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Rockin’ and Rollin’ in Racism

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.
The Truth Contributor

...The country's creating a 51st state --- the state of denial.

– Joseph Lowery, Civil rights activist

Haven't you heard? Controversial rock musician Ted Nugent is scheduled to headline the 31st Annual Northwest Ohio Rib-Off, presented by The Blade August 7-10 at the Lucas County Rec Center.

Yes, this is the same Ted Nugent who, according to the Daily Kos political blog, called President Barak “a subhuman mongrel” and also said during a concert, “...hey Obama, you might want to suck on one of these you punk; Obama, he’s a piece of Sh*t, and I told him to suck on my machine gun.” Nugent has also, Kos points out, “threatened to kill” not only President Obama, but also Hillary Clinton and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

Duke University professor and Sociology Department Chair Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, PhD responded quickly to news of The Blade’s sponsorship of the Rib-Off and those who offer flimsy justification of the decision to bring Nugent to Toledo.

“How can a community newspaper, which claims to have the best interest of its readers in mind, sponsor an event in which an old-fashioned racist is participating? The Toledo Blade seems out of step with the times. While the Commissioner of the NBA fined racist owner Don Sterling and is trying to remove him from the league, this newspaper is providing cover to one. Those who use the First Amendment to defend Mr. Nugent must understand that the issue here is not “free speech,” but inflammatory and divisive speech. He can say and believe all the garbage he has said, but a newspaper which claims to be “for the people” should not sponsor his hate. Those who use the First Amendment in this case should think long and hard and ask themselves, would we have this position if the person in question was an anti-Semite? If Mr. Nugent comes to town, I hope people of goodwill in Toledo protest vigorously his presence and consider boycotting all the sponsors of this event.

The level of insult is perhaps felt even more keenly by outspoken former U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney, who stated “Well, I’ve never heard his music, but I would presume that his music is as cacophonous and unpleasant to the ear as is his hate rhetoric. This tells me more about the ownership and the editors of the Toledo Blade, however, who are willing to promote White Supremacy and disharmony at all costs; for only a White male supremacists could get away with insulting women, the LGBTQ community, blacks, mixed-race people, and discounting the Rib-Off as a result of Nugent’s scheduled appearance, but was quickly replaced by Taylor Kia.

What does this say about how racism operates in a so-called post-racial Toledo? In reality, there are probably only a comparatively few remaining “die-hard racists” that openly propagate white supremacy. Frankenberg, (1993), defines racism as “a... continued on page 12

Community Calendar

May 31
The Worship Center Concert: 7 pm; Nikki “D” and The Browns

June 7
New Birth Christian Fellowship “Change for Kids Ministries:” Registration for free summer music lessons; 12:30 pm: 419-704-6195
Safe Kids Greater Toledo: ProMedica Wildwood Orthopaedic and Spinal Hospital; 11 am to 2 pm; Fire safety, bike safety rodeo, safe water information, safety in sports and in cars: 419-291-5993

June 8
New Prospect Church 47th Church Anniversary: 4 pm; Guests Rev. Stanley Clark and United Vision Baptist

June 12
Community Townhall Series on Bullying: “Enough Already!” Recognizing and identifying bullying, stories and concerns, parents voices; 6:30 to 8 pm: 419-720-7002

June 16-18
CHAMPS Camp: ProMedica program to provide resources and support to area children to help them cope with a loved one’s cancer; Ages 6 and up; 9 am to 3 pm; UT Recreation Center: 419-824-1004

June 21
St. Mark Baptist Church Family and Friends Reunion Picnic: Ottawa Park; 11 am to 6 pm; Food, fun and fellowship; Register by May 18: 419-460-0389
Jack & Jill’s Juneteenth 5K Run/Walk 2014: 9:10 am; Swan Creek Preserve Metroparks; Registration between 7:30 and 8:30 am; Commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S.: 419-705-5773

June 22
New Prospect Church 47th Church Anniversary Finale: 4 pm; Guest Rev. Arnold Taylor and Beulah Baptist
Alpha Phi Alpha Recognizes High School Seniors

Special to The Truth

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc awarded $5,000 in scholarships to five local male high school seniors during a ceremony at the Heatherdowns Country Club.

