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# Running Rebels Community Times

*"We are what you read!"*

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## *25th Anniversary Celebration & Scholarship Banquet*



The Running Rebels Community Organization will hold its Annual Scholarship/Awards Banquet on Friday, November 4th, 2005 at the Italian Community Center located at 631 East Chicago Street. The reception will begin at 6:30p.m. with the formal programming beginning at 7:00p.m.

The purpose of this year's banquet is to celebrate our 25 years of service to the community while also recognizing the accomplishments of the youth who have been involved in the Running Rebels programs. We also intend to award scholarships to youth who are pursuing post-high school education. This year's guest speaker will be Milwaukee's own Larry Hisle, formerly of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Over the past 10 years, Running Rebels has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarships, providing valuable support for youth who are working toward their education goals.

*We invite you to help  
us celebrate*

We need the help of the community to make this event our best ever! There are numerous opportunities to provide support. We invite you to join us at our banquet in November, and we also ask that you consider making a donation to our scholarship fund and/or to place an advertisement in our program book. Our special "angel" sponsorship offers the opportunity to purchase a table and donate the seats to our youth participants, most of whom cannot afford to buy a ticket to the dinner. Last year, we had over 150 of our youth participants attend the banquet! It is a marvelous time for us to celebrate the hard work the youth have done all year— please consider helping us to make our 25th year the best ever! The Board of Directors, staff and youth participants of the Running Rebels appreciate your support!

For more information on our banquet, or to purchase tickets/tables/advertisements, contact Natasha at (414) 264-8222, or [natasha@runningrebels.org](mailto:natasha@runningrebels.org).

## Hurricane Efforts: What Can You Do?

By Andre Burnett

In September, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ripped through the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas, causing major damage to many cities, especially New Orleans which was built under sea level. Hundreds of thousands of people were displaced, having to meet at various designated shel-

ters in and out of the state, or at family and friends' homes. Fundraising efforts have been set up all over the country and millions of dollars have been raised from around the world. Recently, Running Rebels held a basketball event that raised money for the hurricane relief. If you are considering donating to an organization, be sure to research to en-

sure your donations are going to the right place. Legit organizations should be willing to give you their history overview. Support events where the money will go to trusted organizations, as well as events where money goes directly to the victims. Taking these steps will ensure that your funds will reach those in need.

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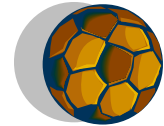
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**Sports/Youth Activities**



**NFL**

By Derrick Shoates

As most of us Packer backers know, this season has not been our proudest. But considering how crazy the NFC North is, it could be anybody's division. With the loss of Javon Walker, all eyes are on Brett Favre to once again put the team on his back and carry them through the series!

But watch out for the New England Patriots, as I'm sure they'll give the rest of the league a run for their money once again.

**NBA**

By Andre Burnett

Who's gonna make the playoffs this year? You'd probably think I was a fool if I said the Bucks. Well, guess what?...I am. The team has matured and learned from their mistakes, and with the edition of the first draft pick, Andrew Bogut, how can they go wrong? Michael Redd's unselfishness with the ball always allows for a good game. He'll "take it to the house" when the game is down to the wire!

**Milwaukee's Star**

**Search**

By Deon'ta Johnson



In September of 2005, famous entrepreneur Russell Simmons came to Milwaukee searching for new talent. If you could sing, rap,

model or dance, it was your time to shine. There were a hundred or more people waiting to hand in their demo tapes and CD's. Artists from Taste Emcees, Mind State, Rebel Life ENT, Trio Records, as well as solo artists Jr Da Supastar, Burn'em, and others with major talent were waiting to be heard. This was Milwaukee's big chance to be put on the map. If you were fortunate enough to hand

your big chance in the spot – light.

**Did You Know?**

Lycopene, found in tomatoes is said to lower your risks for certain types of cancer. It is also an ingredient in ketchup. However, ketchup can also contain high levels of salt, which can raise blood pressure levels, so just take the tomato instead!

**\*\* THANK YOU VERY MUCH!\*\***

I contacted Running Rebels to arrange for help with my move. They sent me Jonathan Sharp, Steven Jenkins and Reginald Williams... These young men did a FABULOUS job! They were hard-working, strong and so polite!

Karen Avery

P.S. If you're reading this, think about hiring youth from Running Rebels for your next "odd job!"

**Anti-Gun Violence Up - Date**

By Deon'ta Johnson

In 2005, there was another Anti-Gun Violence Speak Your Peace Competition. The purpose of this event was to reduce violence within Milwaukee and throughout the United States.

There were 10 winners chosen out of the contest. Each winner receives 60 seconds of

radio air play and an interview on several radio stations throughout Milwaukee.

This year's winners also get the privilege of having a 60 second commercial on B.E.T. and Milwaukee County Transit Bus Televisions. Several of the winners are from the Running Rebels Community Organization, Ethan Allen School and other youth organizations.

The winning acts included Jessica Turner, Yung O (Job

Harper), Maniak (Lamont Allen), CJ (Carey Jenkins), Andre Burnett, and Yung Legend (Deon'ta Johnson). Winners outside the Organization were from several different social service agencies.

We hope this contest will help to slow down some community violence by offering resources to the participants. In our city, exposure in the music business is very hard to come by, so this competition is a good way to showcase your talent!

# Feature Page

## Black Creativity

Inventions and Innovations

By Kendall Baer

The ancient Romans invented mechanical elevators that raised gladiators and animals from beneath the coliseum floor to the upper arena.

