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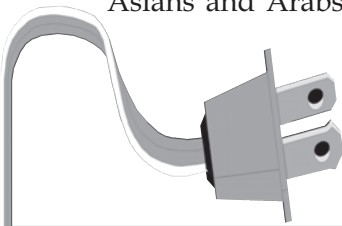
REPORT

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Anderson Pulls Plug on Detroit Project

In 2004, under the leadership of councilwoman, Joann Watson, the Detroit City Council contracted with Dr. Anderson to write a PowerNomics Plan for Detroit. Their specific request was that Dr. Anderson develop a plan to create wealth building, business ownership, and job opportunities for the majority Black under-served population of Detroit. The City Council requested that the plan be specific to Blacks because in Detroit:

- The median income of Blacks is \$200 over the poverty line, while the income for Hispanics is three times that of Blacks and Asian and Arab income is five times that of Blacks.
- Unemployment for Blacks in Detroit is 48%, for Whites 4.5%, zero for Asians and Arabs and 4.6% for Hispanics.



- Blacks own and control less than 1% of the businesses in Detroit, a city where they are 90% of the population. (Continued on p.2)

The President's Message

Why We Keep Losing

"The predictability of the Black vote renders it powerless." - A PowerNomics Assertion

The election season is again upon us and it's game time. For the next eighteen months, ready or not, the country will be bombarded by political speeches, media ads, and yard signs urging support for this candidate or that political party. The mis-information peddlers and poli-trickers will also begin their four year cycle. They will begin to hustle Black Americans to register to vote; to get into the voting game to cure the ills of society. They will promise Blacks that this time the tooth fairy will surely come and that the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus are real. But Blacks will see more and more members of their group suffering, unemployed, without health care, despised, displaced, ignored and literally dying from benign-neglect. During these next 18 months, Blacks should begin to apply a fundamental PowerNomics Principle : *if you play, play to win. If it is not possible to win, do not play.* Blacks do vote, yet they continue to lose ground in every sector of life. They *play* in the game of politics, but they never *win*. (Continued on page 7)

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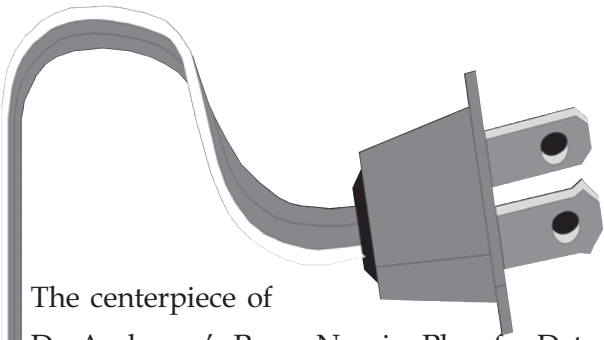
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The mission of the Harvest Institute is to educate, advocate for and develop policies that help Black America become self-sufficient and competitive.



Anderson Pulls Plug on Detroit Project

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The centerpiece of Dr. Anderson's PowerNomics Plan for Detroit, was construction of a Black Industrial/Business District. After the City Council voted to implement the plan, Dr. Anderson designed Maroon Industrial/Business Park so that it incorporated a number of PowerNomics principles. The anchor industry and heart of Maroon Industrial/Business Park was a 280,000 square foot seafood processing and distribution center. Approximately 20 Black businesses from across America had committed to build or relocate their factories, manufacturing and distribution outlets into the industrial park. The owners of a charter school, numerous professional service providers, a cultural center and several sit-down restaurants were eager to locate at the site. Requests for manufacturing and retail space exceeded space capacity in the first phase of the project.

The current City Council, with the exception of one member, supported the project. Five were public in their support and from the beginning worked hard to bring the benefits of the project to their constituents – Joann Watson, Barbara Rose-Collins, Kwame Kenyatte, Brenda Jones and the late Maryann Mahaffee. The Detroit's Economic Growth Commission and the Land Bank of the State of Michigan were not always forthright. As the price of the land kept going up and the amount of land kept going down, the project made less and less business sense. Dr. Anderson finally terminated the project after the Lamont Title Company informed him that:

- Neither the city or the state owned the site they were selling, therefore, the company could not issue clear title or provide title insurance;
- The city never completed the legal process it began in 1988, to take the parcel from the former owners;
- To complete the take-over process, the city would now have to engage in a complex process including finding and notifying past owners, filing court documents to justify the city's action of taking the property back in 1988, and win a court decision. Court proceedings and the completion of the legal process would take many months, and the outcome of the process is not predetermined, so there is no guarantee that the city would win.
- If Dr. Anderson purchased the parcel without proper title, he would be *personally* liable for suit from former owners for generations to come.

Adding to the ownership confusion, Andary Realty, a Grosse Pointe firm, posted a For Sale sign on the very same parcel and the following listing was on their website:

Andary Realty

Eppworth Property Detroit

Lot size: 12 acres

M-4 industrial zoning. 12 acres of land, abuts to railroad tracks.

Land contract terms: \$180,000 down, 8% interest. Four year balloon.