The event opened with a welcome by the Scholarship Committee Chairman Jose G. Rosales, director of Educational Affairs for the Toledo chapter. Scholarship Committee members, Andre Page and LaMar Anderson, bestowed the awards on the recipients who are as follows:

Jordan Bush is a graduating senior from Lakewood St. Edwards High School. During high school, Bush has been involved in varsity football, Mock Trial, and Film Society. In addition, he volunteered in his community with organizations such as Jack and Jill of America, Cleveland International Film Festival, and the 2013 Presidential Inauguration.

The phrase, “Be the Best” is something that has been passed down from generation to generation in Bush’s family. He is continuing the family tradition of obtaining a college education, by attending Loyola Marymount University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Business.

Bush stated in his essay that this scholarship will help him achieve his academic goal, in turn, it will allow him to fulfill a personal dream of one day being able to help a kid like him pursue his or her educational dreams.

Solomon B. Collins is a graduating senior from Maumee Valley Country Day School. During high school, Collins has participated in Maumee Valley Country Day School and AAU Basketball, Global Scholars Program, Creative Writing Club and several other extracurricular activities. In addition, he has volunteered through the Swan Creek Care Center, Toledo Food Bank, and People to People community service in Australia.

Collins has had the opportunity to travel abroad, and observe firsthand some of the differences between cultures and to understand the need for people to adopt a more global perspective. When asked why he wants to give back to the African-American community, Collins simply replied, “Why Not?”

“My goal is to voice to showcase the kind of African-American males that make up my life, those who are strong pillars in their families and in our community, working to make life better for themselves, their families and our collective community.”

In the fall, he will attend Loyola University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in International Relationships, Economics, & Journalism.

Keith Pace, Jr. is a graduating senior from St. John’s Jesuit High School. During high school he has been very active in his community through the King Academy, Jeremy Lincoln Program and as a worship leader and usher at his church.

Pace enjoys helping the youth and people in need, as he feels passionate about becoming a role model for the next generation. His future plans include attending Otterbein University to earn a bachelor’s degree in Physical Therapy. Upon graduation, Pace plans to attend graduate school and intern for a team in the National Football League.

Pace is certain that by attending college and graduate school, he will have the education, skills, and expertise required to make a positive impact on the community.

Scott High School Summer Activities and Events

Events:
June 7, 2014- noon-4pm
- Scott High School Community Bash (During the Old West End Festival!)
  - Food, Games, Face painting, bounce houses, dunk tank, DJ
  - The JAMM, live jazz on the lawn at 2pm

June 18, 2014- 3:30p-5:30p
- The CARE Team
  - Mobile resources, benefits and food giveaway.
  - Free cell phones for qualified individuals
  - Enter through door #20 in rear of the building

Programs:
June 9-20, 2014- 9a-3p
- Camp Fundamentals
  - Academic enrichment with a focus on FUN
  - Lunch provided
  - The program is FREE but you MUST BE REGISTERED. Space is limited Call 419.671.4000 to register

June 6-20, 2014- 8:00-1:30pm
- S.T.R.I.V.E.
  - Parents if you are concerned about your child’s ability to pass all parts of the required Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), the STRIVE Tutorial Summer Program may be the answer.
  - The program is designed to prepare students in Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading or Writing enrichment with instruction for up to two OGT subjects. It also includes anti-drug education conducted by Toledo Police Officers. The classes will be held Friday June 6, 2014 through Friday June 20, 2014 from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm daily.
  - If you are interested in the program, please contact Officer Wormely at (419) 245-1367. Due to limited class sizes, children must be registered and registration Fee ($35) received by June 4, 2014. Registration forms are available at your TPS school counselor or the Ottawa Park Police Substation 2145 N. Cove.

Daily Throughout the Summer
- Open lunch site
  - Any child between the ages of 5-18 can drop in and eat lunch at Scott during the summer
  - Not limited to Scott High School Students
  - Daily throughout summer

Adult Opportunities
- Monday & Wednesday- Ottawa County Career Center GED Classes 1-3p. Call 419.661.6555 to register.
  - Tuesday- Financial Opportunity Center- Mobile Benefits Counselor 10-2p. Call 419.671.4000 for information
  - Thursday- Knitting Club- Noon-2p
quired to be a leader in the field of physi-
cal therapy, which will permit him to use
those skills to assist those in need in the
African-American community.

