

Racialism?

Editor, Spectrum:

The many participants in the fine Washington County parade deserve congratulations and appreciation for providing such a pleasurable forenoon to so many.

However, the pleasing experience was marred by the unabashed display of racialism depicted by the entry which displayed a standard reading, "Fair for All: Even outlaws and Indians" on the lead horse, followed by a dozen or so horses carrying at least one non-Indian child decorated and painted in the white racist version of an Indian. The appalling inference, which has long been perpetrated in the Utah culture equates outlaws and Indians, and certainly must have seemed insulting to the friendly, legitimate Indian entry.

Some people will rationalize such racist thinking as only an attempt to be humorous, but denigrating any ethnic, race or religious group cannot be interpreted by thinking people as humor.

Sincerely,
Irvin McArthur

A good fair!

Editor, Spectrum:

I grew up in a small town in Arizona and going to the fair was the best part of my boyhood summer. When we moved to the big city, the fair became one of my happiest memories.

Last week I took my 10-year old son, Matt and my 4-year old daughter Barbara to the Washington County Fair in Hurricane. It was hot and dusty, but watching my children discover the fun of the ferris wheel, the taste of scones dripping with honey butter and all the other good things to eat, and walking through the exhibits — it was all worth it.

Thanks to Cleo Atkin and all the others on the fair committee for working so hard to make this another special event in our community and for giving my son his first fair to remember.

Sincerely,
Rick Roller
St. George

ington County is where I pay taxes on my Springdale property.

According to my odometer, Hurricane is exactly the same distance from Ivins as it is from Springdale, so if distance to the fair is the only criterion for moving it to St. George, Ms. Mackley will need the support of the more distant communities of Enterprise and Gunlock.

In my opinion, the only logical reason to consider moving the fair from Hurricane, its traditional location, is to gain more adequate space and facilities, but if the decision is left to the people of the county let's not forget those cliff dwellers and, hey, how about letting the citizens of New Harmony be heard also.

J.L. Crawford
St. George

About intelligence

Editor, Spectrum:

The study that was the basis of the Prime Minister of Japan remarks regarding the general intelligence of the United States population was only partially correct. When a study was made of the average quotient of Washington D.C. was totaled it came out to just 76. Washington D.C. as most of you know is almost totally populated by blacks and hispanics.

However, when the Congress is in recess and the senators and representatives and the state department are on junkers gathering first hand problems; then the average intelligence of the population of Washington D.C. totals or averages a quotient of 117 percent. Surely the minorities can not be held responsible for this situation.

Ray Parker
Hurricane

Refresher course

Editor, Spectrum:

My purpose for writing is to provide a quick refresher course on local history and geography for those who are interested, but especially Norene R. Mackley.

In 1883 the eastern boundary of Washington County was moved from just west of Toquerville eastward to take in, in addition to Toquerville, at least six communities above the Hurricane Fault. Hurricane and LaVerkin didn't exist then and some of those up-river towns have disappeared, but three of them are still alive and healthy and still part of Washington County. At least Wash-