Nation's First Seafood Factory Opens

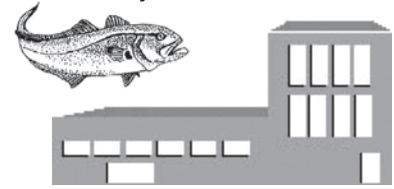
Dr. Anderson's vertically integrated seafood factory, **WaterLand Fisheries**, is now in operation on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This accomplishment is one of which Black America can be proud on many levels. It is Black-owned and the first vertically integrated seafood factory in the nation. WaterLand will raise a variety of top-quality fish indoors in state-of-the-art tanks in environmentally controlled conditions.

Dr. Anderson has written books, given lectures and tried in every way to lead Black America to become self-sufficient and competitive as a group. This vertically integrated seafood industry, is a model to Black America that demonstrates how to actualize the strategies he offered in his book, *PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America*. It is an example of building an industry based on group competitive advantages such as dominating in population or spending patterns.

This a three phase project. Phase I construction of the aquaculture facility is complete and the facility will be stocked with fingerlings (baby fish) the first week in July. Phase II includes construction of two new production buildings with 280,000 square feet of space that will be built on the current Maryland site. These buildings replace the expansion facility originally planned for the Detroit area, a project recently cancelled. (See *Dr. Anderson Pulls Plug on Detroit*, p.1) Construction of the new buildings, brood stock hatchery ponds and egg hatchery will begin in Fall 2007. The brood stock ponds and egg hatchery, will be located on a portion of 522 acres in Virginia. The brood stock are the top quality fish-parents that produce the eggs that WaterLand will hatch and use to stock the seafood factory in Maryland. After eight months in the factory, mature fish will be sold to wholesale distributors, retail markets and restaurants across the nation.

When Phases I and II are complete, as part of Phase III, WaterLand Fisheries will be producing 6 million fingerlings and between 6 million and 8 million pounds of fin fish annually for the market place. The board will then explore a public offering. Stay tuned.

Phase I - Construction of Aquaculture Facility



Phase II - Construction of two new production buildings with 280,000 square feet



Phase III - WaterLand Fisheries Projections

6 million fingerlings
6-8 million pounds of fin fish



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The issue of the clouded title raises several fundamental questions. Why would the Michigan Land Bank and the Economic Growth Commission of Detroit try to sell land that they did not own? If they were unaware they did not own the land, they surely should have known. If they didn't know, why didn't they? Dr. Anderson officially terminated the project and sent the City Council members the following letter. *(Continued on page 4)*

[The following letter was sent to all members of the of the Detroit City Council]

May 8, 2007

In follow-up to my letter of May 3, 2007 to George Jackson, Director of the city's Economic Growth Commission (EGC), this letter is to thank those of you who supported the development of Maroon Business/Industrial Park on the west side of Detroit. This letter is to also brief you on the reasons I chose to terminate development of the project and refocus my time, energy and monetary resources on my other major seafood industrial park that is scheduled to open on May 30, 2007.

At the outset, the purchase price of the parcels to be acquired kept changing and increasing. Over the course of the last two years, all the development and monetary incentives were stripped away. The driving force that remained was simply my love for my people, Detroit and the State of Michigan. In economic development, however, social consciousness can never be the sole incentive. At a point, the numerous political and bureaucratic barriers reached a point of diminishing returns and made my development of this project nearly impossible to achieve. Below are three of the most grievous impediments.

1. The City's EGC tie-barred the City and State land in their Development Agreement. (See Attached item from Development Agreement). It was impossible to deal with either piece as a single entity or to come to closure arrangements on either piece as long as there were any outstanding issues with the other piece.

2. Lamont Title Company could not issue title insurance because as indicated in the attached letter, neither the State or the city has control of the property and at closing could only have issued Maroon City Development Corporation, a quit claim deed, not a warranty deed. If I had accepted a quit claim deed, I and my company would have been vulnerable to law suits from past owners and any other legal liabilities associated with the land. The fact that within days after the Land Bank had received a certified check for \$250,000 from Dr. Anderson, Andary Realty had a For Sale sign posted on the property and a listing for it on their website, could very well be an indicator that ownership of the site is an unresolved issue.

3. The City Purchase Agreement contained a requirement that, "The Developer shall have furnished the EGC validly executed financing documents from qualified financial institutions... and legally binding and enforceable commitments for obtaining financing" Maroon Park was to be constructed on a built-to-suit basis with configurations designed specifically for each tenant. It is against federal lending standards for financial institutions to provide financing commitments for construction of a project the magnitude of Maroon Park, if the developer does not have:

1. A legal document that grants ownership and site control of the property;
2. Cost calculations for each individual independent business unit;
3. Certified architectural and mechanical drawings that sub-contractors can use to cost out all aspects of construction.

In the three years I worked with the city and State on this project, I never received a document that indicated I had any relationship at all with the property. Apparently, MCDC was the first entity to which EGC applied the new finance policy quoted above. It would have been unethical for MCDC to enter into binding tenant agreements without site control and an irresponsible business practice to further invest in additional architectural, mechanical or other professional expenses, identify and screen tenants, initiate pre-construction plans, land surveys, environmental impact studies, property insurance or numerous other expenses, without having property control. I do appreciate those of you who supported the project and wish the city well.

