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As the country roils and Balkanizes around issues of immigration, war, escalating gas prices and an economy that does not reflect the rosy government statistics, Black Americans are slowly learning that under a national public policy of 'benign neglect,' their issues and concerns are not even on the back burner. They have been moved completely off the stove! As Blacks sink further and further out of the nation's conscience, their survival and prosperity are endangered. Why? For over a century and a half, Black people in America have marched and protested against every perceived affront. Blacks have marched and sued for *equal rights, minority rights, women's rights, poor people's rights, gay rights, employment rights, voting rights* and now *immigrant rights*. Blacks have held hands, sung songs, prayed and swayed in unison, and atoned, yet they have barely moved an inch. Why is there so little progress when Blacks have the strongest legal and moral grounds for justice due, than any other identifiable group in America? Why are we required to fight the same battles over and over again, century in and century out? (Continued on p.2)

Affirmative Action and Immigration

A Dangerous Dilemma *by Jonathan Tilove*

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Immigration is undoing affirmative action's underlying mission to right history by helping blacks. In the nearly 30 years since affirmative action was born, massive Latino and Asian immigration has transformed America from a nation in which nearly three-quarters of the minority population was black, to one in which less than half that population is black. And the moment these new minority immigrants set foot in America in search of a better life, they have the same claim to affirmative action as native-born blacks whose ancestors struggled through slavery and segregation. It is a wholly unintended, largely undebated and virtually unreported phenomenon that goes to the guts of American race and immigration policy, that threatens the social peace in cities like New York, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles, and from which there appears no practical escape. (Continued on p. 8)

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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.

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To a large degree, history repeats itself with Black people because we continue to sue and march for the wrong things. Instead of establishing a sharp accurate focus on issues that would actually correct the results of centuries of government imposed economic exclusion, our Black leaders allowed their focus to be side-tracked into illusory dreams and broad ambiguous concepts.

These leaders invite competitive groups to frame and control Black issues. Competitive groups like immigrants, gays, women and language groups have been allowed to hijack the suffering and civil rights language of the Black struggle. Competitive groups even pretend that their treatment is the same as the treatment of Blacks. These groups paint a picture of slavery and Jim Crow, but they alter the images and revise the story to suit their goals. They obliterate Black images from the plantations, lynchings and riots and substitute their own images. With no history of systematic exclusion from the economics, education and the social systems of this country, competitive groups then gain unearned benefits and sympathy.

The social systems that locked Blacks, and only Blacks, onto the bottom social and economic rung were slavery and Jim Crow segregation. For a brief period after each system was abolished, lawmakers made a weak effort to correct the damage those systems had imposed on Blacks. The efforts were short lived and each time, focus quickly shifted from Blacks to amorphous and broad groups such as minorities,

people of color, language groupings, diversity, multi-cultural and poor people. Not only did Black civil rights leaders allow the hijackings and conceptual shifts, they themselves began to aggregate Blacks with broader groups, forever confusing the issues, social policy and Black people. Once the shift occurred, Blacks could no longer see their own group self interest clearly. They allowed themselves to lose

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their unique identity, history and suffering. That is why it is difficult for Blacks to lay a claim for reparations, Affirmative

Action, Black history and other preferences and special treatment.

By allowing any and all groups to use broad terms like diversity, minority and people of color, and to equate their grievances to the history of Blacks in America, today, Black civil rights leaders have lost their capacity to effectively press demands for Blacks. Since 1965, these leaders received exactly what they asked for.... benefits for every group.... except Blacks. Stuck and trapped, Blacks are running against the clock and the likelihood of turning things around diminishes with each second. But all is not completely lost. There are still some important legal openings that Blacks can use to get the nation's attention and to demand changes that will correct history and benefit our race specifically. In an airline emergency, the flight attendant instructs passengers to first place the oxygen "mask" on yourself, then try to help others. Blacks should heed the analogy and focus on promoting their own group's self interest

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first and foremost. The following major issues should refocus our efforts to 'justice for Blacks,' get the nation's attention and change the course of social movements. And yes, to advance that focus, we should demand, march, sue and protest... while we still can.

Issue One:

Black Americans should protest immigration laws and policies that increase immigration, elevate foreign-born over native-born Blacks and force Blacks further into the status of a planned, permanent involuntary minority.

