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HALLOWEEN PARTY: Our Westgate McDonald's, 7811 Fairview Avenue, is having a special party for kids on October 30th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The party includes a Happy Meal, sample sundae, costume parade, games and prizes. Call Barbara at 376-4151 between 7:00 to 12:00 in the morning for reservations.

HALLOWEEN GIFT BOOKLETS: We've got some very special certificates that will insure a fun, safe Halloween for your trick or treaters. Each coupon booklet contains twelve certificates, 3 of each of the following: Pies, cones, sundaes, and McDonald's cookies. A **\$5.64 value for only \$1.00**. Available October 17th.

HOT WHEELS: Kids, you won't want to miss this one!! Starting October 28th we'll be offering 14 different Mattel "Hot Wheels" cars for **only .69¢ each** with any food purchase. Here's October's line up: 28th - Firebird Funny Car; 29th - Jeep CJ7; 30th - Sheriff Patrol; 31st - Baja Breaker. Be the first to collect all 14. Yes, adults can buy them too! I can't wait to tell my wife I bought a Mercedes 380 Sel for **only .69¢**.

BIG MAC® — LEADER OF THE PACK: Our catchy new commercials are lauding our #1 sandwich. Have you had your Big Mac® today? Our Big Mac® sandwich has its own special claim to fame — A deluxe Mayonnaise based sauce made just for McDonald's and flavored with a pickle relish and a savory blend of herbs and spices. And any hamburger topped with our special cheese is a delicious treat. A blend of fine cheeses, this pasteurized-process American cheese has just the right rich flavor. It's part of what makes our Egg McMuffin sandwich taste extra good, too.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION: Seminars dealing with issues relating to the growth, development and success of the 1980's woman. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., October 15th and November 19th, Anderson Center, 101 West Bannock. For information: **Central District Health Department, 375-5211, ext. 284.**



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CIRCUS HAPPY MEAL: For a limited time only a PEANUTS® GLASS will be included with each Happy Meal purchased.

6th ANNUAL LAKEWOOD HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND ANTIQUE SALE: Friday, November 4th — 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 5th — 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 6th — 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Follow signs off Gekeler Lane in South Boise. This year we have donated \$1,000 to Garfield Elementary School for the purchase of computers for classroom use; \$1000 to East Junior High for a video disk machine and additional disks to be used in English classes. This fall we will also give \$1000 to Boise High School, thus rounding out our "Support Your Local Schools" campaign.

MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT: Children's programs at the Meridian Library, 18 E. Idaho Avenue — Tuesdays at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Films, books, special programs! October 18 — Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game Guest and Wildlife film. October 25 — "Good Bear Day": Bears, Books and special treats! Thursdays at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. — Storytime for toddlers and preschoolers. October 13 — Films "By the Sea" and "Caterpillar". October 27 — "Good Bear Day Tea Party," come and have a good bear day with us! October 27 — 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Meal with A-Peel sponsored by Friends of the Library.

THE MAIL DROP: Demand for P.O. Boxes has increased so much in recent years that the Post Office cannot keep up. This has created a need for a new type of business, the private postal service. Not only do businesses big and small use this service but students away from home, traveling salesmen, people who worry about theft in homes and apartments and people who want privacy. **The Mail Drop** will offer services such as a call in mail check, UPS receivables, Western Union, answering services and a copying machine. We welcome your visit **October 3rd for our Grand Opening at 125 N. 11th, Boise. Be There!!**

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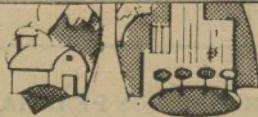


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Photo by Jeff Stoffer

Friends of the Library and members of the Occident Club watch as Gerry Mattison officially notarizes the turning over of the building deed.



Life/Arts

Occident Club signs over library deed; expansion plans to result

by John Redding

The Meridian Public Library will soon be able to expand its facility and service after receiving the deed to the entire building from the Occident Club.

Officers of the club met with library officials and a bank representative last week to sign over the deed.

June Thomas, Occident Club president, and Ester Sharp, secretary, put their signatures on the document as Gerry Mattison, Idaho First Bank official notarized the deed.

Shirley Spencer and Sharlene Denny, Friends of the Library members, were also on hand when the deed was signed.

Spencer said architects are looking into ways to expand the facility that is presently cramped for space. She said Occident Club members will still conduct meeting in a portion of the building.

The library has a monthly circulation of about 900 books, but there is presently only about 1,200 square feet of space in the building. Book circulation is 2,000 books above last year.

The Occident Club, a women's service group, started the first library

in Meridian on July 17, 1924. It was located in the Songer Drug Store on the corner of First and E. Idaho Ave.

The library was moved to the city hall in 1925 when there were about 2,000 books — most of which were donated.

After more shifts to other locations, the library moved into its present location June 1, 1974. On July 16, 1974, petitions were presented to the Ada County Commissioners calling for the formation of the Meridian Free Library District.

The Meridian Public Library became a charter member of the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System in August 1974.



Children at the Meridian Free Library had a new selection to choose from following a book donation from the Rotary Club.

Photo by Jeff Stoffer

Meridian Library receives Rotary check

The Meridian Public Library has received a \$1,200 donation from the Meridian Rotary Club which will be used to purchase new books, Gaye Waters, librarian, said.

Waters said the donation will go toward the purchase of children and young adult books. She said about 100 new books can be purchased with the funds.

Earlier this year the Rotary Club purchased a 16 milameter movie projector for the library. The projector is used to show children's films at the library, Waters said.

She said the library has an average monthly circulation of about 9,000 books that is an increase of about 2,000 books compaired with last year.

A complete listing of the books can be obtained from the library desk. For more information about library acitivities call 888-4451.

Meow With A-Pee!



Date: Oct. 27-Thurs.

Time: 11-2

Cost: \$3.00

Place: Meridian
Library

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Proceeds to the
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Briefly

Potatoes served

The Meridian will be serving lunch Thursday with a first-ever "Meal With a Peel" baked potato bar from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The "build your own" baked potato feed costs \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children's portions. Proceeds will go toward library equipment.

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Library gets new look

A new look is on the horizon for the Meridian Free Library building after the library board of directors decided to hire an architect to remodel the present structure.

Architect James Shearer, Meridian, was hired by the board Oct. 29 to remodel the library and expand the building to its property line — the expansion will provide an additional 800 square feet.

Librarian Gaye Walter said the project is expected to cost in excess of \$100,000 which will come from library district funds.

Shearer said the present structure is actually three separate buildings under one roof. He said he does not anticipate too many design problems with the remodeling project, which will increase the interior space from

2,000 square feet to 4,500 square feet.

He said bidding on the project may open by mid February or late January. A tentative completion date has not been set, but Shearer said the project could be finished by mid summer.

Walter said library hours will be expanded and patrons will still be able to use the facility while construction is going on.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK NOV. 13-19. Watch for many special activities in the library.
 This week will be FINE FREE.

In the display case in the Idaho Room, we have a display of books and photographs, by Glenn Balch. Glenn made arrangements with Boise Public for us to have this display. We are pleased to have it during Children's Book Week, as Glenn is a very popular author for young people. He resides in Meridian, and will be doing programs for us during the week.

Once again we are having our BROWN BAG WITH THE WRITE PEOPLE. You are invited to bring your sacklunch, sit on the floor and visit with local authors. 12-1. Special guests this year are:

Nov. 14, Ona Siporin, a master storyteller, will tell traditional tales.
 This will be appropriate for grades 3-6.

Nov. 15. Glenn Balch, local author of western stories for young people. 12-1
 IV'E BEEN THERE IN A BOOK, film for afterschool. 4.00

Nov. 17, Glenn Balch 12-1.
 10:30, IRA SLEEPS OVER, film for preschool story hour.

Nov. 22, After school at 4:00. WATCH FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL

Nov. 29. Holiday Helps, time and money saving tips. Marilyn Shinn, Extension, will be doing this program. 10:00-11:30. Pre-registration, at circ. desk.

The Library will be CLOSED, Nov. 11 and Nov. 24.

Watch our new book shelf, we add new titles each day.

PET SEMATARY, Stephen King

CALDER BORN, CALDER BRED, Janet Dailey

POLAND, James Michener

SAGA OF CUCKOO, Frederik Fohl

VALENTINE PONTIFEX, Robert Silverburg

MOTHERHOOD, THE SECOND OLDEST PROFESSION, Erma Bombeck

THE NEVERENDING STORY, Michael Ende

BEST OF JAMES HERRIOT, James Herriot



Happy Thanksgiving, from the staff!



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Meridian Library announces January schedule

The Meridian Public Library is planning a meeting for teachers and school librarians Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. to review books, discuss topics related to reading and share ideas.

Librarian Gaye Walter said plans will be discussed concerning another Meridian Children's Reading Roundtable — similar to one held in September with 26 people in attendance.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at the Jan. 26 meeting. For more information call Gaye Walter at 888-4451 or 377-0565.

