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TUFCU's Building Better Futures Campaign



Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken, Toledo Urban Foundation President Richard LaValley, TUFCU CEO Suzette Cowell, Career Pathway Center's Sarah Bates

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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 Barack 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 (Ga.) Cynthia McKinney, who stated "Well, I've never heard his music, but I would presume that his music is as cacophonous and unpleasing 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 steeped in his own arrogant supremacy could get away with insulting women, the LGBTQ community, blacks, mixed-race individuals in one fell swoop while singing a song of lust after a mere child. Well done, Toledo Blade, for demonstrat-

ing an absolute and total lack of judgment."

The real drama, however, is not Mr. Nugent's group slurs, but The Blade's public backing of his appearance while simultaneously portraying itself as racially tolerant by sponsoring local forums on racism which it claims are designed "to change minds and change lives."

Where is the outcry from the NAACP or the Toledo Community Coalition, a partner with The Blade on the issue of racial reconciliation and a group originally founded upon a protest around the equitable distribution of resources to the black community? Crickets.

Better yet, where is the outcry from labor? While several unions have been quite outspoken in calling for the resignation of Councilman Larry Sykes for

his claim of being profiled for driving while black, not a peep has been heard from them concerning The Blade's contradictory preaching of racial harmony while simultaneously sowing seeds of racial discord.

Yark Automotive, to its credit, pulled out as a sponsor of 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

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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

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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 schools 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. Johns 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 re-

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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-5:30pm

- The CARE Team
- Mobile resources, benefits and food giveaway.
- Free cell phones for qualified individuals
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Programs-

June 9-20, 2014- 9a-3p

- Camp Fundamentals
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June 6-20, 2014- 8:00-1:30pm

- S.T.R.I.V.E.
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The program is designed to prepare students in Math, Science, So-

cial 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.

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quired to be a leader in the field of physical 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 senior from Central Catholic High School. During high school, he participated in football, Toledo EXCEL program, and has maintained a part-time job at McDonald's. In addition, he has volunteered in various capacities to include: Summer Camp Counselor at the Frederick Douglas Center, Habitat for Humanity and Nurturing 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 requires six years of study. He does not only want to dispense medication, but he wants to provide advise to his community and to be a liaison between community members and insurance companies.

Keon Rayford is a graduating senior from Rogers High School. During high school, Rayford has participated in Varsity 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 example for his two younger brothers.

Growing up near the City Park neighborhood, he has witnessed firsthand the negative 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 participants do. His potential for excellence 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 mentors that he has gained through programs such as Upward Bound.

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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 of 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.



Dick La Valley, Debbie Beyer, Mike Killian, Frances Smith, Suzette Cowell, Laurie Cantrell, Edwin Mabrey, Leo Martinez Sr, Charles Welch



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Toledo Urban Foundation Board president Richard LaValley Jr addresses audience



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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. 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 Machatterre, 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

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Vince and Pathy Davis



Event organizer, with Hunter Prey



Event organizer Kameron Kysor with MC Charlie Mack



Event organizers, Angie Marbais and Kesha Machatterre



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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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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 com-

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African Initiative of United Way leaders



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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 Jourdan Greenlee, and Debutante Rosalyn Whickum of Central Catholic High School; Debutante Tateane Bryant and Debutante Kyle Gray of Toledo School of the Arts; Debutante Chayna Crunner and Debutante Jazmin Dazell of Whitmer High School; Debutante Morgan Conner

and Debutante Alize Harris of Scott High School; Debutante Tyla Jackson and Debutante Tanijah Kynard of Bowsher High School; Debutante Carla Cunningham and Debutante Patricia Jones of Toledo Early College 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 Spring-

field High School; Djnream Carter of Toledo School of the Arts; Christa Cunningham, Isis Dixson, Jocelyn Jackson and Deonne Williams of Bowsher High School; Aloe Jackson, Gabrielle Skibinski and Jacqueline Stewart of Start High School; Taylor Lonas of

Notre Dame Academy; and Taylor Riggs of Rogers High School.