Historical records indicate that Black Americans made the greatest socio-economic gains during World Wars I and II when the nation's immigration doors were closed. The United States has a ranking order of acceptability (*Black Labor, White Wealth*, by Claud Anderson, page 101) -Whites are at the top, Blacks are on the bottom and immigrants are in between, but above Blacks. Blacks cannot rise when immigrants are coming in over them. Consequently, the direct and specific impact of immigration on Blacks is that it forces Blacks to become a planned, permanent involuntary minority.

Blacks are further suppressed and racial superiority is codified, when governments and corporations classify Asians, Hispanics and Arabs as White. The country uses the ranking order of acceptability, from the lightest to the darkest- to determine which groups receive benefits from society. Only a limited number of benefits and resources are available for distribution. Blacks have earned those benefits, but they are allocated instead to more racially acceptable immigrants. The country is bringing

in a massive number of people over Blacks while simultaneously limiting immigration of people of African descent, especially Haitians.

America is a social democracy in which the majority wins and the minority loses. Immigrant population increases in the last 30 years have made Blacks third-class citizens in America after they were second class citizens for hundreds of years. The 400 percent immi-

grant increase has produced rippling negative effects in Black America that neither civil rights leaders nor elected officials have acknowledged or addressed. The income of Black Americans is reduced by three-tenths of one percent for every 10 percent increase in the immigrant population. (Center for Immigration Studies) That 400 percent increase entirely wiped out the 12 percent income gain that Blacks achieved between 1956 and 1966, as a result of the Black Civil Rights Movement.

The Black vote is now nullified and neutralized. Hispanics alone now outnumber Blacks 42 million to 36 million. When the 11 million to 20 million illegal immigrants are granted amnesty, Hispanics alone will number nearly 60 million, close to double the 36 million (Continued on p. 10)

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PRESS RELEASE

Immigration Harms Blacks

The Harvest Institute sent the following release to members of Congress, Black newspapers, major print and electronic media and to civil rights groups.

Immigration's impact on native Blacks and their communities is disproportionate, direct and devastating," said Dr. Claud Anderson, president of The Harvest Institute, a Black-focused research, policy and education organization. Anderson said that the hidden national unemployment rate of Blacks is 35%. In cities like Baltimore, Detroit and Pittsburgh, Black unemployment is well over 45%. In New York, unemployment for Black men tops 51% and the national youth unemployment figure is nearly 80%. In the 1930s, government declared a national emergency when total unemployment reached 25%. Native Blacks are a labor class that the government and private industry are allowing to become obsolete while they reach out to foreign born immigrants to fill shrinking employment opportunities. The Harvest Institute opposes amnesty for illegal immigrant aliens, guest worker programs, and supports increased restrictions on illegal and legal immigration until the nation first lifts the legacies of slavery and Jim Crow on native Black American. Dr. Anderson said, "Most civil rights groups and elected officials turn a blind eye to the fact that current immigration laws and public policies advantage new immigrants above Blacks and bestow benefits and rights to foreign-born that native Blacks still strive to acquire but have never enjoyed."

Research from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) indicates that immigrants drive down the wage scale and displace native Black Americans in skilled and unskilled jobs. Businesses often claim that immigrants perform jobs that Americans will not. Immigrants who work for low wages relieve businesses of the need to pay living wages. Jobs in America pay immigrants wages 10 to 20 times what they would earn in their homelands. Minimum wage is not a livable wage for most Americans. At the same time, there are many categories of jobs that native Blacks would

like to perform, but immigrants are often preferred.

Blacks and Unemployment

Hidden National Unemployment	35%
Baltimore, Detroit & Pittsburgh	45% +

Black Men and Unemployment

New York	51%+
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Both governments and the private sector ignore native Blacks as a source of labor for jobs the economy needs. Dr. Anderson, author of best-selling books that include, *PowerNomics: The National Plan to Empower Black America*, once a high ranking member of the Democratic party said, "Both political parties ignore and patronize native Blacks who, across the economic strata, increasingly resent the preferential treatment bestowed upon immigrants."

According to Anderson, "The Harvest Institute's mission is to correct some of the historical legacies of exclusion by helping Black America to become more self-sufficient and competitive as a group."

