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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Widow May Get Seat

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri's new governor has decided to appoint the widow of Mel Carnahan as senator if she wants it and the late governor receives more votes than Sen. John Ashcroft in the Nov. 7 election. Mrs. Carnahan's 66-year-old husband, the Democratic governor who was challenging Republican Ashcroft for the Senate seat; their 44-year-old son, Roger; and an aide, Chris Sifford, 37, were killed Oct. 16 when their twin-engine plane crashed enroute to a campaign stop.

Independence for Kosovo

UNITED NATIONS — Kosovo, the Serbian province that has been under international control since last year, should become an independent country after it fulfills a host of conditions, a commission recommended. The report, delivered to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, recommended that the province become a separate state when it can guarantee safety for its minorities and after it takes part in negotiations with other Balkan states on its future independence.

Albright Meets Korean Leader

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright held groundbreaking talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. The meeting with Kim was the centerpiece of Albright's trip, the first by a U.S. secretary of state to North Korea. Albright hopes to use her two-day visit to advance her goal of laying the groundwork for a visit by President Clinton, possibly next month.

Palestinian Gunmen Open Fire

NABLUS, West Bank — Defying an Israeli deadline for a truce, Palestinian gunmen and rock-throwers attacked Israeli soldiers at West Bank friction points, and six Palestinians were killed and several wounded by massive Israeli return fire. It was the deadliest day of fighting in two weeks. The violence has left 110 people dead, the vast majority Palestinians.

Ex-Sergeant Pleads Guilty

NEW YORK — A former Army sergeant pleaded guilty to charges related to the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa that killed 12 Americans and 212 others. Ali Mohamed, 48, admitted conspiring with Osama bin Laden and others to murder Americans in an effort to force the United States to get out of the Mideast. Mohamed was among 17 people named so far in an indictment resulting from the bombings.

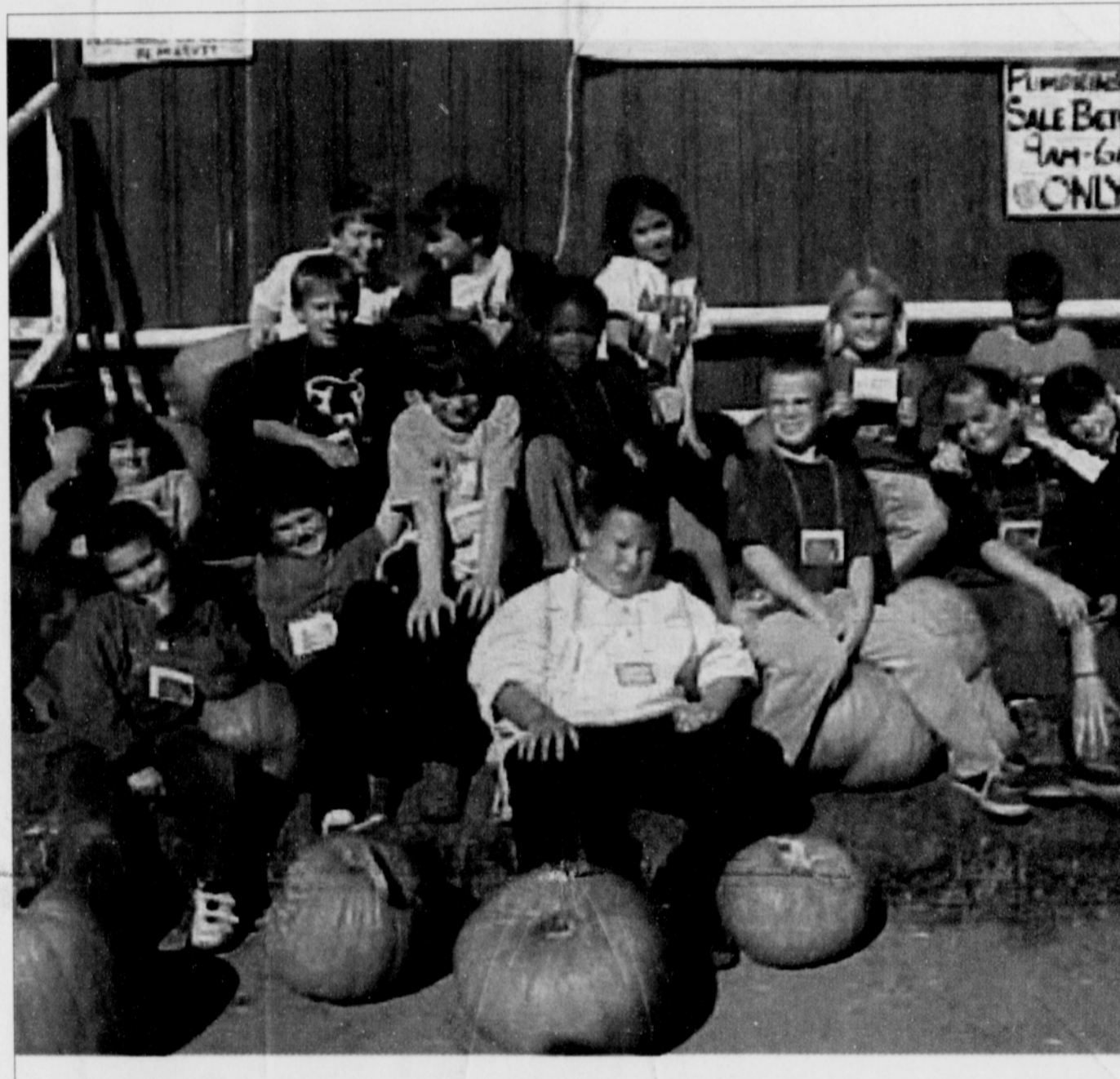
Yemen Safest Among 'Rats' Nests

WASHINGTON — The Yemeni coastline, where an apparent terrorist bombing of the USS Cole killed 17 sailors, is a "sieve" for terrorists, the former U.S. military commander in the Persian Gulf regions said. But it was the best option available for refueling Navy ships, he said. Meanwhile, authorities are following a lead from a 12-year-old Yemeni boy who says a man paid him to watch his car while he went out to sea in a small boat and never returned.

