

### Jazz fills the riverfront

Jazz fans who work in downtown Detroit are finding it harder and harder to make that trek home, possibly to the suburbs, right after 3.

All because the jazzlest things are happening in the Motor City. There's Chuck Muer's P'Jazz on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Hotel Pontchartrain. Jazz at the Institute on Thursday nights at the Detroit Institute of Arts. And now there's Renaissance Live. And now there's Renaissance Live. And sow the Monday and concept to fill a summer's Tuesday night, against the resultiaking background of the towers of the Detroit Plaza Hotel and Renaissance Center.

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On a recent Tuesday, Super Sax came to town from Los Angeles. The jazz sextet attracted a crowd of a couple thousand listeners to the outdoor rooftop area where the concert is held.

held.

NO. IT'S NOT the roof on top of one of the towers, but the level just above the hotel's main-desk floor. Actually, the west podium deck accessible from the Ortatrio Level. You won't get vertigo seated tand there's loads of seating space) or standing in the spacious area.

area.

Super Sax was more of a listening concert, in contrast to some rock concerts that have the audience up and dancing.

ig. spokesman for Super Sax called The spokesman for Super Sax called Detroit. "One of our favorite jazz towns." And he explained they had to catch a 10:40 m. plane but were "trying to get in as much jazz for you guys as I can." When someone hollered. "Charter a plane." he retorted. "On this bread? You're higher dreamer they we see."

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Although the rapport with the audience was casual. Super Sax did perform a mellow, lengthy set. This was preceded by the local Brookside performs a mellow, lengthy set. This was preceded by the local Brookside plane. The plane with vocalist Ursula Walker, who continued the show after Super Sax departed.

LAST TUESDAY, Renaissance Live

uper Sax departed. recalled. After playing with the Red Garter Band, Bronson decided to stay on—for resented jazz pianist Gap Mangione. 10 years, until his untimely death.

### Ferguson, Herman playing at P'Jazz

Looking forward, not back, has made Maynard Ferguson and Woody Herman two of the greatest jazz stars ever. PJazz audiences will see performances of Ferguson on Monday and Herman on Wednesday.

Both concerts begin at 6 p.m. on the poolside terrace of the Hotel Pontchartrain, across from Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit. Trickets will be available after 5 p.m. both nights.

Maynard Ferguson, who once said, "My prize word is 'adventure,' " was born in Quebec in 1208. He studied vio-lin and piano at age 4, attended a Mon-treal music conservatory, and by 1950 was a name artist with Stan Kenton.

# Now an established jazz trumpeter and recording artis, Ferguson is no fan of nostalgia but combines today's rhythmic pulsation with the dynamics of jazz he helped popularize. The property of the property o 'Fantasticks'

"The Fantasticks" musical comedy is being presented by the Theatre of the Arts at Mr. Mac's Stable in Dear-born's Parklane Towers, across South-field from the Fairlane Town Center. Performances are staged Friday and Saturday following an 8 p.m. sit-down dinner.

down dinner.

"The Fantasticks" is the longest running musical in American theater history.

being staged The dinner at Mr. Mac's Stable is a prime rib or Boston scrod with lobster sauce and is served complete with soup, salad, potato and a pastry selection for dessert.

ALL THE DIXIELAND bands and ragime piano players in the Detroit area are getting together Sunday, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Sussex House in Southfield, to pay tribute to one of their one of their own. The night of joyful music will mourn Darrell Uning Bronson, who played tube for Doug Jacobs Red Garter Band in Detroit for 19 years. Bronson died recently after suffering three brain aneurysms. Proceeds of the Distelland night will be donated to Bronson's wife. who needs money to get started again." according to Doug Jacobs.

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Band and musicians participating include Jacobs' band, Tom Saunders Surf Side Six, Chet Bogen's Wolverine Jazz Band, Daiseyville Marching Band, the Ragtime Rascals, Cake Walking Jazz Band, and ragtime piano players Bob Milne, Bob Seeley, Mike Montgomery, Ragtime Betty, Trudy, and Karen.

Jacobs said Bronson joined the band at the age of 23. Bronson was on his way to New York to play at Your Father's Moustache night club but, "He needed money and asked if I could use him at the Red Garter Nightledub for a few nights." Jacobs recalled.

After playing with the Red Garter.

soup, salad, potato and a pastry selec-tion for dessert.

Cocktails are served before the show and during intermission. Special group rates are available.

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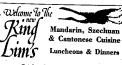
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