

JACKSON STREET AND ME...



By Rudi Jackson

ME, like U must have found a real good feeling seeing and hearing all the rain over this past weekend . . . Cause it sho'niff did pour down cats & dogs (tee, hee, hee). But Sat'tidity nite found ME — The Kid, out in the misty rain enjoying a bagful of fun and laughs and hopping from one or two lounge-acts here on "The Poor Side of Town" and like Z.Z. Hill sang: The joints wuz jump! folks having a good time every other record or two.

And somebody, ME means somebody, wuz playing sum of them down home blues (ME c'd Lee Johnson and that dapper of a dandy Chuck Romance up at The Colony Club). (La'Dora Frank and friends and a whole lots of mo'folks wuz enjoying the fine Songs and Music of Alfreda James & 4x4 Band who wuz sho'deenic cooking wit them hot licks and all. As La'Dora said: "Alfreda James Is Her Name/And Singing Is The Pretty Lady's Game!" — ME is here to tell U she is one lady U just have got to see in Action along with them wailing musicians back-n her up . . . ME understands that she is from the Southern California area (Long Beach). Alfreda James and 4x4 Band . . . On Git'tar: Jay Jay Bryant from Houston, Texas . . . Bass: Bo Bonapart from Trinidad Islands . . . Drums: Paul Roberson, Las Vegas, Nevada . . . Keyboards: Bruce Anderson, Evansville, Indiana.

ME enjoyed reading the poetry two weekends ago for U and others who came out for what was a

wonderful program! Perhaps WE can ALL do it again.

ME is HAPPY to say that the time has come to honor "The Reality House" (Washington and F Street) on Aug. 18 at Love's Cocktail Lounge, a most fitting and befitting time to do so due to the lack of knowledge that is here in the Community about this wonderful staffed place of refuge in our community for many who are sick and in need of HELP! And help is what Reality House is all about! ME is inviting U to join with The Sassy Fashion Revue & Show for a Nite of Grandness and Hi Fashion with our own local young people who are about doing something worthwhile.

The show starts at 9:30 p.m. and the donation: \$3.00 per person. Portions of the proceeds will be donated to Reality House so as to help in the task of Helping Our Fellow Men, Women, and Children who are falling victims of the dreaded sickness that befalls the human race here in this bitter/sweet earth. Aug. 18th is the date.

Then on July 28th there is going to be an audition of young people ages 10 thru 16 in The Heritage Hall on Owens and H Street, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A good performance will earn some the privilege of representing Las Vegas before a National Audience at The NANM (National Association of Negro Musicians) Convention come August 5th thru 10 here in Las Vegas for their 65th Annual Convention. Do phone Beni Casselle at 452-5544 for other details and let your child or children be counted among the ones doing something wholesome and meaningful with their life in this time of strife and woe that be unto the earth. Out of darkness came light! and don't you ever forget that, my friends!

Next week ME hopes to let U know a few things about a handbill with a

strong message that was handed the other day and about a report on a meeting which took place at The New Town Tavern last Sat'tidity morning among some of the so-called leaders of our/this community! But ME ask you to just look at

the community and see what a bad shape it is in and then ride out a few miles and see just how Jim Dandy others be living. Then come home and ask yourselves why is it like this and that in a city such as this? Look at the people and wonder

just what are they doing on both sides of town!

ME has got to crawl back in bed; it is Two min'its after 5 a.m. and ME don't have ta be ta work 'til 8 a.m. (Zzzzzzz)

—monamodi/84

GIRL TALK OPENS AT ELLIOTT'S NEST AUG. 9

"Girl Talk" is an innovative musical that will open at Elliott's Nest, 2100 E. Fremont, Aug. 9 thru Sept. 2.

The musical was written, directed and produced by Randy T. Williams and choreographed by Billy Patterson, with musical direction by Charles Hayes.

"Girl Talk" reflects and depicts black artists trying to make it in show business. The setting takes place in Las Vegas. The story centers around a singer-musician whose dreams, aspirations and goals extend far beyond the illusions of stardom.

"Girl Talk" has a cast of 13 vibrant, enthusiastic

singers, dancers and actors — 10 females and 3 males. They light up the stage with their glow and they are sure to light up your hearts as well.

"Girl Talk" is a show written about women for women.

For more information contact Randy T. Williams at 648-7806.

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