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## Stewart's flight

Re "NTSB begins investigation into demise of Stewart's flight," (Oct. 27):

In the account of the tragic deaths of golf champion Payne Stewart and at least four others in the mysterious Lear Jet crash near Mina, South Dakota, the Associated Press tells us: "If an aircraft broke a door or window seal" above 12,000 feet, crew and passengers would "perish in seconds from lack of oxygen."

As one who has hiked three times to the top of peaks over 14,000 feet, I naturally wonder why I am still alive. Am I missing something here, or was the reporter a bit sloppy on the science?

— **Bill Becker**  
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