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Week in The Review

U.S. Deaths in Iraq Top 2,000
The U.S. military death toll in the Iraq war reached 2,000 with the announcements Tuesday of three more deaths since the war began in March 2003. A British research group has said that as many as 30,051 Iraqis have been killed since the war began. Other estimates range as high as 100,000.

Bernanke Tabbed for Fed Chair

Ben Bernanke, a former economics professor, was chosen Monday by President Bush to be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve, the most influential economic policy job in the world. If approved by the Senate, Bernanke would succeed Alan Greenspan, who has spent 18 years at the helm and is expected to step down Jan. 31.



Ben Bernanke

Hurricane Wilma Hits Florida

Floridians lined up for water, gas, ice and generators Tuesday outside the few stores that were open after Hurricane Wilma cut a costly, deadly swath across the peninsula. The storm slammed across the state in about seven hours Monday, causing billions in insured damage and leaving 5.9 million people, or a little less than 3 million homes and businesses, without electricity. See story, page A2.

Most Katrina Victims Elderly

A new report shows that 60 percent of the victims identified so far from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans were 61 or older. Officials say some died during or before the Aug. 29 storm, or drowned in the rushing floodwaters that ensued. Others died in transit, or just waiting.

Janet Jackson May Have 'Secret' Daughter



Janet Jackson

Janet Jackson and James DeBarge, who were briefly married in 1984, had a daughter together, DeBarge's brother Young DeBarge has claimed on a radio program. Young DeBarge said the child, named Renee and now 18, has been living with Rebbie Jackson, Janet's oldest sister.

Consumer Confidence Slides

The outlook for the holiday shopping season darkened Tuesday as the latest consumer confidence reading showed Americans are more pessimistic about the economy, the worst reading in two years. Hurricanes, surging gasoline prices and worries about the job market are blamed.

Unmatched Legacy

Civil Right Icon Rosa Parks Remembered

BY ERIN TEXEIRA
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The death of Rosa Parks underscores that the generation responsible for the key victories of the civil rights movement is fading into history, leaving its survivors with the challenge of keeping the movement's memory and work alive.

"As people get older and people pass, it becomes more and more difficult to have that sort of firsthand knowledge" of the fight for integration, said U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat who first met Parks as a 17-year-old student and activist. "It becomes a little more difficult to pass it on."

Lewis, who once headed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, added that the social challenges of today - persistent racial gaps in poverty, education and wealth, among others - highlight the continued need for activists and teachers to honor Parks' spirit.

"Her life should inspire a generation yet unborn to stand up," he said.

Parks is one of a handful of civil rights figures, along with Martin Luther King Jr.



Rosa Parks died Monday at the age of 92.

and Malcolm X, whose name most young people seem to know.

But many are more familiar with "Rosa Parks," the hit song by the hip-hop group OutKast, than her full story, said Renada Johnson, a 25-year-old graduate student at Bowie State University in Maryland, who met Parks in 1997.

"Young people definitely know who she

was, but all we were taught in school was that she didn't get up because her feet were hurting," Johnson said. "They don't know her whole story."

In 1955, Parks was a seamstress and long-time secretary for the local NAACP who defied segregation laws and refused to give up her seat in a whites-only section of a public bus in Montgomery, Ala.

When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., her actions sparked the Civil Rights movement.

Then 42, she inspired tens of thousands of working-class blacks - led by King - to boycott the local buses for more than a year. Finally, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that declared Montgomery's segregated seating laws unconstitutional. The effort highlighted persistent bias against