LA Transit Workers Return to Jobs

LOS ANGELES — Bus and subway drivers headed back to work, ending a month long transit strike that stranded 450,000 commuters. The United Transportation Union voted overwhelmingly to accept a new contract providing raises of 9.3% over three years. What bus riders get out of the 32-day walkout: free rides for the next five days.

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt



The third grade class at St. Agatha's Catholic School in Sellwood enjoy the rewards of a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Sauvie Island. Halloween is Tuesday, Oct. 31. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday



It's time to turn your clocks back one hour starting at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, or before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Daylight Saving Time started in 1918 during World War I. But it was not until 1967 that congress put into effect the Uniform Time Act, which instituted Daylight Saving Time for the nation, starting at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April and ending at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

In 1986, President Reagan signed a bill that moved the start of Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in April, but left the end at the last Sunday in October.

Along with the time-change, come a few other important time-and safety-related matters: Set clocks, watches and VCR's back one hour, and change timers on lights and security systems in homes and offices.

Also, because it gets dark even earlier now, remember to discuss curfews and safety tips with young children.

Oregon Begins Vote Tally

Oregon residents are now casting votes for president, local candidates and in the host of state ballot measures.

The state's all vote-by-mail general election, the first in the nation, got underway Friday when county offices began sending out more than 2 million ballots. There are no more polling places. Voters can fill in ballots at home, then mail them or take them to drop boxes - as long as they are returned to election offices by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury said he

expects a voter turnout of 80 percent or better, partly because Oregon's unique system makes it more convenient to cast ballots. But for candidates and political operatives, mail voting means the final push to win over undecided voters is a three-week marathon instead of a last-minute dash.

Despite the prolonged voting period, Bradbury believes a lot of people will hold onto their ballots until the last-minute. Some 40 percent of voters returned their

mail ballots in the last two days leading up to the state's all-mail ballot primary on May 16. That, too, was the nation's first such primary.

"The main thing is there are 26 measures on the statewide ballot. That large number of measures to decide on will slow people down in casting their ballot," Bradbury said. Oregonians passed statewide vote-by-mail in 1998 after using the system for years in local contests and some special elections. Critics have said the mail ballot offers too many possibilities for fraud.

Gore Brings Campaign to Portland

Speaking with a passion environmentalists have been waiting to hear, Al Gore says he would protect old-growth trees and roadless areas and enlist the help of science to restore salmon runs.

The Sunday night speech was aimed squarely at environmentally-minded voters, especially those thinking of voting for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader.

"When it comes to the environment, I've never given up, I've never turned back, and I never will," the Democratic presidential candidate said before a cheering crowd of nearly 4,000 gathered outside Portland State University.

Oregon has not voted for a Republican presidential candidate since 1984, but polls show the race between Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush to be a virtual dead heat — partly because of Nader's appeal to environmentalists. Mainstream environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, have endorsed the vice president, but many activists contend that Gore has not been showing a strong enough devotion to the environment



Vice President Al Gore hears praise for his campaign from democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber at a rally at Portland State University.

over the past few years.

They especially would like Gore to come out in favor of breaching four dams on the Snake River as a way to restore salmon runs. Gore has not gone that far, saying the idea needs more study. In his Sunday night speech, Gore stayed away from saying dams should be breached, but he spoke with more emotion about the environment than he has to date.

"Nowhere are the differences between me and Gov. Bush clearer than on the environment," Gore told the crowd. Gore touted, for example, the Democratic administration's efforts to preserve Oregon's Soda Mountain and Steens Mountain. Republican vice presidential contender Dick Cheney, on recent campaign stop in Oregon, said a Bush administration

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Paul Allen Supports Transitional School

The Community Transitional School, which serves children of homeless families, has received a \$15,000 grant from the Paul G. Allen Charitable Foundation.

"Children of homeless families are often forgotten when people think of charities, yet an education could change these young people's lives, and we are pleased to support the efforts of Community Transitional School," said Sue Colton, foundation manager of the Paul A. Allen Charitable Foundation.

The Paul G. Allen Charitable Foundation supports a wide variety of charitable endeavors in the Pacific Northwest. The Foundation is dedicated to promoting the health and development of vulnerable populations and to strengthening families and communities. The Foundation invests in projects and programs that address social challenges and promote positive change. Past grant recipients have included YMCA of Greater Seattle, The American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity International.

Founded in 1988, The Paul A. Allen Charitable Foundation is administered through Vulcan Northwest, Inc., of Bellevue, Washington.

The Community Transitional School was founded in 1990 as the YWCA Transitional School and became an independent nonprofit organization in 1998. Its mission is to provide an alternative school for at-risk children from homeless families and to help them overcome barriers that prevent them from regularly attending school.

The school provides students pre-kindergarten through eight grade students with education, tutoring, medical and dental screenings, clothing, shoes, school supplies and meals in an environment where students are unencumbered by the pressure of being different. The Community Transitional School serves about 60 children a day and over 200 attend the school each year.