

Lunar eclipse wows moonwatchers



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Lunar eclipses occur several times during the year but it is only occasionally that such an eclipse can be seen from Warm Springs and the surrounding areas. On July 6, the area's residents were able to view a spectacular lunar eclipse.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the earth is directly between the sun and the moon. The moon becomes dark as it passes through the shadow of the earth.

This type of eclipse can occur only at the time of a full moon when the position of the moon is opposite to that of the sun. The earth, sun and moon must be in nearly a straight line.

The red color of the moon during a lunar eclipse occurs as the earth's atmosphere refracts or bends parts of the sun's light around the earth and toward the moon.

The next lunar eclipse visible in North America is coming up on December 30, 1982.

Billed as the biggest snake

By Pat Leno

Slithering and sliding through the Warm Springs area is a 350 foot snake. The creature has been spotted behind the Community Center and at the picnic area at Kah-Nee-Ta. It has been reported that throngs of children accompany this monster.

The "monster" can be described as a masterpiece of graffiti. It was built by the Warm Springs Recreation Summer Program. It is made from 7 rolls of 4 mil plastic (6" x 50"), 4 rolls of PVC tape and permanent markers. The many children following the "creature" are members of the Summer Recreation Program who spent long hours decorating the 350 feet long plastic with markers.

Carol Allison, coordinator of creating and performing acts at the Community Center, read about the artwork being done

with plastics and PVC tape in California. She wrote a letter to the man who dreamed up the artform. The results of Carol's quest have given Warm Springs the "biggest snake in Oregon." Carol stated there are other "creatures" which can be built with the same materials but for the first attempt she thought the snake would be the easiest for the first project.

On July 8 the rolls of plastic were rolled out on the gym floor and children were given permanent markers to decorate the snake as they wanted. Pac-Man Fever can be spotted among the drawings. Many signed their names in grandiose splendor. Even after many hours of artwork there is still room for further artistic endeavors. Carol said it is a project the children can continue to decorate.

The snake is constructed in the same fashion as a giant

ballon. The snake is inflated by use of a large fan attached to the tail of the snake. The creature remains inflated as long as the fan is blowing. The head of the animal displays fangs and a tongue.

The snake will travel with the Summer Recreation Program to various locations this summer. It made its first appearance at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village on July 9. It will be blown up and displayed at the Madras City park on July 21, from 2-5 p.m., the Portland Zoo on July 23, the Jefferson County Fair August 4-8 and the Central Oregon Art Festival, which will be held at the Warm Springs Community Center on August 21.

Carol stated the television program, Faces and Places tentatively plans to film the "Biggest Snake in Oregon" for a short feature on their evening program.



GRAFFITI ARTIST—Sheylene Boise hard at work doing her share of artwork on the "Biggest Snake in Oregon." Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

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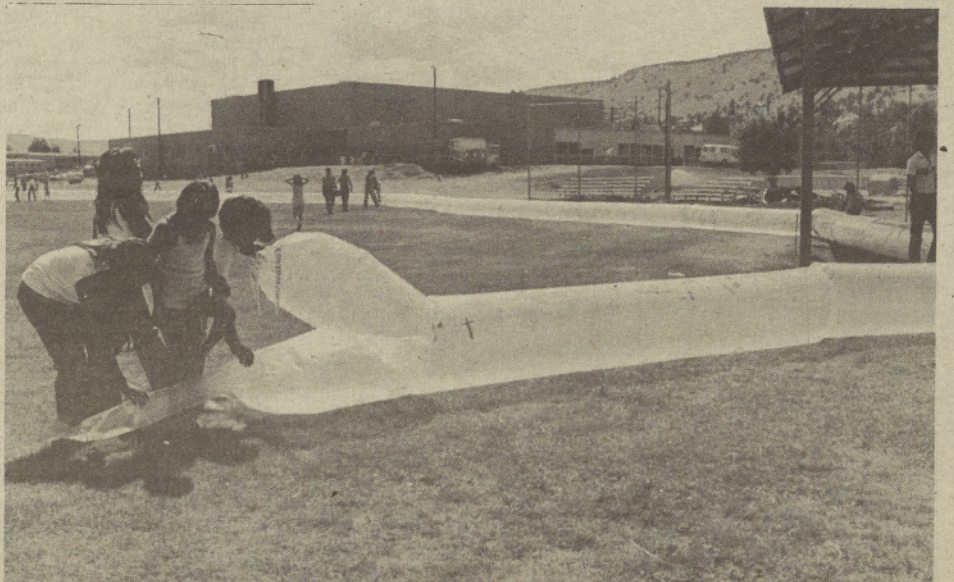
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THE BIG BAD SNAKE—Children showed no fear of the large jaws of the snake following its completion.

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