"These 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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2014 Escorts



Chairman, Leola Haynes with 2014 Debs-in-waiting

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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 Stuffolino, 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 Stuffolino 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.



Brooklyn Brown, Patsy Haines and Elaine Jones with Sarah and John Bates



Pres. Denise Black Poon with Miss 2014 Debutante, Carla Cunningham and 2013 Miss Debutante, Faith Mitchell



Miss 2014 Debutante, Carla Cunningham with Escort, Michael Moore and parents Robert and Selah Cunningham



Sania Bauswell, Miss 2014 Debutante, Carla Braswell with 2013 Miss Debutante, Faith Mitchell



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(Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be provided)

Workshop II will cover fundraising, campaign fundraising, grassroots organizing, and voter outreach. "Winning the Election" facilitators & panelists include -

President of Toledo City Council, Councilwoman Paula Hicks-Hudson, Councilman Tyrone Riley District 1, Councilman & former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford, Judge Myron Dabanc, Chair of Common Pleas, & Kate Jacobs, AFL - CIO Campaign Coordinator - will share their success strategies on winning an election.

To RSVP, please email aalc119@gmail.com; there is no cost for workshop participants. For additional questions, please contact Tiffany Whitman, at 419-344-7963.

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munity by advocating effective initiatives through strategic partnerships, leadership development and volunteerism.

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 READ-y 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.



Karrie Jackson and Jacqueline Rivers



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Learn It, Try It At Outdoor Adventure Expo

Free Event Saturday, May 31 At Side Cut Metropark

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 (spelling)
 Friends of Side Cut
 Girl Scouts of America
 Maumee Valley Adventurers
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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.

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process involving the continuous, often unconscious, exercise of power predicated in taking for granted the privileging of whiteness." Still embedded in American society, then, are processes that marginalize or discriminate against blacks and other racial groups.

I don't know if The Blade feels that To-

ledo's black community is unintelligent or incompetent to make sound judgment about social and economic issues, or whether it just assumes that our feelings about Nugent and the Rib-Off do not matter. But the take-for-granted assumption that the thinking of their own group – the white privileged – is all that matters, makes a biased claim that The Blade possesses a knowledge of race issues that is superior to the knowledge of those who have experienced it first hand. This "superior" judgment, itself, perpetuates racism according to the accepted definition.

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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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

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279 pages

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.

