

# Fatal accident, lawsuit, concert leave mark on summer

Here is a recap of the top community stories during the summer months:

## Fatal accident

Three people were killed instantly on Aug. 2 when a car hit them as they walked along Franklin Boulevard.

Killed were Simon and Beatrice Jaffe, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and their niece,

Ronnie Lynn Selikson, of Seattle, Wash.

The driver of the car, Wendy Cook, 16, has since been charged with driving carelessly and driving without a license. Each charge carries a maximum fine of \$100.

Eugene police department officials said no criminal charges were filed because of the apparent lack of intent on Cook's part.

The vehicle left the road and hopped the sidewalk on the

north side of Franklin Boulevard about 50 yards west of Onyx Street. The three victims had been strolling west on their way to breakfast when they were struck from behind.

After the car hit the victims, it skidded into the center divider and struck a tree, coming to rest on the westbound side of Franklin Boulevard.

Neither Cook nor her passenger, Jeffery Rankins, 11, were injured in the accident.

Tests revealed that alcohol or drugs were not involved in the accident.

## Nuclear free

In July, members of a Eugene citizen's group charged that a task force appointed by the city

was attempting to dilute provisions of the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone ordinance approved by voters in November, 1986.

The group, Keep Eugene Nuclear Free, presented over 1,000 letters signed by Eugene voters protesting any tampering with the ordinance. The letters acknowledged the Nuclear Free Zone Task Force's redrafting of the ordinance to clarify legal issues but asked that the substance of the ordinance not be changed.

"The task force members would like to remove from the ordinance any substantial limitation on the nuclear industry. It's precisely this substantial limitation on nuclear weapons technology that the people of Eugene voted to support last November," said Barbara Keller, a Keep Eugene Nuclear Free spokeswoman.

"The mayor (Brian Obie) appointed a task force that was obviously split from the beginning. They were chosen because they were in opposition," said Deborah George, a member of the citizen's group.

"It's sort of like appointing prostitutes and drug pushers to a task force to discuss how to clean up downtown," Keller added.



File Photo  
Eugene police investigate the scene of a fatal accident on Franklin Boulevard which claimed the lives of three pedestrians in August. The vehicle involved in the accident (left) came to rest facing oncoming traffic.



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Keep Eugene Nuclear Free presented more than 1,000 letters to the City Council.

The ordinance passed with 59 percent of the vote during the November, 1986 general election, allowing Eugene to

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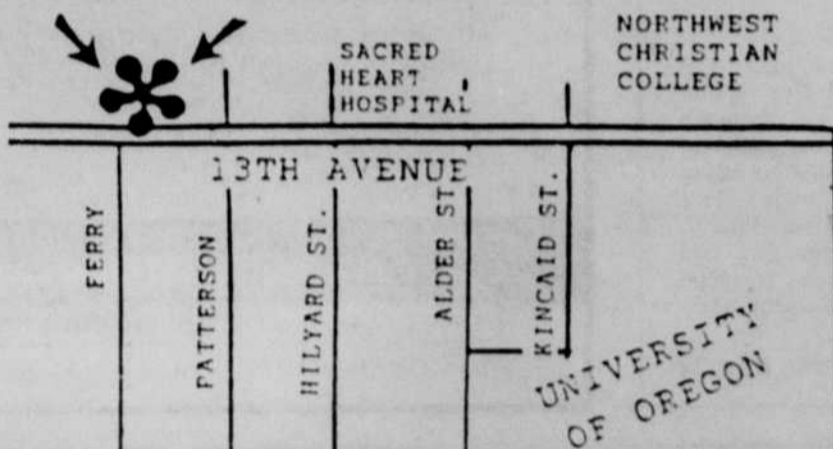
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