Violates Equal Protection Rights:

The Harvest Institute bases its opposition to increased immigration on the Constitution, which mandated the United States government to correct the effects of slavery on Blacks. Laws created slavery and enslaved Blacks as a group. Therefore, to emancipate slaves and to change government policies that were legal under slavery but illegal after emancipation, Congress passed corrective laws and Constitutional Amendments.

Congress mandated Due Process and Equal Protection for Blacks in the 13th and 14th Constitutional Amendments, and in the 1866 Civil Rights Law mandated that "...all levels of government [to] use all necessary means to lift all the badges and incidents of

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slavery off the shoulders of black people.” None of the mandated corrective actions have ever occurred. Nor did the civil rights laws and social integration of the 1960s lift the “badges and incidences of slavery” from native Black Americans. Instead of implementing the required corrective measures, the federal government enacted policies, which advantaged immigrants over native Black Americans.

Population Impact:

The immigration policies of the United States have made native Black Americans this nation’s only planned, permanent, involuntary minority-loser. Immigration hurts Blacks more than any other population group in America in the following ways:

- The legacies of the slavery and Jim Crow legal regimes continue to affect native Blacks. Of all the nation’s population groups –Whites, Asians, Blacks and Native Americans– native Blacks have the highest unemployment, lowest median household income and the lowest number of businesses. Immigrants compete with native Black Americans and displace them economically, from housing, their neighborhoods, businesses, education, employment, affirmative action programs and in the nation’s conscience.

Voting Impact

- Any amnesty policy that accepts the 11-20 million illegal aliens would extend immigration rights to additional family members. The resultant 40 million would completely decimate and even nullify the voting strength of 36 million native Black Americans.

Economic Impact

- According to CIS, immigrant headed households consume more in public services than they pay in taxes. The fiscal burden ranges from \$11 billion to

\$20 billion above the net gain from having immigrants in the work force. The corporate elite benefit most from increased immigration. Native Black taxes are used to help lift immigrants and provide services to them such as health care and educational opportunities, that are not available to native Blacks.

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- While historically immigrants have displaced Blacks out of employment and business opportunities, immigration has erased the 12% income gains that native Blacks made between 1956 and 1966, the years of the civil rights movement.

Responsibility to enhance the lives of native born Americans should be a higher priority of the United States government than creating opportunities for foreign born. The Harvest Institute recommends that Congress and the Administration work to eliminate the disparities between immigrants, legal and illegal, and native Blacks in America and adopt the following policies:

- 1) Secure the borders and, return illegal immigrants to their points of entry, just as Haitians are returned to their country now;
- 2) Exclude immigrants from Affirmative Action programs, benefits and other unearned benefits they have received when classified as minorities;

Affirmative Action and Immigration

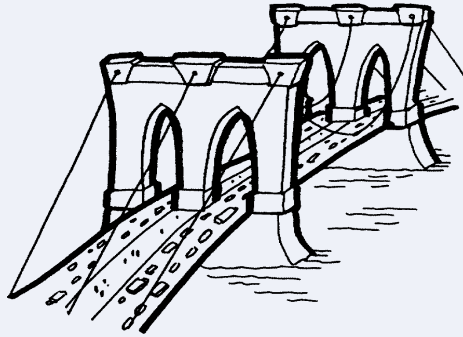
A Dangerous Dilemma

"It's the ultimate nightmare of affirmative action," says Ricky Gaull Silberman, vice chairman of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. "It is its Achilles' heel."

.... And it has fed and nurtured a new vision of affirmative action that has largely shed its claim to *historical redress* (italics ours) in favor of a straightforward demand for *proportional representation* (italics ours). This is especially the case in those cities where the majority is no longer white and does not feel guilty.

It is a rougher, cruder affirmative action in which numbers are power, in which immigrants provide the numbers and in which blacks ultimately lose.

In ways both subtle and plain, it is a turn of events that greases the displacement of blacks by immigrants in jobs from hotels to construction, that invites immigrant entrepreneurs to cash in on minority-preference contracts and that allows colleges to count their success with other minorities to fudge their failure with blacks.



While there are no national surveys to prove this phenomenon, in some of the nation's largest cities it is significantly transforming affirmative action into a weapon that Latinos especially can wield in demanding a larger share of public sector jobs, jobs that have been the bedrock of the black middle class.

