

Timber supporters try to drown out concert

■ **ENVIRONMENT:** Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Brown both performed at environmental benefit

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — About 350 timber industry supporters staged a noisy protest outside an environmental benefit concert Tuesday night by Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Brown. Both performers are outspoken supporters of forest protection.

Some of the protesters banged sticks against a fence, blew air horns, shouted and threw firecrackers.

No arrests were made. Police were trying to encourage the protesters to move away from the fence.

Another group of about 100 timber industry supporters drove trucks and walked the streets of downtown Jacksonville, some wielding chain saws.

U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley, D-Ore., was among a group of protesters milling about in the downtown area. He said he was there primarily because he mistrusted law enforcement agents.

"I want to make sure no one gets whacked in the head, shot or beat up," Cooley said.

One woman inside the concert was struck in the head by a firecracker and another man was hit by a rock, said Julie Norman, director of Ashland-based Headwaters, one of the five environmental groups receiving concert proceeds.

"This has gone too far," Norman said of the protest.

Bill Rutherford, 52, a millworker from Eagle Point, stood outside the concert and cursed about "hippies."

"If they think it's terrible to interrupt a concert, how about a family?" he said.

Some of the protesters complained that Raitt and Browne used wood in their guitars and their homes and it was hypocritical of them to try to prevent logging.

Raitt said in an interview with Medford television station KTVL that this argument doesn't make sense.

"First of all, I don't live in a big home," she said. "And what does that have to do with whether we

save the redwoods; whether they are being cut down in a way that makes the next round of forests not able to survive.

"The ecosystem is being destroyed. It's parched. You're messing with something that is a natural ecosystem that should be preserved, not destroyed."

Environmentalists have been active in recent protests aimed at stopping salvage logging. In past weeks, protesters have chained themselves to trees and gates and buried themselves in logging access roads.

About 2,300 people were expected to attend the concert. Fliers advertising the protest began appearing two weeks ago. They called for "loggers, miners and ranchers" to disrupt the concert.

Skinner Butte cross issue to be appealed

The Associated Press

A federal judge cleared the way Tuesday for the American Legion to appeal a ruling that a 51-foot cross on city-owned land at Skinner Butte is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan ruled the group may intervene in the case and ask the Supreme Court to review a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which found that the cross violated provisions for separation of church and state.

Hogan ruled in 1992 the cross was legal. The appeals court reversed his decision in August.

The Eugene City Council decided on Sept. 16 not to pursue an appeal even though city attorney Bill Gary said there was a good chance the Supreme Court would accept review and a decent chance it would overturn the appeals court.

Although city officials did not want to pursue the matter, the American Legion sought to intervene.

"Through this motion to intervene, a small group of Eugene citizens now seeks to subvert the legitimate policy choice which the city has made through the democratic process," Gary wrote.

Eugene attorney Michael Lewis, who represents the anti-cross Separation of Church and State Committee, argued in briefs to Hogan that the Legion had no legal standing to intervene.

Lewis said the Legion was attempting to "substitute its ideological and religious interest" for the council's.

Nasal flu vaccine being tested on children

■ **VIRUS:** Spray Vaccines should widen the number of those protected

By Lauran Neergaard
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WASHINGTON — Hundreds of young children are getting a cocktail of weakened flu viruses squirted up their noses this fall in final tests of what may become the nation's first nasal vaccine to fight influenza.

If it works, Americans would get an alternative to a flu shot — and proponents foresee more people being protected against the flu's yearly miseries.

"This vaccine does have advantages," Dr. Dominick Iacuzio of the National Institutes of Health said in an interview Tuesday during a meeting of international flu experts.

For most people, the flu causes fever, aches, chills and assorted miseries that put them into

bed for a few days. But influenza can be deadly, causing pneumonia and other complications that kill some 20,000 Americans a year.

Many of the elderly, heart patients and others at high risk don't get vaccinated. A flu shot every October is about 70 percent effective at either preventing the virus or ensuring a milder bout.

Now scientists are searching for better protection, outlining research into everything from genetically engineered vaccines that could be brewed faster than today's laborious shots to nasal vaccines using influenza antigens never before tried.

Aviron Inc.'s nasal vaccine — which uses a live but weakened flu virus instead of the killed virus in today's shots — is the furthest in development.

Some 1,000 children, ages 1 to 6, an age

group where flu runs rampant, are being enrolled at 10 medical centers nationwide for final testing, said Aviron researcher Dr. Paul Mendelman. Half will get Aviron's vaccine squirted up their noses, while the rest get a squirt of placebo.

If the flu spray proves effective, Aviron, based in Mountain View, Calif., hopes to have Food and Drug Administration approval to sell it for the 1999 flu season, Mendelman said.

In an earlier, smaller study of adults, the nasal vaccine appeared 85 percent effective at preventing flu, Mendelman said. Side effects were minor, including headache, runny nose and cough.

Today's shots are made of killed flu virus, with a different cocktail brewed to protect against each year's strains, such as the particularly harsh Wuhan flu expected this winter.

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