Sincerely,
Dr. Claud Anderson, President

Attachments: Letter from Lamont Title Corporation
Excerpts from the Michigan Land Bank contract

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Blacks to Lose Elected Offices

(The article summarized below was written in February, 2007, several months before Congress considered Immigration Reform legislation)

By the beginning of the next decade, immigration and White gentrification will cause the loss of Black elected officials, especially in urban areas. The Congressional Black Caucus will likely lose six or seven members (more if Congressional Immigration Reform or a similar measure passes) and there will be fewer Blacks in local and state elected offices. Latino and Hispanic Congressional representation, however, will expand rapidly as immigration, legal and illegal, continues and the immigrant population increases. Fewer Blacks will win elective positions as mayors, city council, school boards and state legislature offices. Fewer elected offices means fewer political patronage jobs at all levels will be held by Black Americans. These are the findings presented in an article written by Frank Morris and James Gimpel, for the Center for Immigration Studies. The article, *Immigration, Intergroup Conflict, and the Erosion of African American Political Power in the 21st Century*, presents important analyses and statistics, even though the statistical projections will be substantially understated, if pending legislation becomes law.

The following summary points from the article should reinforce the urgency for Black America to adopt new strategies for their own group to survive and prosper.

- While Black gains in office-holding appear to be leveling off at the higher level, Hispanic gains are rapidly rising, especially at lower levels of office. Their gains are coming at the expense of non-Hispanic White office-holders and African Americans. The displacement will have greater effect on African-Americans given their smaller overall numbers and the low level of preference for their race.

- Steadily rising immigrant populations will continue to change the racial complexion of U.S. House representation in a number of California, Texas, and New York congressional districts within the next 20 years.

- Many congressional districts held by Black members have large and increasing Hispanic populations. Almost no Hispanic districts have growing Black populations.

- With the 2010 census redistricting just a few years away, as many as six or seven seats currently held by members of the Congressional Black Caucus could be given up to Hispanic candidates. (This is one of the statistics that would increase if the Immigration Reform Bill pending before Congress passes.) *Continued on page 6*

What is PowerNomics?

PowerNomics is pooling of resources and power to produce, distribute, and consume in a way that creates goods and wealth that Black people control. The PowerNomics Vision is a Black America that is economically self-sufficient and competitive.

Blacks to Lose Elected Offices

Political losses and a pending immigration reform bill may leave Blacks out in the cold and outnumbered.

■ Conflict between African Americans and Latinos for group position, status and political power is increasing, as most immigrants of Hispanic ancestry settle in areas proximate to Black populations in the nation's largest cities.

■ Hispanics have a broader set of options and far more pathways for upward political mobility than Blacks. Hispanics work within both parties while the majority of Blacks, as candidates and voters, are Democrats.

■ When Black candidates are successful reaching beyond their base, their campaigns are usually pro-business, low-tax/low-spend and de-racialized.

■ White voters are more accepting of Hispanic than Black candidates. In big city elections, voting alliances are most often between Whites and Hispanics, not between Whites and Blacks.

■ The Democratic party has not rewarded Black loyalty.

■ The demand of Blacks for Affirmative Action has benefitted other minority groups substantially more than it has benefitted Blacks, in spite of the fact that they are the group for which Affirmative Action was to be corrective action.

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THI Perspective:

This article articulates the obvious: that Black America is losing political and economic ground. It was written several months before May 2007, when the Democratic controlled Congress proposed a sweeping immigration bill that if passed, will bury Blacks in America, and will accelerate and increase the political losses that Morris and Gimpel discuss. High immigration has been used as a tool for centuries to dilute Black political strength, but the unwritten rule is that it should not be discussed.

The Democrats don't discuss it. They are silent on the matter. They ignore it as they 'slap' Black loyalty in the face while moving aggressively to court a new 'minority' group. The rare mention of the effects of such massive immigration on Black political strength, comes from conservatives. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other Black elected officials, who will lose positions to Hispanics, actually *support* measures to legitimize and bestow eventual citizenship on illegal immigrants, or they too are silent.

The Immigration Reform bill working its way through Congress would increase the Hispanic population alone by 12 million to 20 million; another 30 to 35 million when eligible family members are added. Hispanics already out-number native-Black Americans and with the above increases, would outnumber Blacks 3 to 1. (Continued on page 20)

The President's Message by Dr. Claud Anderson

Why We Keep Losing

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Why do Black Americans lose after every election? Is it because we, as Black people, are promised nothing and that is exactly what we get every time or could it have something to do with the fact that we do not know where we are going? In my book, *PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America*, I lay out a destination for Black America – to become a self-sufficient and competitive group in America. I devote an entire chapter to Politics and the use of political strategies to achieve self-sufficiency and competitiveness. Unfortunately, when the smoke clears after every election, whether a Black or White candidate won, the Democrats or Republicans gained the Congressional majority, life remains the same for Black Americans. There is an old adage that says, 'only the insane will continue to do the same thing and expect a different result.'

It is time for Blacks to critically analyze the cost of what we give up in exchange for our loyalty and votes in national and local political elections. Do we get symbolism over substance for our votes? During these next 18 months, we can continue to play in a game we cannot win or, we can change our political attitudes, demonstrate a healthy group self-interest, and act in ways that lead us to become a self-sufficient, independent and competitive group. Empowered with a new political mind-

set, we can craft our own rules and realities, then sidestep those who would urge us play in a political game where the dice are loaded, the cards are marked, and the machines are rigged against us.

We should not have to always choose between the lesser of two evils. When neither candidate has our best interest at heart, then vote for neither. In this upcoming political season, Black political acts and voting preferences must be based on important critical facts, if we are to design a more productive course of action. The most important of these facts follow.

