

Road closed



Cherry Street (pictured above), where it crosses the railroad tracks, remained blocked this morning as the railroad crossing, formerly made of wooden planks, is replaced with new concrete panels. The crossing is to be closed until this evening.
Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Missouri governor, son killed

GOLDMAN, Mo. (AP)—Gov. Mel Carnahan, the Democratic candidate in one of the most hotly contested U.S. Senate races in the country, was killed Monday when the plane shuttling him to a campaign rally crashed in rainy, foggy weather.

The Cessna 335 also carrying Carnahan's 44-year-old son, Roger, who was piloting the plane, and campaign adviser Chris Sifford, 37, went down Monday night 25 miles south of St. Louis. They had been en route to a rally for Carnahan, 66, who was running against Republican Sen. John Ashcroft.

There were no survivors, said Jerry Nachtigal, the governor's spokesman. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were sent to the scene.

"We found wreckage in very small pieces spread over a large area. We have found some remains we cannot identify at this point," Jefferson County Sheriff's Capt. Ed Kemp said.

Ashcroft's campaign immediately suspended all advertising and other

operations.

"Obviously this is not a time for politics. This is a time for the state to come together," Ashcroft said.

The race, seen as one of the key races in the Democrats' effort to retake control of the Senate, had been a dead heat for months. A Zogby poll taken for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch the first week of September gave Ashcroft 45 percent and Carnahan 43 percent, within the 4-point margin of error.

Carnahan's name will stay on the Nov. 7 ballot because the deadline for changing it was Oct. 13, Secretary of State Bekki Cook said.

Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson will serve out the remainder of Carnahan's term, until Jan. 8.

If more voters cast ballots for Carnahan than Ashcroft on Nov. 7, the seat would become vacant when Ashcroft's current term ends Jan. 3, Cook said. Wilson, a Democrat, would have constitutional authority to appoint a senator to fill the vacancy through the November 2002 general

election, when the seat would be up for election, Cook said.

The deaths prompted discussion of whether Tuesday night's debate in St. Louis between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush should be postponed. Tuesday morning, though, the debate's sponsors said the presidential debate would go forward. It will begin with a moment of silence and brief remarks about Carnahan.

In a statement, Bush praised Carnahan as "a thoughtful, distinguished man who was dedicated to quality education and excellence in public service." Gore said he was "deeply saddened" and hailed Carnahan's work on education and other issues.

The NTSB said the twin-engine plane, a six-seater, was registered to a law firm where Roger Carnahan was a partner.

The governor had been expected at the rally at 8 p.m. in New Madrid, about 125 miles south of the crash site, described as a hilly, wooded area.

Peace talks might be difficult

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to implement the agreement and end the fighting. She paused briefly and then added firmly: "They will have to do it."

With that, she arranged to fly to Riyadh to confer with leaders in Saudi Arabia.

Barak cast the agreement in a more cautious framework. He said the Americans would examine over the next two weeks whether a resumption of peace talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians is feasible.

He said such a step is "logical," but "I don't know what the results will be."

Clinton announced the summit's end at a photo session at which he was surrounded by representatives of the seven entities that had worked it out: Israel, the Palestinians, the United States, Egypt, Jordan, the United Nations and the European Union.

With that Clinton boarded Air Force One, hurrying home for his next painful mission — attending a memorial service for the 17 sailors killed last Thursday in an apparent terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Barak and Yasser Arafat left the ceremony without saying anything.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who has been in the region try-

ing to end the violence, said he was "relieved and thankful." A regional Arab power broker, Jordan's King Abdullah, urged Clinton to continue peace efforts.

"Measuring the extent of the summit's success depends on the practical steps on the ground," Abdullah told the official Petra news agency upon his return home.

It was clear from Clinton's announcement that both sides made major compromises.

Arafat backed away from his demand for an international fact-finding commission into the causes of the turmoil on the West Bank, in Gaza and in Israel. Barak yielded to demands that he pull back Israeli troops that have killed scores of Palestinians.