Other activities planned at the library include some after school reading programs and films. On Jan. 17, a reading of Edgar Allan Poe's

"The Tell Tale Heart" will be conducted on the poet's birthday.

On Jan. 24, the film Story of an Otter will be shown. And On Jan. 31, a program on ballet will be held on Anna Pavlova's birthday.

Master story teller Ona Siporin will present fairytales on Jan. 20 at 11 a.m.

The first grade from Meridian Primary will be attending. Others are invited to bring their children. The library is helping Siporin with a grant by supplying her with a place to do programs.

Starting Jan. 23 the library will hold

its first Family Film Fest. Walter said she hopes to make this a monthly event. The first films to be shown will be Dancing Princess and The Beauty and the Beast Ballet. Films will start promptly at 7 p.m. and run about 65 minutes.

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A complaint from the Meridian Free Library alleges charges by former library patron with the labor and services, according to a report filed with the Meridian Police Department.

Gaye Walters, librarian,

Library files theft charges

A complaint from the Meridian Free Library alleges charges a former library patron with theft of labor and services, according to a report filed with the Meridian Police Department.

Gaye Walters, librarian, made a

complaint Friday that an individual, whose name was not released, has checked out books without returning them, accumulating a fine and replacement value total of \$103.55.

Meridian Library sets schedule

The Meridian Free Library has a full month of March scheduled with films, celebrations and even a riddle riot.

Thursday, the library will show two films beginning at 10:30 a.m., including "Petunia", and another to be announced at the library.

March 13 and 15 will be "Spring Fever" at the library with stories, films and flower making. The special event will begin at 10:30 a.m. March 13 and 5 p.m. March 15, according to

librarian Gay Walter.

The birthday of J.S. Bach will be celebrated at the library at 5 p.m. March 20. A film will be shown and a piano recital will be preformed by a special guest.

National Wildlife Week will be the theme of a 10:30 a.m. celebration March 22 at the library.

Library patrons can get ready for April Fool's Day on March 27 with a Riddle Riot at 5 p.m. Riddles and jokes will be featured.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Control toxic wastes

Citizens have a committee, Corner Control of Safe of Idaho, a based corner focus of our which they for a Titan a hazardous situation is unsafe this purpose. To the east and north, 2½ miles, the site sits above the river by farms and which flows here is ½ mile. Envirosafe is not in Idaho as they were. Residents worry, E.S.I. isn't hazardous we since beenumping liquid waste of PCB's, it was thought deep is suddenly to 180 feet 60 feet deep known toxic wastes were not aids and were

The people of Idaho must stand together and demand better control for our state. Approximately 94 percent of hazardous waste comes from outside Idaho, including Japan and Canada. Other states and countries are thinking about their future, that is why Idaho is fast becoming a prime state to dump the world's poison.

Our goal is to close and detoxify the Envirosafe facilities. If we don't take care of this problem now our children will be left with this legacy.

The legislature is now introducing bills that will determine our future.

A few bills that we ask your support on are strict regulations to give our state authority to close detrimental operations, and the Community right to know, which will enable us to know what poisons are coming into Idaho.

Please write and talk to your legislators immediately. A handwritten note does make a difference. E.S.I. has applied for their 10-year permit. CCTW must hire consultants, geologists, and engineers to testify before their hearings and the legislature. Contributions will be wisely spent if you care to help us.

Connie Collett
Rayola Jacobson
GrandView



Say Good-bye to Street Beat

Jeff Stoffer

A little over 200 years ago, some men got together and devised a plan which would give the United States of America certain rights not necessarily available in other countries.

Freedom of speech was among those rights.

Since then, rights have been a concern nearly all Americans have fought for in many ways. A free press is one of these rights.

Hand in hand with that free press and Freedom of Speech, has come the importance of public input in the press. The average "Joe or Jane on the street" has been able to state his or her opinion in the newspaper, on radio or TV, without fear of persecution from the government.

A basketball coach was quoted last winter that he had asked one of his players if the problem was "ignorance or apathy?" The player answered, "I don't know and I don't care."

At least the coach gave him the chance to speak his peace.

So has the Valley News.

I just got back from attempting another "Street Beat" survey which the paper has been giving weekly space on the editorial page for the last seven months. This segment of the paper was designed to give the average person a chance to give an opinion on a topical issue and have it appear in the newspaper. It was just their opinions.

That was all we asked. No strings attached. We were not selling anything that made mounds and mounds of julienne fries. We were not asking people to join our church. We were not asking people for money.

All we wanted to know was how they felt — sort of giving them a chance to exercise that Freedom of Speech right that so many died for when this country was born.

"I don't know and I don't care," was what we got most of the time.

Street Beat, our regularly-featured public opinion segment will not be in the paper this week because too many people "didn't know and didn't care." But we're especially wary of a newspaper reporter and photographer hounding them while shopping.

The alibis have been countless. The conclusion has been obvious.

People don't want to be involved. They don't want anyone knowing their opinion, especially the press, let alone having their picture taken with an "I don't know and I don't care" quote printed beneath it in the Valley News.

Street Beat began in the Valley News last summer as an effort to get the people of our community into the paper — make it a real "People Paper", as we are so fond of saying.

Actually, I could go on and on about Freedom of Speech, basketball coaches and apathy for much longer than anyone would like to read. What it boils down to, I guess, is that I'm tired of spending my afternoons asking people for opinions they don't care to give — and fielding their reactions.

"Who are you, really?" one asked.

"Are you guys Moonies?"

"I've never heard of the Valley News."

"You can't take my picture until I get a haircut. But then, I don't want my name in print."

The thing having irked me the most has been those who refuse to have their picture taken, though they have no problem expressing every opinion on every issue under the sun while I watch prospective people I can use walk right on by.

"I don't want my picture taken — but here's my opinion..." I've heard too many times.

One time, I was so tired of seeking out someone with an opinion that I shot a photo of a store window mannequin and made up an

opinion. Once, I shot a photo of dog for Street Beat. Once, I shot a tennis shoe and another time, I shot a houseplant.

Don't tell me this isn't an apathetic society when you have to seek the opinions of houseplants.

As a photographer, it is most disquieting to see someone place their hands over my very expensive lenses and tell me I can't take their picture. Then they tell me the story of how someone took their picture for the paper a long time ago and it came out terrible.

Then I have to explain my background as a photographer, earning confidence that I can take a picture of them that won't come out terrible. By that time, I have forgotten the question and they have forgotten their opinion.

It is also disquieting to see prospective Street Beat "victims" leave a store to avoid us. "Gee, when we got here the parking lot was full," how often I have said."

There have been many people who have responded well to our questions, realizing that we were not going to use their picture and opinion to promote pornography or sell their photos on the black market with forged autographs.

All we've asked are opinions. All the questions have been fair, topical and usually with some local, state or national impact.

To all those people who answered honestly and allowed us to take their photographs for the editorial page of the Valley News, thank you.

To all those people who needed haircuts or wanted to know my photographic background — or simply said they weren't interested in anything regardless of the question: You can now return to shopping in peace without someone out there trying to help you exercise your rights.



Free at last of the horse

Child safety

by Jeff Stoffer

The unpredictable threat of child abuse or molestation frightens many parents in American society. So much, that often the subject is avoided when parents have the chance to teach their children self-protection.

According to Dee Paternoster, a Boise mother of seven, children as young as 2 can be effectively taught to protect themselves from strangers — through music.

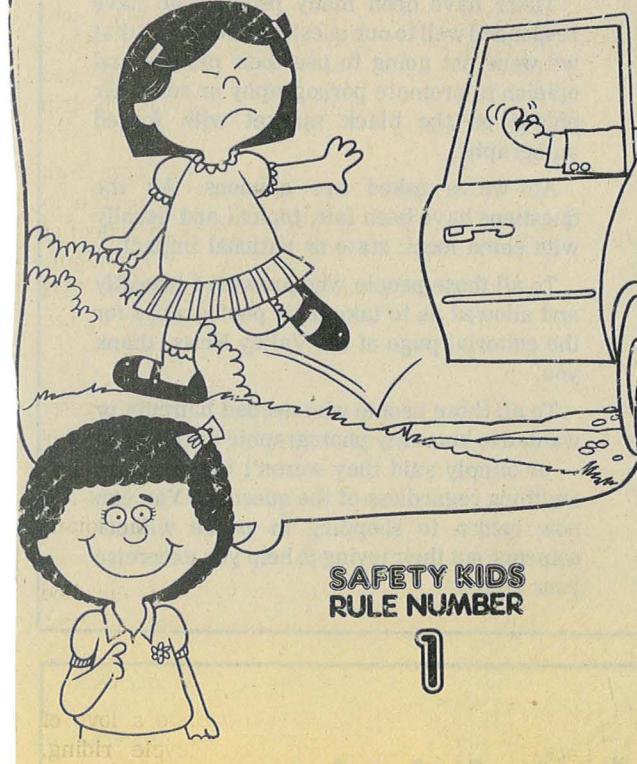
The songs of Janeen Brady, co-founder of Brite Music Enterprises, Inc., Salt Lake City, are giving children throughout the country confidence and awareness through a program called "Safety Kids".

