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"We are what you read!"

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Black History Month

 This newsletter, like every issue of the Running Rebels Community Times, is designed to note the positive aspects going on in the community of Milwaukee, as well as inform you of the events happening nationally. This edition especially is purposed to give you an understanding of how the efforts of African Americans shape and mold what we do today.

Reality is, if we didn't have people like Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, C.T. Vivian, Rosa Parks, and others who fought tirelessly for equality, we wouldn't have the opportunity to write articles, and, in turn, we wouldn't be able to produce this newsletter. So, before you read any articles, acknowledge the fact that the fight was fought, and won to a certain extent, for African Americans to show that they are just as capable as anyone else to read, write, and change peoples' lives for the better. Because of this, we can truly say that "we are what you read!"

Mayor Barrett Declares "Victor Barnett Day"

In Milwaukee

During the Running Rebels Community Organization's annual holiday celebration on December 22nd, 2005, Mayor Tom Barrett paid a surprise visit to the agency to present the Executive Director of the organization, Victor Barnett, with a Proclamation from his office announcing December 22nd to be Victor Barnett Day in Milwaukee.

Over 100 youth and adults attended the momentous occasion in which Victor humbly accepted the award and thanked Mayor Barrett for taking time to visit the facility and recognizing him for his 25+ years of service to the community.

Victor's message to the community is that we must recognize and support the grass roots organizations who are working on the front lines with Milwaukee's youth and families, and that we must continue to work together in order to solve the many problems that are plaguing our community.

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The Running Rebels Community Organization has officially kicked off its Capital Campaign. The plans have been unveiled for the rehabilitation of their current location where they have been operating since 1999, but have only recently purchased. Plans include new office areas, expanded recreational facilities, an updated computer lab and library, and an auditorium and gymnasium. For information on how you can help the Capital Campaign, please call Victor Barnett at (414) 264-8222.

Ahman Green Takes Running Rebels Youth on Outing

Pro Bowl Running Back for the Green Bay Packers, Ahman Green, took out time in his busy schedule to meet with positive youth from various organizations on January 4th, 2006. The youth were picked-up in a limousine and taken to meet Mr. Green at the 311 restaurant in downtown

Milwaukee. After enjoying a buffet meal and getting a chance to get to know Mr. Green, they then attended the Bucks game vs. the Cleveland Cavaliers where Mr. Green escorted them on a tour of the locker room and even through the players tunnel. Each youth took an individual photo-

graph with Mr. Green and received an autographed certificate stating that they participated in the "Ahman Green Bucks Night Out". This was a once in a lifetime opportunity that the Running Rebels Community Organization, as well as organizations like COA, were honored to be a part of.

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Men's Night Out

By Damon Shoates

On Saturday, January 14th, there was a "Men's Night Out". The "Men's Night Out" is a night dedicated to black men in the community coming together to promote a positive image of African-American men.

There were discussions about problems in the community and networking opportunities to work with different organizations from around the city.

The focal point of the evening was when we went to the Mayfair movie theater to view the

"Glory Road". (Preview of the movie on the *Feature* page {pg. 3}).

We arrived at the mall, lined up two-by-two from eldest to youngest, and walked quietly from the entrance, to the movie theater itself.

The sight of the 40 black men walking together peacefully through the mall definitely made an impression...a good one for a change.

We would like to thank Tony Courtney for the huge role he played in organizing this event.

Black Creativity

By Kendall Baer

Milwaukeean James Cameron is the creative spirit behind "A Time of Terror", a book about his escape from a lynching in 1930. The same spirit that drove Mr. Cameron to write his story led him to found the Black Holocaust Museum. This nationally known museum features exhibits such as photo highlights from an early lynching to the modern civil rights movement, a reproduction of the interior of a slave ship, plus many other pictures and artifacts important to black history.

One of the artifacts presented there is a Griot (gree-oh). What that is will be featured in the next issue—but if you cannot wait, visit the museum at 2233 N. 4th St. or call (414) 264-2500 for the answer!