"They're trying to siphon off all our gains," says Mamie Grant, whose battle cry as head of the organization representing black city workers in Los Angeles is.... I'm not in favor of affirmative action," says Grant. "It shuts blacks out."

..."When you think of affirmative action you think of black and white. All the laws really were directed specifically at eliminating patterns of discrimination against blacks," says Clyde Johnson, Grant's counterpart representing black county workers in Los Angeles. "All the others are latecomers and bandwagon jumpers.""Nobody can really compete with 400 years of slavery....(Continued on p.8)

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3) Authorize Haitian, Caribbean and other people of Black African descent to immigrate into this country in the same proportion as European, Asian and Hispanics;

4) Establish an immigration entry fee to compensate Blacks residents for the economic harm caused to them by immigration; funds should be directed into economic development banks and Black industrial projects;

5) To increase the marketability of Black labor, close and secure the nation's borders and eliminate minimum wage laws that attract immigrants.

Without a supply of workers willing to labor for artificially low wages, employers would have no alternative but to provide a living wage to the available workforce, especially Blacks;

6) Include a requirement in immigrant education and training for citizenship that they must demonstrate knowledge about the historical injustice and contributions of Black Americans to developing this nation;

7) Support laws to establish English as the national language; file lawsuits against employers who refuse to hire or fire Blacks because they do not speak Spanish or another foreign language. □

Frequently Asked Questions About The Harvest Institute's Position on Immigration

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Many, primarily Mexicans, who are protesting restrictive policies for illegal immigrants, say they are emulating Blacks and have labeled recent protests the new civil rights movement, demanding “civil rights.”

What is the Harvest Institute's perspective?

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The two movements are not comparable. The definition of the term *civil rights* distinguishes the two social actions. *Civil Rights* is defined as rights to which citizens are entitled. The Black Civil Rights Movement and the demands of illegal immigrants to gain the rights of citizens, then are different by definition. Illegal immigrants are not citizens, therefore they have no standing to demand civil rights. The Black Civil Rights Movement was a quest by legal citizens for rights they had been denied by law through the periods of slavery and Jim Crow segregation.

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Many Hispanics claim they are entitled to and want to “take back” Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas; that those states are actually part of Mexico and were stolen by the United States. Is that true?

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Mexico lost the Mexican-American War. As the winner, the United States could have taken possession of all of Mexico. Instead, in the Treaty of 1848, the U.S. preferred to purchase the Southwest territory for \$15 million. The United States could have considered the territory war booty, however, it paid Spain \$15 million. In addition to the purchase, the U.S. gave Spain \$3 million dollars in reparations. At the time, the market value of the land was \$5 per acre, therefore, the price the U.S. paid was equal to \$30 per acre, six times the actual market value. The borders of Mexico were established at the time of the land purchase. It is historically inaccurate to claim that the United States “stole” that land from Mexico. The U.S. in fact, overpaid for land that became Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas.

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Why do so many Black leaders support increased immigration if it is so harmful?

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Some visible Blacks have agreements that recognize and reward them for putting the interest of competing groups over the best interest of Blacks. Others support immigration because, like Rodney King, they want to “get along.” Still others have only studied the issue superficially and lack knowledge. Some are locked into a corner by previous stands and cannot easily change course. Whatever the reason, those visible Blacks who support immigration cannot point to reciprocity from competitive groups. Immigrant groups do not fight for Black rights even though they use Black civil rights rhetoric.

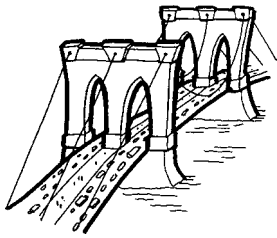
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.... Unasked and unanswered in all this are some fundamental philosophical questions about who is and who should be covered by affirmative action.

"The moral claim for blacks is unassailable," says Dr. George La Noue, the director of the policy sciences program at the University of Maryland Graduate School.



"But," says La Noue, who has been studying the impact of immigration on affirmative action, "now we have people who have very recently come

here who have the same legal status as blacks for affirmative action."