Torrence P. Price is a graduating se-
nior from Central Catholic High School.
During high school, he participated in
football, Toledo EXCEL program, and
has maintained a part-time job at Mc-
Donald’s. In addition, he has volunteered
in various capacities to include: Summer
Camp Counselor at the Frederick Douglas
Center, Habitat for Humanity and Nurtur-
ing Hearts Homes.

In a Letter of Recommendation, he was
described as “humble and kind”. He has
the kind of humility that will advance him
in all that he attempts in life. He invites
his friends over for dinner, and is always
concerned whether or not they have lunch
money on any given day.

In the fall, Price will attend Hampton
University to start his journey to earn the
Doctor of Pharmacy degree, which re-
quires six years of study. He does not
only want to dispense medication, but
he wants to provide advise to his com-
community and to be a liaison between com-
community members and insurance compa-
ies.

Keon Rayford is a graduating senior
from Rogers High School. During high
school, Rayford has participated in Var-
sity football, The University of Toledo
Upward Bound program, and worked
a part time job. He has also given back
to his community at the Cherry Street
Mission, Life Bridge, and through his
efforts in a Book Bag Drive.

Rayford is the older of three in his
house, and his biggest motivation to
pursue a college degree is to lead by ex-
ample for his two younger brothers.

Growing up near the City Park neigh-
borhood, he has witnessed firsthand the nega-
tive impact of having little to no positive
black male influence in his community. In
his letter of recommendation, Rayford is
described as a “great example of what
we aspire to see each of our program par-
cipants do. His potential for excel-
lence is unlimited.”

In the fall, Rayford will attend
Kentucky State University to earn a
bachelor’s degree in accounting. His
biggest source of motivation is being
able to give back to those that have
given him so much, from his mother,
his two little brothers, and those men-
tors that he has gained through pro-
grams such as Upward Bound.
Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union Launches Capital Campaign

By Artisha S Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union became the first, and remains the only, community development credit union in the city of Toledo, since opening its doors in July 1996. Local community leaders founded the credit union including: Ken Alderson, Suzette Cowell (the first and only CEO the credit union has known) Rev. Robert Culp, Roosevelt Gant, Minister Rick Hunter, Alto King Jr., Edwin Mabrey and Bishop Duane Tisdale.

The credit union held a meeting with community stakeholders on May 20, 2014, hosted by Sarah Bates at her Career Pathway Center on Trust Drive, to announce campaign progress – the Building Better Futures Campaign – and provide visuals of the pending building.

Currently, the credit union manages 2,100 individual members, 129 organization memberships and assets of more than $4.3 million within rented office space in a strip mall located on Dorr Street.

“Our Toledo-area community is needed to participate in this event, that will jump start a building that will be here for a long time. We plan to occupy the new building within one year,” said Michael Killian, Toledo Urban Foundation board member.

The proposed 3,200 square-foot facility would provide confidential space for banking and business purposes, include an ATM and drive-up window, and provide an additional 25 parking spaces for members at the intersection of Detroit Avenue and Dorr Street. The campaign goal is $750,000 will cover the design and construction of the facility and also opening operational costs. The Foundation has raised over $360,000 in pledges.

“We have gained tremendous ground, our membership has grown. There is no breathing room in the current location, expansion is necessary to continue our serve to the community. It’s a necessity to move,” said Deborah Beyer, Toledo Urban Foundation board member.

Campaign donations are payable to Toledo Urban Foundation, Inc. The foundation was organized in 2012 to raise funds on behalf of the credit union to achieve success in the campaign and provide ongoing support of the credit union’s mission.

“Anyone can contact the credit union with questions. Our hope is that the community will help us build the new facility. This credit union is a community resource and asset. Donations of a dollar or over a period of years will help,” said Richard LaValley, Jr. Toledo Urban Foundation board president.

