; Karen Smith; Misty Davison; Michele Denning; Stephan Briessia; Edith Montoya; Jessica Wuerfli; Cindy Bedallo; J.J. Beltran; Marie Galvan; Brandy Rusher; Cynthia Torres; and Lisa Friemel.



## Melting away

With what was left of the snow, fourth-grade students at Shirley Intermediate School built a snowman in the schoolyard. A high of 40 degrees in Hereford Thursday helped melt much of the

snow. However, more snow is expected to fall on the area this weekend. The three-day forecast calls for continued cloudy skies and very cold temperatures.

**Coming in Sunday's Brand**  
Ask Gabriel Villareal anything about the Dallas Cowboys and he'll tell you. Brand staff writer Sherri Martin interviews this special education student at Hereford High School, and discovers an unabashed love of "America's Team".  
The cream of the crop was chosen by Hereford High School students and recognized at the 1997 Koobraey award assembly Thursday. More of those results will be featured than space would allow in Friday's edition of the Brand

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# Lifestyles

## HJH students qualify for honor orchestra

Orchestra students from Hereford Junior High recently qualified for the Region I Middle School Honor Orchestra.

The "All-Region Orchestra" is made up of outstanding sixth, seventh and eighth grade string students from the area. This year students were selected from Amarillo, Dalhart, Clarendon, Hereford and Canyon.

These students will be presented in an All-Region Concert at Bonham Middle School in Amarillo at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

Hereford students who qualified for the orchestra were Jimmy Gilliam, 10th chair second violin section; Alysa Friemel, 16th chair second violin section; Anna Cano, 8th chair cello; Josie Rodriguez, 13th chair

cello; Javier Alonzo, 3rd chair string bass; and Kris Hammarbeck, who qualified on both cello and string bass. He has decided to perform on cello and will be seated as 10th chair.

Violinists Teresa Zimmerman and Holly Carroll were selected as first and third alternates, respectively.

This is the first time that Rodriguez, Cano and Friemel have been selected for All-Region. Gilliam and Hammarbeck will be attending the clinic/concert for the second year, while this is the third consecutive year that Alonzo has received this honor.

The students are in their third and fourth year of string study and are members of the Hereford Junior High Orchestra.

Conductor of the All-Region Orchestra is Paula Fishman, a violinist with the Amarillo Symphony and the Tulsa Philharmonic. She has also served as interim director of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra.

During the All-Region Concert Saturday night, the orchestra will perform works by Wagner, Bach, Frescobaldi, as well as "Tiger Rag" and "Danny Boy."



## Morrison presiding officer for Toastmasters meeting

Mike Morrison served as presiding officer at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters at the Ranch House Restaurant.

Morrison also led the pledge, served as AH counter and grammarian.

Dan Hall led the invocation, served as timer and wordmaster, introducing

the word "plethora." Clark Andrews served as toastmaster.

Topic speakers and their topics were Nadir Khuri-"Why Toastmasters"; Andrews-"Gain Toastmasters"; Hall-"Last Year's Resolutions"; and Mike Foster-"This Year's Resolutions."

## CattleWomen install officers

Hereford CattleWomen met recently at the Hereford Country Club for the installation of 1997 officers.

Outgoing president Linda Fitzgerald installed Jackie Murphey as president; Teena Hughes, first vice president; Charlene Sanders, second vice president; Leslie Easley, secretary; Jan Page, treasurer; and Donna Manion, historian.

Members in attendance voted to donate \$50 to United Way.

Guests were Darlene Richardson, Fitzgerald's mother; Christy Wright, Rema Collier, Judy Meyers and Kim Dawson.

Members attending were Kari Montelongo, Charmayne Klett, Rachel Hunter, Ginger Olson, Joan Coupe, Zula Arney, Brenda Johnson, Murphey, Page, Easley, Sanders, Manion and Fitzgerald.

The speaker for the meeting was Imad Khuri who spoke on "My Life" and was evaluated by Linda Minchew.

Charles Minchew served as general evaluator.

Andrews was voted best topic speaker. The best speaker award went to Imad Khuri and best evaluator to Linda Minchew.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Jan. 10:

Admissions: Marie Hernandez, Virginia Palmer.

Discharges: Thelma Daniels, Emmett Ziehr.

## New member

Karie Lynn Morgan, right, was inducted into the Hereford Kiwanis Club membership Thursday at the club's regular noon luncheon at the Hereford Community Center. Pictured with her is club sponsor Randy Talley. Morgan, an Amarillo resident, is employed with Hereford Home Health Care.

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I hope it's not too late for another seat-mate story. I'd like to tell about how my parents met.

My father, a Marine, was stationed near Chicago at the end of World War II. My mother was working in Chicago, living with some girlfriends. On Labor Day weekend, 1945, the two of them were both waiting to board a train to Detroit.

My father first saw my mother from the back and admired her legs. He wanted to find a seat next to her but lost his nerve and sat in front of her instead. An Army captain took the seat beside her. My father was angry with himself for chickening out and resolved to take over the captain's seat at the earliest opportunity. When the captain got up to use the restroom, Dad slipped into his seat.

The captain returned and said, "It looks as if I've lost my seat." Dad replied, "Yes, it sure does." He went on to charm my mother, met her parents in Detroit and took her out that weekend. They were married two years later. Next June, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. -- Dee in Lansing, Mich.

Dear Dee: Wartime romances always seem to me the most exciting. Maybe it's because I've lived through one myself. Thanks for a letter that is sure to rekindle a good many memories.

Dear Ann: My fiance and I will

be married next summer. We get along fine and communicate well. We have one sticky problem -- my cat, Sabrina.

When I moved in with "Walter" last spring, Sabrina came along. Walter knew nothing about pets, but he and Sabrina made the adjustment, and now he loves to play with her and feed her and doesn't even mind taking care of the litter pan.

The problem is that Sabrina is terrible about scratching the sofa. She has a scratch pad, which she loves, but it doesn't seem to be enough. When we are at home, we can deter her with a water-filled spray bottle, but we both work long hours, and Sabrina is unsupervised. I've tried sprays, pepper, hot sauce -- nothing works.

Friends have suggested that Sabrina be declawed. I don't want to do that, but I can see that Walter is becoming very upset about his shredded furniture. We have agreed to abide by your decision, Ann. -- Harms Beach, Calif.

Dear Harms Beach: Although you are not in favor of declawing Sabrina's forepaws, it would certainly put an end to the furniture shredding. You should discuss the pros and cons of this procedure with your vet before making a final decision. (Keep in mind that a declawed cat must never be allowed outdoors.)

As a last-ditch effort, try covering

the sofa with plastic -- cats hate plastic. Even though it's not the latest fashion, it just might solve the problem.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter regarding evil people who remove valuables from bodies struck a chord.

During World War II, I was stationed in China. On a mission, one of our pilots was shot down and killed. His body was recovered by the Chinese, who reverently transported it from village to village, through many hands, until it arrived back at our base. The pilot's wallet, ring, watch and fountain pen also were given to us, intact, in spite of the fact that these items represented a great deal of money to those poor Chinese villagers. Does that show a lot of character, or what? -- Harry in Miami

Dear Miami: It does, indeed. The Chinese have long been considered a most honorable people. Why? Because they learned it at home.

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