The program has inspired Mrs. Paternoster to coordinate a series of live presentations introducing Safety Kids at public libraries in the Treasure Valley. Eight children, four her own, act out safety rules in skits set to Brady's music in the presentations.

Mrs. Paternoster says the program is geared so it won't frighten the children, yet gets the message across with long-lasting significance. "It's a very comprehensive program and it doesn't frighten them," she said. "It just helps the children have a positive life."

Safety Kids is a club. Members receive a cassette tape containing Brady's music and a coloring book

NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS!



SAFETY KIDS
RULE NUMBER

1

ALWAYS USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM!



SAFETY KIDS
RULE NUMBER

2

How to help kids help themselves

which outlines the principles. According to Mrs. Paternoster the tape and the coloring book have had a tremendous effect with her children.

"I'll bet my 5-year-old could go through this book and tell you every line. They just love it," she explained. The catchy lyrics in the safety songs have a lasting effect and her children have already learned all the words to many of them.

Parents are beginning to show a genuine interest in child protection against abuse or sexual assault in recent years, she said. However, there is still not enough available literature on the subject in the home.

"Parents don't really know where to turn," she said. Mrs. Paternoster explained that many times if a child is molested or apprehended by a stranger, the parent will not find out about it. Shame, fear and embarrassment keep the child from seeking parental help, she said.

She said children, if in a group, when approached by a stranger and for instance are asked to stay with him, almost always one child will stay. "There's always one child that will stay behind and talk to the person," she said.

Furthermore, the child won't tell parents about it.

"If this happens to my children who have heard this tape or read the book, they wouldn't get to her very easy," Paternoster said.

Safety Kids teaches children some easy rules of self-

protection including; Never Talk to Strangers, Always Use the Buddy System, Lock the Doors When Alone or Tending Younger Kids, Know Your Telephone Number, and Don't Let Anyone Do Things to Your Body They Shouldn't Do.

The sing-along coloring book is designed to give children pride in the ability to protect themselves. Safety Kids, as a club, provides an effective way to reach many children in an easy, understandable way.

"By going through an organization such as this, we can reach more children than on a one-to-one basis," Mrs. Paternoster said. "Kids can start clubs of their own from this. Kids love clubs."

Friends of the Meridian Library is sponsoring a Safety Kids presentation March 17 at 11 a.m. at the Meridian Free Library. She said all children are invited, but it is also important for parents to come.

"If the parents can come, it's really good. Kids are intrigued but can't do much without parents," Mrs. Paternoster said. "Parents can share a lot of things with people." She said it would be ideal for parents to view the presentation and afterwards, exchange ideas on child personal protection.

She added the program is not limited to library presentations. "Any organization that wants us to come and give this presentation — we will do it. It's not much good to have something like this and not be able to share it."

LOCK THE DOORS WHEN YOU'RE HOME ALONE OR TENDING YOUNGER KIDS!



SAFETY KIDS
RULE NUMBER

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DON'T LET ANYONE DO THINGS TO YOUR BODY THEY SHOULDN'T DO!



I'M IN CHARGE

SAFETY KIDS
RULE NUMBER

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KNOW YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER!

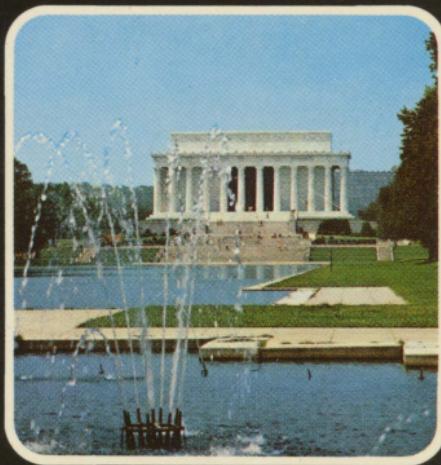
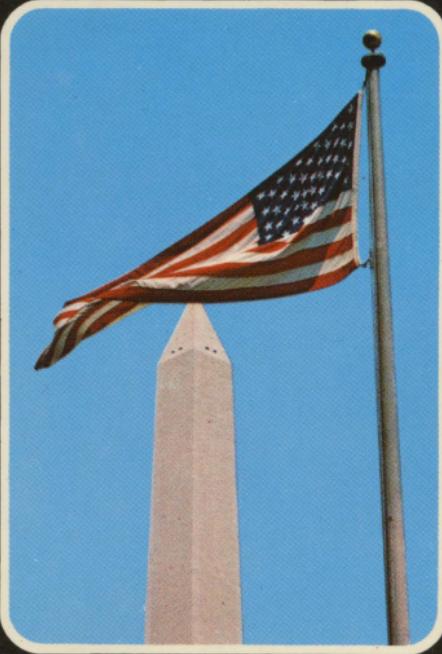
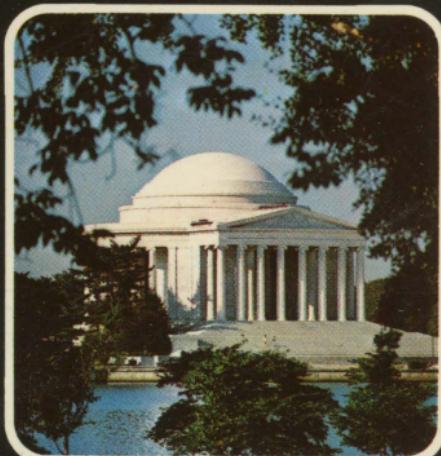
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This is the first in a four-part series by the Valley News on child protection from abuse and sexual assault.



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Prince Prints FOR FRAMING

Dear Nancy & Gals,
We're on the way back home and this is one of our sight seeing stops.

Jim is really enjoying seeing all of the things he's only read about.

It's been raining here now so we're glad we got at least 3 days in to sight see.

Leave for Gettysburg, PA tomorrow.

Have many good pictures to show you,
True Rita & Jim

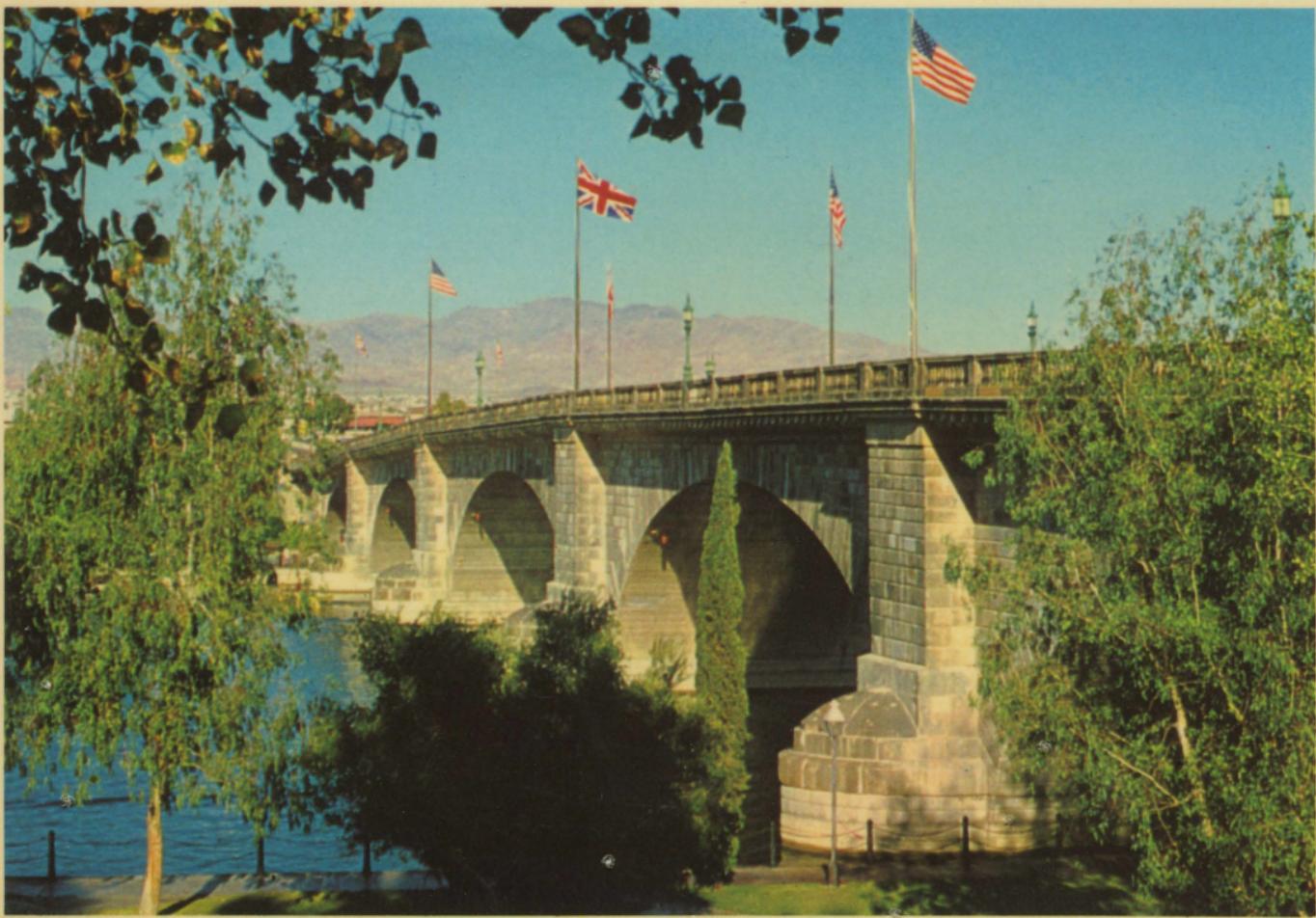
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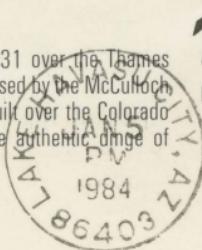
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LONDON BRIDGE

Lake Havasu City, Arizona

This bridge was originally built and completed in 1831 over the Thames River in London requiring over 7 years to build. Purchased by the McCulloch Corp. in 1968, it was dismantled in London and rebuilt over the Colorado River in 3-1/2 years. London Bridge still wears the authentic dome of London's smokestack.