CRITICAL FACTS:

- The socio-political structure has made Black Americans an obsolete labor class that is now under a public policy of 'benign neglect' even though they are still bearing the burdens and social pathologies of centuries of slavery and Jim Crow semi-slavery.

- Anti-Black immigration policies have allowed an unending influx of legal and illegal Hispanic, Arab and Asian immigrants to surpass Black Americans in voting strength and supplant Blacks in business, employment, educational, space, affirmative action and the nation's consciousness.

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Abandon 'political altruism' and replace it with a foundation of group self-interest that incorporates the cardinal principles of competitive group economics and group politics.

■ Black Americans are right on schedule to become a permanent underclass of beggars and criminals within this decade because, to a large degree, the ballot box has been an ineffective tool for Blacks to achieve self-sufficiency and competitiveness. The meager progress Blacks made over the years came as a result of aggressive street boycotts, sit-ins, and protest demonstrations.

■ Black America has no leadership. The visible Black over-class of entertainers, athletes, ministers, civil rights personalities, and public officials are wedded to the power structure and are therefore obliged to block, redirect or co-opt under-class initiatives. The most frequent strategy used by the over-class, that directs benefits away from Blacks, is to support and participate in substituting ambiguous groupings, such as minorities and people of color when the object of an issue is specifically Blacks. Buying into minority and multicultural concepts, provides a socially acceptable excuse for the over-class and others, to do nothing for Blacks.

■ Conservatives and liberals in both of our national political parties, courts, and all levels of government have perverted the language and intent of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, Black Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and Dr. Martin L. King's dream of a color-blind society. They use these perversions to

stymie Blacks and shift the nation's attention to women, children, gays, ethnic minorities and the disabled.

■ Those who own the wealth and businesses control the politicians and political parties. What money can't buy, it can rent or lease. This country's hierarchy of governance is unrelated to campaign rhetoric. Big business controls the Republican Party, which in turn, controls the leadership of the Democratic Party, which in turn controls Black elected officials who replaced civil rights organizations that once controlled the Black masses.

These critical facts are political realities. Black American voters must impose new rules on the game of politics; new rules that are founded in their own group's self-interest. I recommend that Black Americans immediately take the following PowerNomics action steps.

ACTION STEPS:

Abandon 'political altruism' and replace it with a foundation of group self-interest that incorporates the cardinal principles of competitive group economics and group politics. This new group self-interest should be promoted across America via books, newsletters, the Internet and speakers, to bury the ideology of Blacks as 'long-suffering and all caring.' *(Continued on next page)*

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In majority cities, district voting reduces Blacks to minority status and allows competing groups to displace Black elected officials and institute public policies which are not beneficial.

ACTION STEPS:

Bring back Blackness. Black leadership has carried the water for *all* groups. Challenge those who say they are our leaders to represent the interests of Black people.

Do not permit the media to trot out Black candidates for public office and offer them as leaders and role models for Black voters. Examine the records of all Black incumbents to determine what benefits they have delivered to Black Americans. Use the criteria set out in Appendix D of *PowerNomics* to evaluate whether, and the extent to which, Black interest is served by a particular candidate for public office;

Actively oppose past and present national immigration policies that have tripled the non-Black immigrant population while holding Black immigrants to nearly zero. This massive increase in non-Blacks has reduced Black voters from a 'majority-minority' to a 'minority-minority' status. The Black vote has historically been outnumbered eight to one by Whites. Soon it will be outnumbered two to one by Hispanics and neutralized. Therefore, if Blacks split their vote between the two national parties, the Black vote is no longer needed, even as swing a vote.

Accept the reality that Black America is a nation-within-a nation, establish an independent Black political party that will run its own candidates for public office, then vote as a bloc. The Black vote then has significance. The majority will always protect the majority. The minority then, had better come together and coalesce into a bloc to protect itself. Make the candidates come to you; align with your group (not individuals). If Blacks establish an independent party and vote as a bloc, they are then in a position to leverage and negotiate benefits for their vote. The group has no leverage if the votes are split.

Form new voter organizations, like voter leagues, to register and get out the vote. The leadership must meet with the candidates and inform them of the new rules that Blacks are applying in politics and the community's new demands. The organizations should then send formal written invitations to all candidates for public office. The forums must be held in the Black community (not in Black churches), with as much mass media coverage as possible. Candidates for the same office should appear on the same forum. A 'no show' would be automatically eliminated from recommendation. *(Continued on p. 10)*

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Why We Keep Losing

■ **Host public forums, seminars, and training sessions within Black communities for the specific purpose of educating Black voters on the new rules the group will apply to political issues and the new position Blacks should take on issues.** Cover issues such as the role of government in affirmative action, Black reparations, national immigration, urban redevelopment, and the most beneficial ways to correct the structural economic inequalities between White, Black and immigrant groups. Use mass electronic and print media, as well as the Internet and any other means possible to publicize these events and educate the community.

■ **Always strive to be the majority where you live and vote.** In our social democracy, the majority wins and rules, and the minority loses and is ruled. Therefore, instead of socially integrating and scattering their votes, Black voters should seek to always be the majority where they live, work, play and vote. When they are the majority, Blacks should turn out in full voting strength at every election where they have identified a candidate to support.

