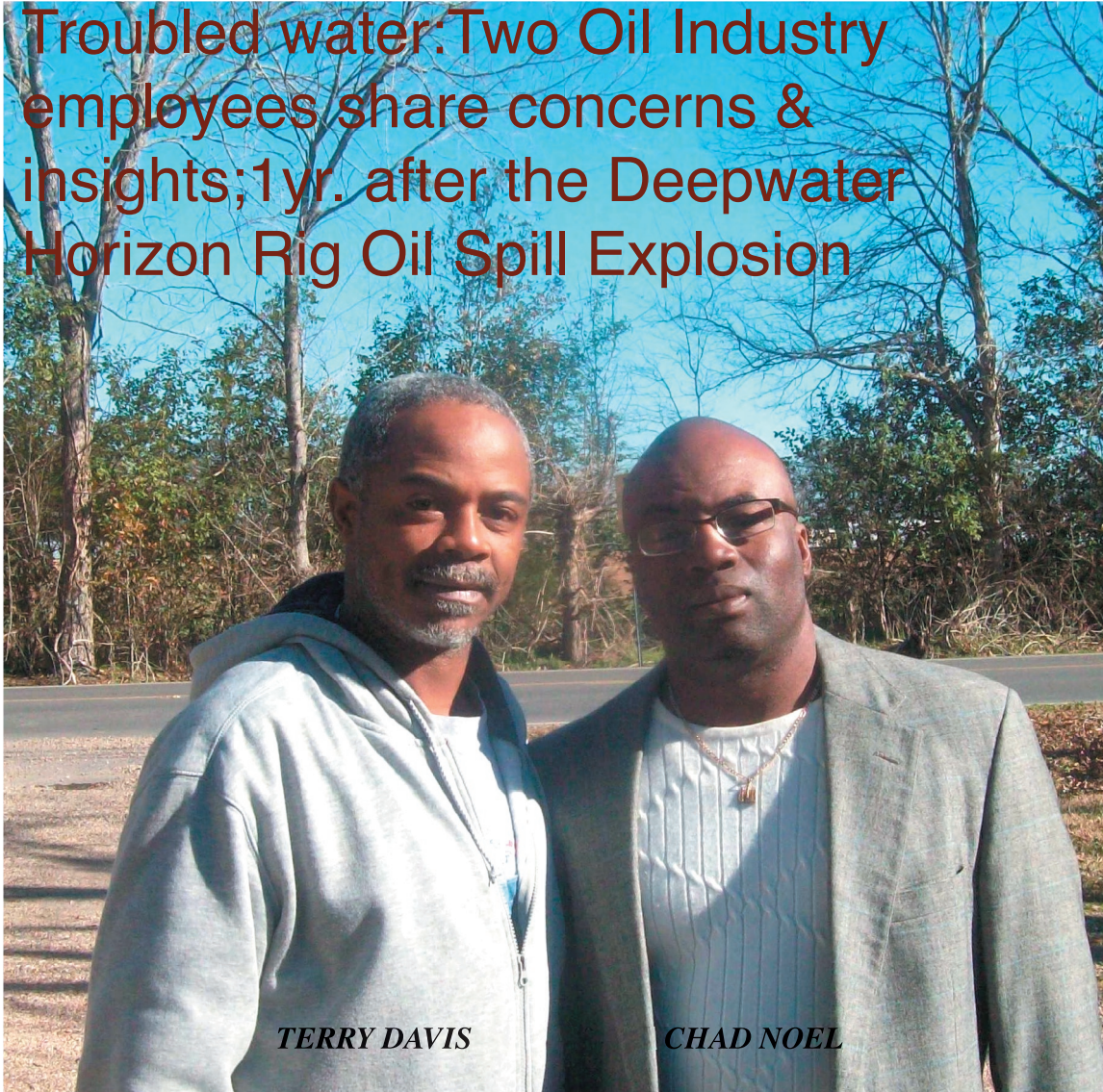


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*Philippians 4 vs. 13*

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*We will have Ve May in our next issue (May 2011), Mother's day.*