Raul Yzaguirre, the president of the National Council of La Raza, contends that is OK. He says that Latinos have a different, less well-advertised but equally powerful history of victimization in America. "it wasn't slavery, it was conquest" — and that justice demands that immigrants be afforded the same protections.

tends to slip pass the equal opportunity enforcement radar.

In fact, when the EEOC went after a Chicago janitorial company owned by a Korean immigrant for just hiring Koreans, it lost. The federal Court of Appeals this year concluded that that wasn't discrimination, just immigrant word-of-mouth.

Meanwhile, Glenn Harston, president of Black Contractors United in Chicago, says that in that metro area, the minority business set-aside programs (in which public agencies earmark a certain percentage of their contracts for minority-owned firms) are working better for Hispanics and women than blacks.

Perhaps nowhere are "minority" numbers used more skillfully to mask what's happening to blacks than in higher education. The University of Pennsylvania each year bestows 30 full "Mayor's scholarships" to students from Philadelphia. Public interest lawyer Mike Churchill says the university always boasts about how many of those scholarships are going to minorities, "but when you look closer, fully half of the minority scholarships are going to Asian-Americans."

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But Lawrence H. Fuchs, the acting chairman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, argues that affirmative action for immigrants cannot be justified by a theory of past discrimination, because they just got here, or a theory of need, because so many immigrants arrive with relatively high skills and levels of education.

But, because the blacks are being replaced by other, equally "protected" minorities, their displacement

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Likewise, Jonelle Bradshaw, a black sophomore at Cornell University, says, "When I was being recruited I was told that this place was 20 percent minority. When I got here I found out it is, but it's mostly Asian."

For example, Asian-Americans, 62 percent of whom were born abroad, have a median household income

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that is higher than that of whites and nearly twice that of blacks. Young Asian Americans are 40 percent more likely to graduate from college than whites, and three-and-a-half more likely than blacks. Korean-Americans are six times more likely than blacks to own a business. And yet, *national black leaders have not challenged the inclusion of immigrants in affirmative action programs* (italics ours).

“The NAACP does not see a conflict between African-Americans and immigrants,” says its new executive director, Dr. Benjamin Chavis, who is, in fact, recruiting Asians and Latinos.

In September, The Wall Street Journal reported that its analysis of EEOC records had determined that only blacks suffered a net job loss in the 1990-91 recession.

The Journal offered some expert analysis suggesting that employers might be laying off blacks while retaining or hiring other minorities to meet their affirmative action goals. The Journal study noted that blacks were hit hardest in California, New York, Illinois and Florida, which also happen to be the biggest immigration states. It is a subtle process. It is hard to find a smoking gun. Legally, hiring other minorities is no defense for not hiring blacks. But practically speaking, it happens.

“I can tell you what’s happening,” says William Kilberg, an employment discrimination consultant and former Labor Department solicitor, citing a client in the pharmaceutical business whose minority hires were way up. “When you looked behind the

minority numbers what you’re seeing are a lot of Pakistani, (Asian) Indian and Vietnamese,” says Kilberg. “A lot of these people are easy to hire. They’re trained, they’re educated, they’re hardworking and you get a bonus. Not only are they people who you would have hired anyway, but they are characterized as minorities.” The employer is left with less pressure to hire blacks....

Recent studies — in Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles — have detailed how black males are the last choice of employers seeking unskilled workers.

Likewise, UCLA sociologist Roger Waldinger, in his study of the hotel industry in New York and Philadelphia and hotels and restaurants in Los Angeles, found that employers preferred what they viewed as an immigrant “work ethic” to what they saw as native-born blacks’ high expectations and sense of entitlement. These and other studies also indicate that once a workforce turns immigrant it is likely to remain immigrant.

In fact, Cornell’s entering class last year was 25 percent minority — 14 percent Asian, 6 percent Hispanic and 5 percent black.