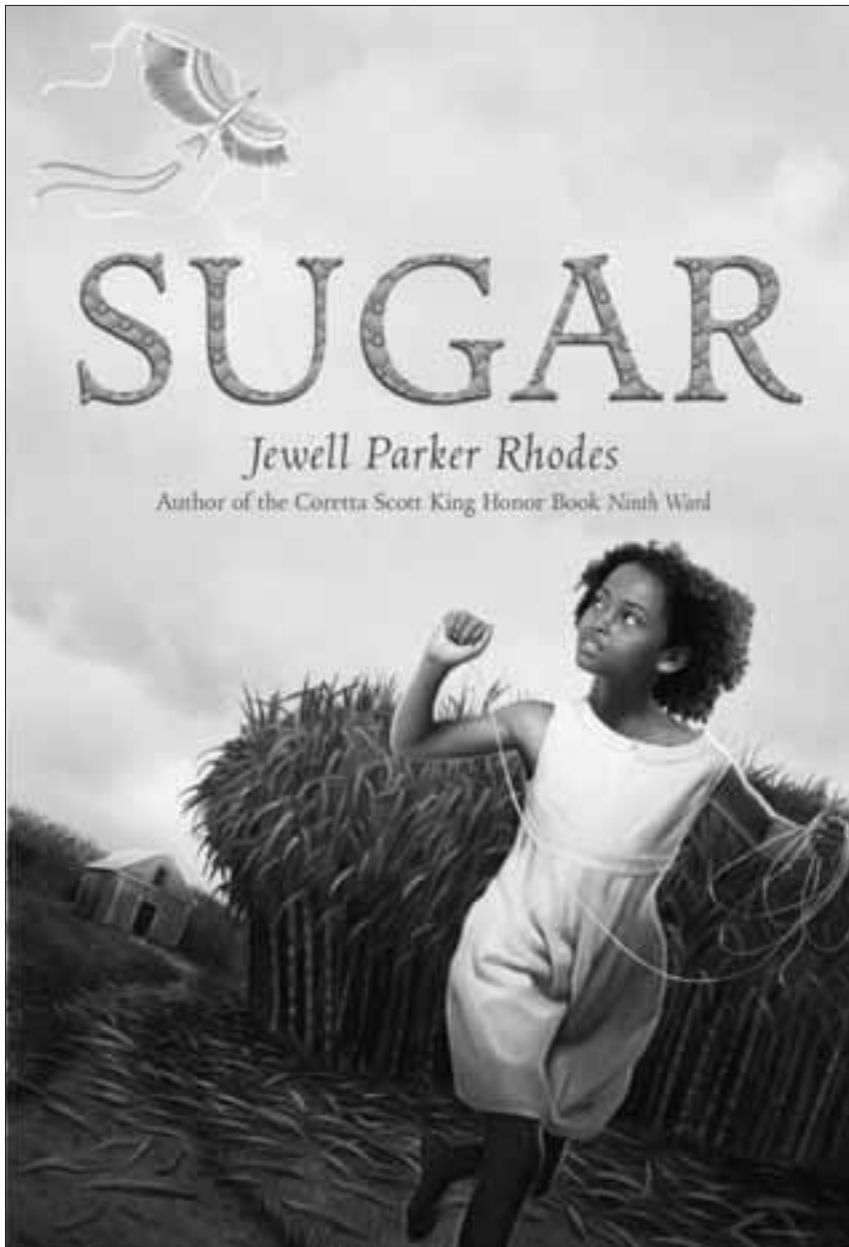
The Chinese seemed nice. They were eager to teach her about their culture and to learn hers. Still, with all the changes at River Road, wasn't it better to convince the Beales that it was time to head north?

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.



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Refinery Operator (Toledo Refining Company) Overview

The Toledo Refining Company is located in Oregon, Ohio and 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 permitting for work related to the assigned unit; maintaining proper and safe process operations of the operating equipment; and communicating effectively during the shift and at shift relief regarding key process unit and equipment information.

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; and hold a current driver's license.

Must 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; meeting 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 as candidates will be notified and assigned a testing date and time by e-mail on or before June 2.** All contact information must be accurate and up to date. Phase 1 consists of 4 tests. Relocation is not available for this position.

All interested candidates may apply by going to www.pbfenergy.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

Clinical Therapist- Children's Partial Hospitalization Program 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 crisis management, group therapy, advocacy, and outreach.

Candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree and current Ohio License as LSW. Master's Degree and current Ohio License as LSW or LPC preferred.

Send resume or apply to:

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Unison Behavioral Health Group, Inc.
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Toledo, OH 43605
Fax: 419-936-7574
Email: hr@unisonbhg.org

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Director of Planning, Development & Modernization

The Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is seeking a **Director of Planning, Development & Modernization**, responsible for the overall management of design and 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 provisions are being met including EEO, 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 construction and 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 33565, Fax: (813) 986-4775, E-mail: Ray@gangsgans.com. **Only applications received by Friday, June 6, 2014 will be accepted.**

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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 Drive, 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%. Project Estimate: \$1,100,000.00; Breakdown: General: \$625,000.00; Plumbing: \$90,000.00; HVAC: \$90,000.00 & Electrical: \$295,000.00.

CLINICAL THERAPIST/DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSOR

Full-time

EW! SIGNING BONUS FOR THIS POSITION!

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Miss Debutante 2014, Carla Cunningham



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Jazmin Dazell presented
by Jeff Dazell

NANBPWC, Inc of Toledo Sponsors Annual Debutante Ball

By Artisha S. Lawson
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

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

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