

MUSIC

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tets, solo harp, recorder duos, and various local wind and string ensembles. The Sunday concerts will take place in Washburn Park on July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2, 9, and 16 from 6-7 p.m.

The Eugene Concerts in the Parks offers a great time to all who are willing to get out and have a great time in the summer sun. For those who can't take the heat, get into WOW Hall.

Beginning July 3, the Community Center for the Performing Arts (WOW Hall) hosts an evening of high energy rock and roll with Jolly Mon and opens Drunk at Abi's. Eugene's Jolly Mon calls its music Universal Tsunamiic Planet Rock. Universal, meaning it has something for everyone; Tsunamiic, meaning massive, moving, devastating and wet; Planet meaning Earth and Space energy; and Rock, a foundation. It has rhythm, energy and appeals to many different crowds and tastes.

Drunk at Abi's puts on a tight rhythm and blues act. Vocalist/front guy J.R. has been described as, "a young Joe Cocker in diapers who grew up listening to punk rock before discovering R&B." Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door, and are available at Compact

Disc World, the EMU Main Desk, Happy Trails, House of Records, Record Garden and the WOW Hall box office.

Celebrate the Fourth of July in explosive fashion as Seattle's Hammerbox blasts WOW Hall along with Eugene's Dose and special guests. "The originality of their sound and versatility of styles distinguished them from so many other bands," writes *Backlash Magazine*. "they play with a tight, aggressive edge, precise and coordinated, but hard-hitting, like a well-planned assault."

Centerpiece to that sound are the awesomely powerful vocals of Carrie Akre, who "somehow manages extreme anger, sadness and melodrama all at once, simultaneously shrieking, crying, and crooning." Eugene-based musician Harris Thurmond, formerly of The Daddies, plays a wild guitar and James Atkins bass carries the main melody while Dave Birenbaum pounds out psychodrive rhythms on the drums.

The Hult Center in Eugene is also offering some free events, such as the events for the Bach Festival, which winds up Friday. On that day, a free noon concert will be held in the Hult Center Lobby, as well as a 7 p.m. free introduction to *Messa Per Rossini*, which will be performed in its entirety at an 8 p.m. show.

Weasel's World



Kraig Norris

OUTDOORS

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ment community relations manager.

"If people have leisure time and want to learn a recreation or outdoor skill, the weather provides an opportunity," she said.

The focus of all of the park department's summer offerings is instructional, Matsushita said. Those who run the classes pay special attention to outdoor safety and environmental awareness.

Prices of classes range from free bicycle tours of Eugene to a \$117 three-day canoeing trip on the Lower Umpqua River, Matsushita said.

For students who want to tone their bodies without going out on a hike or on the water, rollerblading might be the ticket.

In-line skating, as it is also called, is a perfect activity for students who want to tone their bodies while having fun. Interest in the sport has soared in recent years, said Jeff Andrews, an employee at Berg's Ski Shop, one of the Eugene stores that rent out in-line skates.

Three years ago the shop had 10 to 15 pairs of in-line skates, Andrews said. Now the shop has 120 pairs ranging from a women's size 4 to a men's size 14.

Andrews said he highly recommends that people wear wrist guards while skating, but other than that advice to prospective in-line skaters is simple.

"Go for it," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

Most people are hooked after one time of in-line skating, Andrews said.

"Most of them have a big smile on their face," he said, "and they say, 'This is great.'"

Berg's Ski Shop charges \$5 for a two-hour rental of in-line skates and \$2 for each additional hour. Ten bucks gets you a pair of skates to use at your leisure for an entire day. Wrist guards are included in the rental fee. The store requires a \$200 refundable security deposit.

For more information contact: Berg's Ski Shop, 683-1300; City of Eugene Outdoor Program, 687-5329; University Canoe House, 346-4386; and University Outdoor Program, 346-4365.

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