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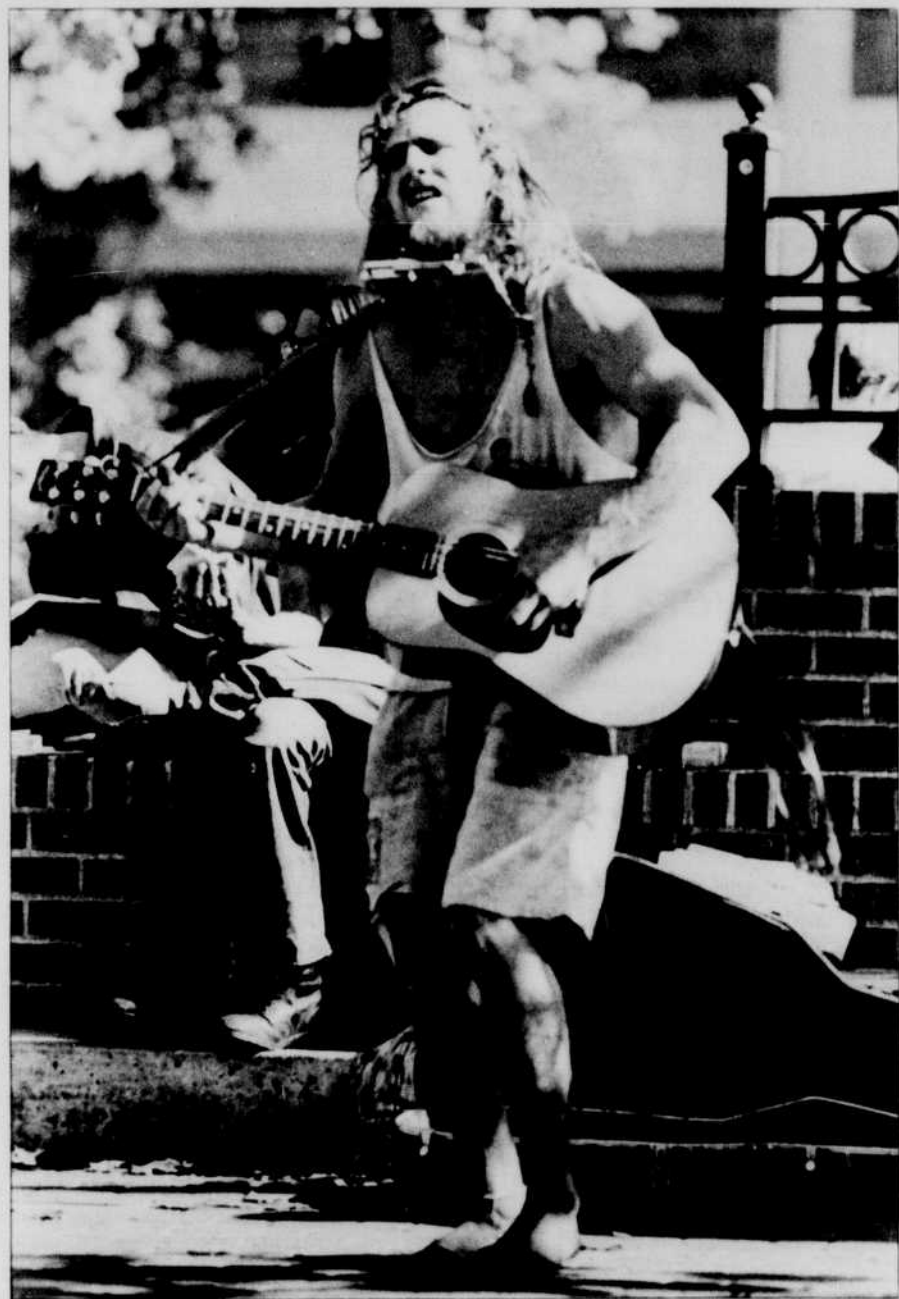
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## Mojo rising

Guitarist "Mojo" entertains students in front of the Chiles Center Wednesday afternoon. Mojo says he likes to play around the University to help students get their minds off their problems.

Photo by Steve Card

## School building sold, land to be developed

By Catherine Hawley  
Emerald Reporter

Lincoln School will be sold to a Seattle development firm to be converted to apartments, the Eugene City Council decided Wednesday, and a citizen's action group has decided not to challenge the council's decision in court.

The council also decided Wednesday to accept a proposal from a neighborhood organization that will use the proceeds from the sale of the school to develop a community center and a day care center on the Lincoln School property.

A representative from Lane Fair Share said at a Tuesday night meeting of the Westside Neighborhood Quality Project that Fair Share would not sue the city council if the neighborhood organization objected.

"It was never the intention of Lane Fair Share to jeopardize neighborhood negotiations concerning this property, and we will not pursue future legal action that will imperil these negotiations," Fair Share member David Brockett said.

Members of WNQP approached Fair Share members on Sunday and asked them to drop their threatened lawsuit, Fair Share member Rich Reuter said.