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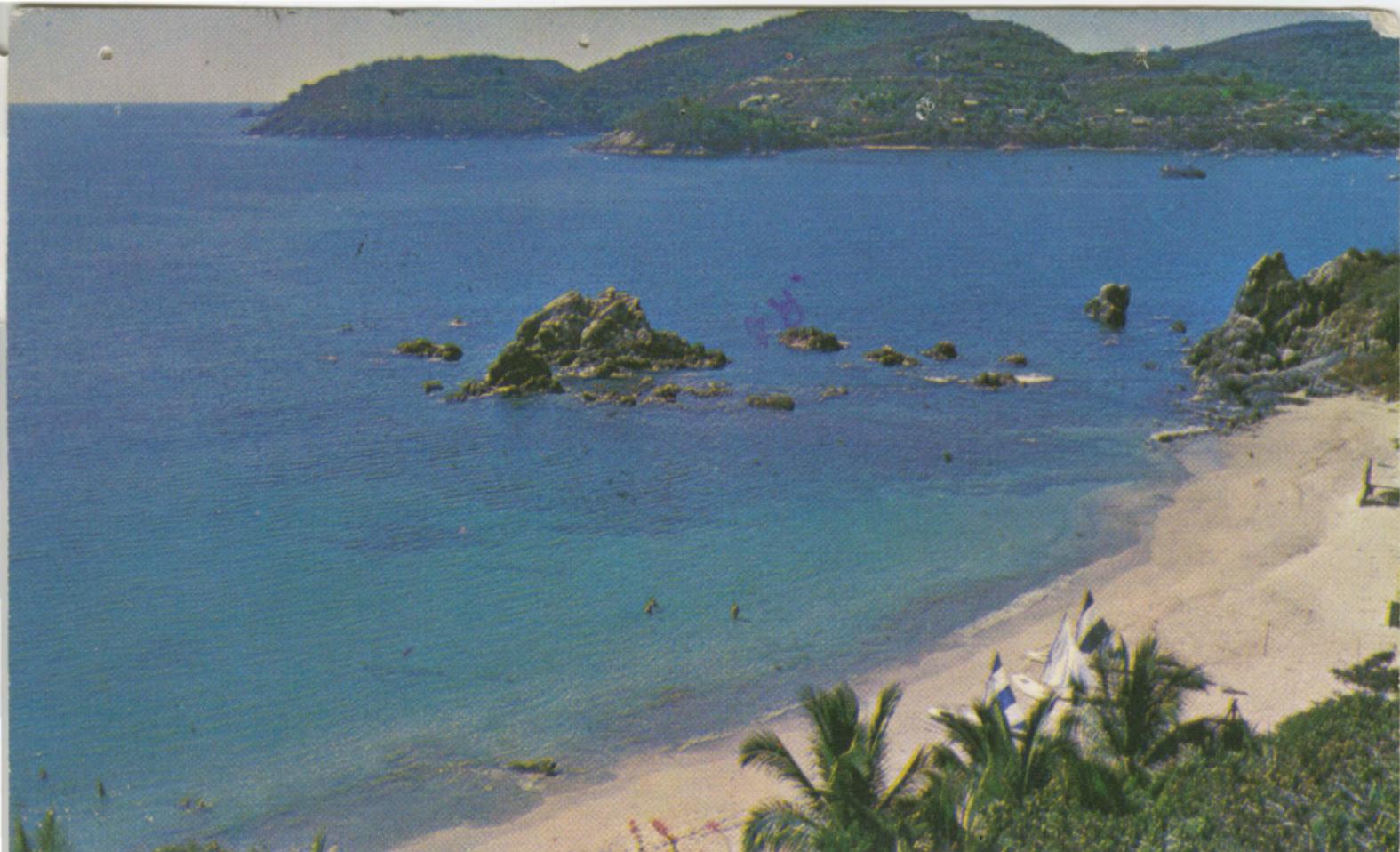
Frameables



Hi !

We've stopped at
one of the local
tourist traps.
It's warmish but
overcast. At least
we don't wear moon
boots.

*Bob &
Susan*



PLAYA LA ROPA ZIHUATANEJO

Hi!

We've been to
Baja Cal. and much
of Mexico above (north of)
Mexico City. Guadalajara
was beautiful. We're
now going south on the
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Introducing Janeen Brady's . . .



Experts love it!

After listening to the songs and story, evaluating the safety rules, and seriously considering the "Safety Kids" approach to personal safety, I can wholeheartedly endorse it. This is an exciting new tool in the important work of preventing children from becoming victims of sexual assault, kidnap, or abuse.

It is an entertaining yet effective way of providing non-stressful counsel to children and much needed aid to caring adults in communities throughout the country who are trying to combat this growing problem.

As many as one of every four children in the United States are presently victims of sexual abuse before they reach the age of eighteen. Many of these children are victimized because they have never been taught ways of saying "no" to perpetrators or of avoiding potentially dangerous situations. The Safety Kids can help put an end to that condition by teaching such simple and worthwhile techniques as the buddy system and by encouraging children to understand that sometimes they *must* yell and scream and that they *do* have personal rights concerning their own bodies.

I thank you for your thoughtful work, forthrightness, and willingness to involve yourself in this important area of protecting youth, children, and childhood.

Thomas G. Harrison
Coordinator, Child Sexual Abuse Program
Department of Child Psychiatry
Children's Medical Center

call 888-4451

for further information

So will you!

A straightforward and sane musical approach to teaching children how to safeguard themselves against sexual abuse, assault and kidnapping.

Through the loveable Safety Kids characters, and using sing-along songs and act-out situations, children easily learn the basic rules of keeping their persons safe.

Presentation for parents and children.

March 17

11:00 a.m.

Meridian Library District

Sponsored by:
Friends of the Library

Safety Kids

The Safety Kids, a group of young singers and dancers, delivered an educational performance on personal safety last Saturday at the Meridian Free Library. One of the most well-attended library programs this year, the library was filled with interested children and parents—learning the rules of safety. The program is an effort to teach children how to keep from being sexually assaulted. Through songs and dancing with the Safety Kids Club, children learn to protect themselves in a fun, yet impactful way.



Photo by Jeff Stoffer

The Safety Kids educated children last Saturday at the Meridian Library — through song, dance and fun.



The March Wind

I come to work as well as play;
I'll tell you what I do;
I whistle all the live-long day,
"Woo-oo-oo-oo! Woo-oo!"

I toss the branches up and down
And shake them to and fro,
I whirl the leaves in flocks of brown,
And send them high and low.

I strew the twigs upon the ground,
The frozen earth I sweep;
I blow the children round and round
And wake the flowers from sleep.

Come and see the rest of
March at the Meridian Library...

Anonymous

SATURDAY, March 17 at 11:00--"Safety Kids" program for children and their parents.
(It's free. We welcome everyone for this special presentation).

TUESDAY, March 20 at 4:00----Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday celebration (3/21/1685)!
Jeni Rivero, our guest pianist, will perform a couple Bach pieces. There will also be a short (10 minutes) film, "The Most Marvelous Cat": a cat named Johann Sebastian who loves music.

THURSDAY, March 22 at 10:30--Two films for the little ones to commemorate National Wildlife Week this week: "Big Brown Eyes, Little Brown Eyes; A Country Adventure" and "Wild Green Things in the City".

TUESDAY, March 27 at 4:00----Riddle Riot!! Kids, get ready for April Fool's Day-- bring in 3 of your favorite riddles or jokes to share. Should be puns of fun (oh dear).

THURSDAY, March 29 at 10:30--Storyhour.

