Severed cone 'sounded like an explosion'

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What had fallen from the sky, within 15 feet of the two Farmington Hills houses, was one of the plane's four engine tail comes. The come, 6-7 feet long and 3% feet in diamoter, directs engine exhaust. Some passersby and neighbor said the tail cone looked like a missile or warhead. Most were astounded. Others just shook their heads, realizing how close the neighborhood had come to possible disaster. But no one was hurt.

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Jets can operate safely without a tail cone. "The pilot may not ever

THE HINDO family and neighbors on the 25800 block of 5kye Drive in the Lincelishire East subdivision — southeast of 11 Mile and Middlebeit — heard an explosion as they were getting ready to watch the 11 p.m. news Thursday.

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THAT DOESN'T make the residents on Skye Drive feel safe right now.

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Colleen Hindo, Ralph's sister, was puts as flabbergasted. "I don't like to fly as it is. I'm glad it didn't hit a house or anything else." Merrell's neighbor, Roy Angers, also looked out his windows when beard the bang. "Boom. It was a big bang, it sounded like a car had his something. I looked out the windows. The police came by, but they didn't notice anything."

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Some of the neighbors were surprised the tail cone didn't make more of a rut in the lawn as it fell. Nothing else was damaged.

But Farmington Hills patrolman Jim Skrzycki, the first on the scena shortly after 9 am. Friday, said the tail cone "fell borizontaily, it fell as it landed."

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- Richard Merrell

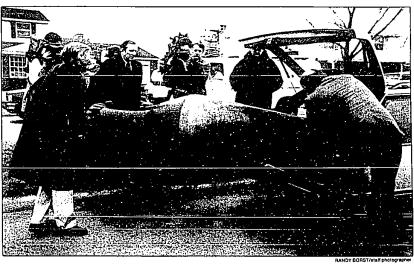
News reports placed the plane's altitude at 30,000 feet. They also indicated the pilot sensed trouble over Michigan but didn't believe the passengers were in any trouble so he continued to London.

As television camera crews and their trucks gathered outside the Hindos' and Merrells' Friday morning, neighbors and passersby who had heard of the tall cone falling from the sky began driving by, some

from the sky began driving by, some stopping to ask where "It" was.



FAA aviation safety inspector Stan Shirey answers questions from the news media as he maneuvers the jet-engine tall cont into the back of a station wagon along Skye Drive Friday morn



FAA investigators had to wedge the jet-engine tail cone into a station wagon to transport it to Willow Run Airport after it was found between two houses on Skye Drive Friday.





Airline's apology doesn't ease Hills woman's anger

By Joanne Maliszewski

British Airways representatives apologized to Kal Hindo Friday. But hits wife, Louise, is forming at the atrihe industry's apparent lack of responsibility to the public who files — at their own risk — in commercial planes.

"I thought the apology was nice on the considering it could have killed us," Hindo said, "It was nice of them to do that, but I think it's time the public got angrey. These planes are not checked properly." A frequent filer, Hindo said the estimated 100-pound British Airways; jet engine tail cone, which fell 30,000 feet and landed within 15 feet of her family and her home, would not have

do that, but I think it's time the public got angry. These planes are not checked properly."

A frequent flier, Hindo said the self-milling the arrived and the self-milling the self-milling and her home, would not have family and her home, would not have fallen with stricter maintenance and checking.

"What's going to happen next? Will the fuselage come apart? The

airlines are riding around with peo-ple on them. You're just a number." British Airways representatives were unavailable for comment at their New York headquarters Satur-

day. Is caully angry with the news media who gathered around her Stye Drive home Friday morning, turning what could have been a tragedy into a circus and trampling on residents' property without permission.

The next best thing to a boycott would be to write and lobby the fed-The next best thing to a boycott would be to write and lobby the federal government and the Federal Avlation Administration for tougher maintenance regulations and tougher mandatory lines. "It's time they (airlines) were held accountable. I'm sure they (the government) has recourse.

"Deregulation (of the airline intuity, which occurred in the early 1980s) is the worst thing that could happen."

happen."

The airline industry is too concerned about profit and not about the safety of the people aboard, she

the safety of the people aboard, she said.
"They are looking for a profit. Why would they spend \$50 million on repairs and improvements if they aren't forced to?
"It's the buck. It's the almighty dollar.
"If I really thought it would do any good, I would sue them."

Schools to showcase students' creativity

Student ideas will be showcased

Student ideas will be showcased for the seventh year, as Harrison High School, once again, hosts the Farmington Public Schools Creativity Springs Alive event. Each year, students of all ages show works of fine art, demonstrate computers and technical schences, and perform on stage for other students and the general public.

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"It's an opportunity to let our children be recognized," said Paul Barber, music coordinator for the Farmington school district and who also heads the committee which puts the Creativity program together.

me district, where it has rotated between the three high schools. In 1989, students from all Farmington schools, including Boys Republic and Community Education, were represented.

LAST YEAR, Creativity was held at Harrison High, where it returns this year 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Barber said Harrison has the most room for student projects and demonstrations, and is centrally located

cets and demonstrations, and as centrally located.
"It just seems to keep evolving," Barber said.
Students throughout the district will come to Creativity during the school day on Friday, April 6, then it will be open to the public that evening and on Saturday.

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"We're not irring to show us anybody else, we're just trying to help our kids."

I'll YEAR, those attending will see a 5- to 7-minute video creativity might never have happened if Barber hadn't sought out the management at 13 Cask Mall in Novi seven years ago, and gotten permission to hold it there.

From that first year, the event grew larger and was brought back

finally a performing area where a stage will be set up. Some displays will include student ideas in the invent America program, graphic arts demonstrations, computer demonstrations, computer demonstrations, fine art displays and presentations from various student groups including music, drama, gymnastics and forensics and debate.

Some Odyssey of the Mind groups will also present their problem-solving techniques on stage, Barber said.

are also encouraging area seniors who are mobile to take advantage of the free event, which showcases student works from grades kinder-garten through high school.

It's the student ideas Barber wants to show the community. "The kernel is sometimes the ingenious," he said. "That's what we're trying to celebrate and nur-



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