TUFCU Board of Directors are: Frances Smith, president; Leo Martinez, vice president; Suzette Cowell, CEO and treasurer; Edwin Mabrey, secretary; Adele Jaison, Supervisory Committee; Charles Welch; Ray Wood and Fletcher Word.

Toledo Urban Foundation Inc. Board Members are: Richard LaValley, Jr, president; Sister Pamela Buganski, vice president; Deborah Beyer, treasurer; Frances Smith, secretary; Laurie Cantrell, Suzette Cowell, Michael Killian, Laura Lloyd-Jenkins, John Szuch, and James Weber.
Stand and Deliver Open Mic and Showcase: Celebrating the Life of Patrice Davis

By Carla Yvette
Soulcial Scene Editor

“At first it was a little too soon for me to want to think again about my daughter’s death” was the sentiment expressed by Patrice Davis’ father, Vincent Davis, at the community event, “Stand and Deliver Open Mic and Showcase: Celebrating the Life of Patrice Davis,” held May 9 at the Collingwood Center for Performing Arts.

“And we are not people who accept charity generally speaking but really,” said Davis. “It’s not about us, it’s about people wanting to participate in the education of her boys, Julian, Justice and Jacob, and it’s about the community wanting to have a piece of Patrice again and a piece of the success of her boys as well as the young artists program that spurned her in the first place.”

The event held in memory of Patrice Davis and to benefit her passions – her children and the Young Artists At Work program – was a culmination of efforts by people who knew and loved her.

“Stand and Deliver Open Mic and Showcase: Celebrating the Life of Patrice Davis” was the event held in memory of Patrice Davis and to benefit her passions – her children and the Young Artists At Work program – was a culmination of efforts by people who knew and loved her.

Said close friend Angie Marbais: “We’re having this event tonight to celebrate the life of Patrice Davis. Patrice was known in the community for her art and poetry and was a really powerful person through her poetry.”

Hosted by Charlie Mack of 107.3, the night witnessed such talents as Majestic Praise Choir, Yusuf Lateef, Carmen Miller, Kool Keith, Hunter Prey, Flow, Johnnie Mae, Elevated Thinkin, Krystal Monique, Glass City Hustlers (Hustle Group), Saxophonist Katrina Barnhill, Ray Armstrong and The 18th as well as Open Mic and a Resolution presented in honor of Davis and a silent auction.

The impact Davis had on peoples’ lives was evidenced by the eclectic group of audience members in attendance as well as the performers who came to pay honor. Kesha Machaterre, who met Davis about six years ago says, “The response from the community of people who wanted to participate in the event was overwhelming, we had to turn some acts away.”

The heartfelt sentiments of those who knew and loved her can be... continued on page 7
summed up in the words of friend Kameron Kyser: “Patrice Davis was many things to many people, but the one thing that was most revealing, and most God given, was her talents. This beautiful soul used her hands to share her soul, and we being the benefactor of her sculptures, paintings, and poems, loved her for that.

“She left us amazed, that her soul talked so candid through her work. She invited all in range to the no holds barred brutal-ness of her truth. Sharing openly and honestly her life through her gift, and we embraced her as friends, loved ones, and those who just respect someone willing to just be themselves in spite of the pressure to be something else.

“Because of this connection, we the community asked the question: How do you give back to that? How do you say we love you and miss you? How do we contribute to the person we came to love and know? The beautiful answer is you really can’t, so we hold on tight to those moments and memories in time, and we celebrate the person we’ve come to love and cherish, by giving back to what she loved and cherished. Patrice was a student of the Art Commission’s Young Artist At Work Program, later to become a teacher of that same program. She also left behind three beautiful children.

“That is how we give back to her, by doing what she loved: the arts, and giving to what she cherished, YAAW and her children. It was nice to see the community come together for something bigger than us all. Even though Patrice is not here, she continues to do good work.”

The event was free with a request for donations. All proceeds benefit the Art Commission’s Young Artist At Work Program, and the Davis Scholarship for her three children.

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To Apply online please visit www.nosf.org and click “I Want to Apply” or call (419) 720-7048. Scholarship Application deadline is May 30, 2014.
African American Initiative of United Way hosts Recognition Ceremony and Celebration of Success!

