

WEATHER

Hot, plenty of sun.
High: **100** Low: **58**
— Forecast, A12



M'S TAKE BITE OF BIG APPLE

Seattle Mariners beat Yankees, 11-1, in New York. — **SPORTS, B1**



VEGETABLES OF HONOR

Pasco man bides by the honor system to sell his produce. — **METRO, A3**

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Basin migrant rally lures masses

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MATTAWA — Corn on the cob. Mangoes. Blankets. Baby strollers. Little kids in Sunday clothes. Girls baring midriffs. The band blaring. And all the other trappings of a Sunday afternoon in the park.

Except it was hardly an ordinary day in the park. What began as a march in the tiny — and mostly retirement — community of Desert Aire turned into one of the larger rallies to date across the nation in support of declaring general amnesty for illegal workers.

Hundreds of workers poured into Desert Aire and congregated for a Sunday morning service where church leaders exhorted them to continue their struggle.

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Patricia Linder,
Yakima nun

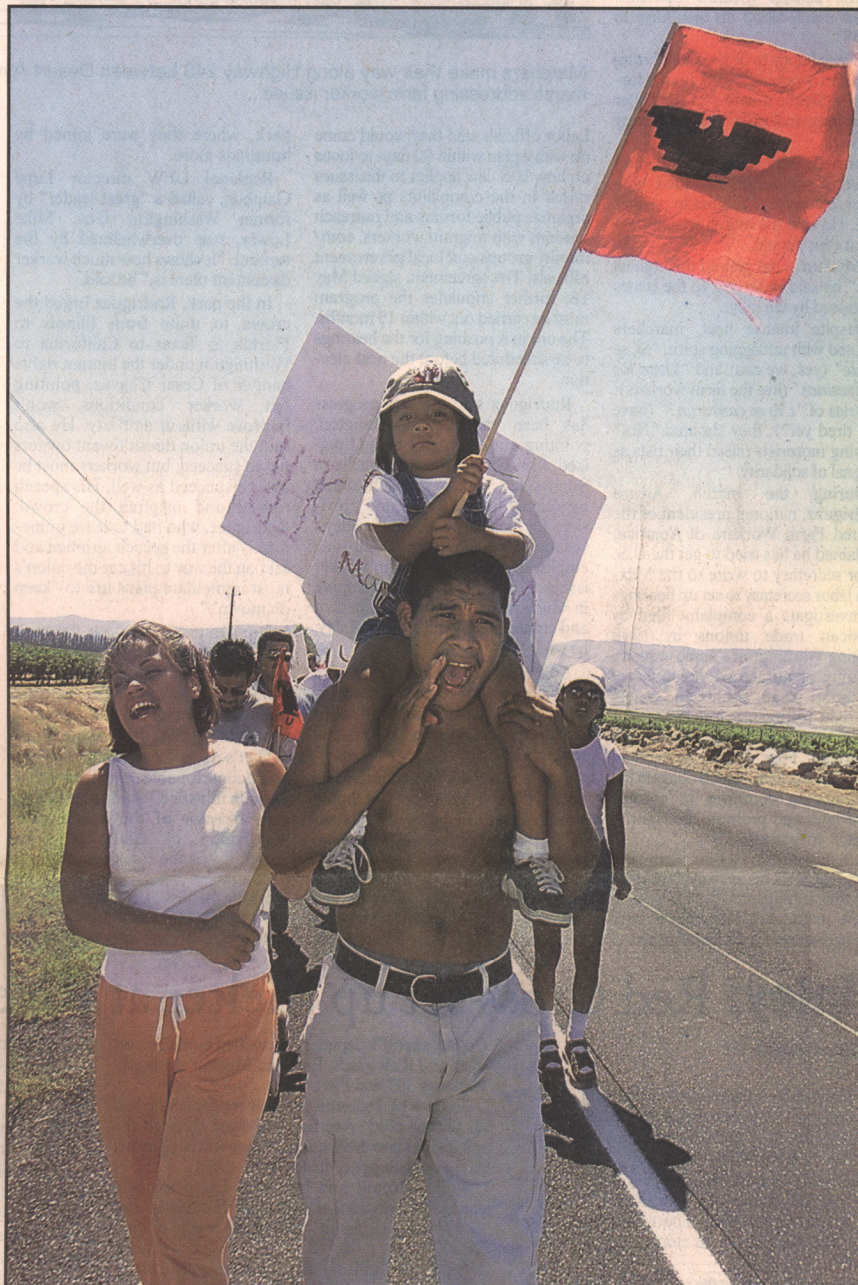
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for laughter which is the best defense against despair.”

The Rev. Carlos Sevilla, bishop of the Catholic diocese based in Yakima, also sent blessings relayed through the Rev. Jose deLoza, priest for Mattawa's Catholic church. Sevilla noted that being a migrant worker involves much suffering, particularly the separations family members endure.

“May the spirit of Christ help us achieve a rich harvest of justice,” he said in his message.

Farm workers and their supporters left the park about 11 a.m. bearing the image of the Virgin Mary at the head of the procession and



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Noe Sitio of Wenatchee walks along Interstate 243 with his sister Elizabeth Sitio, 4, of Mattawa and his wife, Marisol Sitio, of Wenatchee on Sunday during the Mattawa March. A few thousand from all over Washington state and Oregon turned out to promote amnesty for undocumented workers.

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