

Riot: Crowd ignores police tear gas warnings

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 ment to the crowd telling them to disperse or they would be gassed. According to reports, the crowd failed to comply with the order to leave the area after the last announcement and tear gas was thrown into the crowd. While part of the crowd broke up and left the scene, other individ-

uals moved to the northeast corner of the intersection where they continued to throw objects at the police.

After three sweeps in riot formation, officers were able to bring the situation under control. A 20-year-old Eugene man was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of rioting and

assaulting a police officer. One police officer was injured by an thrown object and a patrol car was slightly damaged. Broken glass, street signs and garbage was strewn in area streets. Public works crews were called in to clean up following the incident.

Police officers are continuing their investigation into the event.

Celebration: Students learn about Skinner cabin marker

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 we can take better care of this neglected, tucked away corner of our community," said Douglas Card, chairman of the Lane Applegate Trail Committee. "Very few people have any knowledge of this subject. We are hoping to create more awareness as we move into the Sesquicentennial."

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Applegate Trail and Eugene's beginning next year, a nearby replica of Skinner's cabin will be renovated by May 1996. Money stipulated for beautification of Skinner's Butte will be used to move the cabin to a more visible location at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Cheshire.

This year's festivities included a birthday cake, speeches by community members and a round of "Happy Birthday," lead by Bascom. For many, it was a chance to recognize Eugene's unique spirit and legacy of hospitality.

"The first thing Eugene Skinner did when he got to Eugene was go to Saturday Market and have a vegetarian burrito — I'm just kidding," said Jerry Rust, Lane County commissioner. "But seriously, investing in cultural assets and history is good business."

Lane County Historical Society President Ethan Newman agreed. "Regardless of where the cabin was, it was important. It was the first bit of civilization that the pioneers saw," he said.

Bascom said the ceremony reminded her of a sign in her home that reads, "Those who

forget their ancestors are trees without roots." She said she hopes the celebration will "make sure we don't become trees without roots."

Field trips to the Skinner Cabin marker with Kennedy Middle School students is one way the Lane Applegate Trail Committee strives to meet their goal of educating the younger generation about Eugene's history. Drawings and thank-you notes were displayed at the site.

Will Ganser, a student at Kennedy Middle School, told the crowd what these experiences meant to him. "When you get to learn things about history that not everybody else knows, it's really interesting and it gives you a good feeling inside that makes you want to tell the whole world about what you've learned," he said.

The birthday celebration was also a chance for everyone involved in the Sesquicentennial project to get to know each other. Lane County Historical Board member Barbara Huntington, whose uncle built the Skinner cabin replica and moved it from Oakridge to Eugene in 1972, said, "It is very fun for me to be involved."

Col. Rex Applegate, the great-grandson of an Applegate brother who arrived in Eugene by covered wagon in 1843, also spoke.

Also in attendance were representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Whiteaker Neighborhood Association, Eugene Planning Department, McKenzie A's Antique Auto Club and neighborhood businesses.

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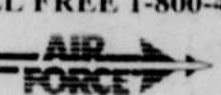


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