

Feature

Jessica Holden's "Connection" takes home the prize

Congratulations to Milwaukee's own Jessica Holden, who is one of the winners of the 'Poetic Food for Thought' event. Who would of thought that a fourteen year old high school student would have what it takes to win this contest.

Well, according to Jessica Holden herself, this is the first of many of her accomplishments.

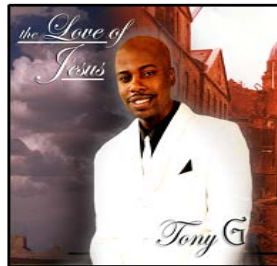
When asked what her plans were for the future, Jessica mentioned that she wanted to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. But she isn't just settling for any school - Jessica wants to set her goals on either an Ivy League school, or one of the nations premier Historically Black Colleges.

How good is it to hear about a fourteen year old that not only has won a at her age, but also has a good idea of who she wants to be when she grows up. Jessica is a good example of how the in the community grow strong, even at a young age.

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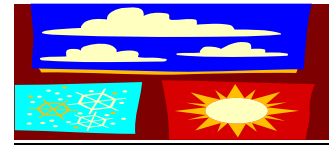
My name is Owen (Tony) Glover and I was born in Milwaukee, WI. I started singing at the age of twelve. My ability to sing started to soar while living in Reno, NV. I continued to perform throughout my high school years and decided to pursue music as a career.

While living in Reno, I discovered that my musical abilities surpassed passed just singing. I learned how to play the keyboard, write lyrics, rearrange songs, and play bass lines on the keyboard. I then landed a job in a studio.

In 1992, I performed with a band called R.E.T. and continued with them for six years. We were known as a lounge band. I later joined Unified Souls who I performed with for 2 years. One of the most rewarding accomplishments as an artist happened in 1999 when we performed on the Jenny Jones Show. As a gospel artist, I have performed throughout Milwaukee and abroad.

[Tony G is also a volunteer with the Running Rebels music program. His Cd "The Love of Jesus", is on sale - a portion of the proceeds will go to the Running Rebels.]

Poetry



Africa

By Ifedi Onyemena

Africa! I say to Africa,
let the wisdom and ancient
values of the ancestors
diffuse
the hatred among the tribes
in your dome;

let the streams, let the rivers,
let the portions
from the baobab trees
Cleanse your dirty
hills, valleys, and mountains;

let the lions,
let the leopards reconcile;
let there be unity in all
nature;
let ancient verities
and ancestral
consciousness
guide you,

Africa

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Entertainment

Lyrical Snippets

Can you guess which song(s) and artist(s) these lyrics belong to?

Last newsletter's lyrics were from the R&B song "**Ordinary People**" by John Legend from his "Get Lifted" album. Remember, the first two people who call (414) 264-8222 Monday through Friday between 3pm-7pm and ask for **Andre** with the correct answer will receive a pair of three zoo passes tickets, or a prize of equal value.

Song #1: Hip-Hop

Wish we could keep achieving wonders,
See the vision of the world through the eyes of Stevie Wonder, (you feel me)
And I hope all the kids eat,
And don't nobody in my family see six feet, (ya dig)
I hope them mothers staying' strong,
You can make it whether you wit him or your man's gone.....



Ways to help Running Rebels

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

Midnight League

In an effort to curb the violence in Milwaukee's inner city, the Running Rebels Community Organization is sponsoring two basketball leagues this summer. The first is the Milwaukee Midnight Basketball League. The second is the Milwaukee Warning Basketball League. Both of these leagues will be run by Dell Williams, a longtime Running Rebels staff member, mentor, and coach.

The Midnight Basketball League (MBL) concept was founded by the late G. Van Standifer of Maryland as a solution to the rising death rates in our communities. Many of the young men affected were neither gang members nor drug dealers; they simply were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Since most of these deaths occur late at night, when youth have few late-night activities to choose from, it only makes sense to have the Milwaukee Midnight Basketball League begin here at the Running Rebels. Midnight Basketball is for young men between the ages of 18-26. There will be 10 teams in the leagues this year. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00pm until 11:00pm. The league is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 at 9:15pm at the Police Athletic League (PAL) building located on 24th and Burleigh.

The Milwaukee Warning Basketball League is entering into its 30th year of league play. The league is for young men between the ages of 8-18. Historically, teams have been formed from several different playgrounds through the Milwaukee area. Each playground has teams formed around the following age groups: 8-12 year olds, 12-14 year olds, 15-17 year olds, and 18-20 year olds. This year we have a record number of players and coaches that have expressed an interest in participating in the league.

[There will be food, music, and games. League play will begin on

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Monday, June 27th, at Auer Avenue Playground and Lincoln Park at 5:15pm. These are just two ways that the Running Rebels are doing our part to stop the violence and increase the peace.]

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 19th- Juneteenth day Festival starts with a parade on 19th & Atkinson and ends on MLK & Chambers. The street Festival continues with food and live entertainment, including a performance by Rebel Life Entertainment. RRCO will have a booth where we will be selling t-shirts, cd's and other merchandise.

Running Rebels will be volunteering for the National Fatherhood Initiative's Golden Dads Awards **Fathers For Progress Picnic** at Sherman Park, Sunday **June 19th** from 12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M.

July 9th, 2005- Garfield Blues, Jazz, and Arts Festival (between 4th & 7th and Garfield). This celebration features arts and crafts, magicians, raffles, live entertainment, and food. RRCO will have a booth selling t-shirts, cd's, and other merchandise. There will also be a live performance by Rebel Life Entertainment.

Fri., Aug. 5th-7th, 2005- African World Festival (Afro Fest) at the Henry Maier Festival Grounds, Downtown. Trio Records artists & Rebel Life Entertainment will be performing.

Every first Saturday of the month, RRCO holds their **monthly rummage sale** right outside the office. All proceeds go to Running Rebels. If you would like to donate an item, you can either drop them off at our office, or call/email us (info@runningrebels.org) to schedule a free pickup at your convenience.