

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

SPEAK UP!

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*This issue is dedicated to the memory of African American Hero  
Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson and the Crew of Space Shuttle Mission STS-107*



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Crew of Space Shuttle  
Mission STS-107



**Michael P. Anderson (Lieutenant Colonel, USAF), Mission Specialist**

Michael P. Anderson was born in Plattsburgh, New York, but called Spokane, Washington, home. He received a B.S. degree in physics/astronomy from the University of Washington and an M.S. degree in physics from Creighton University. Following his college graduation, Anderson was commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF. He served as Chief of Communication Maintenance for the 2015 Communication Squadron and later as Director of Information System Maintenance for the 1920 Information System Group. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and upon graduation was assigned to the Second Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, as an EC-135 pilot. With over 4,000 hours in various models of the KC-135 and T-38 aircraft, Anderson served as an aircraft commander and instructor pilot in the 920<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, and as an instructor pilot and tactics officer in the 380 Refueling Wing, Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York. Anderson was selected as an astronaut for NASA in 1994. He flew on STS-89 (1998), the eighth Shuttle-Mir docking mission and the fifth and last exchange of a U.S. astronaut; STS-89 delivered Andy Thomas to Mir and returned with David Wolf, STS-107 was Anderson's second and last Space Shuttle mission. Anderson and the rest of the Space Shuttle Mission STS-107 Crew died after re-entering the earth's atmosphere when the shuttle disintegrated about 9AM over the Texas-Arkansas skies on February 1, 2003. Please honor the memory and sacrifice of these brave souls.

# WORD ON THE STREET

## **Neighborhood Initiative to deliver a \$75,000 Peer Education Program to Jonathan Street Community.**

The Boys & Girls Club received grant funding to implement a Peer Education program at the Bethel Gardens Community Center. Remember Neighborhood Night on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, when everyone came to the Parkside Community Center (Sumans Avenue) to eat pizza and was paid to fill out surveys? Based on the results of the survey the majority of community that participated in the survey wanted programs for drug and alcohol prevention, job training, Life Skills training, STD & HIV prevention, and parenting skills. The majority wanted the training for ages 13-19 and for the training to be at Bethel Gardens. Questions and concerns about this program that has come up: *Will the program include participants from the Jonathan Street community for which the monies were granted?* Yes, the participants enrolled in the program live or spend their time in the Jonathan Street community. *Why isn't a black organization or an organization from the Jonathan Street community running the program?* Brothers United Who Dare To Care was never invited to participate, plan or advise. No a problem, the program is not BUWDTC's target age group or service area. However, a black run agency from the Jonathan Street community did have an opportunity to submit a program to compete for the funding and attended a meeting about the grant but decided not to apply. *Will all the money be spent on the youth in the program?* Brothers United Who Dare To Care will to publish a line item report as to how ALL funds are allocated for the youth of this community in the Peer Education Program if provided with that information. BUWDTC is asking the community to support the Peer Education Program and participate. Unit Director, Darnell Shaffer, a black man dedicated to serving all youth that he is given the opportunity to, will be running the program. Shaffer is devoted to making opportunities for our youth to be better people.

# POWER TO THE PEOPLE

## **No Smoke Neighborhoods.**

"Keep your butt off my street", will be the sound bite for the front of the "No Smoke Neighborhoods" T-Shirts. The shirts will include art of a giant smoldering cigarette butt and the back of the shirt will have the slogan "No Smoke Neighborhood Hagerstown Maryland". We want to eliminate the unsightly discarded cigarette butts trashing our streets. To be a part of the "No Smoke Neighborhoods" program and proudly wear one of these shirts, contact Brothers United Who Dare To Care 301-393-9290.

# SPEAK UP!

## **Nothing more than: Field hands, House Negroes or Trouble Making Niggers.**

Most Black Americans cannot trace their family history back to the African motherland, and many deny being African. The American slavery system took the Black American's African heritage away and gave them a history that starts with blacks being considered nothing more than: Field Hands, House Negroes or Trouble Making Niggers. The Field Hand was believed to be better suited for domestic work and given less respect than livestock. The slave owner's dog was treated better than the field hand. The field hand labored hard and would never receive the fruit of their labor,

never seeming to get ahead or free from the situation. All the odds were against the field hand. The House Negro somehow met the slave master's approval to actually work in the owner's home, even eating the same foods and wearing the same clothes as the slave owner. The house negro was so devoted they believed that master's water was sweeter than the negro's. Believing that their misplaced loyalty would gain them better treatment, the house Negro would protect and support the master's interest at the cost of their own race, even their own self. Now, that Trouble Making Nigger,

the one that could not shake the need to be free, the one that could not deny the nobility of their blood, the one that would risk life and limb to be treated as a God created human being. The trouble-making nigger wanted to be educated, wanted to contribute to society, wanted to be treated as equal, and now wants reparations for the injustice caused by slavery and the theft of their ancestral ties. Time has past and black history has more to offer. Some blacks continue to live that given past, but which of the three would you have lived to be? Field Hand, House Negro or Trouble Making Nigger?

