

killed and its two passengers were left in critical condition. The plane overran the runway then crossed a highway on the ground, reportedly just missing a couple of vehicles before crashing in a corn field 100 yards away. (Photo by Zach Jensen, Cresco Times Plain Dealer)

JULY 24, 2006 (HICKORY, North Carolina – USA) - The pilot of a restored Korean War-era F-86 Sabre jet military aircraft died after the plane crashed and burst



into flames near Hickory Regional Airport, authorities said. The crash occurred several hundred feet from the runway

during the plane's takeoff.

JULY 26, 2006 (NAPA, California-USA) - A pilot walked with minor injuries away after crashing his single-engine Cessna plane in a grassy field at the west end of Napa's Skyline Park. He was flying to



work at Napa Valley Airport. He was in a holding pattern, circling and waiting for clearance to land when the engine quit. He attempted to make a crash landing in the vacant field below. When the plane hit the ground, it overturned.

JULY 28, 2006 (PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania – USA) - A US Airways 737-300 jet crashed to the ground at Pittsburgh International Airport when its nose gear collapsed before takeoff with 73 passengers on board. One passenger aboard Flight 231, bound for West Palm Beach, Florida, on a scheduled 9:30 a.m. flight, was taken to an area hospital with neck and back pain. Ramp workers had pushed the plane back about 70 feet from Gate B-33 when the



nose gear collapsed. "They normally push it back 90 feet and then someone gets out and unhooks (the plane). If they'd gone another 10 to 20 feet, someone could've been killed," the employee said, estimating the front end of the plane dropped 7 feet.

JULY 28, 2006 (MEMPHIS, Tennessee—USA) - A FedEx MD-10 cargo jet en route from Seattle to Memphis crashed shortly after touching down at Memphis International Airport when its port side landing gear apparently collapsed. Two crew members and a jump seat passenger on board the plane escaped without



injury. The accident occurred at about 11:30 a.m. when the jet's port side landing gear unit appeared to fold back up into the wheel compartment, causing the three-engine jet to skid along its belly for several hundred feet before coming to rest near the infield of the airport's westernmost runway. The bulk of the damage appeared to be limited to the plane's port side wing and engine assembly, which caught fire as the jet skidded to a stop. Witnesses said airport fire-fighting crews arrived within minutes to put out the fire without much trouble.

JULY 30, 2006 (OSHKOSH, Wisconsin-USA) - The propeller of a World War II-era warplane sliced into another plane on a runway at an air show in the US, killing a passenger. The victim, a passenger in a home-built plane, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at Wittman Regional Airport in the US