■ **In majority Black cities or towns, resist efforts to change at-large voting into district voting.** In majority cities, district voting reduces Blacks

Black voters should seek to always be the majority where they live, work, play and vote. When they are the majority, Blacks should turn out in full voting strength at every election...

■ **Don't vote in elections you cannot win and from which Blacks will not receive benefits.** Politics is a game with winners and losers. Black descendants of slaves are told that society is color blind and they benefit only when everyone else does. If the casino says you have a right to come in, but warns that the cards are marked, the dice loaded, and the wheel is preset, would you choose to enter? Why then would Blacks even want to go in? To 'exercise their rights?' As soon as you enter the door and play, you will have been co-opted. You have no grounds, then, to complain when you are ripped-off and get nothing for your vote.

to minority status and allows competing groups to displace Black elected officials and institute public policies which are not beneficial. Generally, the majority wins and rules while the minority loses and is subjugated.

■ **Recapture the Civil Rights law of 1865 and 1866 and 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.** These laws and Amendments were enacted for ex-slaves, but were bleached and whitened in the mid-1870s and pushed Blacks into 100 years of Jim Crow segregation. However, Section 2 of the 14th Amendment of
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the U.S. Constitution, written for former slaves, provides a remedy to stop voter fraud, purges, and other electoral tricks. The Section says that if the rights of former-slaves are abridged in any way in national elections for president, Congress, and numerous state positions, that the state should lose representation in proportion to the number of Blacks denied the right to vote. This provision, approved nearly 140 years ago, has never been used.

■ **Urge Black churches not to permit other races or ethnic groups to use their religious sanctuaries to promote their causes, with or without a paid fee.** Jewish synagogues, Arab mosques, Mormon temples and White Christian churches, do not allow such disrespect;

■ **Do not allow candidates or parties to address issues peculiar to your group by presenting them in an ambiguous way.** For example, in the 1970s unemployment among Black youth was 57%, while White youth unemployment was only 16 percent. Yet, Black civil rights leaders pushed for legislation for 'disadvantaged youth.' The result – Black youth received minuscule dollars while most of the funds went to White youth in the suburbs. Affirmative Action is another example of a corrective action designed specifically for Blacks that was presented with ambiguous wording and benefits accrued to almost all other groups except Blacks. In Texas recently, for instance, women

Hold elected officials and political parties accountable to represent and deliver benefits to Black people and Black communities.

■ **Regardless of color, vote for the political candidate who promises and delivers the most tangible economic benefits to Black people.** Black Americans must immediately cease and desist voting for Black candidates simply because they have Black skin. City, state and federal offices are filled with persons who have black skin, but no race consciousness nor interest in using their positions to aid Black people. They are dangerous. Not only do they sell out their race, but they overwhelm and thwart efforts of the well-meaning members who are working for economic and social justice for Blacks. Reject the naive suggestion that Black candidates who have failed Blacks in the past, be given another chance. Safe Blacks never change.

received 78% of the state Affirmative Action contract awards and Hispanics 21%.

■ **Hold elected officials and political parties accountable to represent and deliver benefits to Black people and Black communities.** It is especially important to hold responsible those Blacks who demonstrate more concern for the broader society than for the collective interest of Black people. But all elected officials who received the Black vote must be held accountable and each community must devise creative consequences for those who do not perform appropriately. At a minimum, denounce and publicize their failure to fulfill their promises. *(Continued on page 16)*

LEGAL BRIEFS

Harvest Institute Raises Funds for Legal Action

In November 2006, The Harvest Institute joined with the Black Indians United Legal Defense and Education Fund to form The Harvest Institute Freedman Federation (HIFF). The new organization filed a ground-breaking legal Complaint in the United States Federal Court in Washington, D.C. against the United States Department of Interior and its Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). (See Winter 2007 issue of *The Harvest Report*.) This is one of the most important economic justice actions The Harvest Institute has taken on behalf of Black America and we are **Playing to Win**. But we need your financial support.

The Complaint is based on Indian treaties of 1865 and 1866 with the United States government. The HIFF's Complaint seeks legal redress and civil and property rights of the descendants of Black Freedmen and Black Indians. It asks that the Department of Interior comply with the 1865 and 1866 treaties and establish contemporary procedures to distribute the allotments of land and other benefits such as tax exempt status, free college education, rights to own and build casinos, annual income allotments and medical, health and housing services.

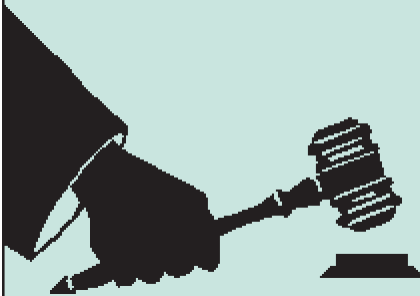
The treaties of 1865 and 1866 were treaties that were necessary after the Civil War, because the slave-holding Indian tribes (all of the civilized tribes.) had rejected Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment. By fighting on the side of the Southern Confederacy to preserve slavery, Indians had nullified all previous treaties.

Although the Complaint could result in direct benefits to those who become part of the class action, and those with Dawes numbers, it has important implications for all Black Americans, especially in respect to reparations.

We are just beginning the legal journey, but our team is pleased with the progress of the Complaint.

Now The Harvest Institute needs your help.