By Carla Yvette
Soulcial Scene Editor

The African American Initiative (AAI) of the United Way of Greater Toledo hosted its annual recognition ceremony and celebration of success, May 12, in the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University.

Students from The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes University and Owens Community College received scholarship awards funded by AAI. In addition, the AAI celebrated the launch of Real Men READ-y; a collaborative partnership with AAI, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Read for Literacy and Toledo Public Schools.

AAI is an affinity group of United Way of Greater Toledo. It is comprised of a diverse group of corporate, professional and nonprofit community leaders charged with positively impacting the African-American community.

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The Sojourner’s Truth

The 49th Cotillion Ball, highlighting 11 weeks of rehearsals and activities,” said Club President Denise Black-Poon during her opening greetings.

The debutantes paraded down the walkway and around the dance floor before presenting a cotillion waltz and parents waltz. Presented this year were: Debutante Sania Bauswell and Debutante Alaine Durden of St. Ursula Academy; Debutante Tiane Bluitt, Debutante Davonna Felder, Debutante Jordana Greenlee, and Debutante Rosalyn Whickum of Central Catholic High School; Debutante Anastasia Rubin of Woodward High School; Debutante Brianna Stewart of Toledo Christian High School; and Debutante Marquelle Williams of Rogers High School.

The program incorporated various rites of passage activities including the presentation of pearls by Debs-In-Waiting to the current 2014 Debutantes. The 2014 Debs-In-Waiting: Emerly Beasley, La’Shay Macon, Derriana Sanderfer, and Sha’Ron Shelton of Central Catholic High School; Arielle Brailey, Notori Moore, and Maya Prince of Springfield High School; Djnream Carter of Toledo School of the Arts; Christa Cunningham and Debutante Deonne Williams of Bowsher High School; Aloe Jackson, Gabrielle Skibinski and Jacqueline Stewart of Start High School; Taylor Longas of Notre Dame Academy; and Taylor Riggs of Rogers High School.

“Those young ladies represent the best of our Toledo community. Our judges will select the outstanding Debutante, the cream of the crop.

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and each of our Debutantes is winners for just their participation,” shared Deborah Carlisle, Cotillion talent co-chairman.

The NANBPWC Toledo Club presented a certificate of appreciation to each escort for their service. The 2014 Escorts are: Tyler Banknight, John Glover III, Christopher Lett, Christian Lett, Marwan Allen-Marsenburg, Robert Calvin, Joseph Smith, Tre’ Mack, Michael Moore, Rickey Griffin, Anthony Stufolino, Monroe Smith IV, Day’Shawn Jones, Je’ Fron Townsend, Tyson Proctor, Donte Woods, Christian King, Nathaniel Harris, and Lyndon Fisher.

Immediately following the waltz and intermission, the debutantes and escorts received awards. Every escort earned a certificate of appreciation and Escort Stufolino earned escort of the year. Debutantes Jackson, Cunningham and Stewart placed in the talent competition, Debutante Brunner earned Ms. Congeniality, and the 2014 Debutante was Carla Cunningham.

Debutante Cunningham received roses as she stood beside the 2013 Debutante. Cunningham earned several thousand dollars in academic scholarships. She was presented by Robert Cunningham, sponsored by Selan and Robert Cunningham, and escorted by Michael Moore.

First time Debutante parent Lavada Griswold urges parents and daughters to participate in upcoming Debutante programs. “I wanted to expose her to society and improve her growth as a young woman. An opportunity to interact with women of different backgrounds, she learned how to be on time and etiquette. My daughter Anastasia plans to major in social work and attend Eastern Michigan,” said Griswold.

The NANBPWC Toledo Club celebrates 50 years of service and has sponsored the Debutante Ball since 1965. The NANBPWC Toledo Club officers are: Denise Black-Poon, president, Wanda Terrell, 1st vice president; Frances Collins, EdD, 2nd vice president; Ethel Scott, director of membership, Denise Cardwell, recording secretary, Clara Brank, assistant recording secretary and chaplain; Sharon Green-Gaines, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian; Barbara Tucker, financial secretary and Wilma Brown, treasurer.