STEELERS



**2/5/2006
 SUNDAY**



SEAHAWKS

NFL CRUNCH TIME

By Exie Tatum

After a season like this one, you have to already be anticipating next year, but let's finish this one first. After all the controversy (T.O.), natural disaster (Katrina), and the Colts being knocked out in their first playoff game again, you must be ready for the Super Bowl. We have witnessed the fall of some great teams, and saw some new power houses come alive. Now it's time for the show, "Super Bowl XL". Are you ready? For those of you that have expected "THE BUS" to have that trophy before his retirement, expect to see it in Detroit on Super Bowl Sunday. Mike Holmgren and his Seahawks have put together a great season, but the Steelers have shown what wins football games: *Defense*. Get the popcorn & pizza ready, and I'll see ya in front of the T.V. on February 5th.

Just Announced: Pittsburgh Wins! **PITTSBURGH 21 SEATTLE 10**

WAKE UP!!



By Clifton Phelps

On Wednesday, January 11th, 2006 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at approx. 12:35pm, a single bullet ranged out of a 9mm handgun (which was in the possession of a teenager), traveled some three city blocks, finally hitting a 5 year old African American girl outside during recess, playing on the playground. The bullet

wound was not life-threatening, but the reason for the gunfire was.

After an investigation, it was found that two groups of teenagers were arguing over a cell phone, when suddenly the argument erupted into gunfire.

Wake up, my community, where having a "grill" is more important than feeding your own child. Wake up, my community, where youth can rem-

ember a 40-bar song, but can't even read at a high school level.

As a nation and as a community, we must wake up and realize that in order to survive as a people, we must first learn to get along and understand not only ourselves, but also each other.

Clifton Phelps is a contributing writer for the *Running Rebels Community Times*.

Feature Page

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(cont'd)



This edition of Food for Thought will feature an excerpt of poetry by Maurice I., entitled "motivated by the people".

it's upsetting me
'cause they can't see
nor hear
every year
nor think for themselves
the books dust on the shelves

all they doin' is raising h*#\$
going to jail
and they souls' sell
and they all acting twelve
barely doin' for themselves

the next generation
another future of degradation
no mental emancipation
depending on the man for the
occupation
and education
and transportation
and residence
another generation of not using
their common sense

LOCAL SUCCESS STORY:

Al Jarreau



By Andre Burnett

On December 27th, 2005, the Ford Motor Company presented \$25,000 to the UW-Milwaukee Foundation on behalf of Milwaukee native jazz musician Al Jarreau.

He noted how making funds available to the future teachers studying at [UWM] will benefit the youth who are taught by them. Way to go, Mr. Al Jarreau!

Visit www.runningrebels.org for descriptions of our programs, ways you can help, and upcoming events.

"Glory Road": A Synopsis



By Carey Jenkins & Damon Shoates

"Glory Road" is the story of the first NCAA team to start five black men. In times past, there was an unwritten rule for teams to play no more than three black players at a time. Though the story took place decades ago, the impact that the coach demonstrated still lingers

today as a major impact in sports, putting aside once and forever a stereotype about blacks and forever changing sports.



Movie Review "Last Holiday"



By Andre Burnett

Queen Latifah stars in this movie as Georgia Byrd, a shy woman with

aspirations to be a chef. But when she finds out through a CT scan that she has only weeks to live, her hopes and dreams are shattered, or are they?

Georgia takes something negative and turns it around as she vies to live the lavish life that she always desired. The actors did a wonderful job, but it felt as if the writers were trying to squeeze as much as possible into the beginning of the movie. For that reason, I'll give "Last Holiday" 3 out of five stars. LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, and Gerardo Esposito also co-star in this movie.

"Nobody said you have to be gangstas, h**s--

read more, learn

more, change the globe."

-Rapper "Nas"

A Mentor at Running Rebels

By Kendall Baer

When I was young, I asked people who helped me, "What can I do to ever thank you?"