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Mayor

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 8-14, 1984

WHEREAS, Americans have access to unlimited knowledge at their local libraries; and

WHEREAS, America's libraries are free and open to all people; and

WHEREAS, the quality, diversity and quantity of information provided by local libraries is dependent upon community support; and

WHEREAS, the library in Meridian are celebrating National Library Week with the theme, "Knowledge Is Real Power; and

WHEREAS, that theme encourages everyone to use resources available to them in their libraries to help them succeed in all aspects of life;

THEREFORE, I, Grant P. Kingsford, Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, proclaim April 8-14, 1984, NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK in Meridian, Idaho and encourage all citizens to use our library to gain the knowledge they need.



City allows vacation

by Gary Schaffer

With no public comment or opposition, the Meridian City Council agreed to approve vacation of a walkway requirement for Settler's Village subdivision and to allow Crest Wood Estates to switch from multiple dwelling residences to single-family residences in last Monday's meeting.

The council agreed swiftly and unanimously to allow vacation of the walkways requirement for Settler's Village after there was no public comment in opposition to the move.

Crest Wood Estates, however, drew some public comment from Elaine Williamson Schlekeway, who resides at 1200 Franklin Road, across from the subdivision.

Mrs. Schlekeway did not disagree with the attempt by Crest Wood developers to switch from townhouses to single-family dwellings. Her objections came from the 10-foot high berm that was installed some years ago to serve as a buffer for subdivision residents between their dwellings and the noise and traffic of Franklin Road.

Schlekeway called the berm a "huge unsightly mass of dirt" that was a seedbed for noxious weeds. She claimed no one took care of the berm, and that while it may serve to keep the noise out of the subdivision, it also reflected that noise across Franklin Road and into her own home.

"I should have a few rights, too, after I've lived there for 35 years," said Mrs. Schlekeway, who questioned whether the berm was an original part of the subdivision development or just a "cheap way to get rid of the dirt."

John Matzidyer, an engineer

with CTG Engineering, and representative of Crest Wood developers, said the berm was a requirement in the original plans but that it had not been fully completed yet.

He referred to financial and legal problems, citing the land had been tied up in court for foreclosure, which precluded doing anything until its legal status had been resolved. He denied the berm was just an easy way to get rid of dirt.

"Why should we do that?" he asked Schlekeway. "It's not cheap to build a pile of dirt that high. Who in his right mind would put an unsightly thing such as that on land they were trying to sell?"

Matzidyer said the berm in its present condition is only a "stockpile" for the future berm. Spokesman Steve Gratton assured Schlekeway that his hope was that a homeowner's association formed in the subdivision would take care of maintaining it. "It's not in our best interests, nor the homeowners' interests," he said.

Mayor Grant Kingsford said the matter would be looked into. The council voted unanimously to allow the switch from townhouse to single family dwellings, with the appropriate adjustment in square footage.

In other action, the council:

—Gave final approval to the city's comprehensive plan amendments and ordinances;

—Gave final approval to the city's changes in planning and zoning ordinances;

—Approved Mayor Grant Kingsford's proclaiming the week of April 1-7 as National Wrestling Week in Meridian;

—Approved Mayor Grant Kingsford's proclaiming the week of April 8-14 as National Library Week in Meridian.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Meridian Library District, The Meridian Library, 18 E. Idaho Ave. Meridian, Idaho until 4:00 P.M. prevailing local time on April 12, 1984:

Meridian Library Addition
Meridian Library District
18 E. Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Plans, specification, proposal forms, and other information are of file for examination at the following locations:

Meridian Library
18 E. Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho

Intermountain Contractor
5295 Emerald Street
Boise, Idaho 83706

Associated General Contractors
110 North 27th
Boise, Idaho 83702

Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from:

James E. Shearer, Architect
527 W. Carlton
Meridian, Idaho
Phone: 888-1071

A deposit of \$50.00 will be required per set.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid is required.

A Public Works Contractor's License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this work
Gaye Walter
Librarian

Publish: April 4, 11, 1984

Regular meeting of the Meridian City Council was called to order by Mayor Kingsford at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bill Brewer; Ron Tolsma; Bert Myers; Bob Giesler;

Others Present: Doug Nichols; Vern Schoen; Bruce Stuart; Gary Smith; Earl Ward; Norman Fuller; R.C. Spencer; Marnell Chenowith; Gary Schaffer; Steve Gratton; Kenny Bowers; R.B. Glenn; John Matzinger; Elaine Schlekeway; Harriet Gutertz; Wayne Crookston Jr.; Jack Niemann;

Minutes of the previous meeting held March 19, 1984 were approved as written.

Item

1 Proclamation Declaring National Wrestling Week

Mayor Kingsford Proclaimed: "Whereas the City of Meridian commends the amateur wrestlers of the Meridian School District and all other amateur wrestlers in the State of Idaho. Therefore, as Mayor of Meridian, I do hereby proclaim the week of April 1-7, 1984 National Amateur Wrestling Week and urge all residents to join in our salute."

Item

2 Proclamation Declaring National Library Week

→ Mayor Kingsford Proclaimed: "Whereas, Americans have access to unlimited knowledge at their local libraries; and Whereas, America's libraries are free and open to all people; and Whereas, the quality, diversity and quantity of information provided by local libraries is dependent upon community support; and Whereas, the library in Meridian are celebrating National Library Week with the Theme, "Knowledge Is Real Power;" and Whereas, that theme encourages everyone to use resources available to them in their libraries to help them succeed in all aspects of life; Therefore, I, Grant P. Kingsford, Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, proclaim April 8-14, NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK in Meridian, Idaho, and encourage all citizens to use our library to gain the knowledge they need."

Item

3 PUBLIC HEARING: Vacation of Walkways Settlers Village

Mayor Kingsford opened the Public Hearing.

There was no testimony.

Mayor Kingsford closed the Public Hearing.

Kingsford mentioned that this was to accomodate a change from hight density dwelling to single family dwellings.

The Motion was made by Giesler and seconded by Myers to allow the vacation of the walkways in Settlers Village by N&D Inc.

Motion Carried: Brewer, yea; Tolsma, yea; Myers, yea; Giesler, yea;

Item

4 Pre-Termination Hearing; Water/Sewer/Trash Delinquencies

Mayor Kingsford read: "This is to inform you, if you choose to, you have the right to a pre-termination hearing, at 7:30 p.m., April 2nd, 1984, before the Mayor and Council, to appear in person to be judged on facts and defend the claim made by the City that your Water, Sewer, and Trash bill is delinquent. You may retain counsel. This service will be discontinued April 10th, 1984, unless payment is received in Full. Mayor: "Is there anyone present that wishes a pre-termination hearing?"

There was no response.

Library begins Elderhostel program

The Meridian Free Library is offering new experiences in education for older adults with a program called "Elderhostel".

The Elderhostel catalog, 125 pages of fascinating educational programs which take place on colleges, universities and educational centers for older adults around the world, is being introduced in libraries across the country this year.

The program offers liberal arts education on 700 campuses worldwide for people 60 and over.

The Elderhostel programs offer one or more weeks on campus, where they can use all the college facilities and take up to three challenging non-credit courses at a modest price.

According to Gaye Walter, Meridian librarian, the

Elderhostel catalog will be a permanent addition to the Meridian Free Library.

Walter urges anyone interested in the new program to stop by the library and look through the hundreds of listed programs and related resource material. Elderhostel registration forms will also be available for those wishing to sign up immediately.

National Library Week to be April 8-14

The Meridian Library District is joining the American Library Association to tell the nation that "Knowledge is REAL Power" during the 27th Annual National Library Week, April 8-14.

"Libraries have always made information readily available to citizens," Gaye Walter, librarian at Meridian Library District, said. "Now that we have entered the 'Information Age', people are discovering that to get ahead, it is even more important to be well-informed and have access to

current news."

Walter cited athletics as one example of how knowledge is becoming more and more important in pursuits of all kinds. "A perfect example is our Olympic athletes. They know that being well informed about their events and keeping up-to-date on new techniques is as important as their physical abilities. You can be sure they and their coaches made good use of information resources during their training."

