

## WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

The following is a summary of news events that happened in the community this summer:

**Eugene police cited or arrested 15 people** June 26 for camping on the lawn of the Opportunity Shelter for homeless people, which closed June 15.

The campers, most of whom were homeless mothers who had lived in the shelter until it closed, had been living on the site in tents, supported by donations of food and money from community members.

The Opportunity Shelter had been open for the past two winters, but closed when the Lane County Board of Commissioners voted to redirect funds to other homelessness programs. The people camping on the shelter lawn said those programs were inadequate.

Police arrested seven more people July 5, bringing the total number to 30.

**Grateful Dead** publicist Dennis McNally said Eugene's economy was boosted by "well over \$1 million" from fans in town to see the band perform June 30 and July 1.

Crowd estimates for the pair of concerts report that there were 60,000 people inside Autzen Stadium for the two shows.

The ailing University Athletic Department pulled in between \$200,000 and \$220,000 from the two-day event. The department made its share of the revenue from ticket sales and parking spaces in Autzen Stadium.

**The remains of 9-year-old Nathan Madsen**, who was lost Oct. 22, 1989 on a family cattle drive in south central Oregon, were found below Mule Park near the Mount Thielsen Wilderness in July.

The boy's saddle and clothing were positively identified nine months to the day after he disappeared into the wilderness.



Eugene police made a total of 30 arrests when former residents of the closed Opportunity Shelter for homeless families camped on the shelter's lawn June 15.

The night the boy was lost, the temperature dropped to 10 degrees and snow was falling.

The site where the body was discovered is about 2.5 miles from where Nathan was last seen and less than a mile from where the boy's emaciated pony was found wandering in November. Jerry Madsen said the area had not been previously searched.

"It's the most wonderful thing in the world and the most God-awful thing in the world," Sarah Madsen said about finding her child.

"There's peace of mind in the fact that we know where Nathan is, but not peace of mind in that we still lost a child," she said.

Searchers speculate that Madsen may have succumbed to the cold while waiting for someone to find him after he got lost last fall.

There were no signs of a campfire, but the boy's saddle, saddle blanket and bridle were found along with the skeletal remains, said Larry Von Moos, a friend of the family who helped coordinate the nine-month search.

"They had been placed in a

manner that would be consistent with a protective campsite," Von Moos said.

"We have peace of mind knowing where Nathan is, but we still don't know what happened," Sarah Madsen said.

"It's not over. We found Nathan, but it's not over," she said, hinting that she not only had questions about what had happened to her son but also about the way some of the search had been conducted.

**After six months of business and a first season** that met with generally unexpected success, Lane County Ice will be expanding programs to the public this fall.

Public skating hours will be expanded and revised, and all the hockey, broom-ball, figure skating, and speed skating programs will welcome new teams and members.

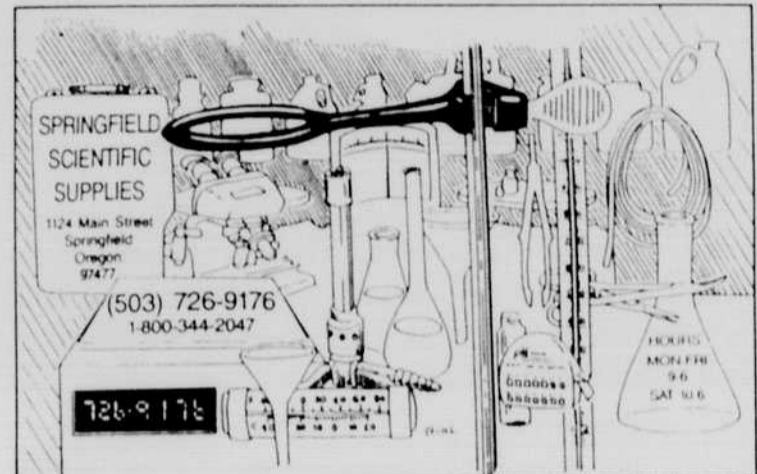
This summer LCI brought, Brian Orser and Kitty and Peter Carruthers, three figure skaters of international and Olympic acclaim, to perform at the Lane County Fair, as well holding the First Annual Invitational

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