

*'Jackson Street Beat' by Rudi Jackson*

# Collaboration Keepin' Slabs O' Bacon On Table

Sitting here listening to the late great Otis Redding singing "I've Been Loving You Too Long To Stop Now," my mind swings back to the times when Jackson Street was busy as a bee's hive with folks of all collaboration — N — coloration working to keep slabs of bacon on the tables.



RUDI

Why let this side of town slip into the pits of no return? LET'S START PICKING UP THE GLASS AND LITTER THAT IS BEING DUMPED ON THIS SIDE O TOWN. HAVE WE GOT TO LIVE IN IT? IMPROVE, DON'T MOVE! MUST WE WAIT TILL ELECTION TIME TO HAVE THE CITY FATHERS TO COME OVER AND AND TALK TO CHOSEN FEW ABOUT THE FILTH THAT WE WALK, TALK AND DO THE BOOGA-LOO IN ON THE WEEKENDS AFTER GETTING OUR CLOTHES OUT OF THE CLEANERS. So many of us only have this as the last and first of all kinds of living we are going to ever do...

Dealing with others is a very touchy thang when others cincture them into a realm of almost nothingness. The needs of our adults and youths in the arts of learning to deal and cope with high and mighty solemnization of this system is in one hell of a mess. Most of our youth have been stripped of their will to learn through APATHY and the LACK OF GUIDANCE from ADULTS.

Not all will be better when the churning is done, but why not be sweet milk when you be tasted by others? There's

so much clabber on the minds in our community sitting out on a hot summer day soon to be washed down the drain. LET US ALL TAKE MORE INTEREST IN OUR GROWING OFF-SPRING, CAUSE IT AIN'T MUCH MORE GUSTO LEFT AFTER WE BE MOVING ON...

THANGS THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG: THEM YELLOW AND WHITE PAINTED LINES UP JACKSON AND "H" STREETS that the Dark 'til Dawn Workers put down a few weeks ago. Or is it that Soul Folks' auto tires are just mo' dirty under the bottom than other folks', or was it paint mixed up in 1929??????

THANGS SAID THAT WAS SASSY: A soul sister told bro. Leon she had lost them POUNDS last Winter cause she wanted to be Sexy-N-the Summer and was SHE LOOOOOOKinnnnnnnnn goooooD!!!

Snappin' fingers in Love's Cafe, WILLIE GOO just turn Fifty-2 and was letting it all hang out! Hope they wake him up and let him know when Monday Morn rolls around!

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO HONOR THE GREAT BLUES SINGER B.B. KING and MUSIC

ARRANGER HAMPTON REESE by TIFFANYS — 12 Social Club on SEPT. 14 at Love's Cocktail Lounge plus the SASSY FASHION REVUE "HAPPY BIRTHDAY B.B. KING PARTY!" Make plans to be with us for some good old DOWN HOME FUN.

Next week we will return to Rudi J. at P.P.P.T. Did you save the July 4th issue of this newspaper? (What?! Go see if your neighbor got one so you can see what

was the reason he was at P.P.P.T. And hold on to these papers like you do your rent receipt!)

NEW THANGS TO LEARN: What is a Re-cid-i-vist? Are You One? Don't feel bad; there are so many many more and more to come. But some folks get cut clean when the \$\$\$\$ are long and green. POWER TO THEM THAT HAVE TO BE LOCKED UP! POVERTY TO THEM THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT WITH OUT!

Otis Redding sure is sounding good as I type and peck this bit o news, singing "Respect" and "Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay" ... (Remember them?)

Hats off to: McNeals Quick Check Staff who see to it that you get Fasssst quik service when you go in... All of the people who have been in the hospital that I know and didn't know they had been ill.

A certain lady was sure lookin' sweet and all so full of smiles this evening at Love's Cafe....

Heard that PAUL and JOHNNY HAD THE GREEN HORNET OUT at the Jay Cee Fair fired up for tha' folks ta' see!

Brother George Wynn and the Cafe Rouge are open for the people who want to mix and meet other swinging people in the Fun-Tun set!

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## Basketball Is Tough

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this league. If they don't, there's nothing you can do.

### BASKETBALL IS KEY

"I'm not going to commit suicide if I don't make it, but it's tough. When you play basketball, you wake up every day looking for challenges, improvement, the ups and downs, the cheers. Then all of a sudden there's nothing to do; nothing can satisfy you like this game.

"Every day of your life has been geared around basketball, not around a

job or anything else. It's always, 'Do I have time to do this and still rest up for the ball game?'

"When you're finally out, it's such a blanket of empty space. You've been playing since you were 10 years old, and no matter how many times you say it's over, it's tough to really accept. Basketball becomes a possession, instead of just a game. You want to be somebody in life, make a mark in life. That's your notoriety, your identity, then it's gone. You don't even hang around the same people anymore; it's a different crowd of people.

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