A U.S. official said Arafat also agreed to rearrest the Islamic militants who were released from jail last week — one of Israel's demands.

"I believe we have made real progress today," Clinton said. "Repairing the damage will take time."

Barak, speaking later, told an Israeli television station, "The coming days will tell whether we still have a partner. Reality has to change in a significant way. The events of the last few weeks left their mark on us ... we will examine, as will the Americans,

whether it is possible to renew the negotiations."

But in the immediate aftermath of the summit announcement, Palestinian militiamen shot at homes in a Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem and Israel responded with tank-mounted machine gun fire. An Israeli policeman was critically wounded when Palestinian gunmen fired on Jewish homes in Jerusalem.

Earlier, a Palestinian farmer was shot dead by Jewish settlers.

Word of the truce was greeted by skepticism from both Israelis and Palestinians.

In the Gaza Strip, hundreds of Palestinians threw rocks and several firebombs at an Israeli military checkpoint. Palestinian medics said 10 demonstrators were hurt, including one who was in serious condition.

The Israeli army said a sniper shot and injured a firebomb thrower, but that there were no additional casualties.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who opened the summit pointedly blaming Israel for recent violence, said the outcome "may not meet the expectations of our people" but it does take a step toward resuming permanent peace efforts "after the region is stabilized."

Recreation director position filled

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eral months.

Director of Public Works Ed Wolak said Jason Hickson, who used to live in Goodland, had accepted the position.

Hickson, who lives in Denver now, should start work in early November.

In other business the Commission:

- Approved payment to Associated Pool Builders Inc. of \$164,700 for work on Steever Water Park.

- Accepted a demolition bid from Mike Yarger, owner of Goody's in Goodland, for the 700 block of Caldwell, east of Rasure Lumber, where there are five empty storage buildings, for \$5,300.

- Approved the purchase of a lawn mower from W-R Equipment Co. for

\$8,125

- Thanked all of the city workers for their hard work over the summer and into the fall.

- Heard from Pickman about a donation from the Garvey Texas Foundation Inc., out of Fort Worth, for \$10,000 for the Steever Water Park.

- Went into closed session for an annual evaluation of Pickman's work.

Renovation gives older house new look

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in, he said, they have different ideas about how to use the space.

"We're moving the library," said Goss, "renovating a bedroom and adding a master suite."

He said they will also do some painting and make minor repairs to the ex-

terior.

McClure and Withers, who bought the house in 1999 when they moved here from Denver, said they wanted to live in the house for a while before they started changing it.

"We wanted a long-term plan," she said. Goss said it was curiosity that made

him take the job.

"I hadn't seen the house since 1983," he said, "and I was interested to see how well it stood the test of time."

He said he's found that after 17 years it's still standing strong.

"In general it's in good shape," he said. "It just needs a little attention."

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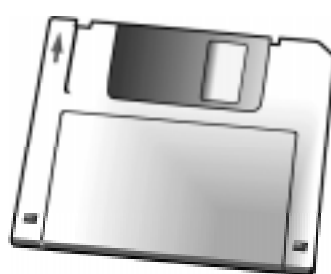
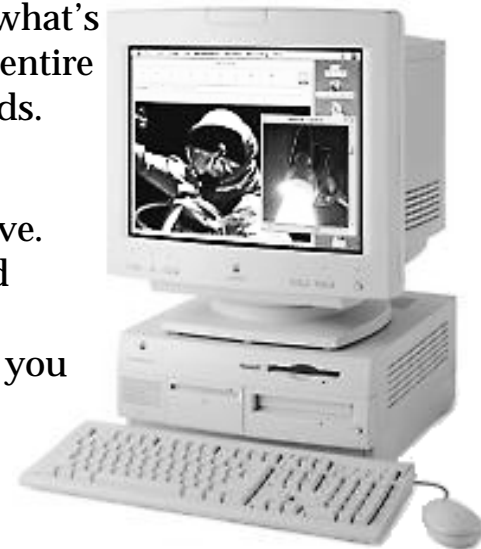
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