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Two Rebels Score at the Same Time

By Steven Jenkins and
Andre Burnett

Randall Logan and Brandon Joseph are two college graduates who started off in the Running Rebels Basketball Program. Randall Logan received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Brandon Joseph received his undergraduate degree from Central State University in Ohio. Joseph joined the Running Rebels Basketball Program not knowing that it would help him develop his basketball skills. He advises youth, "Don't worry about no one else but you.. Simply stay focused and humble. Always be willing to change for the better."

Randall Logan's goals are to be a school administrator. He is a well-rounded person and participates in athletics. Logan tells youth, "If you surround yourself with positive people, by default, you will do positive things." He recently participated in the Hoop-It-Up tournament and his team did very well. Currently, he is Residential Program manager at the UW-Milwaukee dormitory.

Both Logan and Joseph spend free time at the Running Rebels Community Organization, always willing to give back to the community. Congratulations to both of these recent graduates, and we wish them well on their future endeavors!

Running Rebels Community Organization –25 Years and Still Going Strong!

This year, the Running Rebels Community Organization is celebrating its 25th Anniversary by kicking off a multi-million dollar capital campaign at its Annual Banquet to be held on November 4th, 2005 at the Italian Community Center. The celebration will begin at 6:30p.m.

The Running Rebels purchased the building that has been housing its offices since 1999. The capital campaign will raise funds to rehabilitate the 3-floor warehouse and add an indoor basketball court.

For more information on the capital campaign, the Annual Banquet or how you can contribute, please contact Dawn at (414) 264-8222, or visit our website at www.runningrebels.org.

NAACP Impacts the Community!



By Clifton Phelps

From July 9 to July 14, the NAACP granted Milwaukee the unique opportunity to act as host for the 96th Annual National Convention. The community was

granted a chance to attend workshops on leadership, responsibility and fatherhood in the community. Running Rebels had some useful input when many of the youth attended a forum titled, "Criminal Justice & Juvenile Justice," with guest speakers Ms. Courtney-Rose Harris and La-Fonda Jones. This forum concentrated on the negativity surrounding youth across America. They touched on the possibility of youth doing real time because of conspiracy or as the speakers put it, "guilt by association." The reality of jail time also tied into a segment that concentrated on good-decision making. The community was happy to welcome the convention.

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Juneteenth Day

On Sunday, June 19, Milwaukee had its first of many festivals to celebrate not only the emancipation of slavery, but also the importance of unity in the community. The Running Rebels, as well as several other community organizations, were there in full force to support the community. Good weather along with a peaceful day were just some of the highlights to paint a strong picture of what a community could accomplish if people come together for a good cause.

African World Festival

This year's African World Festival was a success. National artists such as the Chi-Lites, Bloodstones, Lattimore, and the Dramatics, as well as local artists from Rebel Life Entertainment, and Trio records rocked the stage. We must continue to work together to bring back the old days.

Garfield Jazz Festival

On Saturday, July 9, Milwaukee acknowledged yet another festival as we celebrated the Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel & Arts Festival. With three stages of jazz and soul, not to mention several vendors, the afternoon was filled with positive events. Running Rebels, as well as several agencies geared at helping youth, played their part by providing a youth clean up which entailed about 100 or so youth picking up paper throughout the day and providing food for those who helped out.

Rebel Rebound

By Kendall Baer

Seeing a newsletter being put together is like watching a basketball workout.

"Coach" Vic Barnett gets the team together to bounce article ideas around. Someone grabs the ball and takes notes while another works on the

"How to Earn Money in Many Ways"

By Steven Jenkins

Now we all have heard the phrase "If you want money, pick up a job." What if the job you choose becomes a pain? Our newsletter is going to help you think of ways you could make money. We've all heard the word "entrepreneur". So if it came down to the point where you wanted to earn

computer and another sets up a file drawer to keep the newsletter organized.

Besides those on the court there are others in the organization that lend technical and secretarial support.

For something interesting in your life, be a member of the newsletter "squad" by giving any ideas that may help. Contact Kendall Baer @ 414 771-4529

money, well buddy, you better get up and learn your mother's sweet Sunday dinner recipe or your grandmother's sewing techniques. Make the best of it and start a restaurant or business. Many jobs fall under entrepreneurship, such as getting up and starting your own lawn care service. Another way to make money is to take just a little bit of funds you already have and begin to invest in stocks, or buy bonds for your

Warning Basketball League Champs

Ages 8-12—Tiefenthaler

Ages 12-14 —Parklawn

Ages 15-17 —Lincoln

Ages 18-20 —Green Bay (Running Rebels)

*Midnight League Champions Bulls: Coach Steve Smith

*Running Rebels would like to thank all those who participated.

family and then watch it flip, but give it years. You can also help someone who already knows how to maintain a successful business by investing, which will help you get paid as well as the business because you are beginning to increase the business value.

Well there you have it—wise words on how to make money, legit at that. So you shouldn't ever be saying, "I'm broke" any time soon.

“Heyy!”

