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## THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

cord, *Christina*, is a hit on WTUE even before its release date of Aug. 1. On and after that date, you can buy the record at record stores and at Pumps' live shows. The record has been a regular in the WTUE Top Five at Five segment.

One of the biggest of the "Jump Sax Players" in the country, **JOHNNY RENO**, will be at Gilly's July 30 with his **SAX MANIACS**. As I understand it, a "Jump Sax" player is one who stands on the bar or jumps on tables and gets things stirred up. Reno, you may recall, played Gilly's before as a member of the **JUKE JUMPERS**. A couple of years ago, he formed his own band and is now one of the big things out of Texas from whence (How about that for a big word?) many big things come.

**ART SNYDER**, the multi-talented writer of the *The Trivia* column for *The Magazine*, is also one of the most knowledgeable persons in the area on the Blues. Last week he came up with two big items.

One is for all the **NANCY WRIGHT** fans out there. Nancy, who gained fame and acclaim with the Slugs, is now in San Francisco. She was with a band called Hot Links, and Snyder has written a review of an album on Arhoolie Records, *You Know That's Right*, by Katie Webster and Hot Links. Nancy and her tenor sax are also featured on the album. It's her recording debut.

In talking of the record, Snyder said,

"Piano woman and vocalist Webster swings through mellow, slow blues and hard-driving boogie-woogie on this her fifth LP. She wrote most of the material. Nancy gets plenty of opportunity to display her talent with the tenor sax." Arhoolie Records are carried locally at your Oregon record store, Gem City, 337 E. Fifth St.

Snyder's other big item was that **SNAPPER MITCHUM**, who played bass for **SON SEALS** out of Chicago for about 10 years, is now living in Dayton. He left Seals awhile back because his mother was dying of cancer in Chicago and Snapper didn't want to be on the road. She passed away and he decided a change of scenery was in order. That brought him to Dayton. He is in the process of forming his own band. We will have more of Dayton's new blues man later.

There has been a big change in entertainment in the Plaza Suite Lounge at Stouffer's Dayton Plaza. **LINDA JOHNSON** is now providing the piano interludes from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday through Saturday. Another big change is that during Happiness Hour, 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the lounge serves all the shrimp you can eat for \$1.

There is something really big going on at Jonathan's, 10 Brown St. **JOE DECK** announced that an aerobics contest for women is now under way. The next qualifying night for a woman giving her individual aerobic dance will be July 21. There also will be elimination sessions on July 23 and 30 and on Aug. 6. The finals will be Aug. 20 with the winner getting \$5,000 in prizes. This may just be the biggest thing of all.