

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

SPEAK UP!

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Serving the need for a black publication, this newsletter features several sections to share information and ideas: **WORD ON THE STREET**, section passes along information as to what is going on in the Jonathan Street neighborhood and other communities that can benefit or affect us all.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE, section includes employment opportunities, agency assistance, articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly empower and increase the reader's potential.

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture, section on local, regional and national Black Heritage.

Youth News, the opportunity for younger readers to contribute their view point.

SPEAK UP! The opinion and editorial section, if you have something to say, SPEAK UP!

Subscription is free and remarks are welcomed. Contact: Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. 131 West North Avenue, Martin Luther King Center 2nd Floor, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone 301-393-9290, or visit our website: www.blackmenwhocare.org. E-mail address: blackmencare@aol.com. Page *Andy Smith*, at 301-745-2000.

WORD ON THE STREET

First 2003 Graduates of the Computer Training Program offered at BUWDTDC.

Mary Williams and Ivory Harris are this year's first graduates from the Computer Training program offered by Brothers United Who Dare To Care. The two enrolled in a four week "Computer Setup and Installation for Home Use" class and received a free computer which the two helped refurbish and upon completing the course, they received their diplomas. The classes are free and open to all, but targeted to help low-income to moderate-income families. The program started over a year ago when the BUWDTDC organization began an effort to get computers into the homes of those who wanted them in the Jonathan Street community. The Jonathan Street neighborhood is predominantly black and incomes are low to moderate for most of the residents. Passing out computers was a way to help individuals in the community better themselves. BUWDTDC revised the program to actually enroll participants, receiving a free computer, in training that teaches how to do computer configuration and install it in their homes. BUWDTDC hopes that the skills that are learned and the certification received can increase the participants educational and employment opportunities. To enroll in the Computer Training program or to donate computers, contact Brothers United Who Dare To Care at 301-393-9290 or visit their office in the Martin Luther King Community Center (North Street School) 2nd fl, 131 W. North Avenue Hagerstown Maryland 21740.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

No Smoke Neighborhoods campaign.

Be a part of a movement to: *reduce public smoking* and the unsightly discarded cigarette butts trashing our streets; *eliminate under-age smoking* in public; *education* for smoking cessation, smoking related health risk and treatment. To be a part of the “No Smoke Neighborhoods” program contact Brothers United Who Dare To Care 301-393-9290.

Police Athletic League and Hagerstown Police Department to start Explorer Post

Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League (HAPAL) and the Hagerstown Police Department are sponsoring a Law Enforcement Explorer Post. A membership recruitment night is planned for the Wednesday January 8, 2003 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League Club House located at the Fairgrounds Park off of Cannon Avenue. The Explorer program is being administered through the Boy Scouts of America. And is open to young men and women ages 14 – 21, with a component for youths aged 12 and 13. Please attend if you are interest. For inquiries contact Officer Gerard T. Kendle of the Hagerstown Police Department 301-739-8577 extension 471.

SPEAK UP!

Can inner city neighborhoods become terrorist recruit centers?

Picture this. A group of strangers come into an economically and socially depressed community and offer the inhabitants an opportunity to make a few dollars and perhaps a bit more assistance than the local help programs are offering. There will be a risk the recruits are told, but that's only if your dumb enough to get caught. Well what's at stake here? You don't make or have enough to get by on. Your just being asked to let someone store a package in your house, it's not like your going to lose your

house if you get caught, you don't own it. How about this? What if you let a few people hide out in your home from time to time, they'll pay you. Maybe you can be a “look out” or a “mule” and carry things from here to there. You'll make some fast cash, or get a house full of furniture, groceries, jewelry or a fancy car. Just don't get caught. The “man” doesn't care anything about you people. Look at where you live. Think about it. They'll even give you something to think over the offer. The scenario

just written may sound fictitious, but it goes on all the time with the inflow of the drug culture in the inner cities. What if terrorists are taking the same route as the drug dealers to involve our neglected inner city neighborhood in their activities? We must make things better for inner city residents or teen-pregnancies, substance abuse and street violence may become the least of our concerns. Ask yourselves. Can inner-city neighborhoods become terrorist recruit centers?