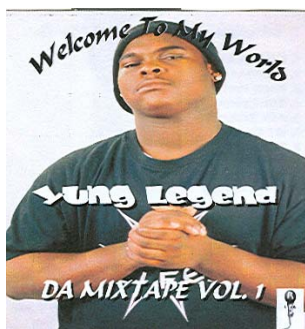


On August 20, 2005, there was a video shoot at Trio Records (located at the Running Rebels Building). This

video was shot for their hit single “Heyy” featured Trio Records artist: Can-De-Man, Yung Legend, and Oki. The reason for this video was to showcase some of the talent in our city and to put Milwaukee on the map!

The car show and video shoot was all hosted by Trio Records artist, Can-De-Man. All ages were welcome to show up.

Promote Yourself



Maybe you’ve seen this person around your neighborhood promoting his latest album.

This young teen that goes by the name “Yung Legend” is a rapper from Rebel Life Entertainment (R.L.E.). He recently released his first solo project entitled “Welcome To My World, Da Mixtape Vol. 1.” The CD includes artists from both Rebel Life and Trio Records such as Oki, Can-De-Man, Maniak, and 3rd Effect. Yung Legend has at times been considered the “Mike Jones” of Milwaukee for his dedication and self-promotion of his CD. Yung Legend has learned a lot in the music game.

He is now learning how to produce his own music and is training to become an music engineer. So if you run into him, please support him and the music program by buying his CD, which is selling for \$5.

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Remembering

A

Superstar

By Andre Burnett

Luther Vandross, an artist known for such love songs as “Never Too Much”, “Give Me the Reason”, and “The Power of Love” died July 1 from complications of a stroke he had two years earlier. Though he listed Aretha Franklin, Patti Labelle, and Dionne Warrick as his musical influences he is a influence to many as well. He

started out as a backup singer for Betty Wright in the 1970s, when she encouraged him to pursue singing as a solo artist. In the 1980s, he sang with the group “Change,” belting out lead vocals on songs, “Glow of Love” and “Searching.” Vandross even wrote songs for other artists, such as “Jump To It” for Aretha Franklin. He was the youngest and only surviving son of Mary Ida Vandross. His father, brothers and sisters all died from health complications-most from diabetes. His music

will live on. “Forever. For Always.”

Thinking of You.....

Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family and friends of Lynise Weeks, consumer reporter with our friends at WTMJ-TV Channel 4. We are all “on your side.”



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yourself with
positive people ,
by default, you
will do positive
things .”*

-Randall Logan

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My Point Exactly:
**COA Summer of Peace
Rally**

By Andre Burnett

So here it is, the month of August. To date, we've had over 75 homicides this year. That obviously doesn't count the victims who were shot, but didn't die from their injuries. I am excited, though, to say that I had the opportunity to work with the Children's Outing Association in preparing for their third annual "Summer of Peace" rally. The director of the program, Tanya Crowmartie-Twaddle and Fidel Verdin-Williams (also one of the coordinators from its start) worked with more than 40 youth over

the weeks to discuss the event. Everything from the show lineup to the speakers and the setup was discussed. Our goal was to reach those attending the event and to show them that there are a lot more things to pursue than a violent lifestyle. The many members of the media were on deck to witness this spectacular event, including Channel 12, 6, and Gumbo TV. Thanks to Mrs. Crowmartie-Twaddle, Mr. Verdin-Williams and all the other volunteers who worked to make this year's "Summer of Peace" rally a success. Each one reached out to someone. Now it's up to **you** to reach out and teach one.

"Go Brewers"

On July 3, some of the staff and youth of the RRCO took a visit to Miller Park to help spread American culture by passing out copies of the American Constitution. We passed out over 1000 copies of the constitution to the attendees at the Brewer game. After passing out the pamphlets, we went outside to show a little hometown spirit. Former Brewer Larry Hisle will be the host speaker for the Running Rebels 25th Anniversary Banquet on November 4th, 2005.



Upcoming Events

**Rebel Life Entertainment
Presents: "Poetry Night" #2
By Andre Burnett**

Because of our success with the first "Poetry Night," held in April of this year, we are pleased to mention that our next one is being held on Friday, August 26, 2005, hosted by me, Andre Burnett and the lovely Chantel!!! This time, the event will start at 6:00 p.m., allowing more poets to express themselves throughout the evening. The cost of the event is \$2 for all attendees. The theme color for this event is sky blue. I chose it because it is a relaxed and neutral color. If you'd like, you can also wear sky blue. As a matter of fact, you can get in for \$1.50 if you wear our theme color. Our featured poet is award-winning poetry artist **Jessica Holden**, and more surprise talent. Our first poetry night featured national spoken

word artists **Muhibb Dyer** and **Kwabena Antione Nixon**. Everyone is invited. The event is held right here at the Running Rebels Community Organization, 1300A. W. Fond du Lac Ave (13th and Vine). If you have **any** questions, call (414) 264-8222, M-F between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., and Saturday between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and ask for **Andre**. There will also be food! Hope to see you there!

Other Upcoming Events

*Every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. Rebel Life will be performing at the COA Facility

*Aug 26th— 3rd Annual Summer Neighborhood Festival—@ the Martin Luther King Jr. Center— 15th and Vliet St.- 13th Street block party

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**Ways to Help Running
Rebels**

CDs and T-shirts for sale. Running Rebels Community Organization sells CDs containing music from jazz to R&B to positive rap. Proceeds from each sale go to the various programs promoting youth entrepreneurship. Donations are also appreciated.

