

A Continuing Investigation . . .

Nicknames Becoming More and More Mysterious

Again we return with more nicknames. We are finding, however, that the longer we run this continuing saga, the less certain individuals are willing to talk about their nicknames.

We mysteriously received a neatly typed list of nicknames the other day. We had some of the names, but most were new to us. A grateful "thank you" to who ever sent the list.

We also received a call from Dale Cochran asking for the origin of Fabian Sutterlee's nickname of *Skinopps*. He thought that maybe Ernie Henderson might know. However, after

trying to get in touch with Ernie for several days, we gave up. Anyone else out there knowing, please let us know. We'll promise to keep you anonymous, to save you embarrassment. Or better yet, maybe Fabian knows Ernie's nickname and its origin.

Harold Culpus came in one day, flashing that big smile of his and looking in a good mood, so we asked him how he came about being named Owl. Nothing mysterious or humorous about it. He said it was his Indian name given to him when he was a child. We did ask Owl how Delbert Frank, or Rabbit, got

his nickname. He looked embarrassed but declined to tell us just where it came from.

Ramona Tanewasha is another who would not yield to our pestering. *Teddy*, as she is best known, thought that we "should have more interesting names to write about."

Leslie Robinson was in the office one day to pick up some rodeo information. We asked him where he got his nickname. "No one around here knows!" Chunky laughed. His laugh led us to believe that we would probably never find out.

We asked Gene Greene how

he got the name *Cougar*. All he had to say was, "My name is Gene, not Cougar." We've gotten a couple of stories behind his nickname. However, we would really like to know the real story.

Jacob Frank Sr. was another who was unsure of the beginning of his name *Gizmo*. But we did find out that his Indian name is "*Blackwidow*".

"*Beeny*" Byron Patt received his nickname in boarding school. He said he belonged to a group of guys and they all called him *Beeny*.

Rita Foltz, or *Patches* as she

is best known, was very reluctant to tell us the origin of her nickname. Like with most nicknames, one must stop and think of the persons real name, as they are most usually referred to by their nickname.

Delano Satch Miller got his name as a child. He was dark and chunky and certain people thought that he resembled Satchmo Armstrong.

As you can tell, we're running into the problem of people playing hard-to-get. Please help us uncover the truth and end all the mystery!

"Black Elk Speaks" May Be Sell-out

Black Elk held a cup of water out to an audience that included legislators and the Vice President of the United States, and asked for peace between Indians and non-Indians. He received a standing ovation.

This has been happening over and over since "Black Elk Speaks" opened at the Folger Theatre in Washington, D.C. last winter. The play, based on John G. Neihardt's book of the same title, has been on tour for two months and will be coming to Warm Springs and Bend in mid-April.

"Black Elk Speaks" has been playing for "ecstatic audiences" in standing-room-only houses, according to Gene Reinbold, director of C.O.C.C.'s Magic Circle Theatre. Reinbold arranged to bring the unusual production of the Folger Theatre Group to Central Oregon, under the auspices of Central Oregon Community College.

The play will be performed

at the Warm Springs Community Center on Friday evening April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at the Community Center for \$3.00. Lower general admission rates are \$2.00 (adults), \$1.50 (students) and \$1.00 (children).

On the following night, April 15, "Black Elk Speaks" will play at the Bend High School at 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Mike's Central Oregon Music for \$5.00 (reserved), \$3.00 adult general admission, and \$2.00 students and children.

Loosely adapted from Neihardt's book about an Oglala Sioux holy man, the play was written by Christopher Sergel (Ta Tauka He Luta) who also dramatized "To Kill A Mockingbird", "Winesburg, Ohio", and "Welcome to the Monkey House." Playing the title role is Clayton Corbin, a Native American who appeared in the original Broadway productions of "The Royal Hunt of the Sun," "Toys

in the Attic", and several major productions of "Othello."

Billed as "A Short Shattering History of the Winning of the West as experienced by Those Who Lost It", the play is a "synthesis of the book and other

historical information," said Reinbold.

"We'll find this to be a great salve," he continued, referring to the tension that currently exists between Indians and non-Indians. "Black Elk Speaks"

does not put anyone down but instead appeals for mutual understanding and compassion.

For ticket information, call the Community Center at 553-1161 ext. 243 or Mike's Central Oregon Music at 382-1393.

137 Enter Junior High Science Fair

Kids' natural curiosity knew no bounds at the annual Junior High Science Fair held March 14 and 15. A record number of exhibitors, 137 in all, answered such intriguing questions as: How do crystals form? What do different liquids do to your liver? How long could you hold your breath if you smoke or don't smoke? And is your shampoo pH balanced?

Rhonda Starr, a seventh grader from Warm Springs, won a silver star (second place) for answering the self-posed question: "What does other liquids effect plants?" For a week Rhonda fed water, alcohol and pop to three houseplants which she bought and planted herself. She wasn't surprised when the water-fed plant thrived and those fed with alcohol and pop did not fare so well. Fertilizer helped the dying plants, she observed.

"I like plants," Rhonda said, and that is why she chose to do the experiment. She has two plants at home — which she feeds water.