Andy Smith, Editor

THANK YOU

Thanks to the following people for making the December 2002 History contest a success: Kristin Aleshire, John Budesky, Arnetta Doleman, Linn Hendershot and Greg Snook. God Bless you.

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture

“Our (black people's) problem is we're always looking for approval.”

-Erika Alexander (played character Maxi Shaw on the hit TV sitcom “Living Single”)

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:

“Entrepreneurial Finance” by Robert Rohnstadt

“The Wizard Of Oz” by L. Frank Bauw

Language Dictionaries: German, French and Spanish by Langescheidt

Textbooks:

“Total Patient Care – Foundations and Practice” by Hood & Dincher 7th Edition

“Standard First Aid” by American Red Cross

“Child Care Licensing” Maryland Department of Human Resources (2) copies

“Those Who Can, Teach “ by Ryan & Cooper 9th Edition

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BOOKS: (continued)

Textbooks:

“Early Childhood Education” by Eva L. Essa 3rd Edition

“Understanding Your Health” Payne & Hahn 6th Edition

MAGAZINES:

ESPN DEC 9, DEC 23 2002

Ebony JAN 2003

Esquire JAN 2003

Heart & Soul DEC 2002/ JAN 2003

Newsweek DEC 2, DEC 16, DEC 23, DEC 30, 2002, JAN 6, 2003

Oprah JUL, AUG, SEP, NOV 2002

People DEC 9, DEC 16, DEC 23, 2002

Real Simple DEC 2002/ JAN 2003

Scouting JAN/FEB 2003

Sporting News DEC 2, DEC 9, DEC 16, 2002

Sports Illustrated DEC 9, DEC 16, DEC 23, 2003

U.S. News 10/14, 10/21, 2002; U.S. Weekly 9/16, 9/9, 9/16, 2002

This Month's Contest Questions:

\$10 Cash Prize: What is the name of the former slave that was a Virginia Plantation owner that came to Maryland and purchased land on the Eastern Shore after Virginia made it unlawful for blacks to own land in the American Slave era?

\$10 Cash Prize: How many years did Donny Davis serve as NAACP president for the Washington County chapter? Who is the current president of the local chapter?

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

Answers to Last Month's Contest Questions:

\$100 Cash Prize: The Universal Negro Improvement Association & African Communities League's first president and founder was *Marcus Garvey*. The organization meets every Wednesday from 6pm – 9pm at the Reed Center 2000 14th St. NW, Washington D.C. for more information or directions, call *Mwariama* 202-543-7023 website: www.unia-acl.org.

\$50 Cash Prize: *Corporal William O. Wilson* is Washington County's Medal of Honor winner. Wilson is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery. Local historian *Don Browne* knows the location of the grave.

\$50 Cash Prize: Washington County resident *Robert (Bob) Johnson* trained was trained as a Tuskegee Airman. The war ended before Johnson was able to fly combat in WWII. Johnson did however fight the racial battles black airmen fought to become American Air Force pilots in that era.

\$20 Cash Prize: BUWDTC vice-president *Greg McCampbell* wrote the screenplay “Beauty Queen” that won the “Paul Robeson Award” at Howard University. Director-Producer/ Actor *Spike Lee* presented the award. BUWDTC president *Andy Smith* played the character “Tuffy” in the film.

\$20 Cash Prize: Local pastor, of the Capital Heights Rival Center Holiness Church of God in Martinsburg West Virginia, *Dr. Gertrude Dixon* wrote the books, “Counseled By The Spirit” and “Healing For The Nations”.

\$20 Cash Prize: New York author *Dr. Richard Williams* was a guest speaker at the April 2002 “Black Talk” session.

Williams wrote the books, “They Stole It You Must Return It” and “Torches On The Road Of Passage”.

\$20 Cash Prize: Writer *Bill Goodin* wrote in his article “Citizens United Have The Power” the closing remarks, “The people do have the *power*, but the people have to *use* the power”. Printed in the Baltimore based newsletter “Fighting Back”.

\$20 Cash Prize: Comments on the 2002 Speak Up editorials.

Calendar Of Events

January	Computer Training Classes at Brothers United office Monday thru Thursday 4pm
January 8	Explorer Post meeting the HAPAL Center, Fairgrounds Park 7pm
January 13	Community Enrichment Coalition meet at CEC office 5:00 pm
January 27	Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK Center 7:00pm