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Capital Campaign Update

The Running Rebels Community Organization's Capital Campaign is currently underway. 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, an auditorium and gymnasium.

The renovation was kicked-off with the roof replacement that was donated by Centimark. Stephen Perry Smith Architects have donated \$80,000 worth of architectural design work, NAI MLG Commercial has donated their marketing and graphic design expertise for the production of the Capital Campaign materials, and Karen Ottoson & Associates have donated \$40,000 in consulting fees.

For information on how you can donate to the Capital Campaign, contact Dawn Barnett at (414) 264-8222. **OUR YOUTH DESERVE THIS FACILITY!** Our goal is \$3.6M, so we have a long way to go. Large and small cash donations are appreciated. If you are in the trade industry and would be interested in lending us your expertise, please call the above number as well.

It's All About You!!!

It's been more than two years since the Running Rebels Community Times has been established, and the newsletter is well on its way! The newsletter has been a communication tool for us to inform you on the happenings in the community, city, and state, as well as some national and international issues. We've asked "Why?", provided "Words of Wisdom", as well as "Poetry" for the soul. Commentary, such as "Food for Thought" and "My Point Exactly" have given you a personal perspective on the writers' views. You've also been kept up-to-date on "Sports" as well as "Movie", "CD Reviews" and "Synopsis" from viewers and listeners of those respective items. The "Black History Month" editions have noted the accomplishments of blacks in the community, as well as their efforts nationally.

But now, it's time for YOU to be heard. We want to know what you enjoy about the newsletter, as well as things that can be improved and/or ideas for the next one. We appreciate our regular readers and would like to hear (or read) your point of view. The address and phone number, and e-mail where you can reach us is listed on the left margin of this page. We'll keep writin', as long as you keep readin'! Enjoy!

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We have 3 years or less to get this problem under control. (See next edition for details.)

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IN MEMORY OF JAMES CAMERON: 1914-2006

Black Creativity

By Kendall Baer

Though usually closed on Mondays, the American Black Holocaust Museum was open to celebrate Juneteenth Day, 9am to 5pm.

James Cameron, America's only known lynching survivor, created the museum as an educational experience for all people. The

exhibits visit past and present injustices, giving visitors "an opportunity to rethink their assumptions about race and racism.

A special, additional exhibit called "Hateful Things" will be featured. On view are objects from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia located at Ferris University, Michigan.

This is a collection of cultural ma-

terial from the late 19th century to the present. He shows many aspects of "racist expression sparked by the Jim Crow era of the United States."

For additional information, call (414) 264-2500.

Admission \$5 general, \$4 seniors, \$3 students (5-17 years old).

Now through August 26th, 2006.



SPORTS

By Chantel Harpole

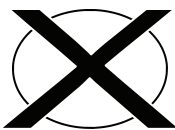
Sports fans, casual spectators, and the average channel surfer are all tuned in for the finals. There are plenty conversations around the workplace and schoolyard about the night before; who did what, who scored, and (of course) who is the best.

A survey was handed out and the comments were few, but the decisions were clear. The only acknowledgment Kobe Bryant received were two brief comments; "better scorer, great defender, poor teammate." And the other comment was, "3 championships."

Lebron James received comments like, "on the verge of greatness." ... and ... "too early to accurately tell; needs to improve most defensively, but (Lebron) has the potential to surpass both of them (Bryant & Jordan)." Those who chose James as the best commented... "he's like an idol to me, he's the coolest, and he inspires me to play B-ball." ... and ... "Due to Lebron being a team player and very mature for his age, when you hear the name Lebron James you hear basketball and nothing else." ... the last comments were: "King James is the future of basketball. The same way Dr. J started an era that ended with Jordan, King James will be the start of a new era of playing basketball."

Needless to say, the name most recognized as the BEST NBA player was, *his royal airness*, Michael Jordan. Michael Jordan won six NBA Championships and was league MVP five times. He earned the elusive MVP triple crown (regular season, Finals, and All-Star Game) twice. Jordan recorded the only triple-double in an All-Star Game. Comments included: ... "when talking about the best ever it's hard to consider current players because they are still a work in progress with along way to go. Wilt, Magic, Bird, & Russell can be argued for best ever." Not to mention ... "M.J. played in a league full of hall of fame players, and they all agree he is the best." Longevity is not a measure of the here & now. Remember Harold Minor or "Penny" Hardaway? The energy and ambition of youth can get a baller to the big game, but it is the wisdom and strength of growing as one becomes greatness that makes a lasting impression.