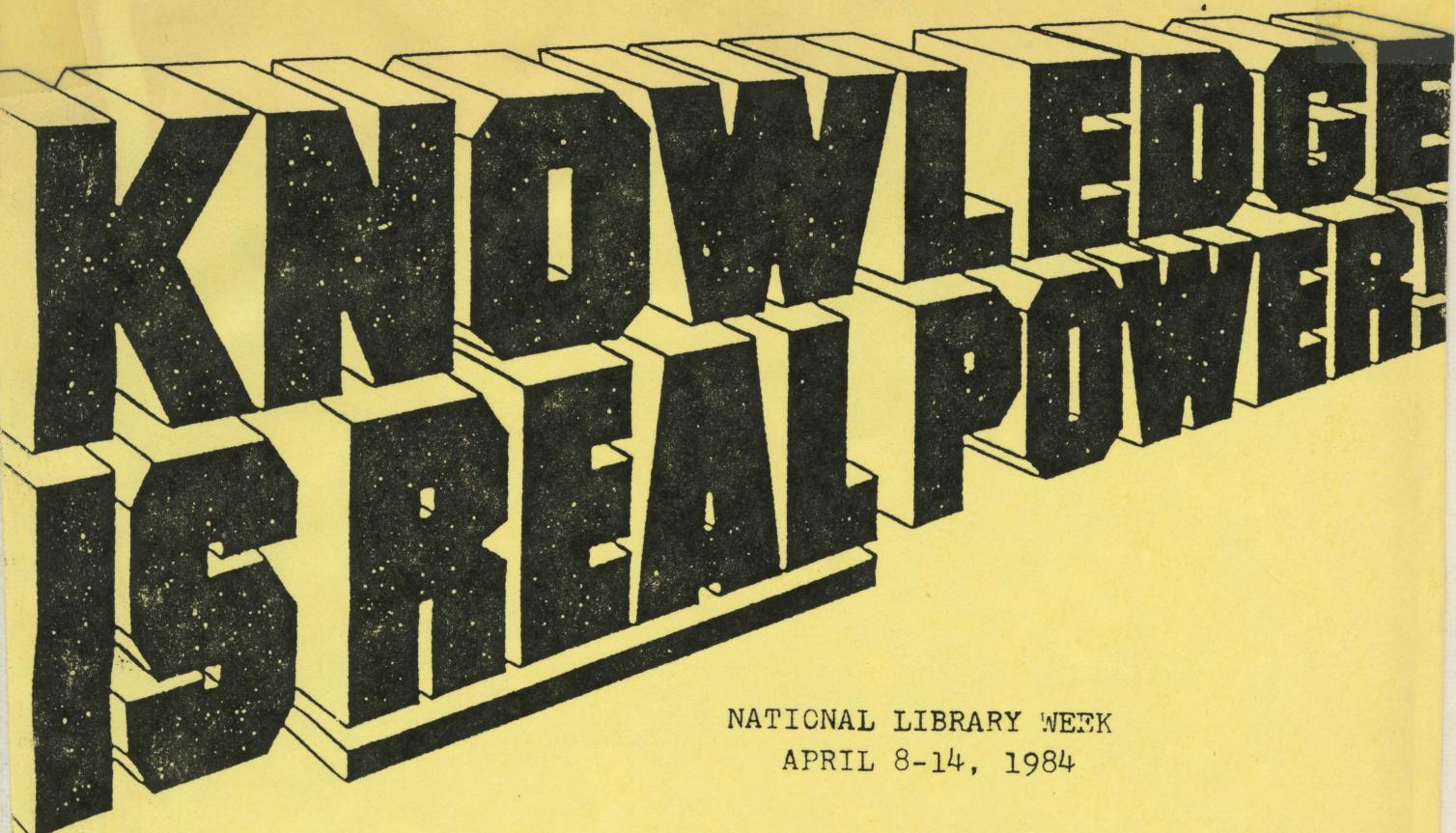
To illustrate the diverse

resources available at the Meridian Free Library, National Library Week is being recognized locally with a Story-Telling Fair Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Civic leaders and public officials have been invited to share their favorite childhood stories.

Returned books during National Library Week will also be fine-free, according to Walter.

The library is also planning expansion of the existing facility with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for April 14 at 10:30 a.m.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 8-14, 1984

The bids for Phase I of our construction project will be opened April 12, 1984 at 4:00. We would like to be able to complete the addition and remodeling in one phase, but there are no federal grants available this year for library construction. We are excited about the expansion of space, and hope you will be too. With this expansion will come an expansion of services to our patrons.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, April 14, 1984 10:30. Plan to attend the ceremony and have refreshments following. What an appropriate ending to National Library Week.

National Library Week will be fine free, please look around your house and car for all overdue books and take advantage of this week. This applies only to books returned during this week, it does not erase existing fines.

April 10, will be our STORYTELLING FAIR, I have invited community and civic leaders to share their favorite stories with us at 4:00. Should be a lot of fun.

Denise has many surprises in store for her storyhours on Thursdays at 10:30. Be sure not miss.

Many memorials and extra special gifts have been received by the library in the last few weeks.

Watch for further publicity on these. We appreciate the local organizations that are so generous with their money. We need many things during the expansion to further our services, if you belong to an organization, Please remember the library.

use your library



Meridian Library District
18 East Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho 83642

The Board of Trustees
invite you to attend the
Groundbreaking Ceremony
to be held at
The Meridian Library District
on Saturday, the fourteenth of April
at ten thirty
Meridian, Idaho

Meridian Library plans expansion and facelift

by Jeff Stoffer

The Meridian Free Library will be looking quite a bit different by fall of 1985.

Plans are currently coming together for a major facelift on the building at 18 E. Idaho, and librarian Gaye Walter says the move will better serve the community in several ways. "Our circulation has doubled in the past two years. This is why we're expanding. We really need to do this," she said.

The expansion will provide 800 more square feet to the east end of the building in its first phase. In its second phase, a major remodeling will open the interior, giving new resource and study areas to the library. Walter said the second phase will "modernize" the building.

The first phase is being funded through the Meridian Free Library Building Fund. The additional space will cost about \$50,000, according to architect James Shearer.

Walter said the library will not want to deplete the building fund with the first phase. She said it is hoped that federal grants will be available for Phase II. There were no federal grants available for libraries this year.

A matching-money grant from the federal government might be the ticket if funds are available next year, she said. If that is the case, Walter said the library would need as much of the existing building

fund as possible. She added that fund-raisers will also be conducted to help raise money for the project. An estimated \$150,000 would be needed to handle the second phase.

Carpeting, wall removal, new ceilings, and exterior improvements are planned for the second phase, according to Walter.

Twelve contractors have submitted bids on the project. Deadline is Thursday.

The expansion project will extend 15 feet into library-owned property east of the existing building. Mountain Bell, which owns the adjacent property has given the library a 10-foot easement. That will give the library room enough to put up a sign, Walter said.

The two foremost advantages to the first phase, says Walter, are increasing the children's area two-fold and providing a study area.

Following completion of the project, library hours will be extended into the evening at least a couple of nights a week, she said.

This is not the first expansion project to the building.

In 1912, what is now the west end of the Meridian Free Library, was the Interurban Train Depot. The Occident Club took it over in 1924, but it was not a library at that time. The Meridian Library was located in the building now occupied by Intermountain Arms, 105 E. Idaho.

The Occident Club later turned the former train

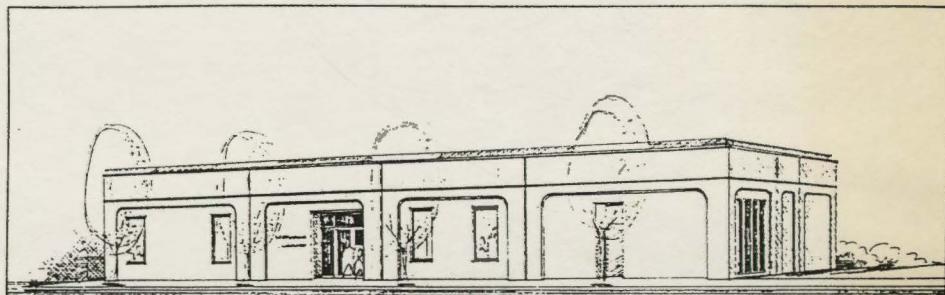
depot from their meeting hall to a library. The Meridian Library District was formed in 1974 and the building was expanded to its present size.

Last August, the building was turned over by the Occident Club to the district.

And in the two years Walter has been librarian, she has laid the groundwork for making the facility an especially attractive community service. "I think in the two years that I've been here, the community has shown a great deal of interest in the library," she said.

Money is needed to provide the changes to have accomplished within the next two years. "We could have a bond election or a major fund-raiser to raise the money," she said. However, on the heels of the senior citizens fund drive and the two past Meridian School District bond elections, she doesn't want to hit the community up so soon.

Groundbreaking for the first expansion has been set for Saturday at the library, at 10:30 a.m.



Proposed Meridian Library Extension

Graphic courtesy of Jim Shearer



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JOHN V. EVANS
GOVERNOR



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE CAPITOL
BOISE 83720

April 10, 1984

Meridian Library District
18 East Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho 83642

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your kind invitation to Governor Evans to be with you for the Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Meridian Library District on April 14, 1984.

Regretfully, his schedule is committed at that time and he will be unable to attend. He has asked that we send his very best wishes.

We appreciate your consideration of Governor Evans by including him in your plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DPM".

