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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Mideast Talks End

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — Israel's prime minister and the leader of the Palestinians agreed to take "immediate concrete measures" to end violence in the Middle East, concluding a two-day emergency summit that killed more than 100 people and shattered prospects for a peace agreement.

### Crash Kills Governor

GOLDMAN, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan was killed when a plane piloted by his son crashed in fog and rain 25 miles south of St. Louis. The three passengers — Carnahan, his son Randy, and adviser Chris Sifford — were headed to an evening fundraiser in southwest Missouri. All three died, the governor's spokesman said. Carnahan, a popular two-term Democrat governor, was locked in a tight race for the U.S. Senate with incumbent Sen. John Ashcroft.

### Allies to Share Power

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Slobodan Milosevic's party signed an agreement to share power with President Vojislav Kostunica's followers in the government of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia. The agreement, signed by aides to Kostunica and representatives of the pro-Milosevic Serbian government, represented an important advance for the pro-democracy movement in its efforts to sweep order from all remaining positions of power. Under the deal, Milosevic's Socialist Party will keep the office of the prime minister.

### Transit Deal Reached

LOS ANGELES — A transit strike that idled buses and trains serving nearly a half-million riders was settled early after a marathon, all-night negotiation session led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson. "I hope that the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) board will ratify the agreement and bus drivers will ratify the agreement," Jackson said at a 7 a.m. news conference. "Everybody is a winner."

### Bombing Kills 17

The 10 U.S. sailors missing in the bombing of the U.S. Navy warship in Yemen are presumed dead, raising the death toll in the apparent terrorist attack to 17, the Navy said Friday. Navy officials also said explosives experts who examined the ship's damaged hull have concluded that the blast came from an external source, adding to the evidence that the attack was a deliberate act.

### Israel Retaliates

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters rocketed Yasser Arafat's residential compound, Palestinian police stations and broadcasting centers in a powerful and swift retaliation for the brutal killings of two Israeli soldiers by a Palestinian mob. The fighting has left last-ditch U.S. peace efforts in tatters.

### Car Seats Recalled

Century Products recalled 4 million infant car seats because they have defective handles that can break and cause serious injuries to babies. The recalled seats have caused safety problems only when used as a carrier, not when they are strapped in cars. More than 200 people have reported injuries because of the cracked handles.

### NASA Lauds Hero

CAPE CANAVERAL — A NASA engineer who spied a four-inch pin wedged against space shuttle Discoverer's fuel tank will get a medal for possibly saving the lives of the seven astronauts now en route to the International Space Station.

## Neighborhood Has Eye on New Streetscape

### Plan Would Revitalize Jefferson High Campus, Create Cultural District

By MICHAEL LEIGHTON  
PORTLAND OBSERVER

A local neighborhood has ambitious plans to reconnect Jefferson High School to its surrounding neighborhood.

The idea is to tear down a barbed wired chain-link fence that isolates the school and replace it with a magnificent open plaza and coliseum-type structure that allows people to look inside.

It would be part of a proposed new streetscape along the school's football stadium and track on north Killingsworth.

"We are really excited about the project," said Carl Flipper, a member of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association.

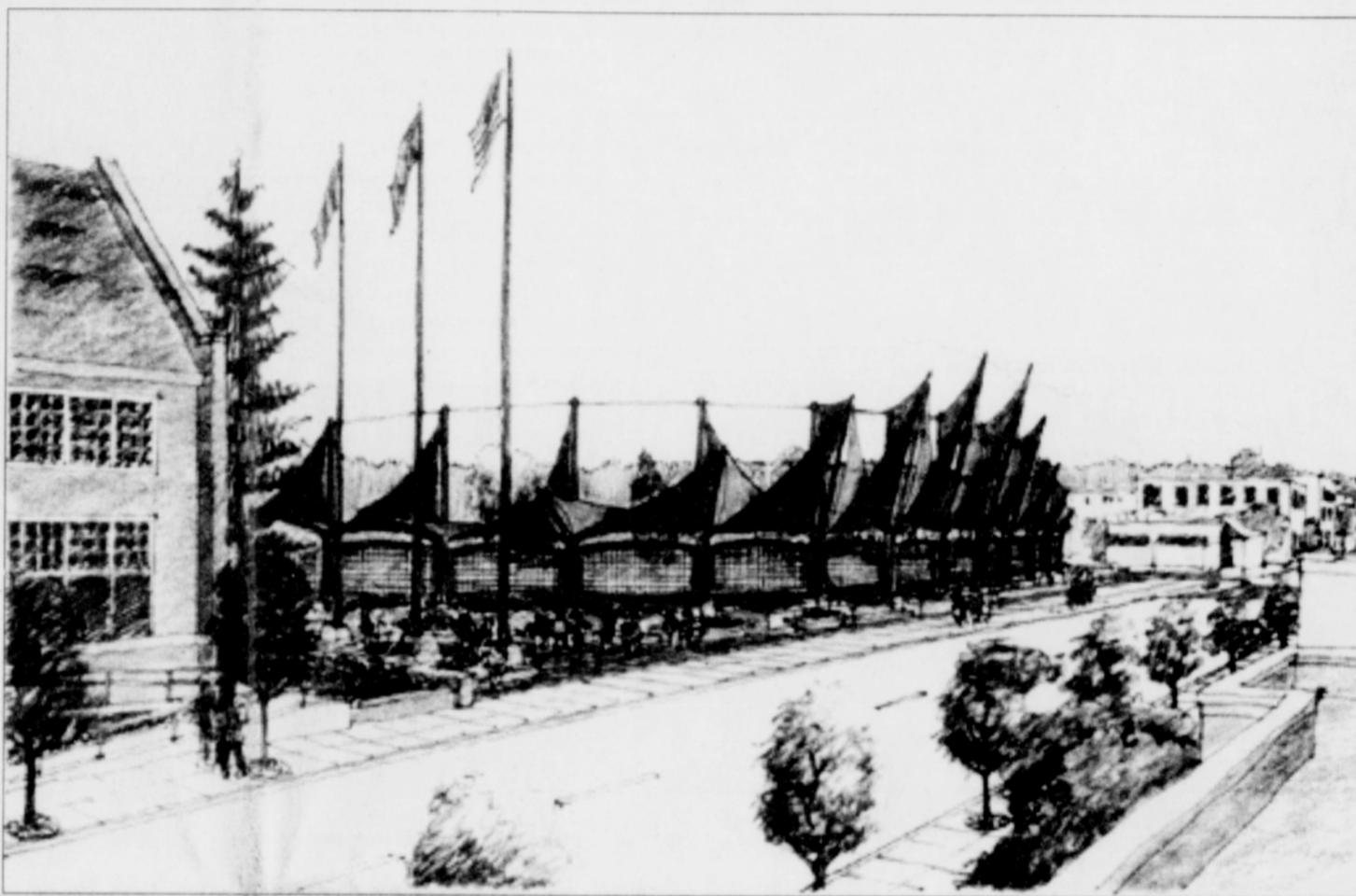
Flipper is coordinator of an economic development grant Humboldt is using in collaboration with the North/Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods to revitalize its inner city neighborhood and central business district.