*Andy Smith, Editor*

**Jamison Door Company “Positions Available” at 55 J.V. Jamison Drive Hagerstown, Maryland.**

(3) Sheet metal mechanic, (1) Small component electrical assembly. Previous experience in manufacturing, machine shop, carpentry, and electrical/ mechanical background. Good work history and work references. Positions are regular, full time and include PAID health care for employee and family. Prescription drug card, dental and vision benefits and paid pension. Applicants must pass physical and drug screen. Start rates \$9.62 to \$10.01 per hour. Apply in Person Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Previous applicants need not apply. Minorities are encouraged to apply.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks you Bill Ballwebber for continuing to support our effort to share computer technology and training. Thank you Darnell Shaffer for pressing forward to help the youth of our community. Thanks to the Herald-Mail for the Black History article by Andrea Rowland, “History in Black & White: Slavery and Separation part of local Heritage”. Thank you Don Brown for the “1999 Facts About Blacks” and the Marvel comic books “Truth – Red, White and Black” telling about the testing done by the World War II Military on Black American males.

# *BACK TO BLACK* History & Culture

“The one great thing about black history, it’s not hard to find, Black stands out in a crowd.”

- Andy Smith

**Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library located in the Brothers United Who Dare To Care office. Library hours 4pm to 6pm Monday thru Thursday or by appointment call 301-393-9290. New arrivals listed below:**

**BOOKS:** “Having Our Say” by the Delaney sisters with Amy Hill Hearth, “Ethical Ambition – Living A Life Of Meaning and Worth” by Derrick Bell, “No Place Like Home” by Gary Younge, “Conversations with Margaret Walker” edited by Mary Emma Graham, “1999 Facts About Black” by Raymond M. Corbin, “Yes! You Can Stop Smoking” by David C. Jones

**Comic Books:** “Truth – Red, White and Black (Vol. 1 & 2)” by Robert Morales & Kyle Baker/ Marvel Comics

**Trivia Cards:** “Black History” (deck one & two) by Brain Quest revised edition

**VIDEOS:** “Birth Of The Blues” starring Bing Crosby and Rochester, “The Tuskegee Airmen” (DVD) starring Laurence Fishburne and Cuba Gooding Jr.

**Audio Tapes:** “The Essence of Success” the Earle Nightingale Library, “Million Dollar Marketing” by Michael Jans

**MAGAZINES:** Catoctin History FALL 2002; Cracker Barrel APR 1973; Caribbean Beat NOV/ DEC 2002; ESPN DEC 9, DEC 23 2002; Ebony FEB 2003; Frederick the Magazine SEP 1998; GQ DEC 2002, JAN 2003; Newsweek JAN 13, JAN 20, FEB 3, 2003; People DEC 30, 2002; JAN 27, FEB 3, 2003; Real Simple FEB 2003; Sporting News DEC 23, DEC30, 2002; JAN 6, 2003; US Weekly JAN 13, JAN 20, JAN 27, FEB 3, 2003; U.S. News JAN 27, FEB 3, 2003

**There is a box outside of the BUWDTDC office with FREE magazines past issues for you to keep, help yourself.**

**The Heritage Preservation Project: Jonathan Street report, free copies available.**

Copies of this report prepared for the City of Hagerstown by the Heritage Resource Group, tells of the history of local blacks. The report is available at the Brothers United Who Dare To Care office. For a free copy, call 301-393-9290.

**This Month’s Contest Questions:**

**\$10 Cash Prize:** Who was said to have been allegedly blindfolded and taken to mine Jonathan Hager’s Secret Silver Mine? Where was the mine allegedly located?

**\$10 Cash Prize:** What was the reward offered for the local runaway slave James W.C. Pennington and what Washington County resident (slave owner) placed the reward in a local area newspaper on December 13, 1827? Pastor Pennington was the minister who married Frederick Douglas and his wife in 1838 soon after Douglas’s escape by train from Baltimore.

**\$10 Cash Prize:** What is the name of a local black woman, who grew up near Mount Airy in a town named after her grandfather? Her grandfather, a blacksmith, owned just about everything in that town, during WWII he helped the Army restore guns from the Spanish American and Civil wars using a plating method that he was the only person in the country at that time could process.

**No one answered last month’s contest questions, continue to look for those answers, they will run again.**

**Help for answers to contest question can be found in the Don Browne BLACK HISTORY Library.**

## **Calendar Of Events**

February	Computer Training Classes at Brothers United office Monday thru Thursday 4pm
February 15	African American Family Heritage program at Bethel Gardens Community Center
February 24	Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK Center 7:00pm