The Harvest Institute is funding this action with funds set aside for advocacy activities. As the Complaint moves through the legal process, the HIFF will mount a national effort to notify and collect information from thousands of prospective class members. *(Continued on next page)*



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We will hold informational meetings throughout the country, print material, pay for postage, place legal notifications in print and electronic news media and incur expenses for numerous court required actions.

We have assembled a stellar legal team, headed by a former BIA attorney, Percy Squire, LLC. Our legal issue is sound. Now we seek your financial help to ensure that we have enough money to complete the full course of legal action. Please help us build a treasury that will sustain our efforts. We are working for you and your family. *Send a donation today.*

We suggest a donation of at least \$100, but any donation amount will help finance this action.

Thank you for your generous past support and hope you will support this effort also.

You may contribute on line at www.harvestinstitute.org or by check or credit card. Make your check payable to *The Harvest Institute (Freedman Federation)* and mail your donation to: The Harvest Institute, 623 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

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Thank you!

Boundary Lines

The Battle for Communities, Land and Territory

An excerpt from PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America, by Dr. Claud Anderson

PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America, by Dr. Claud Anderson was published in 2001. Many of Dr. Anderson's predictions related to immigration and its effect on Blacks, have already come to pass. This excerpt, (pages 64-65 updated by the author), was surely prophetic.

Nearly a century ago, W.E.B. DuBois accurately proclaimed that the color line would be the problem of the 20th century. In this new millennium, it is becoming clear that the problem of the 21st century will be 'community boundary lines.' America is Balkanizing along racial, ethnic, economic and religious lines. Across America, groups are aggressively seeking territory or communities in which they can store their wealth, resources and political power to enjoy and preserve for their future generations. Hispanics for example, are assembling their economic and political power in their communities behind their Spanish language and culture. They intend to use both to capture territory, rights, and a political base within the United States. Arabs are using their religion and culture to build Arab communities. Asians have built Chinatown, Japantown, Koreantown, Little Cambodias and Saigons. American Indians have always maintained their ethnic enclaves on reservations.

The practice of seeking territory for communities will intensify as more and more people from around the world immigrate to America. They come to America in search of space in which to build a better quality of life, not to integrate with Whites or to get along with Black Americans. They are coming to this country to get ahead economically and to find wealth and fortune. They commit themselves to competing with any and all groups economically and politically on behalf of themselves, their families and their native countries. Typically, their initial destination is close to or within Black

neighborhoods. They have learned from official and unofficial sources, that they can find great opportunities in Black neighborhoods. Within Black neighborhoods, ethnic immigrants expect to find the least expensive housing, lax enforcement of laws and regulation and little business competition. They also find readily accessible consumers, government assistance, easy access to elected officials and employment opportunities. Although they are aware of the crime problem in Black neighborhoods, the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. They find territory and build communities.

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As ethnics fill in business voids in Black neighborhoods with a modicum of success, they bring in and aggregate their families and others from their native lands. They then develop more businesses in Black neighborhoods.

As they capture territory, they establish powerful economies and political organizations, using their ethnic culture, language and religion as their common ground.

Watching how these new arriving immigrants use a sense of community to build social and economic power-bases should be instructional for Black Americans. It takes a fully functional community to raise a child and to raise up a competitive race of people.

York's Harlem, Blacks have been pushed out by Asians and Hispanics. This scenario is repeating across the country. Urban areas are under particular assault. Along with the inflow of immigrants, there is an orchestrated effort by Whites to take back control of the cities they abandoned during the White flight of the 1960s and 1970s. Whites want to recapture the cities because urban locations have advantages that the suburbs do not. They have important infrastructure such as water systems, ports and cultural icons such as museums and waterfront property. Whites successfully employ a number of tools to recapture Black urban areas such as: 1) gentrification; 2) municipal sharing; 3) enterprise zones; 4) regionalization; 5) metropolitan forms of government; 6) privatization and 7) cool cities.

Black elected officials have assisted this movement by supporting many of these strategies. These schemes allow Whites, who moved to the suburbs, to recapture prime public assets and land. Mayors are often unwittingly co-opted into transferring city resources into White hands under the label of economic development. Black elected officials often seem to operate as if the best way to revitalize a majority Black urban city is to attract Whites to come in specifically to displace the Black population and to control the city.

Indeed the strategies above are succeeding. But they also meet little resistance as the majority of Blacks seem to calmly accept their vanishing territory. Where are the defensive actions, the outcry, the resistance, the sense of self-interest? ❖

THI Comment:

Dr. Anderson wrote these prophetic words in the year 2000. They were true then and even more accurately describe the decline today in the quality of Black life in major cities. Within the last decade, immigrant groups now control neighborhoods that were dominated for generations by Blacks. In the Miami, Florida area, Cuban immigrants now control Liberty City, Overtown and Coconut Grove. In the Los Angeles area, Compton, South Central Los Angeles, Watts and Inglewood are now dominated by Mexicans. Even in New

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Since Black America is outside and underneath the politico-economic system, when the United States experiences any kind of disaster, man made or natural, Black Americans will experience the most disastrous effects of any group. That pattern is true also in the case of health threats, including the drug resistant and immigrant-borne diseases with which the country is now struggling. The threat new diseases pose to Blacks was a topic *The Harvest Report* first discussed in its Winter 2006 issue. This issue introduces new information and updates some of the diseases presented in that issue of *The Harvest Report*. Blacks are on the bottom of every health index, have limited health resources to begin with, and frequently die of easily treatable diseases. These new diseases are not easy to treat and will cause even greater leadership and community organization challenges.

MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus)

The Washington Post reported that according to a new study, drug-resistant staph infections have spread almost seven-fold in recent years in some Chicago neighborhoods. The authors said that the increase seen in Chicago is similar to that seen in other cities. Crowded living conditions such as found in public housing and jails, may accelerate the spread of infection. The superbug, first seen primarily in hospitals and nursing homes, has now been seen among athletes, prisoners and people who get illegal tattoos. (May 29, 2007, Page A6)

XDR-TB

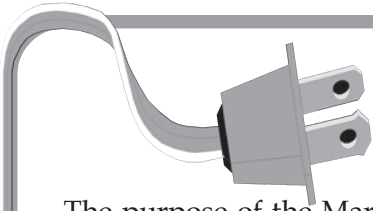
XDR-TB is one of the drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis (TB) and an extremely dangerous form. While TB is not yet a widespread disease in the United States, the incidence is increasing and the country is vulnerable to a serious outbreak. *The Washington Post* article indicated that TB is common around the world and that drug-resistant TB and drug-resistant strains of other diseases will threaten public health as long as the conditions that lead to their development persist. Those conditions include inadequate public health care, particularly in poor countries. "According to the international health group, Partners in Health, nearly 1/3 of the world's population carries a form of TB and the prospect of an outbreak here is all too conceivable—and frightening." TB is contagious and airborne. The TB organism can live for a considerable period of time in air or dust. The most common means of acquiring the disease is by inhalation of respiratory droplets. The XDR-TB flourishes in places like Russia, Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. (Continued on page 19)

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Distribute flyers, place ads, discuss their behavior in the media, post it on the Internet.

Why do we always lose in politics? We vote and lose primarily because the electoral system keeps us checkmated to lose. And, we lose because we have never been taught how to play the political game to win. In this up-coming national election, we can do what we have always done and expect the same results. Or, we can prepare to win by taking the action steps recommended above. ❖



Anderson Pulls Plug on Detroit Project

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The purpose of the Maroon Industrial/Business Park was to provide a structure for wealth building opportunities to the Black majority in Detroit. Dr. Anderson applauds and thanks the members of the City Council who had the wisdom to recognize that their constituents were on the bottom of all the ethnic groups who have come to the city in the past 30 years. Further, Joann Watson, Barbara Rose-Collins, Kwame Kenyatte, Brenda Jones, the late Maryann Mahaffee and members of their staffs, had the courage to act and work decisively for economic justice for their constituents. Most of all, Dr. Anderson thanks the community for its efforts of support. He regrets that Detroit, the town where he grew up, a city in dire economic straits, has lost the factories and manufacturing outlets, new retail and other services, sales revenue, 1100 to 1500 new jobs, numerous investment and ownership opportunities for residents and the hope for renewal that Dr. Anderson's project offered. ❖

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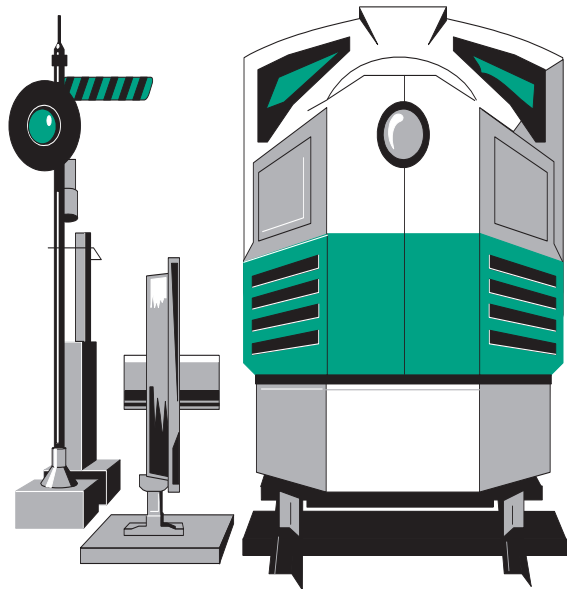
If Blacks decide to play a game - be it politics, economics or social justice, *PLAY TO WIN*. Do not play just be in the game. Do not tolerate team members who pass the ball to or make touchdowns for the other team. Kick them off the team. The team must *PLAY TO WIN*.

Did You Know?

Consumers Want the Real McCoy

When customers ask for the 'real McCoy,' they are asking for the genuine original product, not an imitation. This comes from the experience of a Black inventor, Elijah McCoy. McCoy was the son of fugitive slaves, George and Mildred McCoy, who fled a Kentucky plantation by way of the Underground Railroad and arrived in Detroit, Michigan, in 1841. Later, the family moved to Ontario, Canada, where Elijah was born. George McCoy opened a cigar manufacturing plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan, in 1864 and used the profits from his business to send Elijah to study mechanical engineering in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Elijah returned to Ypsilanti in 1870 and opened a mechanic shop. He was a prolific inventor and also served as a fireman for the Michigan Central Railroad where he was in charge of lubricating all moving parts of the engine. His most famous invention was the lubricating cup. He received a patent for his invention in 1872. Some national and international industries discovered McCoy was Black and refused to allow him to lecture to their staff and students. Moreover, they refused to use his invention and used an inferior imitation instead. Loyal customers who used McCoy's lubricating cup claimed an advantage over their competitors. In their advertising they made sure that everyone knew they had the 'real McCoy' and not another cheap imitation brand. In all, Elijah McCoy, the real McCoy had 87 inventions and 57 patents including the lawn sprinkler. McCoy's other inventions, patents, and credit are lost in the pages of history.