He said the focus of the proposed streetscape would be to send the message to the Portland community that this area is a center for academic excellence and cultural expression.

Jefferson is bordered by major educational centers like Portland Community College, the Multnomah County Library and the POIC alternative high school.

But instead of proudly standing guard over the community, Jefferson looks as if it is "being insulated from it," Flipper said.

He said the new vision of the Jefferson High School frontage incorporates a plaza next to the library where students and the community can gather while waiting for the city bus.



Portland Architect Bill Hart drew this vision of a proposed public plaza and coliseum-type structure at Jefferson High School.

It creates a visual link between the street and the high school. Street improvements would better connect the school to the PCC campus.

At the Intersection of Kerby and

Killingsworth, pedestrian friendly crosswalks would assist in student safety. Local architect Bill Hart assisted Humboldt in drawing a vision for the plans.

Another priority identified by the Humboldt

community is the proposed renovation of the former Masonic Lodge on north Kerby into a performing arts center.

A feasibility study will determine the cost and requirements for both projects.

## Farrakhan Leads Million Family March in DC



In an atmosphere of joyous fellowship, thousands of men and women — and their children — gathered amid the nation's monuments Monday to celebrate racial and religious unity and the central role of the family in American life.

Called by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan on the fifth anniversary of his Million Man March, people of all races and religions spread out on blankets and lawn chairs in the National Mall and laughed, clapped and shouted as speakers urged them to improve their family lives.

Farrakhan was to preside over a mass "sacred marriage blessing" reminiscent of the mass weddings conducted by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose Unification Church was a major sponsor of the march.

The assemblage was expected to be the largest gathering of black people since the Million Man March, which the National Park Service said brought an estimated 400,000 people to Washington but which Farrakhan insisted had drawn more than 1 million.

The park service stopped making crowd estimates after the 1995 event and the con-

troversy over its size. But several speakers Monday said they thought there were at least a million people spread out midday between the Capitol, the Ellipse behind the White House, the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. Large television screens were scattered throughout the area so participants could see the speeches.

"We stand here a million strong," said Ben Muhammad, the Million Family March's national director.

Farrakhan, controversial for his anti-white and anti-Semitic proclamations, has dropped

that language and softened his Afrocentric message. Nevertheless, the crowd was largely black. Some Asian-American and white families could be seen here and there, many carrying symbols of the Unification Church.

Greg Odlin, a white minister, brought his wife and four children on a bus from Portland, Maine. "I came to show America how important the family is to God and how important God is to family happiness," said the 45-year-old Odlin, whose church is affiliated with the Unification Church. "I came down to fellowship with my brothers and show there's a lot of Americans serious about the family."

"I'm a white brother," said the Rev. Michael Jenkins of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. "We must repent for what we did to our African-American brothers. In the name of God, I repent. We must repent for what we did to our native American brothers. I repent."

The overarching purpose of Monday's event was to demonstrate that "people of God can come together, despite our diversity, for the noblest of causes, the family," said Minister Rashid Muhammad, son of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad.

Many speakers hit their usual themes. "If you love your family, you protect your family," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who has long criticized the New York City police for the shooting death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo. "Protecting your family is not letting one unarmed

## Extraordinary Wellness Village Opens Saturday

The Fifth Annual African American Wellness Village will take place at 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Center for Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Avenue. Admission and all events are free and open to the public.

Kick-off for the day will begin at the African American Men's Prayer Breakfast and Health Forum, to be held at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church will play host to nearly 300 people, as the men greet Dr. Thomas Pitts, an endocrinologist and Associate Professor at Northwestern University in Chicago.

An extraordinary event for all people, the Fifth Annual Wellness Village, will run from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

The Wellness Village brings together all segments of the African American com-

munity for free health screenings, inspirational speakers, workshops, demonstrations, and other activities for the entire family.

Screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, and glaucoma will be offered, and more.

In addition, a variety of teen workshops, sponsored by the Portland State University Health Career Connections Project, will be

presented by students representing both Benson and Jefferson High Schools.

A "Healthy Soul Food Cook-off" and salsa dancing classes promise to add spice to the event while the Peaceful Pampering Room offers low lighting, facials and foot care.

Face painting and story time will take place in the Children's Hut, a special spot for those 10 and under.