The irony in all of this, according to Cornell labor economist Vernon Briggs Jr., is that the same black civil rights movement which led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Lyndon Johnson’s executive order on affirmative action in 1965, also inspired the Immigration Act of 1965, which for the first time swung the door wide open to immigration from Asia and Latin America. □

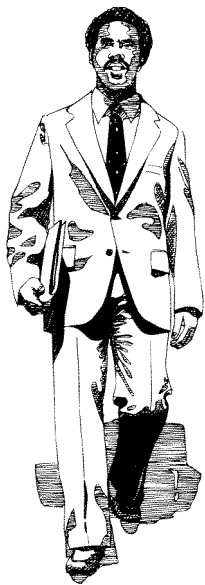
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Blacks. The 1986 Immigration law allows immigrants to bring their children, spouses and parents, which projects an additional 30 to 35 million. With a projected population of nearly 90 million, Hispanics voters will shortly outnumber native Black Americans almost 3 to 1. Blacks were already out-numbered 8 to 1 by Whites. Because Black immigration is limited to ½ of 1%, Black population increases are limited to natural birth rates. It is a cruel and sadistic joke for civil rights leaders to urge Blacks to register and vote while they simultaneous support increased immigration that has wiped out the Black vote.

Immigration has such far-reaching effects, it should have been the focus of protests 30 years ago, but it was not. Blacks are now in the position of demanding not only parity with Whites, but now they must demand "parity" with immigrants. In education, White and immigrant children avoid attending school with Black children, yet states spend an average of \$9,000 annually on immigrant children and approximately \$6,000 per year on Black children. Education funds for historically Black colleges are now shared with White universities that



have a 21% Hispanic student body. Inner-city lunch and milk programs for poor Black children were converted into immigrant refugee programs and bilingual education programs.

Blacks should protest, march and demand that all levels of government prioritize funding and allocate public funding *first* to meet *all* of the educational needs of native Black children *before* it even begins to meet the needs of foreign born children .

Blacks should protest and demand that immigrants be removed from Affirmative Action programs

Affirmative Action programs were originally intended to be corrective action for Black Americans, but immigrants, to whom this country does not have a debt, have been defined as new minorities, therefore eligible for inclusion in Affirmative Action. Knowledgeable of the law, immigrants set foot on American soil and demand preferential treatment. The result: Asians receive approximately 80% of the federal government's 8(a) set-a-sides. According to recent statistics, in Southwestern states like Texas, White women receive 78 % of the state contracts, Hispanics 21 % and Black businessmen only 9/10ths of one percent. Blacks should protest and demand that immigrants be removed from Affirmative Action programs. Inclusion should require any group to prove how the United States government systematically and historically excluded them from access to the nation's economic, social and educational systems. If the case cannot be made, then there are no damages or injury. Blacks should demand that immigrants must be excluded from Affirmative Action programs and denied preferential treatment and access to government resources. They cannot make the case and do not qualify for "corrective" action.

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In business and job development, Blacks are ignored or displaced by immigrants with the approval and participation of government and major corporations. For instance, in the last five years, the federal government has instituted personnel policies that require managers to increase Hispanic hiring. It has sponsored seminars specifically for Asian, Arab and Hispanic immigrants on doing business with the federal government, procurement opportunities and business development strategies.

increase in Black immigration from Africa, the Caribbean Islands and Brazil, at a rate proportional to the legal and illegal immigration from Spanish speaking, Arab and Asian countries. It is ludicrous that Black civil rights leaders fight for increased immigration for non-Blacks immigrants, but utter not one word about increased quotas for immigrant Blacks. There has never been a fair immigration policy or refugee program for people of African descent. The nation's first naturalization and immigration law

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No comparable initiative focused solely on Blacks. In Montgomery County, Maryland for instance, a coalition of 300 major white corporations came together to provide business assistance and to direct contracts, procurement opportunities and business assistance specifically to Asians, Arabs and Hispanics. In Detroit, major companies including Ford Motors and General Motors began similar programs.

Blacks must renegotiate their relationship with governments and corporations, stating clearly that we will not allow them to displace us and award other ethnic groups for unearned loyalty and for the physical labor Blacks invested to build great companies. Relationship renegotiation could include a variety of measures such as national boycotts, selective buying, withholding taxes, protests, marches or other public demonstrations.

Blacks should have long ago challenged this nation's immigration policies and demanded an

in 1790 declared America to be a "White nation" with a zero quota on Black immigration. In the late 1960s, the quota on Blacks increased to ½ of one percent. Where are the protests and marches? Haitian refugees fortunate enough to reach our shores are shipped back or left to perish at sea. Hispanics out-number native Blacks. Where are the protests to increase Black immigration?

Issue Two:

Black Americans should protest this nation's racial media monopolies.