Dirty Little Secrets about Black History, Its Heroes and other Troublemakers, by Dr. Claud Anderson, page 115.

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Chagas

In the Winter, 2006 issue of The Harvest Report, reported on the widespread occurrence of Chagas, a parasitic infection from the tropics. Shortly after the newsletter was published, the Food And Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it approved the first test to screen potential blood and organ donors for Chagas. According to a leading expert on the disease at the University of Iowa, "... 100,000 people, virtually all of them are immigrants, carry the disease." Chagas can be transmitted by direct contact with an infected person, blood transfusions and kissing. The FDA says Chagas infects a minimum of 100,000 Hispanic immigrants and others from South and Central America. The test, the FDA said, will help prevent blood donors from passing along the sometimes fatal disease.

THI Perspective:

Blacks are more vulnerable than the general population to the growing number of health threats facing the United States. If our group is *outside* and underneath the system, that means others are *inside* the mainstream of the system. In any kind of a disaster, like a bio-medical emergency, it is they who will first receive life-saving resources and services. We are more vulnerable, too, because many of the diseases native to other parts of the world, have traveled here with immigrants who settle in or near Black population centers. Diseases like MRSA, are opportunistic and find the third-world-like living conditions that many Blacks live in, perfect places to breed and spread. Katrina is a recent reminder of the bottom position that Blacks occupy in our society. It is a fact and whether the next disaster is man made, another hurricane, or bio-medical, Black people should be prepared to take care of themselves. When the mid-west experienced electrical blackouts several years back, the communities around Detroit posted policeman on main roads to prevent Blacks from coming to the suburbs for food and water. Similarly, after Katrina hit, Blacks trying to escape New Orleans encountered law enforcement personnel that kept them from going into White-dominated communities suburbs. *(Continued on page 20)*



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Disorganization is a shortcoming that can have disastrous effects. Black America can continue disorganized behavior or we can prepare. The Harvest Institute urges Blacks in leadership positions, churches, civil rights organizations and elected officials, to organize their communities and develop general disaster preparedness plans that can be activated, including a bio-medical emergency. Elected and government officials have the resources to assist community leaders with emergency preparedness planning. In addition to the extra water, food, disinfectant, those who take the lead in this effort, should help the community to develop a warning and alert system, identify and train area captains in the community. Designate locations like Black churches, as places community members can go for information and shelter. Hold community meetings to discuss preparations and to make plans together. A community plan is the ideal. Each family, however, should also teach its members about the health risks they may encounter in daily life and train them in preventive hygiene habits, such as hand washing. Families should create their own plan, have their own resources and work with the community leaders. A bio-medical emergency would likely be another Katrina-like event for Black America. Let us learn from the past and prepare. ❖



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Blacks to Lose Elected Offices

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In this country the majority wins. The majority of Black elected officials and civil rights leaders, regardless of their intent, are taking stands on immigration that will destroy their own remaining numerical position. It is inappropriate self-destructive behavior for Black elected officials and other visible Blacks to demonstrate more concern for the 'rights' of illegal immigrants, among whom the unemployment rate is zero, than for Black Americans who are unemployed at a rate that exceeds 35%. It is pathological, suicidal politics for Black elected officials to support and encourage those who seek to replace them. ❖

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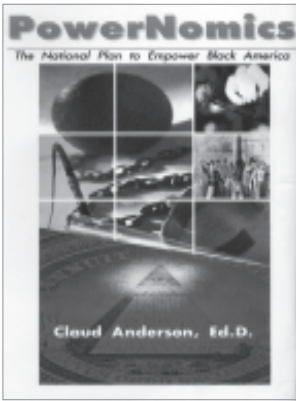
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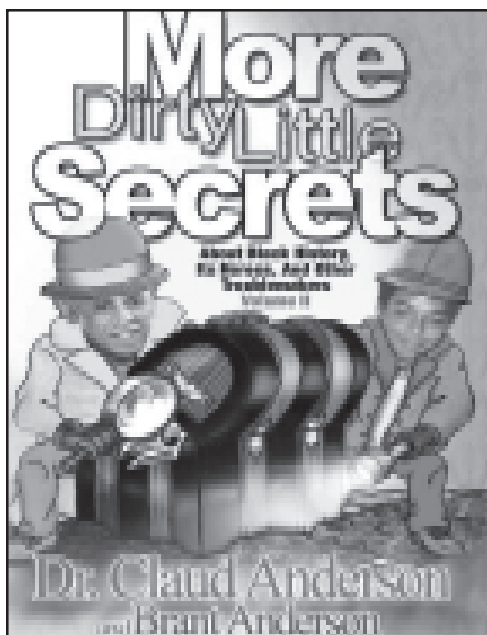
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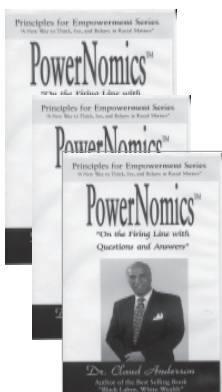
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