Wilma Brown, former president of Toledo City Council, is the long-time chairman of the Cotillion Committee.
AAI’s primary focuses are aligned with the goals of United Way of Greater Toledo by prioritizing opportunities that improve education, income and health within the African-American community.

Scholarship awardees were selected by their respective university’s faculty and staff to interview and were selected by members of the AAI scholarship committee based on need and pre-determined criteria. Awards ranged from $500-$1000 per student.

Real Men READY is a pilot program that recruits, trains and places African-American adult working/retired males to read and interact with 12 African-American kindergarten boys at Leverette Elementary School.

AAI of United Way partners with Read for Literacy, Inc. staff to operate the pilot, which includes a comparative study that will measure outcomes of success for participants near the end of May 2014. AAI of United Way also partners with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and Toledo Public Schools for this initiative.

The goal of Real Men READY is to ensure that African-American male children have the necessary literacy skills to be successful in school from kindergarten to high school graduation. The pilot also seeks to encourage and motivate students to enjoy the gift of reading.
Kayaking, bicycling and other forms of outdoor recreation are growing in popularity, and Metroparks is offering new programs to help people enhance their skills and plan their summer adventures.

Many of the new outdoor skills programs will be featured during an Outdoor Adventure Expo, May 31 from noon to 4 p.m. at Side Cut Metropark in Maumee. Activities will be held at the Silver Lake Area.

Canoeing and kayaking; backpacking, day hiking and camping; fishing and wildlife watching; archery, geocaching and bicycling are among the activities that visitors can try or learn more about during the free community event. Food vendors will be available.

Informational workshops and “Try It” events will be offered by Metroparks staff and representatives of local outfitters and outdoor recreation organizations.

Bass Pro Shops is a major sponsor of the Expo. Other participants include:

- Bowling Green State University Outdoors Program
- Boy Scouts of America
- Dave’s Running
- Eddie Bauer
- Friends of Side Cut
- Girl Scouts of America
- Maumee Valley Adventurers
- Mountain Mentors
- MS Society Bike to the Bay
- Naturalist Scouts
- Nature’s Nursery
- NW Ohio River Runners
- ODNR Division of Wildlife
- Outdoor Women
- River Lures
- Toledo Bikes!
- Toledo River Gang
- University of Toledo Office of Recreation

New Outdoor Skills Programs

The Expo is the kickoff for a new series of outdoor skills programs, including archery, kayaking, camping and more. For program information, go to MetroparksPrograms.com and click on the Outdoor Skills icon. The new programs will be offered at various Metroparks.

WGTE Public Media Hosts Peg + Cat = Fun!, a Free Family Event at East Toledo Family Center

- Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. -

WGTE Public Media invites families to the East Toledo Family Center, 1020 Varland Avenue, on Saturday, June 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Peg + Cat = Fun!, an afternoon of educational, fun-filled, hands-on activities designed especially for children two to eight-years-old.

The event is inspired by WGTE and PBS Kids’ new hit show, “Peg + Cat,” which airs every day at 9:00 a.m. on WGTE Public Television. Each episode of “Peg + Cat” follows the adorable, spirited Peg and her sidekick Cat as they embark on adventures and learn introductory math concepts and skills.

Many of the hands-on activities at WGTE’s Peg + Cat = Fun! event on June 7 will have a math-based focus, appropriate for children two to eight-years-old. Peg + Cat = Fun! is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

SuperWhy!, the star of another popular WGTE and PBS Kids’ show, “SuperWhy!,” will be on hand throughout the event to meet his young fans.

Racism is a hidden and little understood phenomenon by those who have not experienced it. If this deadly but often subtle evil is to be countered, I believe that it is incumbent upon the black community to speak out and expose ambiguous racial meanings.

I also believe that The Blade and many other well-intentioned non-racists in Toledo are sincere. But, I believe also that, like Yark Automotive, “they should prove it.”

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May 28, 2014

Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

So much has happened since you started school last fall.
You’ve made new friends, first of all.
You’ve learned new things, both in class and out. Maybe you’ve grown a couple inches, found a new talent, dreamed big, or mastered something challenging.