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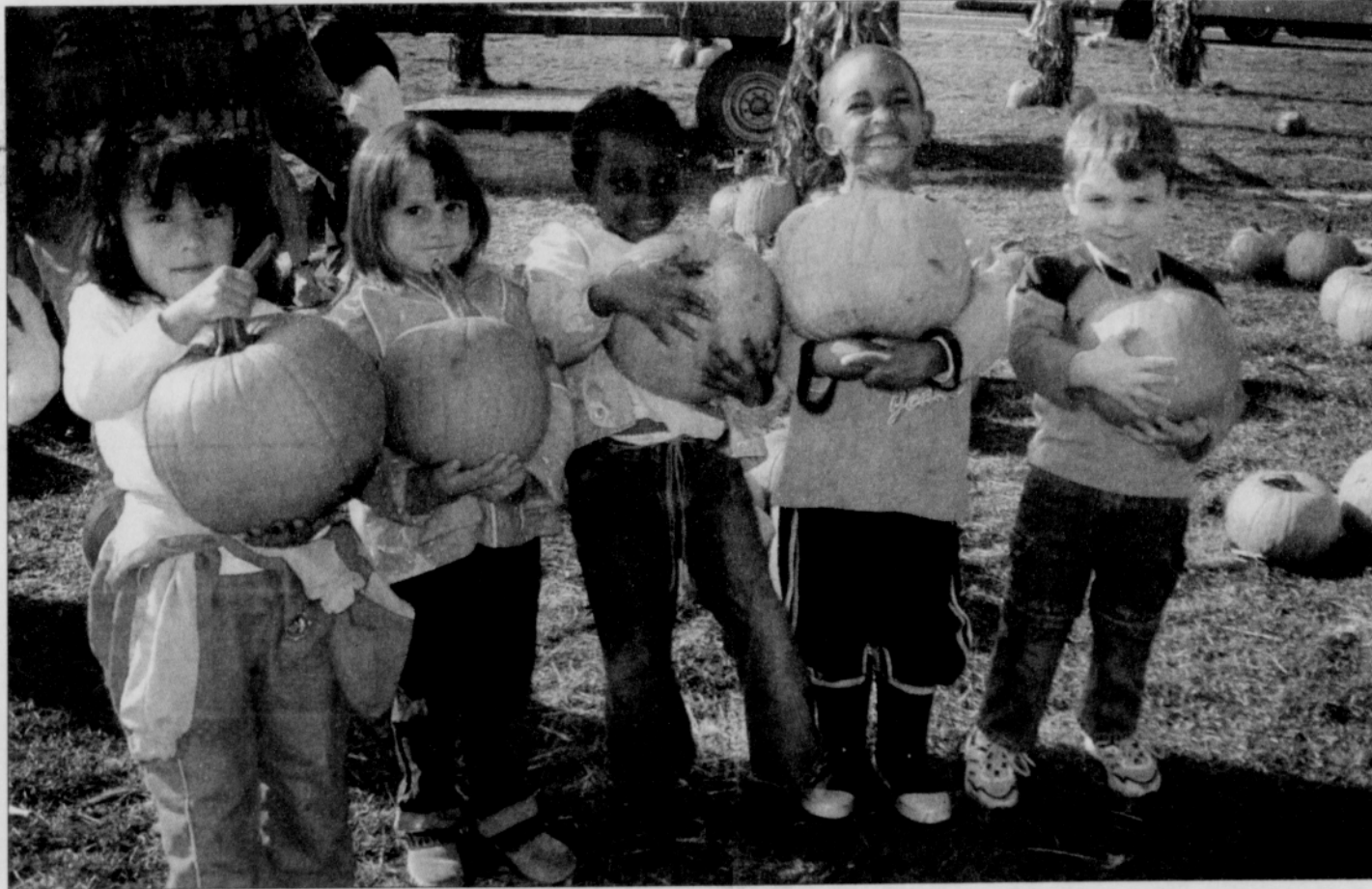


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HALLOWEEN FUN

Students from Head Start's Sacajawea Preschool in northeast Portland enjoy a field trip to Rossi Farm's Haunted Ghost Town, a pumpkin patch and corn maze at Northeast 122nd and Shaver Streets. The patch is open daily, with a haunted tour from 6 to 9:30 p.m. this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 503-253-5571. Pictured from left to right are Kimberly Pulido, Erin Ocobock, Jordi Fuentes, Troy Moore and Cameron Overturf.

Home Heating Costs Sting

Fuel prices high as temperatures drop

BY ERIKA-LEIGH GOODWIN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

According to the government's Energy Information Administration, temperatures this season will be nothing out of the ordinary; fuel prices however, are steadily rising through the nation.

The EIA predicts that Americans will spend 34 percent more on heating oil than last winter.

Bill Lehr Jr., owner of ABC Oil Co., has been in the local heating oil business for more than 50 years. Lehr said he and his customers are definitely feeling the pinch of the price increase.

"We are manipulated by the prices," said Lehr. "We have to charge the customers more because we're paying so much more and it's really become a hardship in that way."

The EIA predicted heating oil prices would increase more than 30 percent.

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Portland Welcome for Mississippi Reverend

Survived hurricane to pastor local church

Rev. Byrone A. Bolton, a hurricane survivor from Hattiesburg, Miss., will be installed as the pastor of the Greater Faith Baptist Church located at 931 N Skidmore Street. Service will be held at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at 3725 N. Gantenbein Ave. on Sunday, Nov. 6 at three thirty p.m..

Bolton, his wife and five children, moved to Portland last month after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. He'd been considering the cross-country move before the tragedy, but when he finally did leave, he said it was "on the wings of faith. Not only believing that God would provide, but knowing. God gave me a sign with Katrina."

The hurricane force winds took down trees all around Bolton's former home and vehicle, so his family grabbed all they had and left "a total loss" behind. They flew to Portland, where a church had a home waiting for them.

"It's knowing that God was in control and whatever God does, he doesn't make a mistake. Whatever he takes



PHOTO BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Rev. Byrone A. Bolton, pastor-elect for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in north Portland, with his wife, Marvia.

away, he replaces. If he chose me for this task, he's got to provide," Bolton said. "That's why the material things didn't upset me at all. If I'd lost my life, the material things wouldn't matter anyhow."

Faith, he said, "takes away worry - it takes away fear." Bolton said he's been received well in Portland and looks forward to his new ministry.

"God said he'll put people in your way to take care of you," Bolton said. "Patience is a virtue. We have a roof, we have clothes and we have food."

Having grown up on a farm in a family of 20 people, the Bolton family is filled with spiritual followers.

"Faith gives me the assurance that anyone can receive it," Bolton said. "God has given me the seed to fertilize and be able to share, encourage and motivate people. Our ministry is to reach the non-believers to encourage them, as well as those who already believe."

Bolton is bringing his internationally known gospel group The Bolton Brothers to Portland for a special performance at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 109 N. Emerson St., with Rev. Melvin Bailey, pastor. Guest

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