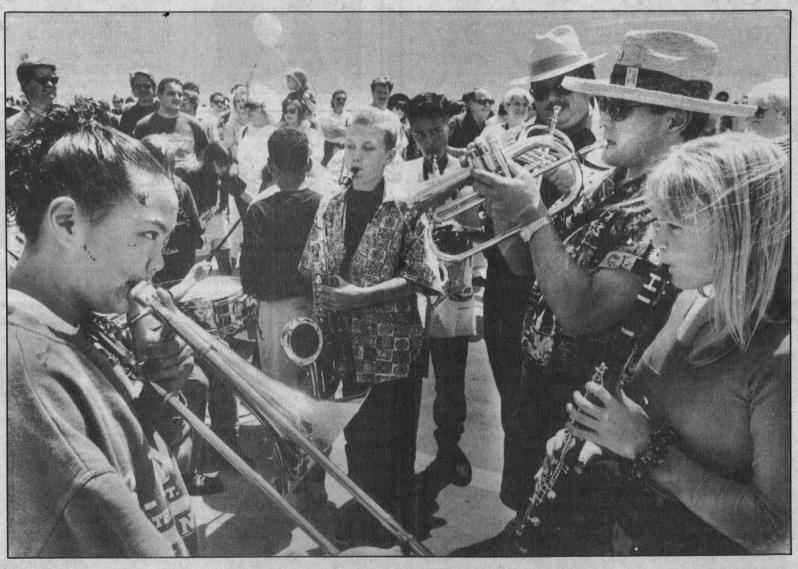
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Santa Cruz celebrates rebirth of downtown

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By all accounts Celebrating Downtown in Santa Cruz Saturday was a resounding success, but one of its headlined events fell a little short. The attempt to recapture the Shake, Rattle and Roll guitar record fell a little short, with only 467 strummers and pickers showing up. The record is 545, held by Columbus, Ohio.





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Clockwise from upper left, Amesti fifth-grader Kellen Owen played his sax offering support to the record attempt (earlier in the day, Owen played catcher for his Little League Pirates in Watsonville). Pajaro Valley School District music teachers Gene Smith and Mark Takeuchi (in hats) led their students playing in the shake, rattle and roll event. About 75 Pajaro Valley students participated in the event. Above, Pacific Avenue was closed to auto traffic for the celebration. This view is from the third floor of the St. George Hotel, rebuilt from the ground up after being damaged beyond repair in the '89 quake. At left, Louise Pereira, left, of Watsonville and her 21/2-year-old daughter, Debra, clowned around with Marilyn Merriman waiting for a parade up Pacific Avenue during the morning. In the background is the St. George Hotel.