Alexander Miles, a black man, invented features that make modern electrical elevators safer. His creative innovation made sure that the doors on each floor wouldn't acciden-

tally open if the elevator car wasn't in place to take passengers.

On April 26, 1892 a patent was issued to Sara Boone, a black woman, for a special type of ironing board.

Keeping clothes smooth and wrinkle free was very difficult at that time. This was long before the wash and wear, drip dry material we have today.

Sara's innovative ironing board made it much easier to work on fashions unique to that era.



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*"Give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day.....Teach him how to fish, and he'll eat for a lifetime."*

*-Unknown*

## Movie Review



By Andre Burnett

Set in the south side of Chicago in 1978, "Roll Bounce" stars teenage chart-topping rapper Bow-Wow (Shad Moss) as Xavier, otherwise known as "X". His father (Chi McBride) hassles and tassels family matters, while X seeks comfort in skating after the sudden death of

his mother. His little sister, though sometimes irritating to him, reminds him of the importance of family. When he and his friends' favorite skating rink closes down, they have to decide whether they will "skate it out" at the north side skating rink.

The best skater on that side of town, known only as "Sweetness" (Wesley Johnathan), an arrogant 'fro-topped dude, enters the skating rink with the spotlight always on him. This movie also stars Nick Cannon, Junee Smollet Meagan Good, and Wayne Brady.

## WHY?

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## Food for Thought

By Carey Jenkins



The **TIME** has come to Keep it Real and give it to you straight! We are not Free; our liberties are nothing more than an illusion to keep us complacent. **Time is running out!**

**ning out!** 100 homicides in the city of Milwaukee and still two months left.

Who will be the next innocent to take their last breath? **Time is running out!**

In the city of New Orleans, the levees were destroyed by forces unknown, leaving the poor without food, water, or shelter.

Chemicals sprayed on Detroit on the inner cities, someone testing their biochemical weapons on human "guinea pigs". **Time is running out!**

AIDS is destroying the motherland faster than ships crossing the Atlantic. We are being kept as pawns in this game of chess.

They created Co Intel to keep us oppressed. **Time to stop dreaming and Wake Up!!!**



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 for descriptions of our programs, ways you can help us, and upcoming events.

**My Point Exactly: Thomas Johnson— Getting “Krumped” Up, and Making a Difference Doing It**

By Andre Burnett

For those who stereotype inner-city youth in Los Angeles as gang-bangers, robbers, and delinquents, I'd like to intercept those myths. Youth have a different outlet, called “krumping”, thanks to Thomas Johnson, a.k.a., Tommy the Clown. Krumping, in my opinion, is a lot like the “percolator” of 90's fame, but a lot more energetic, and it's primarily done to hip-hop music. Krumping is also called clown dancing because the krumpers often paint their faces to add to the excitement of the dance.

Johnson started the krumping movement in 1992 in Compton, California. He would entertain at kids' parties, inviting people from the neighborhood to perform with him. Last year, a form of krumping was featured in Missy Elliot's music video, “I'm Really

Hot”, and was also featured in the Black Eyed Peas video, “Hey Mama”. It has also been the main subject in movie documentaries like “Rize”.

As with the percolator, krumping usually involves dance-offs or competitions. Johnson says African dancing was his inspiration. Looking at the “krumpers”, I can definitely see the influence of my ancestors in these youth.

Eighteen year old Milk says, “It just keeps us from doing everything negative.” He appears in Missy Elliot's “Hot” music video, and has been krumping for over two years.

He also does it for the children. “Me, personally, I like to be around [little] kids. I like to make them happy. Besides that....it gives me something to do that's positive. That's why I do it, pretty much.”

In a time where we hear and feel an unbalancing amount of negativity ab-

out the inner-city youth, I think it's only right to applaud the efforts of people like Thomas Johnson, ahem, Tommy the Clown.

**Thanks...The “Gumbo” is always good! Have “Ya Heard”?**

Gumbo, a magazine directed toward youth, featured Rebel Life Entertainment in its September/October issue magazine. They and their sister magazine, “Ya Heard”, geared towards young adults, always work hard to bring news and entertainment to you. A special shout-out to our friend and colleague Tiffany Wynn, who is Editor-In-Chief at Strive Media Institute. Youth are involved in the magazines from start to finish, and the atmosphere is very professional, yet relaxing. If you get a chance, visit Strive Media Institute at 1818 N. Martin Luther King Drive, or visit their website at [www.strivemedia.com](http://www.strivemedia.com).

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## Upcoming Events

### RRCO Upcoming Events

\***Fri., Nov. 4th**— RRCO's Annual Banquet @ the Italian Community Center  
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[Natasha@runningrebels.org](mailto:Natasha@runningrebels.org)  
Banquet Tickets, \$30; Raffle tickets, \$1.

Daylight Savings time is Sunday, October 30th. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour.

Also, if your smoke alarm is battery-

operated, replace the batteries with brand new ones. Ahhh....who could resist an extra hour of sleep??!!

### Concerts/Shows

Tue., Nov. 8th- (R&B) **Lyfe**  
@ the Pabst Theater  
144 E. Wells St.  
(414) 286-3665  
[www.pabsttheater.org](http://www.pabsttheater.org)

Wed., Nov. 17th— (R&B) **John Legend**  
@ the Riverside Theater  
116 W. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
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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.





