



Photo by Phil Waldstein

Doug Cattel and Larry McCabe operators of a guitar-repairing service started recently in Eugene.

Guitar repair shop opens

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Two members of a family of six that settled here in September have started a guitar-repairing service, Risyfrida, Ltd., located in southeast Eugene.

The move from Coos Bay to Eugene was not made with the intent of starting such a business, but Doug Cattel and Larry McCabe discovered that their abilities are in demand.

After contacting various northwest music stores, they realized that about the only thing that a guy with a broken guitar can do is to send it back to the manufacturer or buy a new one.

"There's no way any of us can find jobs," Doug commented. "So we're trying to get together what we can."

"We were just doing it for a hobby, for ourselves" added Larry.

The two stumbled onto guitar making in Coos Bay about six years ago when Larry got ahold of a 12-string guitar for \$25.00 because the neck was warped.

He took it to a man named Fred Revis who had a Coos Bay shop where he repaired and made guitars, not commercially, but for friends.

He told me "I'll show you how, but you do it," said Larry. "So I did. But Doug really got interested in working with guitars."

Doug owns a myrtle-wood guitar that he made from scratch "because no-one said I could make a guitar from myrtle-wood." He could sell it for at least \$1,000.

Right now he's finishing a mahogany neck for a 500 Guild guitar that was given him because the neck was broken and the guy couldn't find a place to get it fixed.

Larry has been playing for six or seven years, and is hoping to arrange concerts in the Eugene area.

They've contacted various Eugene music stores, including Music City and Graves, who will send them guitars in need of repair.

"After we get things together with commercial businesses, we'd really rather do things with people" Larry said.

"We're trying to be reasonable as far as rates go," Doug added. "The cost would depend on the person, what he wants done, and the material he wants to use."

The service is available now, the number to call is 344-3581. Or if you bring your guitar over to their place, they may even invite you to stay for dinner.

City Council considers disorderly conduct law

A new disorderly conduct ordinance comes before the Eugene City Council tonight at a public hearing. If approved, it would replace an existing law that city officials feel is worthless due to new court rulings in recent years on civil liberties.

The new ordinance gives a more precise definition of what constitutes orderly conduct. It redefines offenses in indecent exposure and gives the police a more effective way for dealing with demonstrations.

Police may arrest for disorderly conduct under the proposed ordinance if:

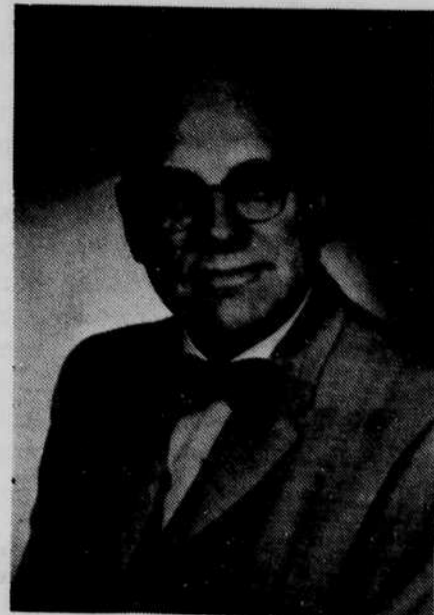
(1) A person "congregates with another or others in or upon any public way so as to halt the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and refuses to remove himself from such public place when ordered to do so by the police or other lawful authority."

(2) The person "congregates with other persons in a public place and refuses to comply with the lawful order of the police to disperse."

Violations are punishable by up to a \$100 fine and or 100 days in jail.

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