They said, "Whatever we've done that you've appreciated, pass it on to someone else in the future."

That is what I am doing when I'm at the Running Rebels Community Times newsletter meetings—passing on ideas and thoughts that have proved successful in my life. I hope my efforts will be of value to their futures.

Responsibilities of a Man

By Steven R. Jenkins

Everyday young boys claim that they are men. However, they lack the financial capabilities of providing for even themselves. Now is the time to teach our BOYS the true responsibilities of manhood.

In order to be acknowledged as a man, one must be responsible, respectable, and willing to comprehend the bigger picture. Young adults who have been incarcerated and given a second chance, it's up to you to understand the position you are in. You must step up, take ac-

tion, accept the consequences that come with it, and take care of your personal responsibilities.

Understand that although men become discouraged at times, they still manage to get it done. The keys to being a good man are to be unselfish, willing to sacrifice, and being able speak your mind. Remember, you're just a man striving to be as perfect as possible.

Our condolences and sincerest thoughts go out to the family of Chris Griffin, girls' basketball coach at Vincent High School and Flenard Burnham and family, who have spent many years helping youth in our community.

MY POINT EXACTLY:
Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Lou Rawls, and Richard Pryor: Today's Black History
 By Andre Burnett



CORETTA SCOTT KING and ROSA PARKS
 (1927-2006) and (1913-2005)

Coretta Scott King was the driving force behind Martin Luther King, Jr.'s continuous efforts for equality and non-violence. In 1968, in Memphis, TN, before his march in support of garbage workers, King Jr. was assassinated. Before he was buried, Mrs. King took his place at the front line.

She continued fighting for human rights until her death on January 31st, 2006. And all of us know of Rosa Park's bold refusal to give up her seat on the basis of her skin color. These

women didn't do these things for publicity. In fact, they were thrust into the spotlight involuntarily after making an effort to support civil rights in the most peaceful way. They are a true source of strength to any woman or man who stands up for what they feel is right. We can take solace in the fact that they lived and *died* peacefully.



LOU RAWLS
 (1933-2006)

I can remember—I was in my early teens—listening to the announcer on an adult contemporary FM radio station mention that the song, “Lady Love”, sang by Lou Rawls was coming up. I immediately got my AM/FM cassette player ready, placed the cassette in its place and popped the pause button, then the record/play button, anxious to catch every word of this song. In addition to his more than 60 albums and 50+ years as a recording

artist, including a stint as a member of a group called “The Travellers”, he also recorded duets with his childhood friend, Sam Cooke. Rawls was most recognized, though, for his tireless efforts in working with the United Negro College Fund, always informing folk that “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.” He helped raise over \$200 million dollars over multiple decades with the fundraiser.



RICHARD PRYOR
 (1940-2005)

Pryor was known for his raunchy humor, including his use of the controversial word that stirs up tension in the African American community. But he set an example for the African American community when, after a visit to Africa in the mid '80's, he stopped using the word in his stand-ups. He will truly be missed, but always remembered.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 11th, 2006

CAREER DAY
 1pm-Until
 @ the Running Rebels Community Organization
 (Address and phone # on front page)

Enjoy a day where successful Milwaukee businessmen and women speak about their careers and give advice to youth.

Friday, February 24th, 2006

@ the Holton Detention Center
 Located on Holton St. and Capitol Drive
 Black History Celebration
 4:30-6:30p.m.
 -Performances by Rebel Life Entertainment

Wednesdays, February 1st-22nd, 2006

African Men Educational Network (AMEN) Presents
 An African History Community Education Project
 Held weekly @ Washington, Villard, Atkinson, and Center Street Libraries
 from 6:30p.m.-8p.m.

Mondays, February 20th-March 13th, 2006

“Understanding Who I Am”
 A self-exploration series for young males, grades 7-12
 @ Capitol Library
 3969 N. 74th St.
 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.
 To enroll, email Venice Williams at venicewb@msn.com or call (414) 445-7447/(414) 873-9550.

Ways to Help Running Rebels

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