"Actually what I said was 'What the hell are you doing? If you do that (file the lawsuit) you'll blow everything,'" WNQP co-chair Douglas Card said.

The Westside Neighborhood Quality Project and the Jefferson Area Neighbors decided in September to support the sale of the school to Lorig Associates if the council would agree to maintain the gardens and the playground on the property, build a child care center and provide a neighborhood center.

"With this compromise plan we feel that both sides win," Friends of Lincoln School member Maura Johnson told the city council.

Under the plan, the \$125,000 Lorig

Associates pays for the property and up to an additional \$75,000 will go into a special revenue fund to pay for the child care center, neighborhood center, gardens and playground.

The threat of a lawsuit helped WNQP reach a compromise by forcing the city to take negotiations more seriously, Reuter said.

"I don't know that that's true," Card said. "It did make a big difference that they (Fair Share) backed off."

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WNQP members worked with city council members Emily Shue and Shawn Boles and with Fair Share members to outline the compromise proposal. The proposal calls for the existing Lincoln School Annex to be renovated and converted into a child care center to serve about 25 children.

A house currently located on 15th and Olive would be moved to the Lincoln School site and renovated for use as a community center.

The house must be moved some time this month or it will be destroyed to make room for another housing project, Card said. Card asked the council to act quickly to find the money to move the house.

The compromise proposal also preserves the playground and the community gardens, although the gardens may be moved to a new location on the property.

The city will retain ownership of the child care center and community center and lease the child care center to an operator at a low cost, Jan Bowman of the Planning and Development Department said.

"I think this is some of the best mon-

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## Shelters examined to combat rising homeless problem

*Combined efforts may work best*

By Greg Hough  
Emerald Contributor

As the cold winter months approach, city and county leaders are expecting a sharp increase in the number of homeless families who request shelter and are formulating plans to help them.

"Conservatively, the numbers of requests we got for housing this summer indicates there will be more homeless families than there were last winter," said Don Kostur, director of Eugene Emergency Housing.

Kostur headed the effort to construct the Opportunity Shelter, 1995 W. Amazon Parkway, a living space for single mothers and their children.

The shelter operated for seven months until it was closed indefinitely last June amid charges of mismanagement by local politicians.

Reopening and revamping the shelter is one of the options being considered by Lane County, said Steve Manila of the county's House and Human Services department.

Manila, a services coordinator overseeing county efforts concerning the homeless, said the county is putting together a "white paper" on the issue. A major announcement on strategy and policy will likely come later this month, he added.

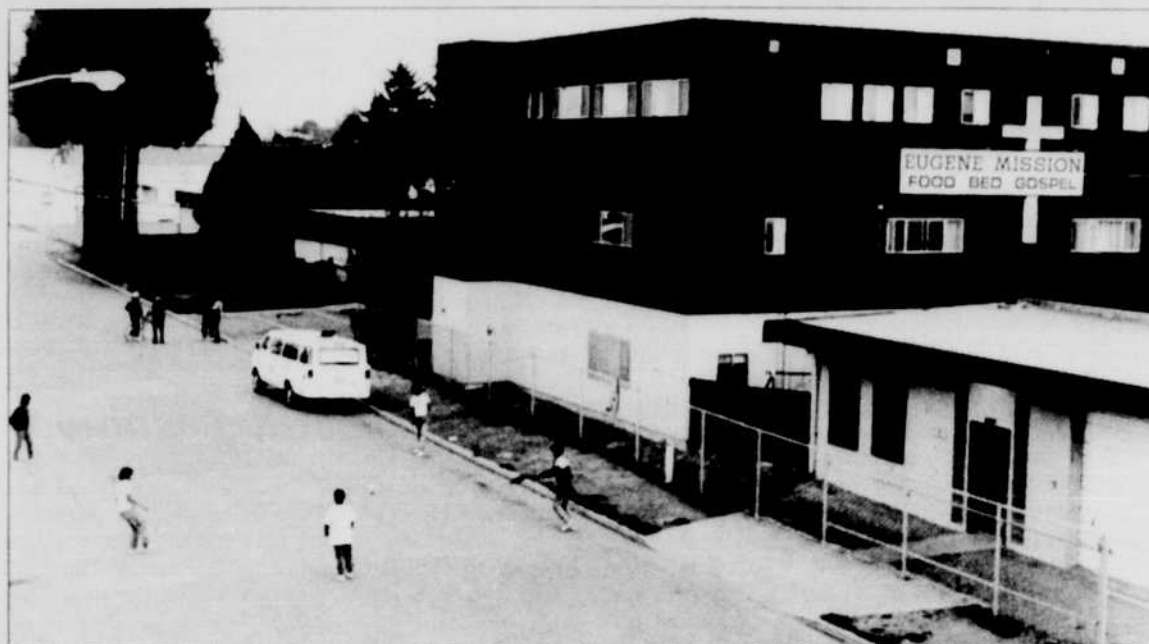


Photo by David Morgan

Homeless shelters such as the Eugene Mission, 1542 W. First Ave., are expecting a sharp increase in the number of people they will serve.

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