Youth Highlights



Running Rebels has etched a leader out of me; I once was a 1.0 GPA Student in high

school, assuming there wasn't a future for me except to continue the negative cycle that has been latched onto many generations of the past.

Now, I'm a 3.0 senior focusing on going to college to become a Television/Video Producer so that I may gain knowledge to return and give back to the

community, using those same leadership qualities that the Running Rebels Community Organization instilled in me.

My Name is Steven R. Jenkins Jr. and I'm breaking the cycle.

(Jenkins recently graduated from Juneau Business High School's class of 2006. Congrats, Steven!)

My Point Exactly: Teachers- You Never Forget the Best of Them

By Andre Burnett



I recently had the opportunity to visit my alma mater, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, for the first time in over 10 years. I called this place my school from 1986 until 1993. I wondered if some of my teachers were still there. As I entered the hallway, heading for the gymnasium where our group was to perform, I saw what looked like a familiar face. As I moved closer, I found out sure enough, it was one of my former teachers.

"Miss Chouldry!" I called out in excitement.

"Wait, I remember you," she replied.

We hugged and shared old memories of kindergarten. She was my *first* teacher. Believe it or not, she was still in the same room, teaching students as she has been doing for almost 30 years. Not only did she teach me, but also most of my brothers and sisters as well.

Next year is Miss Chouldry's last year at Ben Franklin Elementary School, where she will sail into the sunset of retirement, and deservedly so.

She introduced the children to me as "Mr. Burnett, one of my old students." We discussed the days of old quietly while children were winding down on a Friday movie how we, children of the past, were more calm and attentive.

We complemented each others' memories. Wow! From thousands of students, she remembered me. This we talked about while I was sitting in one of the small chairs. Now being 6'3", it was such a stark contrast from the days of old.

You never forget the teachers who made

you feel as if you were somebody. To be told by her that I had potential, really made me feel good inside. I am extremely grateful to have had a teacher like Miss Chouldry, and although her current students might not understand the privilege they have to have had her as a teacher at the present time, it will become clear in the future.

I am happy to have had the opportunity to go back to make what is certainly not my last visit. My appreciation for her and her legacy is the reason why I work with youth today.

So, really Miss Chouldry, now you know your legacy continues with a least one of your students. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart (to the top of my brain).

The Bum Rush Ends

This school year, many caring community leaders went to several MPS schools to deliver an important message: We Care! Next year, more schools are in the plans.

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Upcoming Events (see our website for more details)

Saturday, June 24th, 2006 **Unity Festival**

@ Tiefenthaler Park
(24th & Galena)
Performances by
Rebel Life Entertainment
1pm-4pm

Wednesday, June 28th, 2006 **Wraparound Safe Night Dance**

@ Running Rebels
\$2 per youth, or **free**
with a non-perishable food item
5pm-8pm

Saturday, July 8th, 2006 **Warning Kickoff Event**

@ Meaux Park
(Green Bay Avenue & Villard)
Food, Music, & Fun!
12noon-3pm

Saturday, July 15th, 2006 **Album Release Party**

for *Trio* artists,
including special guest *Can-De-Man*
@ Miramax Theatre
(Oakland & Locust)
7pm-Until

Saturday, July 22nd, 2006 **Garfield Avenue Blues, Jazz, Gospel, & Arts Festival**

On 3rd-7th and Garfield Streets
8am-6pm

Sunday, July 23rd, 2006 **Charity Basketball Game:**

Questions Nite Club
vs. *Trio Records*
@ Mardak Boys & Girls Club
(32nd & Hampton)
4pm-7pm

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.

Pick-N-Save's We Care Community Dollar Program

Request to add charity code **#678900** to your Pick-N-Save Advantage Plus Savers card and a portion of your purchase proceeds go to the Running Rebels.