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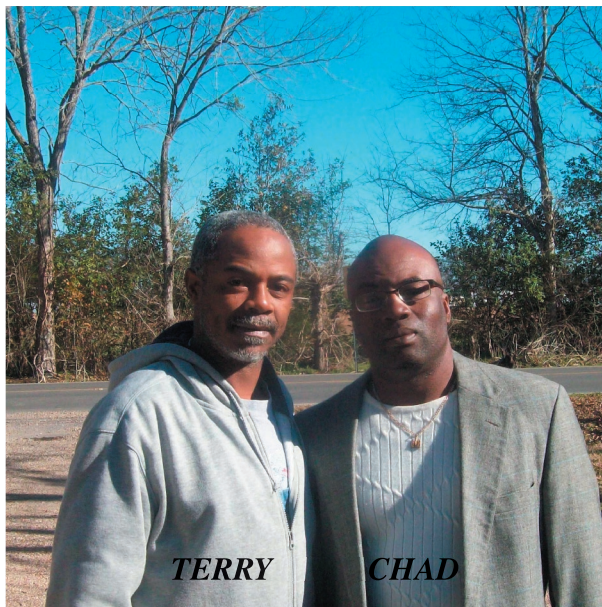
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# Troubled waters

## Two offshore workers say they want change

By: Melissa Tyler

Despite progress in the offshore industry after the BP oil spill last year, two offshore employees have shed new light from their experience on the waters about what has been occurring in their perspectives and changes they would like to see happen.

Chad Noel and Terry Davis, both of Leonville, said it is time for every working man on a rig to unify as a group and say “this is what we want, and this is what we demand.”

“We are not a union, but we can become unified. If we all stand together, we’re going to get what we need, not want exactly, but what we need,” said Noel.

Although he said he has been working in the industry for more than 20 years, Davis said it could be better than what it is.

Noel, an offshore employee working for nearly 15 years in the industry, said, “The oilfield business is designed like any other job; they are designed to protect themselves.”

“Everything is basically about them, but they speak like they care about the hands out there,” said Noel. “That’s the way they move, everything they do is to protect themselves legally. They say it’s for us, but it’s to protect themselves as a company.”

According to Davis, he works 14 days with 14 days off monthly. “If I go to work and I’m sick, they are going to send me home without pay,” he said. “I’m thankful I still have a job, and I’m still working. That’s not the point though, I can get sick. “What about me then?”

“I’ve been stressing having at least seven days of paid sick leave for years,” added Noel. “I cannot work if I’m sick. It’s not that I don’t want to, I’m not physically able to.”

“What about the 11 guys that got killed? Everybody is just looking at I want to collect. Give me this. Give me that. You know that’s wrong,” said Davis. “I’m not here for me, I’m out here to make a paycheck for my family.”

Davis also said he does not want to see anyone on his rig hurt or killed while working. “If I see somebody get killed, that’s a done deal. That’s a wrap. I’ve been out here too long, and I’ve never seen it,” he said. “I hope I never see it, or I’m gone.”

“My personal opinion from my experience is it was shortcuts that led to the BP oil



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**Northside High 2011 Poetry Winners: Honorable Mention** Nicholas S. Belson, 3rd place “My Skin” Adoria Dugas  
2nd place “With Tears Down My Eyes” Jasmine D. Chartain and 1st place “Make A Change” Jakeyla Chavis

***I Don't Believe in History***  
***By: Nicolas Stephen Belson***

I don't believe in history, just lessons revisited  
Cause perspectives change, always 180 pivotin

We started off from a continent over seas  
A rich nation filled with Africa kings and queens  
But our ancestors soon were over powered by greed

So they lost their vision in clouded pay  
Sold men women and children with no option to stay

Not alone yes, cause they had businessmen  
Who would take them to here, just to split us up again

And like in the motherland, a war struck again  
Civil War separated brothers, mothers, and thoughts through the hearts of men

African boys and girls, mothers and fathers took this opportunity to come on top  
They sided with the force that wanted slavery to stop

But there were a few  
Who didn't know what to do  
And resisted the new

But years flew by but race relations hadn't changed  
Segregation had everyone living the same...