Monopolies of any sort are illegal. Media monopolies particularly are detrimental to Blacks. Media monopolies predetermine winners and losers in the marketplace and political arenas. Government media ownership policies result in Blacks having limited means of communication and all of their information and entertainment, therefore, is screened through an almost entirely White-owned trillion-dollar industry. (Cont'd on p.12)

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Issue Three

That exclusive industry generates wealth and power away from Black Americans. In violation of the 1866 Civil rights Act and the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, Black Americans were excluded from ownership from the very beginnings of the industry when the technology was developed, with government resources, and licenses were first granted.

Airwaves are public property, yet six White corporations own 95 percent of this entire nation's electronic media. The same racial monopoly also owns 95% of the print media. Of the 1,500 daily newspapers, Blacks own one; Blacks own nearly 100 of 12,000 radio stations, and only one of the nearly 12,000 cable systems and four of the 1,500

Black Americans should demand a national program of reparations from the federal, state and in local governments across America. Centuries of slavery and Jim Crow semi-slavery intentionally mal-distributed nearly 100 percent of this nation's resources, wealth, income, businesses, privileges and controls of all levels of government into the hands of the dominant White society. The socioeconomic status of Black Americans remains unchanged from what it was in 1860 on the eve of the Civil War. Native Black Americans, the descendants of slaves, do not own nor control a sufficient amount of anything of value to be independent, economically or po-

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television stations. According to the most recently available statistics, Black Americans, who make up nearly 13 percent of the nation's population and have been seeking parity with Whites for more than 500 years, own approximately .035 thousands of one percent of the nation's media. Since airwaves belong to the public, Black Americans should protest and challenge and demand that the United States Congress legislate the Federal Communications Commission to eradicate racial media monopolies and reallocate ownership of a proportional number of outlets to Black Americans to correct for the policies that excluded them from ownership. *Keep in mind that language groups are not racial groups and do not have the same claims of systematic exclusion from ownership.*

litically competitive. Long term exclusion from society and exclusion from economic opportunities have created social pathologies that compound generation to generation and consume more and more Black Americans. This nation has victim compensation laws. Corporations that damage the environment, for instance, are legally and morally obligated to clean up the messes they make. The same should apply in race matters. All levels of government and White society, in general, have profited from and made a general mess of race relations in America. They now participate in the worst form of racism; they deny differences between Blacks and Whites. How could it be otherwise? The nation has provided reparation-type payments to Native Americans, White slaves holders, Japanese Americans, Mexicans and even tobacco smok-

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ers. Black Americans are hobbled. They stand poised to descend into a permanent underclass of beggars and criminals in an economically competitive society. The race should not let that happen. Slavery and Jim Crow were imposed on Blacks because of their race. The entire race is owed a debt that Blacks should demand be paid, whether partially in direct payment or in other ways suggested in my book, *PowerNomics*. Whatever form reparations take, Blacks should demonstrate and protest until the debt that is owed to them is acknowledged and paid.

Issue Four:

Treaties between the U.S. government and Indian tribes in 1865 and 1866 gave Black Freedmen the same rights as Indians. Black Americans should demand that these treaties be fulfilled.

For nearly 150 years, American Indian tribes and the U.S. government have conspired to deny Black ex-slaves and their descendants their treaty benefits and legal rights. The Indian treaties that existed prior to the American Civil War were nullified when tribes sided with the Southern Confederacy and fought the United States government to maintain Black slavery.

Most of the tribes did side with the Confederacy. After the Civil War ended, these tribes declared themselves exempt from both Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment. Indian slave traders, chasers, and owners refused to free the thousands of Black slaves they held. The federal government intervened on behalf of Blacks and entered into the treaties of 1865 and 1866 which stipulated that tribes were to free their Black slaves, give them \$150.00, land, full tribal membership and access rights to all reservation resources.

According to treaty provisions, the descendants of slaves held by various tribes are legally entitled to the same benefits that American Indians have received over the last 140 years including state Indian commissions, gambling casino ownership and revenues, reservation land resources, tax exempt status, and other economic benefits. To date, neither the government nor the Indian tribes have complied with their treaty commitments to Black Americans. Blacks should demand that the resources they are due.

