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This may be the most popular band with SJDJS members. In fact some of our members found us because of CB7.

The band favors the West Coast traditional jazz sound of Lu Watters and others.

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By doubling their talents on the three double bell euphoniums, Cell Block Seven

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EDITOR'S SPOT



There will be a Business Meeting at the May session. The Board is very interested in any comments you may have regarding the club. If you have an idea for increasing the attendance, by all means, share your idea. Even if it is impractical, maybe it could be modified. Go ahead. Share your idea, complaint or suggestion. The Board would love to hear from you.

Think Mother's day! Bring your mother to SJDJS May 5th, or tell your offspring you want them to come with you. They may enjoy it. And I **know** you will.

BOARD SPLINTERS

The April income was \$651. Expenses came to \$950.

The Board has agreed to allow Elks members in the Poolside Lounge (formerly Tailgate room) bar area to watch sports events on the TV. They say the sound will be off, and we can have music and dancing in there as usual. This will be on a 2 month trial basis.

We will donate \$700 to be split between the 7 Take Two band members attending camp this year. This money comes from our Youth account, which is not being replenished much by donations.

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PRESIDENT'S LITTER

By Dick Lockwood



Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The pine and fir trees are dusting everything here on Lockwood Mountain in a beautiful chartreuse color. Pass the Kleenex please.

Our April Session was filled with music and dancing. We had a small but appreciative audience. See Vice President Bill Sharp's music review elsewhere in this paper.

At our May 5th Session we are bringing in the *Cell Block Seven* for our listening and dancing pleasure. Bob Romans, et al., have been mainstays of the SJDJS since our early days. This is an immensely popular local band. The day promises to be one of high enjoyment. We hope to see all of you there.

At our April Board of Directors meeting there was a great deal of discussion on the low attendance figures that we have experienced for the past several months. We look towards the appearance of the *Cell Block Seven* as a real test of the local and regional interest in Traditional Jazz.

I believe one of the keys to increasing our attendance is to attract jazz fans from other clubs in the area. It is the task of each member of the SJDJS to get the word out. Invite that friend, neighbor and relative to our Session. They will not be disappointed in our friendly and welcoming Society. Any member of the Board can provide your guests with a one-time "Get in Free" pass.

CELL BLOCK 7

is able to produce some very different sounds. You'll be dancing to some smooth and mellow blues, and twirling your parasols to exciting marches. You have to hear them to believe them!

The leader of the band is a kind of super-hero of SJDJS. The lofty status of "Honorary Life Member" was bestowed on Bob in recognition of the wonderful work he did teaching many Youth Dixieland Jazz Bands. SJDJS was ably represented by these bands at many festivals and pizza parlors.

Here's the list of inmates

Bob Romans- leader, cornet, double bell euphonium

Bob Sakoi- cornet, dbl bell euphonium

Pete Main- clarinet, duck call, sax

Jim Maihack- trombone, double bell euphonium, vocals

Tom Downs- tuba

Daryl Hosick- piano

Coleman Sholl- drums

Jack Convery- banjo, vocals

PRESIDENT, continued

I look forward to seeing you in May at the next session of the SJDJS. Whoopeeee!!!! Bob Romans and the *Cell Block Seven*. You don't want to miss this one!

Dick Lockwood, aka el Jefe

PS: I was saddened to learn of the passing of Don Burch. Don was truly the epitome of the Jazz Fan. His smiling face and cheerful attitude will not be forgotten.

HEARD BETWEEN SETS

By Billie Ricker

My day started with a super-size smile. In fact, 2 of

them. **Beverly Martin** is back from more time in a hospital than she ever wanted to see. But whatever else they did to her, her beautiful smile is intact. Her picture is on page 7, with **Audrey & Larry**. I think of them as the “virtuous” ones. They can tell you why. And then I got a hug from **Geri Eckert**, who has returned from touring Italy. Oh, what a wonderful time she had. She said she was traveling with her daughter, so even when they were lost, “which was a lot,” it was wonderful. Yes, I can believe that. But if anyone knows how to enjoy herself, it is **Geri**. Right?