David P. McAlindin
Special Assistant

DPM:js

National Library Week
April 8-14, 1984

"KNOWLEDGE IS
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The Book Race

(Showing the number of titles published in certain subjects)

Subject	U.S.A.	U.S.S.R.
1. Generalities	1,066	1,168
2. Philosophy, Psychology	1,223	950
3. Religion, Theology	1,926	150
4. Sociology, Statistics	1,867	617
5. Political Science	2,700	6,371
6. Law, Public Administration	1,639	1,060
7. Military Art	187	1,678
8. Education, Leisure	911	2,636
9. Trade, Transport	329	349
10. Ethnography, Folklore	153	—
11. Mathematics	513	1,156
12. Natural Sciences	1,728	5,474
13. Medical Sciences	2,144	2,317
14. Engineering	1,459	8,762
15. Agriculture	475	5,187
16. Domestic Science	693	182
17. Management, Administration	848	5,438
18. Planning, Architecture	—	1,152
19. Performing Arts	666	—
20. Games, Sports	825	400
21. Linguistics, Philology	—	2,241
22. Literature	6,495	7,687
23. Geography, Travel	515	577
24. History, Biography	2,332	1,383

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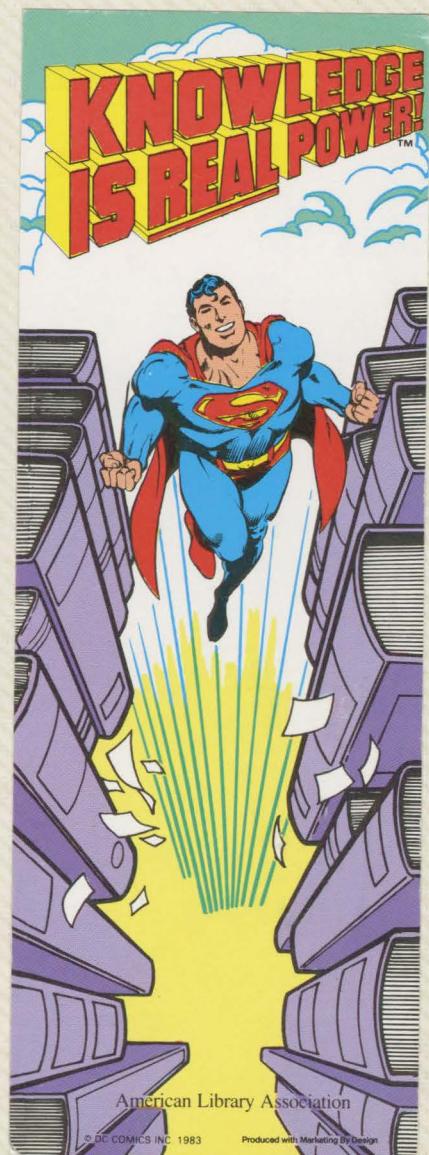
The Top Ten Book Producing Countries

(Showing the number of titles published)

1. U.S.A.	84,542
2. U.S.S.R.	84,304
3. West Germany	44,477
4. Japan	36,066
5. United Kingdom	34,340
6. France	29,371
7. Spain	24,584
8. India	15,802
9. Netherlands	12,557
10. Poland	11,418

-- UNESCO Statistical Yearbook

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IS REAL POWER!



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April 12, 1984

Meridian Library District
18 East Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the kind invitation to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony at the Meridian Library District. I wish that I could be with you or even home reading a good book but, alas, . . . I'm on the road again! Please accept my sincere regrets.

I hope that the ceremony will be a great success.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy".

David H. Leroy
Lt. Governor
State of Idaho

How Nice of You!



Many thanks to you
for being
so thoughtful!

Day:

My thanks again for
giving us all a tour of
your library last Friday.

Bill

Library breaks ground

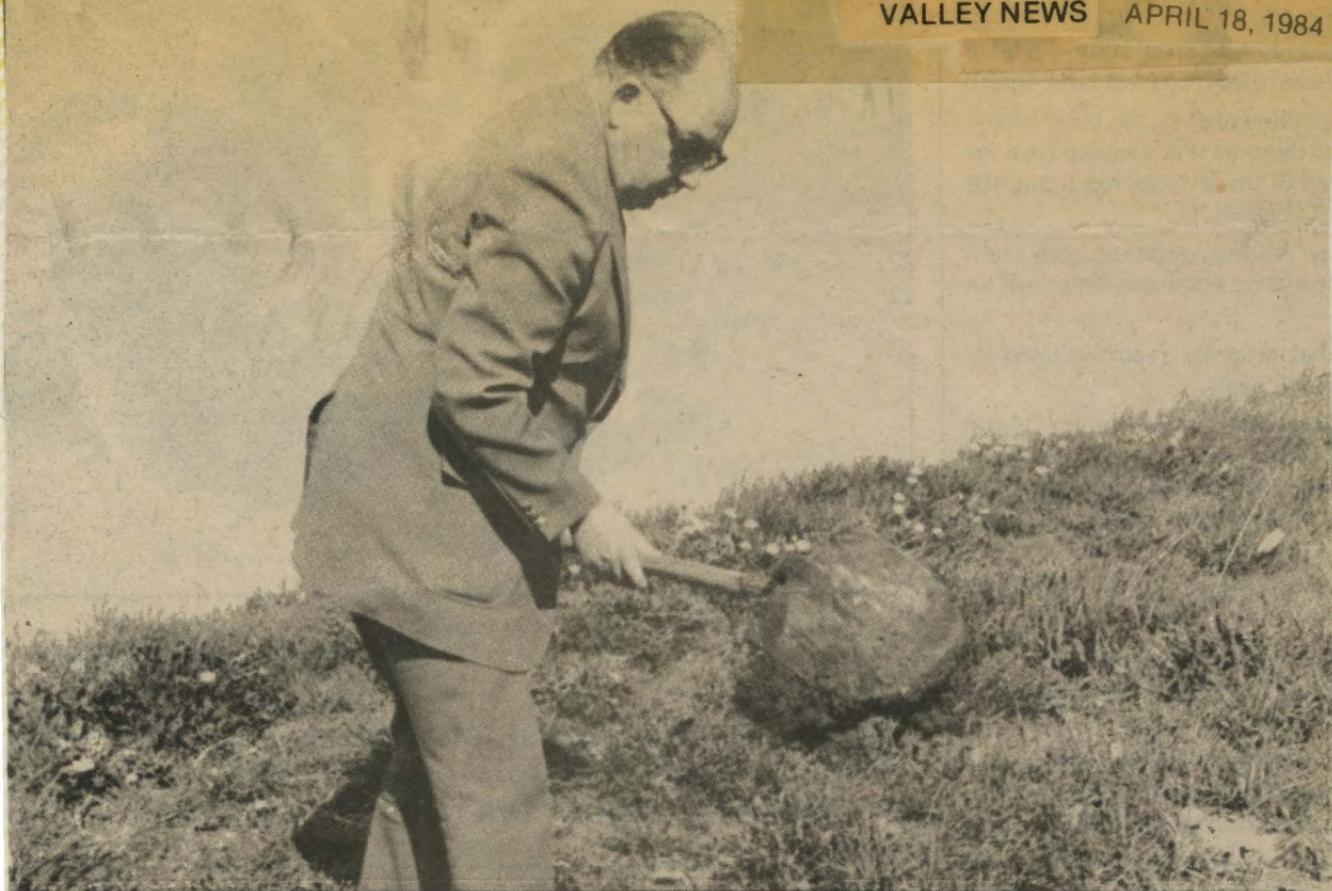
Representatives of various Meridian community organizations and library officials and patrons were on hand Saturday morning for the official groundbreaking ceremony at the Meridian Free Library.

The library will be taking on a new look this summer with a 15-foot extension to its east wing. With a 10-foot easement from adjacent Mountain Bell Co., the library will have quite a bit more breathing room by next fall, according to librarian Gaye Walter.

But that's just the first phase. Phase II will remodel the interior and exterior of the building, giving new, larger resource areas for the district's increased number of patrons.

Jack Riddlemoser, Chairman of the Meridian Library District Board of Trustees, turned up the first shovel-full of earth in the area to be expanded.

Meridian Mayor Grant Kingsford spoke at the ceremony, as did Occident Club President June Thomas, and Evva Larsen, Assistant State Librarian.



Meridian Library District chairman Jack Riddlemoser turns the first shovel-full of earth, kicking off a \$50,000 expansion project.

Though Riddlemoser, who mastered the ceremony, broke the ground for the first time in the \$50,000 expansion project, the next shovel-full probably won't come until later next week, according to Walter.

She said construction bids have not yet been let. Once construction gets under way, the expansion should be complete no later than the end of July. There is a 90-day completion deadline on the job.

"I have no patience, I'm ready to move in tomorrow," Walter laughed, noting the benefits the library patrons will receive from the added space. She said the additional space will coincide with extended hours at the library.

Walter said she would like to see the library begin evening hours by the fall, when school starts.

She said the turnout and support shown at the ceremony was very representative of the community and its support for the library. "I thought the groundbreaking ceremony was really nice. I was really pleased. We had good representation from the community and the patrons," she said. Thirty-seven attended the ceremony.

Refreshments were served by the Friends of the Meridian Library following the ceremony.

Library receives donation

The Meridian Free Library received a \$250 donation from the Altrusa Club of Boise last Friday.