As when the war ended,  
No more slave but discrimination's roots were still tended

But Hope was a weed that grew into a flower,  
Turned MLK's dreams into a superpower

From not being able to vote,  
To being lynched and beat to a pulp,  
To blacks self hatin,  
To Barack Obama becoming the president of our nation  
We have brought to the world an INCREDIBLE REVELATION

There is no worth in the underestimation  
Of races of a different nation  
All man were created equally  
Even if the places born were differently  
Placed among the globe  
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*Cont. from page 8:*

*I Don't Believe in History By: Nicolas Stephen Belson*

I said I don't believe in history,

Because the hopes and dreams and the progress of others  
Lives within another

You see history states it happened in the past  
But if it lives on it me it's a time capsule message waitin to be had (F&S)

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**Make A Change**  
**By: Jakeyla Chavis**

Slave Girl. Quietly rocking the baby to sleep.  
Cautious. Hoping the baby will not weep.  
For one peep out of her, the master will come.  
And the girl shall be beaten like an African drum

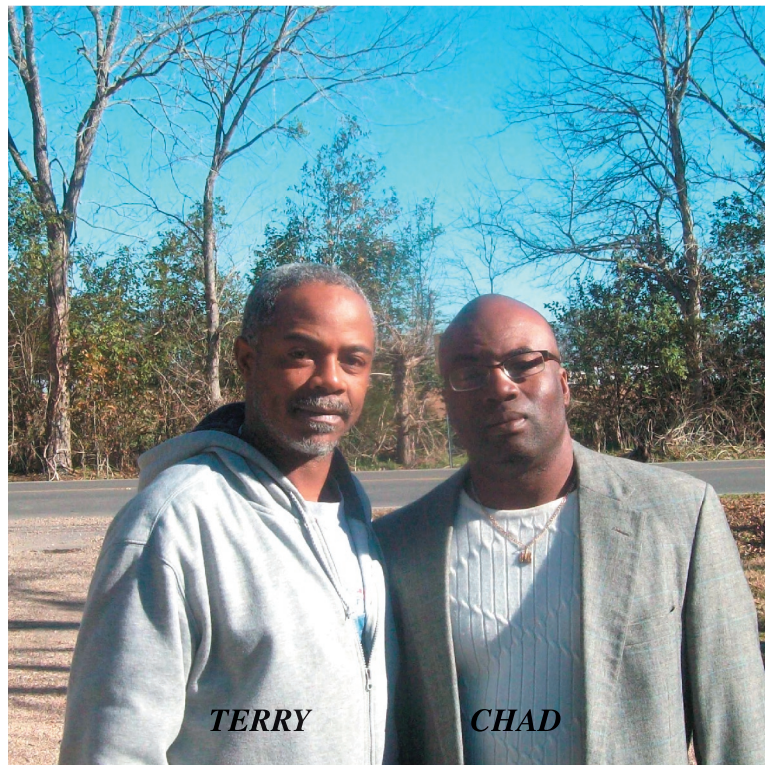
Disrespected Girl. Fresh off the plantation.  
Unemployed. 'Cuz she's a black teenaged mother in this world,  
this damnation  
No job or money. A baby, the color black.  
Calls for her to live a horrible life, and that's a fact.

Segregated Girl. With baby in arm.  
Left out. Can't go in a restaurant 'cuz there's an alarm.  
People spin on her as she walks and calls her names.  
She can't do anything in retaliation, what a shame.

Today's girl. Running around with boys behind her.  
Thinks she's in charge, but the boys really conquer.  
Making babies over here and over there.  
As her parents struggle she's without a care.

The slave, disrespected, segregated girls are ashamed.  
Prayed for us to have it better, in Jesus name.  
We're making it harder on ourselves, how strange.  
Our ancestors are weeping and still praying for us to change.

We have to make a change.



spill incident. Nobody should have died out there,” commented Noel, “and the moratorium that followed did hurt me personally.” “Work had gotten a little slow, but I am now working regularly.”

Although Noel claimed the moratorium affected him, he said he felt it was necessary. “There was some good that came out of it because something had to be done. We have to stop taking shortcuts,” he said. “People say we make good money, but we work in a dangerous environment.”

“I think there’s been a lot of changes in the industry since the BP incident and the moratorium. It got a lot more strict,” said Noel, “but we still have a lot of slackers in a lot of areas that are still taking shortcuts.”

Noel also hinted people in the offshore industry are still not taking safety seriously. “I think they need to get strict on our superiors out there—all of them out there that are taking shortcuts, and their main office has no idea about what is going on,” he said.

“There’s been a lot of hiding going on. I think they need to make more current visits, have stronger stipulations on paperwork and stay on the rig for a certain amount of time to watch and evaluate what is going on,” said Noel.

“There’s been a lot of cutbacks in the company,” added Noel, “and they are cutting back on bonuses and raises.” “We’re not getting recognized for a lot of things we used to get recognized for in order for them to save money.”

“We have bonuses, paid vacation and holidays, but people in the company offices are making the money and getting raises. Hey, let us get some recognition,” he exclaimed, “and let us get some money, too!”

