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Vocal Phenomenon

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that, then to Newport for a short while, before finally heading back to Eugene.

In January 1983, Dumas garnered banner headlines in the Register-Guard after the discovery of his tree house in

Washburne Park at Agate Street and 21st Avenue. According to the newspaper, the well-constructed abode was 40 feet above the ground in a grove of cedar trees. A sheet of black plastic covered the 7-foot-

by-5-foot structure as did tree branches wired to provide extra cover. Inside, police found a foam pad bed, a blanket, socks, shampoo, cough syrup, a New Testament and a candle. But the builder was not to be found.

With the help of a parks department pruning truck, authorities dismantled the structure and clipped the lower branches of the trees to prevent the "owner" from reconstructing the tree house.

The following day, Dumas contacted a Register-Guard reporter and told him that tearing down the tree house was "an injustice."

Refusing to identify himself over fear he would be fined by police, Dumas said, "There is a reason for the laws that prohibit people from staying in parks, but the laws need to be more flexible to allow people to provide for themselves."

Dumas reappeared in the news a year later when Register-Guard columnist Don Bishoff revealed Dumas had taken over "some sort of abandoned building, somewhere inside the city. At ground level."

Using the pseudonym "Mr. T.," Dumas said he had moved to the new locale soon after his tree house had been discovered and he had furnished the building with pictures, lamps, and electricity (the electricity compliments of "a friend").

According to Dumas, he ended up living in the "abandoned

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Bishow said.

The project is currently divided into two phases. The first explores alternatives for making the 19th and Agate commercial area more economically viable for existing and potential businesses, while maintaining or improving compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.

Included in this phase is the idea to maintain or improve the relationship between the playground at the Condon School site and surrounding residential and commercial businesses. Phase two involves the implementation of phase one strategies.

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