A lot can happen in a year, especially when everything else changes, too. In the book Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes, it happens even faster with history behind it to push.

More than anything, Sugar hated sugar.
It bit her face and fingers at harvest time, and made them bleed. Cutting left blisters on her hands. Sugar cane got in her hair and there was no escaping the smell of it. When Missus Beale made a meal with sugar, it turned Sugar’s stomach.

Sugar was sure there had to be a reason why Ma named her after that crop but there was no way of knowing, since Ma had died.

Much as she hated it, though, working with sugar cane was all that 10-year-old Sugar had ever known. She was born on River Road Plantation and that’s where she stayed – even though the end of the Civil War meant she could go anywhere. She stayed because her freedom meant that her Pa was free, too. She hoped he’d return to River Road.

In the meantime, Mister and Missus Beale took care of Sugar. Mister Beale told her stories of Br’er Rabbit, and he said he liked her “spunk.” Missus Beale tried to keep Sugar busy, but Sugar often wondered why she couldn’t play with Billy Wills, her friend and the son of River Road’s owner.

But that wouldn’t happen easily: her friendship with Billy worried Missus Beale. What’s more, everybody on River Road was concerned about the fact that Mister Wills was bringing Chinamen to the plantation to work. He’d decided that a handful of elderly ex-slaves couldn’t handle the harvest anymore – which might’ve meant that everyone would lose their jobs, although Sugar wasn’t sure if that was really true.

The Chinese seemed nice. They were eager to teach her about their culture and to learn hers. Still, with all the changes at River Road, wasn’t it better to convince the Beales that it was time to head north?

Without a doubt, your child has already learned something about the Civil War. She’s aware of what happened then – but what about what happened afterward?

Sugar tells some of the tale.
In her notes, author Jewell Parker Rhodes explains what she discovered and how she initially intended to write an adult book about the post-War years, until she envisioned a little girl who just wanted to be a kid.

Young readers will be glad she did: despite the uncertainty she feels about the changes that occurred, Sugar manages to keep a watchful, self-aware innocence mixed with joy. That brings this story beyond the dates-and-facts of history, and gives it a kid-friendly sense your eight-to-12-year-old will like. As an end-of-school read, in fact, or to keep her occupied this summer, Sugar is a book she’ll fall for.

Sugar
Jewell Parker Rhodes
Author of the Coretta Scott King Honor Book Ninth Ward

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Refinery Operator (Toledo Refining Company)

**Overview**
The Toledo Refining Company is located in Oregon, Ohio. It is owned by PBF Energy LLC. The refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of 170,000 barrels per day.

**Description**
A Refinery Operator works 12 hour rotating shifts on various units within the refinery which process crude oil as a feed stock in order to produce gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, various chemicals and other products. Our Company is committed to a foundation of safe and environmentally compliant operations so Operators must follow all procedures and safe work practices. New hires will be required to complete a 36 month apprenticeship program. Starting pay is $26.54 per hour.

**Responsibilities**
An Operator may be responsible for: maintaining equipment and operations; climbing ladders, tanks and towers up to 200 ft.; taking samples/readings of various process streams; initiating work orders and assignments. The Operator will oversee all design, construction and modernization with dollar values ranging from the thousands into the millions; develop and finalize modernization with dollar values ranging from the thousands into the millions; develop and finalize modernization with dollar values ranging from the thousands into the millions; and acquire necessary permit approvals.

**Basic/Required Qualifications**
Must be at least 18 years of age; be legally authorized to work in the United States without restrictions; hold a High school diploma or equivalent; be willing to perform/comply with the following: working overtime; working on holidays and weekends; working in enclosed/confined spaces, such as tanks and towers; working with large, hot, high-speed machines; lifting a minimum of 50 pounds; working around chemicals; wearing fire retardant clothing and personal protective equipment; maintaining your face daily so that a respirator/face mask can seal properly; performing fire fighting duties; working outside in harsh weather conditions; and working with petroleum products and support systems that are under high pressure and heat.