“A pat on the back is a pat on the back. Pay us more money because everything else is going up,” said Davis. Davis and Noel also expressed concern about travel on highways at night and early morning. “When we travel all night on the highway to our destination, some of us have to go straight to work,” said Noel. “You’re fatigued. You are not focused, but they expect you to remain focused.”

“I got to leave like at one in the morning. Sometimes, I just drive 12 hours,” added Davis.

“Some of us have worked all night when it’s time to go home and hit a long drive home. All of that going and coming back needs to be put in perspective and stipulated with companies that we get proper rest prior to going to work and proper rest prior to coming home,” said Noel.

“The companies don’t see it like we see it. I just feel like they are not respecting us out here,” said Davis. “They come to the rig to check this out and look at that, but they are not coming to us and talking to us.”



# My Skin

## By Adoria Dugas

My skin doesn't grant me respect  
Only my actions do  
In fact my skin must work harder for it then all the others do  
I don't know who I am yet, but  
My skin no longer has any excuse  
We wanted to be judged by our character  
But now we portray ourselves as a cartoon  
My skin is why I stand on the shoulder of giants  
Sojourner Truth and Louis Armstrong from  
Martin Luther King Jr. to Aretha Franklin then  
Mea Jemison and now President Barack Obama  
These are legends that have made it through  
I plan on being more then myself  
I plan on being a success too  
I refuse to go back to what I use to do  
I stand on the dreams they had  
That have finally come true  
I plan on making a difference  
My skin will go down in history too (*F&S*)

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# With Tears Down My Eyes

## By: Jasmine D. Chartain

You can't understand so you must above-stand me I'm the same female that terrorizes produced  
beats The base from the speakers matches the beat of my heart If we were to separate it would  
tear me apart I play my part in the game no children allowed

With tears down my eyes I write for my race I know to be my color back then was a dis-  
grace Now we are equal, we are all the same I am happy my country isn't a dictatorship  
it's a shame As I reminisce on the past, slavery is gone But murder is here and that's what  
I fear

Then I take a bow because I don't encourage beef, I don't eat cow And to respect every-  
one is a risk I take To give condolences to myself is a choice I make And as I reminisce  
on my past I remember my heart tight and my fists to my side Balled up, ready to swing  
Fight for no reason, fight for anything I felt like it was for a cause Then them, they call  
the laws But I respect them because the real ones protect me In the future you all will see  
With tears down my eyes I cry Black on black is a well-known fact Is ya'll serious we  
going out like that With a gun to his head, you say he made me do that Then you strike  
him like bowling and run like a cat I hope you understand a gun don't make you a man  
you best believe that But your actions do because when you shoot you're tried as an adult  
And the judge don't care, you pulled the trigger it's your fault

With tears down my eyes I love

My family, friends, and my community

My school Northside, you don't know what it do to me It gives me opportunities despite  
of what they say I tell you I'm kind of mad when school lets out in May I love to learn  
something new and they give me a clue Clues to life that I will use solving the mystery of  
the me I see Cont. on page 14



*Philippians 4 vs 6-9*

*6.Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*7.And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Je'sus.*

*8.Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any be praise, think on these things.*

*9.Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

*Philippians 4 vs. 13*

*13. I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.*

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## With Tears

With tears down my eyes I feel me rise I feel my character coming out the shell

I don't want to touchdown because my field goal is hell My heart is metal and also open, somebody please weld it back together because it feels broken You don't understand so you must above-stand me I play golf with a basketball, I bounce with the club I feel like grandma raise a lady and not a thug I will not let the ignorance rub off on me because I scrub it off of me

With tears down my eyes I explore The streets are mine and it's what I adore So is the interstate  
About 5 decades ago black and white came together to integrate Then the Mexicans come from Mexico they immigrate But I don't hate and discriminate because we are all the same but on different standards  
We all bleed blue because of our red veins and rage I see clearly with 20/12 vision The world won't end because mines is just beginning With tears in my eyes I learn Education is an opportunity and a diploma is what you earn Life isn't fair it's short What's done in the dark stay in your heart It doesn't matter if it comes out or not but if you're guilty your conscience will rot Love is a gamble; I play a game of hearts  
If you have no heart you renege out the relationship tearing it apart And you can't fight with someone who won't get in the ring I learned flowers bloom in March because it's the beginning of spring  
Most of all I learned to love myself because it's the greatest thing (*F&S*)

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