

Planes collide on landing; 1 killed

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — A pilot tried in vain to warn two small planes that they were dangerously close to colliding moments before the single-engine Cessnas crashed in mid-air, killing one man and injuring two others, authorities said.

The accident occurred as both planes were making a final approach to the runway at Draughon-Miller Municipal Airport about 4:20 p.m., said patrolman Terry Kelley of the Temple Police Department, who was investigating the crash.

"The airport has no tower and pilots are responsible for letting each other know their positions," said Kelley.

Authorities identified the dead pilot as Steven L. Morris, 34, of Killeen. His passenger, Gregory A. Arzola, 30, of Fort

Hood, and the other pilot, Shannon A. Schunicht, 23, of Killeen, were critically injured. Officials at Scott and White Hospital at Temple said Arzola and Schunicht were in critical condition early today in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Kelley said that according to witnesses the two single-engine Cessnas were making a final approach to the landing strip and one plane was flying slightly above the other.

The pilot of a third plane noticed the two aircraft were flying too close together and tried to radio them but received no response, Kelley said.

As the planes neared the ground, "their wings touched and they both went down," Kelley said.

"We don't know why they got so close. They

might have been on each other's blind side," said Steve Klempa, Temple deputy police chief.

Morris and passenger Arzola were on board the Cessna 150, and the second aircraft, a Cessna 152, contained only the pilot, Kelley said.

Morris was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m. at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, said hospital spokesman Donald Nelson.

The crash occurred 150 to 200 feet north of the airport runway, the officer said. He said officials had not determined the altitude of the planes at the time of the collision.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board from Fort Worth were investigating the crash, Kelley said.

Victim in critical condition

A 25-year-old Big Spring man remains in Lubbock General Hospital today after his motorcycle collided with a car Saturday afternoon.

According to a hospital spokeswoman, Benjamin Puentes, 25, of 1502 Mesquite remains in critical condition in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit.

He was transferred to the hospital Saturday afternoon from Malone-Hogan Hospital by Lee's Ambulance, according to

a Malone-Hogan spokeswoman.

Puentes' 1981 black Yamaha motorcycle collided at 2:16 p.m. with a 1977 cream Chevrolet Camaro driven by Clint Edward Bollien, 19, of 3304 W. Highway 80, the accident report states.

The accident occurred in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway, 66 feet north of N. Gregg, according to accident reports.

According to the report, both cars were traveling north in the right lane of N. Lamesa Highway.

Mosque in Houston wrecked by bombs

HOUSTON (AP) — The weekend bombing of an Islamic mosque may have resulted from hostility stemming from the U.S. hostage situation in Lebanon as well as erroneous perceptions about Islam, a religious leader says.

Two homemade bombs exploded at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, an hour after worshippers had finished their evening prayers and left the mosque, authorities said.

An estimated \$50,000 damage resulted from the blast and subsequent fire at the DAR US SALAM mosque located in a strip shopping center, arson investigators reported.

It took less than a minute to extinguish the fire, authorities said. No arrests were made Sunday, police said.

Senior arson investigator Bill Sammons was not certain that the bombing had anything to do with the U.S. hostage situation.

"We've had a pipe-bomber in

that area for three months," Sammons said. "Whether he decided to hit the mosque because of Lebanon, who knows?"

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston has six affiliate mosques in the area.

Society officials say they believe the mosque was bombed because of the situation in Beirut, where U.S. passengers from a hijacked Trans World Air Lines jetliner are being held hostage by Shiite Moslems.

Sayed M. Gomah, society president, called the bombing "a terrorist act."

"When it comes to Moslems, the American public is ignorant," Gomah said. "People think that all Moslems are like (Iranian Ayatollah) Khomeini, which is not the case."

"People just get blind about Moslems because they are not informed about Islam and what it is about," Gomah continued.

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Insured grain sorghum planted by June 30 must be reported by July 15 to receive full crop insurance coverage. The acreage report reflects the actual acreage planted and reported by the farmer.

To provide flexibility on planting dates, a late planting option may be exercised by farmers who find themselves unable to plant their crops on time because of weather conditions. The late planting option provides insurance coverage for the crop but at a lower guarantee.

For insured farmers, "entering into the late planting option is not automatic," Sampley said.

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LUBBOCK — The College of Engineering at Texas Tech University has named Russell H. Logan, formerly of Coahoma, to its list of distinguished alumni for his accomplishments in engineering.

Russell graduated from Texas Tech in 1951 after he earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering. In 1966, he earned a M.S. from Southern Methodist University.

Logan has patents for four inventions and shares two patents in radar system development.

Logan joined Texas Instruments in 1956 after working for the Sandia Corp. and the Texas Electric Service Co. He serves on the Air Force 21st Century Tactical Command and Control committee.

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