**Conditions of Employment**
Written tests and assessments; reading physical criteria for the job; a physical skills demonstration test; ability to demonstrate basic computer skills; pass a background check and drug screening; be eligible to qualify or hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) card; and be eligible to qualify or hold a State of Ohio 3rd Class Steam Engineer License (SEL) within 24 months of employment.

In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit their resume in Microsoft Word format per the following process on or before 11:59 P.M. of May 25, 2014. All applicants must provide a valid e-mail address where they can be contacted. Applications must be received by June 2. All contact information must be accurate and up to date. Phase I consists of 4 tests. Relaxation is not available for this position. All interested candidates may apply by going to www.pbenergy.com and selecting the Career tab. Once on the career page, candidates can click on view our current job opportunities; click on Toledo Refining Company; search jobs and apply to the job opportunity listed as “Refinery Operator.”

**EOE/M/F/D/V**

**Send resume to:**
Human Resources - PHP
Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
1425 Starr Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615
Fax: 419-936-7574
Email: hr@unisonbhg.org

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**ClinicalTherapist-DiagnosticAssessor**

**Full-time**

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Unison is seeking Therapists to provide services to children with severe mental and emotional disorders in the Outpatient Partial Hospitalization Program. Duties will include completing diagnostic assessments, developing and coordinating treatment plans, and providing individual, group, and family therapy, group support and case management.

**Send resume or apply to:**
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**Notice to Bidders:** Inquiry # FY14-90, (Project # 6000-13-1728) for Substation Emergency Power for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Dr., MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of $75.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Roger DeBelly of JDRM Engineering at 419-824-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 227, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%.

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**CLINICAL THERAPIST/DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSOR**

**Full-time**

NEW! SIGNING BONUS FOR THIS POSITION!

Clinical Therapist/Diagnostic Assessor needed to complete diagnostic assessments and provide group and individual therapy to adults and children. Qualified candidates must have strong clinical skills including the ability to make clinical decisions, knowledge of theoreo-pedagogical principles and practices, thorough knowledge of DSM-IV and strong group process skills. Bachelor’s degree and Ohio licensure as an LSWW preferred. Bachelor’s degree and Ohio licensure as an LSWW preferred.

Send resume to:
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**The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA)**

**Modernization**

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is seeking a **Director of Planning, Development & Modernization** responsible for the overall planning, management and design of construction activity involved in the delivery of a multi-million dollar construction and modernization program in a complex public housing authority environment. The Director will: oversee all design, construction and modernization with dollar values ranging from the thousands into the millions; develop and finalize all related construction, modernization, and maintenance bidding and contract documents; approve various drawings and specifications to assure conformance to HUD guidelines, maintenance standards, and LMHA procurement policies; review contractor performance to assure contractual provi¬sions are being met including ECO, payroll, quality and production schedules; conduct inspections; oversee packaging of redevelopment activities including financing, partnerships and other required mandates; and monitor and track the Capital Fund Program (CFP). Requirements: Master’s Degree in Urban Planning, Public Administration, Real Estate Development, Engineering or Architecture and five years of work experience as an administrator for programs involving housing development or housing finance required; or Bachelor’s Degree in Urban Planning, Public Administration or Real Estate Development, Engineering or Architecture and ten years experience as a Senior Planner or Project Manager for real estate rehabilitation or development activities or equivalent; and experience in planning and consent. Demonstrated experience with an understanding of contracts, plans and specifications, construction methods, materials and regulations, and housing development. If interested in this exceptional opportunity, please submit a detailed resume immediately to: Gans, Gans & Associates, 7445 Quail Meadow Road, Plant City, FL 33566, Fax: (813) 986-4775, E-mail: Ray@gansgans.com. Only applications received by Friday, June 6, 2014 will be accepted.

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**NO PHONE CALLS**

Equal employment opportunity shall be afforded to all qualified persons without regard to age, race, color, religion, religious creed, sex, military status, ancestry, disability, marital or sexual orientation, genetic information or national origin.

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**EOE**
Eighteen young ladies dressed in white completed the rites of passage and were presented at the annual Debutante Ball sponsored by Toledo Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club, Inc on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at the Stranahan Theater.

"Welcome and thank you for sharing your night with us. Tonight marks... continued on page 9"