Long, strange trip ends in bummer

Grateful Dead fans gathered at Lake Dot in Orlando are saddened by news of the band's carrieled concert Sund

After cancellation, Dead's fans sing blue

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The sudden cancellation of Sunday's Grateful Dead concert left thousands of tie-dyed free spirits disappointed, but few seemed un-

"People will be sad," said Inda Watrous, a 22-year-old who traveled with friends from New Britain, Conn., to see the show. "But, we're like a big family; we understand."

The show was canceled because a band member "had to hy home to see his father who is gravely ill," said a statement from the st. \$25 apiece had been sold for each show.

Arena, would go on.
Dennis McNally, the band's publicist, said the

Grateful Dead hope to play today's show, but they won't know for sure until this morning.

"Listen to area radio stations for news," he

who is gravely III, Said a sustant the media.

It was uncertain Sunday whether today's lit was uncertain Sunday whether today's problem was a near repeat of a drowning to occurred in Lake Dot in 1991, the last time? band was in the city. The victim this tir however, was rescued — not by police who h beefed up patrols with Jet Skis - but by a low Grateful Dead fan.

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