

# Crash probed

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"It's something that I'm never gonna forget in my life," said Mrs. Cuozzo, who at first thought a car had crashed in her yard.

ACROSS THE STREET, Mrs. Cuozzo's neighbor Nick Evangelista and a friend were enjoying a backyard barbecue when they first noticed the plane traveling north toward their house.

"The engine was idling. Then I heard it start again," Evangelista said. "(the plane) went over the house, made a sharp turn and stalled. Then it began to spin."

"I'm convinced he (Collins) intentionally tried to avoid hitting anything," Evangelista's son called the fire department while he ran across the street to the garage. He steered clear of the

wreckage when he saw gas leaking and power lines down.

Firefighters were on the scene for several hours Sunday night.

"It may take weeks to determine what caused (the crash)," said Fire Marshal Richard Gearhardt. "There was no fire, thank God."

A spokesman for the FAA said witnesses' statements are still being collected to be turned over to the National Transportation Safety Board, which will eventually rule on the cause of the accident.

The Luscombe plane Collins was piloting was a commercial aircraft built during the 1940s. It is considered a classic type, according to Patrick Quinn, of Farmington, who is president of the local chapter of the American Experimental Aircraft Association.

# His business is sharp

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not. But it takes a skilled hand.

"YOU HAVE to learn what to hit, when to hit, where to hit and if you should hit," is the way Moore described the straightening process.

Beware, however, of unscrupulous traveling scissors sharpeners who tell customers to put their newly sharpened, but separated, scissors in a "scissors press" for straightening.

"A lot of scissors sharpeners aren't scissors fitters," Moore said. "Because they don't know the art of fitting, they come up with something called the scissors press and say it can be bought at a hardware store to straighten out the bow in a blade. There's no such art-

ticle." Moore got into the business of scissors sharpening after he started sewing pants for himself.

"I've got to admit something else," he said. "I quit smoking, put on a lot of weight, and it took a lot of time to find pants that fit me correctly. My wife got a pattern and started making me slacks. It seemed only fair that I help her. So now I run the machine, she does the pinning and pressing."

"When we started it'd take her eight hours to do one pair of pants. Now we can put out two pair of pants and a dress, skirt or pair of culottes in that same amount of time."

"And you know something else? We've found in buying three yards of



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Bruce Moore talks about his trade: sharpening scissors across Michigan.

material I can make one pair of pants. But with 3 1/2 yards there's enough waste from my pattern to make a look-alike skirt, slacks or culottes for my wife. We continue to sew for the comfort and price of it."

Before resuming his sharpening work at the grinding wheel Moore passed on one more bit of advice to scissors users.

Keep scissors out of electric knife sharpeners like the ones that come with electric can openers.

The correct cutting angle for a knife is all wrong for scissors, Moore said before stopping his spiel.

"I'm not going to tell you all the secrets," he said with a wink. Why, that would be cutting his own throat, so to speak.

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