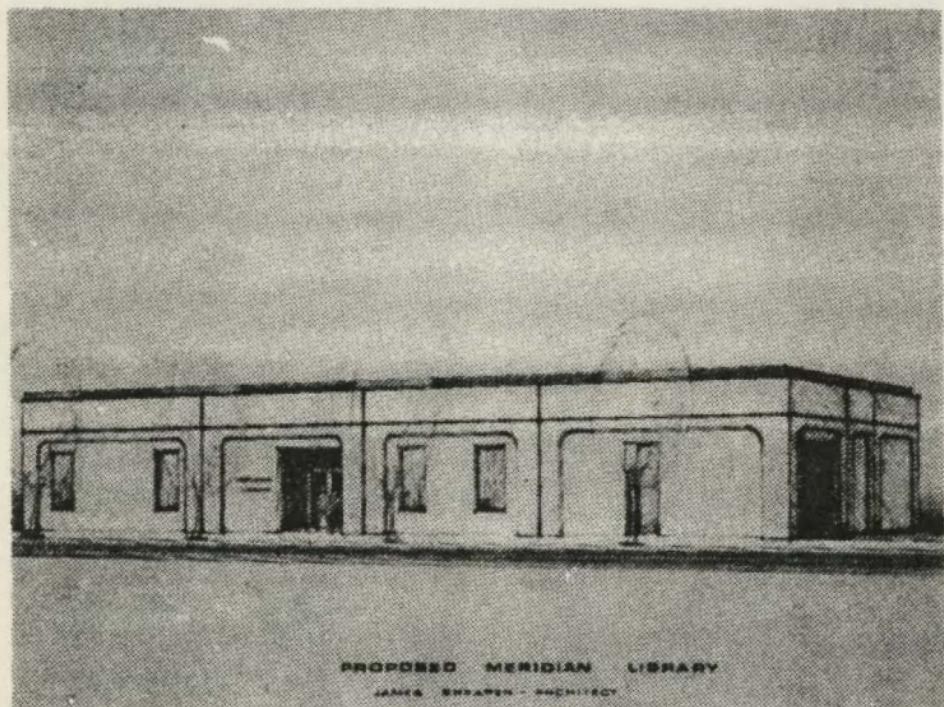
According to Karolyn Zierold, chairman of the Altrusa Literacy Committee, and Margaret Barber, President of the Boise chapter, the money was given to the library to help purchase large-print books.

The Altrusa Club, an international businesswomen's organization, is making a worldwide effort to promote literacy.



Meridian librarian Gaye Walter accepts a donation from the Altrusa Club of Boise.

Staff Photo



PROPOSED MERIDIAN LIBRARY
JAMES SHEARER - ARCHITECT

Meridian Library plans remodeling its building

MERIDIAN—A remodeling project for the Meridian Free Library will result in 40 percent more space after construction is finished sometime this summer.

Western States Construction, Boise, started construction on Thursday on the project that will include an 800 square foot addition on the east end of the building, and remodeling of another 800 square feet on the west end of the library.

Construction will cost about \$50,000 and will be concrete block. James Shearer, Meridian, is the architect for the project.

The new space will be used for a children's library and to expand the reading and reference areas,

Librarian Gaye Walter said. The meeting room on the west end, called the Occident Club room will be attached to the main reading room for use by the club. The club built the library in 1924.

Funding was available from a building fund the library started several years ago. Walter said the library hopes to apply additional money in the building fund toward federal matching grants to pay for additional remodeling and modernization work.

The Meridian Free Library District took over the library since the Occident Club donated it last August.

The district serves about 17,000 people.

Meridian library sets Tuesday program

Be Kind to Animals Week is being recognized by the Meridian Free Library Monday through Saturday, with a special program set for Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Bob Gregory from the animal shelter in Boise will bring some furry friends to the library and show pet care. The special program is open to the public.

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Meridian, Idaho 83642
or Phone 888-2817
By May 1, 1984

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May 31, 1984

Dear Librarian,

Thank you very much
for letting us use your
wonderful library books. I
just have to tell you,
that when I go in the
library there are so many good
books to choose from.

Love

Craig,

John

Josh

Michele

Niki

Loisia

Heather

Bryan

Tim

Jill

David

John W.

Matthew

Jason C.

Mike N.

Tina

Toon

Chad

Missy

Gill

Cherie

Tony

Concepcion

Michele

Jeff

Lisa

Mathew

The Meridian library gathered an outstanding group of patrons (little and big) and staff to walk in the parade. We promoted our "Go for the Gold" theme for Summer Reading Club.

THE REAL DAIRY DAYS PARADE in meridian
Friday, June 1, 1984 at 7:00 p.m.

Library needs help moving books

The Meridian Free Library is putting out a plea for people to come and check out books before the week of June 9-16. "Every book you check out is one less we have to move," librarian Gaye Walter said.

The library building is undergoing a major remodeling project and will need to clear the books out of the way before painting and carpeting. It will

be closed during that week and will re-open June 18.

By that time, according to Walter, the major part of the construction will be finished. With the additional space, plans are to add and rearrange shelves, so the books will have to be moved.

"The Board of Trustees and I are very pleased with the progress of the

project, and I am anxious for all the patrons to take advantage of the new facility," Walter said.

She added that the children's department was moved into the remodeled room on the west wing of the library. "The response has been marvelous," she said.

Meridian library to have reading team

Meridian Free Library will begin registration for the USA Reading Team, summer library program, on June 4 and continue through June 9. All children are invited to participate, according to librarian Gaye Walter.

Activities for all age groups of children will be planned around the theme — "Go For the Gold!" On Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., each week, a special program will be offered on fitness and various sports.

Children will record the books they have read during the seven-week program. Special displays and ac-

tivities will be held in the recently completed children's department.

The Friends of the Meridian Library will be sponsoring a fun run to raise funds for the library, in

conjunction with the theme. There will be several different categories for runners of all ages, Walter said.

For more information, call the library at 888-4451.

Stacy G. Ericson
Odyessey Project
5051 Pierce Park Lane
Boise, Idaho 83703

Gay Walters
Meridian Free Library Dist.
18 E. Idaho
Meridian, Idaho

June 1, 1984

Dear Gay,

Thank you so much for your participation in the Odyessey Storytelling grant. Ona was very pleased with the day at Meridian High School and the students seemed to enjoy it as well. It was an excellent idea to think of doing the telling there.

Enclosed is the form for you to sign showing the in-kind match for the grant. I have also enclosed a copy of the budget with your contribution circled so you will know how much time was committed in the grant proposal. If you feel that you spent more time than that in preparation and participation please add the extra hours on at the space provided on the bottom of the sheet. Please return this to us as soon as possible since the grant period is winding down now.

Thank you again for your help in making the project possible.


Stacy G. Ericson

Storyteller brings classics to classroom

Ona Siporin has a favorite story from a recent questionnaire she had school children fill out.

"I like storytelling," one little girl wrote, "because TV puts pictures in your eyes, but storytelling puts pictures in your mind."

Siporin, a local professional storyteller, likes the idea of putting pictures in kids' minds. Most recently, she has been giving children, and some adults, images from Homer's *Odyssey*.

Mention the *Odyssey* to many adults and the image they conjure up is "heavy going." Some of them avoided the classic; others approached it with trepidation in a literature class.

They didn't have the benefit of Siporin's storytelling.

When Siporin tells a story, in a quiet voice accompanied by hand gestures, the characters breathe and the tale comes alive.

The Madison Elementary School children participating in a recent Siporin story-telling session of the *Odyssey* saw nothing heavy about the story.

(Siporin also told selected parts of the *Odyssey* to children from Boise Basin School in Idaho City and gave one-evening presentations at the Boise Basin Public Library and the Meridian Public Library. Her project was funded with a grant from the Association for the Humanities in Idaho.)

When the Madison school children arrived to hear

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installment 15 of the 16-installment story, they had obviously absorbed the plot and the excitement of one of the world's best adventure stories.

As soon as they came into the bare room (furniture had been removed so they could sit on the floor), some of them started questioning Siporin about the story.

"Ona, is Odysseus going to reappear in his own form today?" one boy asked.

When Siporin sat down on the floor, the children gathered close. Some sat with eyes closed. A few lay on the floor, looking as if they were listening to a bedtime story.

This particular "bedtime story" concerned Odysseus' return home and his discovery that suitors have come to marry his wife, Penelopeia.

Siporin's telling was filled with poetry: "Like the snow melts in the springtime, Penelopeia's heart melted and the big tears flowed."

And it was filled with drama: "The suitors felt the green fear come over them. The floor began to smoke with their blood and cries went out from their broken heads."

At the end of the session, several children told Siporin they didn't want the story to end.

Siporin chose the *Odyssey* for her project because it is a cornerstone of Western literature and comes from an oral tradition.

Like all good storytellers, she memorizes nothing. Instead, she tells stories, or segments of stories, over and over to herself, until the words, inflections and hand gestures flow naturally.

Siporin has had a small amount of professional training. But she draws more on life experiences—watching and hearing storytellers in Niger and Afghanistan for two years each, and listening to tales told in her own home when she was a child.

Storytelling provided a lot of family entertainment in Siporin's childhood home. The stories, told mostly by her father and his family, were personal and vivid.

They are an important part of Siporin's childhood, passed down to her by a good storyteller. In the same tradition, she now is passing treasured tales on to other children.

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