I wonder if we could pay **Nancy Kreis** to come every month and be our cheer leader. She is so vivacious, she reminds me of **VJ Jackson**, one of our earliest Honorary Life Members. **VJ** knew how to light up a room, just as **Nancy** does. **Nancy** can also bring you to tears when she plays *Si Tu Vois Ma Mere* on the clarinet. (Boy if I spelled that right it’s a miracle. My spell checker doesn’t spell French.)

I saw bassist **Ray Farley** smile today for the first time. I mean I saw it for the first time, not that he smiled for the first time. He was smiling at fellow musicians. That explains it.

Eddie Sanchez reminded me of the time she ran into us in Oregon at a jazz festival. It’s a small world for jazz festival followers. That was years ago when we seldom missed a festival. I also did some reminiscing with **Roberta Conrad**. We both did a lot of traveling in Bonanza airplanes. **Ro-**

berta and I both took flying lessons, but didn’t get a pilot’s li-

cense. We were afraid our husbands would buy another plane. (I’m just kidding, Cliff.)

We haven’t seen **Bob Allenby** for a while. Hope everything is okey dokey with him. And where is **Kathy Felkins**? She is really over due. What’s up, **Kathy**?

Cecil Rendon & Joyce Garlough are a pleasure to watch on the dance floor, and both were dressed for the occasion.

Thanks to the **Tygetts** for bringing parasols every month, we have been having a great turnout of strutters. But, pay attention now; **Dave & Marlana** won’t be here next month, so if you have a parasol, don’t forget to bring it. And if you have 3, bring all 3 and share. I’m sure the CB7 will get us in the mood to strut with or without parasols. Remember the Maxine cartoon where she said, “I think my stuff got up and strutted off without me?”

I have such sad news. We have lost long time member, **Don Burch**. He and **Joy** have supported the club with donations and with their up-beat presence for many years. We send condolences to **Joy**. She is staying with her daughter, who must be such a blessing to her in her grief.



MUSIC SOLICITOR'S COLUMN

By Bill Sharp



The guest band, *Mix And Match*, at the April meeting sure was a bunch of mixed up fellers—but in a good way, as they mixed the ages on stage into a conglomeration that stirred the dancing spirits into action. Them youngin's done good!!

Blockheads—Remember how the followers of the *Grateful Dead* were called Deadheads? Well, hopefully the hall will be crowded with “Blockheads” for the next event at the Elks Lodge on Sunday May 5th, as followers of *Cell Block Seven* fill up the place.

They've been around long enough (I dare not mention how long—Wasn't Teddy Roosevelt President?) that there should even be a drink named after them: “The Cell Block Seven.” But what should be in it is the question. Obviously it should be something with plenty of kick and something that puts you on the floor (... as in dancing, right?). What do you think should be in a concoction called a Cell Block Seven?

The winner at the May meeting will win a set of raffle tickets.

COME BE A BLOCKHEAD!!! If you're not one, you will be by the time Cell Block finishes the first set.

P.S. Bob Romans said that for the drink named Cell Block Seven there should be seven shots of high-proof anything, plus a splash of mixer....

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1st & 3rd Tuesday evening 6:30 to 8:30:
Cell Block 7 playing at Royce's Bar BQ, just off Hwy 99 @ Eight Mile.

Saturday, April 27, 11 am to 6 pm: Motherlode 35th annual Hot Jazz Party! Downtown Jackson. see Ad on page 5.



MARGIE RAMIREZ & ALBERT GALAVIZ

RAFFLE RAMBLE

By Dave Tygett

Wine, more wine the raffle. There were of wine and The lucky winners were



wine and summarizes this month. six bottles one of ale. wine winners Albert Galaviz, Lester Orr, Irv Glandon, Bob Breckenridge, Barbara Baughman, and me. The ale went to August Albuquerque.

Elinor Hackett won the orchid, and Ruth Grijalva got the tulips. Ellie Buhlert made a special boa that went around Nancy Kreis's neck. Ellie also donated a pass for the Jackson Jazz Party on April 27th worth \$20. Lester Orr won that. Thanks to Larry Tyrell for his great job in selecting raffle prizes. Thanks to all ticket buyers, who brought in \$103 this month.

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