Seventh and eighth grade students entered the Science Fair voluntarily and did their projects outside of class, explained coordinator and science teacher Victor Delamarter. They worked on a "relatively independent" basis, he noted, but teachers were available to give advice, ideas and even assistance when students ran into problems.

The contest was judged by about 25 members of the community who have degrees in science, such as doctors, nurses, extension agents and public health personnel. Thirteen gold stars (first place), 24 silver stars and 100 red stars were awarded to exhibitors for their efforts.

Parents had a chance to view the exhibits Tuesday evening and sixth graders from Warm Springs were bused in the next day to take a look and ask questions. Videotaped interviews with the gold and silver star winners were conducted by School Board member Larry Hyder, to be used in science classes this year and next. The videotape was also shown on Channel 4 in Madras two evenings last week.

Three Warm Springs seventh graders received red stars and proudly explained their projects to Spilyay. Standing behind a "swing" made of human hair and a dish full of metal objects, Donna Sutterlee explained that she was testing the strength of hair. She wasn't sure of her conclusion because the swing held up for awhile but then broke twice. Donna replaced it with more hair — from her and her sister's heads. She was unwilling or unable to reveal whose hair was stronger.

Bobby Strong was inspired by a class presentation on smoking and how it affects your health, so he decided to find out whether smokers or non-smok-

ers could hold their breath longer. His conclusion was that non-smokers had the better lungs and that he probably wouldn't take up smoking.

Annette Holliday discovered that when she transferred her pet gerbil from his small box to a big maze, "he got crazy." Her psychological experiment revealed that the gerbil who was accustomed to confinement, "didn't know what to do with all that space."

"He got tired," she observed, "and laid out flat."

Annette and the other junior scientists proved that nature is full of such wonders.

Local Girl Runs For Jr. Princess

Shauna Craig, a six year-old in the first grade and the daughter of Richard and Madeline Craig, is running for the Junior Princess of the University of Washington Seventh Annual Powwow.

Shauna has been selling tickets since March 15 for one dollar per ticket. Each princess contestant is going to be judged on number of raffle tickets sold, dance, costume, and poise and

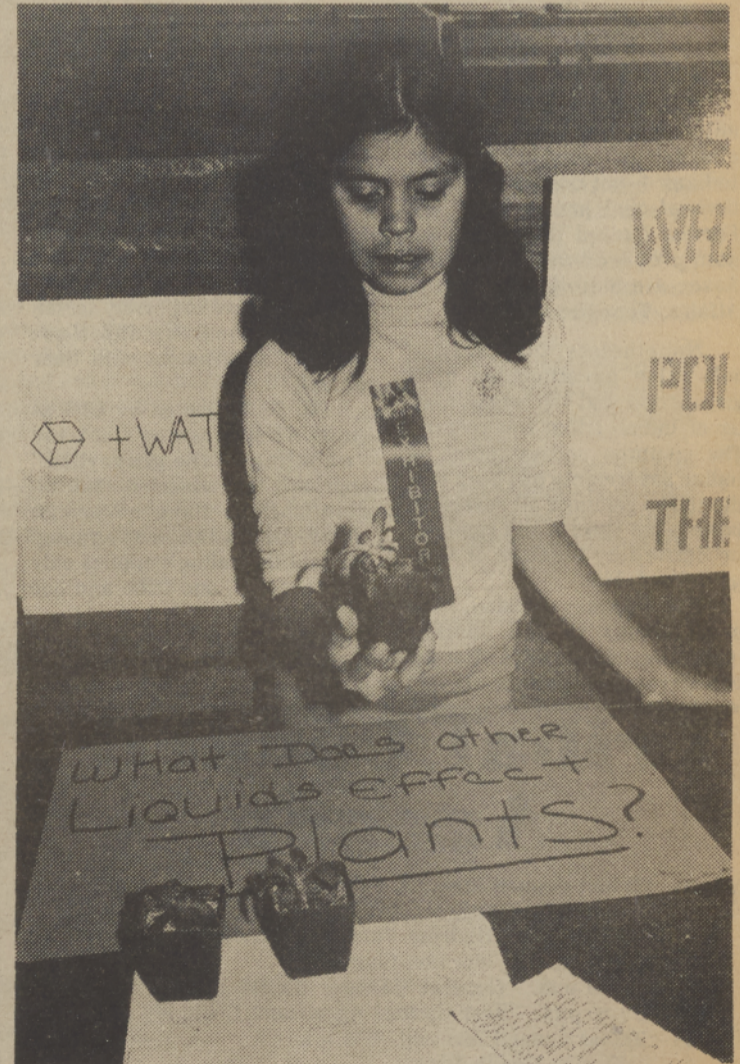
appearance.

The powwow is going to be held April 14 and 15 at the University in Seattle, Washington.

If you want to buy from Shauna, her parents, Marcia Soliz, and Antoinette Wolfe are helping her sell. They can all be reached at the New Tribal Administration Building, or call 553-1161 and ask for either one of them.



Shauna Craig



Rhonda Starr, a seventh grader at Madras Junior High, demonstrated what pop could do to a plant in her Science Fair experiment. The pop-fed plant was dying so she gave it fertilizer to perk it up. Rhonda won a silver star (2nd place) for her project. CDS Photo