Issue Five:

Black Americans should demand that the U.S. Congress investigate and restore to descendants of ex-slaves, their savings deposited in the Freedmen's Banks that were criminally appropriated by government officials during Reconstruction after the Civil War.

In 1865, after the Civil War ended, the Congress of the United States charted Freedmen Banks as depositories for newly freed Black slaves and Black ex-Union soldiers. Approximately 480,000 Blacks deposited an estimated \$57 million in wages, military cashing-out pay, bounty and "freedom monies" into Freedmen Banks. Thirty-seven branches were established in major American cities, including Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Nashville, Memphis, Charleston, and Savannah. All of the Black depositors were eventually defrauded of their money. Government appointed boards of trustees and officers, all of whom were White, controlled the Freedmen Banks. These bank administrators used money from Blacks' deposits for personal use and investment.

The Freedmen Bank administrators stole and mis-managed the (Continued on p. 14)

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entire \$57 million through fraud, theft, skulduggery and personal investment ventures that were conflicts of interest. All of the Black depositors were left broke and without redress. The banks managed to survive only nine years— 1865 to 1874. The Freedmen banks ended without public outcry or efforts to demand justice for the Bank's Black depositors. The federal government did not prosecute the thieves or attempt to make restitution. In the 132 years since the Freedmen Banks failed, neither Congress nor any other governmental body has moved to correct the injustice and economic devastation inflicted on vulnerable ex-slaves.

Not even the Congressional Black Caucus or other Black elected officials have brought this matter to the attention of the public or sought restitution for the crimes. Black Americans should march, protest and demand that government make restitution to the descendants for this unconscionable economic crime.

When Andrew Jackson became governor of Florida, however, he personally took it upon himself to remove the reference to Black citizenship and freedom. He did not have the legal authority to unilaterally veto any item in a treaty. When he did, however, he violated the entire treaty and the land should have reverted to Spain. That did not happen; therefore the conclusion is that the treaty must be valid. If that is the case, then Blacks should own most of the land in Florida, especially portions of North Florida that had a heavy Black population. Not only were Black runaways and Black Seminole Indians legally free in Florida, so were their descendants. The government owes Blacks reparations for the land that should be theirs, loss of life, land and freedom due to illegal inva-

sions. If the Adams-Onis Treaty is not valid, then Florida must legally still belong to Spain. Blacks have not used these legal points. So, rather than marching to protest police brutality or to restore questionable voting rights, Blacks should demonstrate, demand and take whatever actions are necessary to make the nation aware of the realty rights native Blacks have from treaties the nation made with Spain.

Issue Six:

Black Americans should demand that this nation honor the Florida land rights that Spain granted to Black Maroons in the Adam-Onis Treaty of 1819.

When Spain agreed to sell Florida to the United States in 1819, the two countries signed the Adams-Onis Treaty. That treaty guaranteed that all Blacks living in Florida would hold citizenship and land rights in the United States after the sale. The Adam-Onis Treaty was signed by the Secretary of State and ratified by the United States Congress in 1820.

This treaty continued Spain's pattern of recognition and treatment of Blacks. In the 16th century, Spain conveyed citizenship rights to any Black person, whether, runaway Slave, freeman or Black Seminole Indian, if they promised to protect Florida territory and accept Catholicism. Article VI of the 1819 Adams-Onis Treaty "guaranteed" freedom to slaves, people with African blood, and free Blacks. The treaty said, "The inhabitants of the territories which his Catholic Majesty cedes to the United States shall be admitted to the enjoyment

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of all privileges, rights, and immunities of citizens of the United States." Even so, during the period that Florida was Spanish territory, 1600 to 1800s, White slave chasers and United States military troops routinely made illegal invasions in a search for run away Blacks and free Black citizens.

The Spanish government had granted the Blacks citizenship rights and most of the land in Florida. However, in January 1818, General Andrew Jackson invaded, and captured and killed thousands of Black Maroons and Black Seminole Indians, Spanish citizens. In 1819, the United States purchased Florida from Spain for \$5 million. President John Quincy Adams purchased Florida to prevent General Jackson from being punished for his violations of an international treaty that threatened to start a war between the United States and Spain. Adams appointed Jackson the first governor of Florida. By the time Jackson became governor, the Onis-Adams Treaty had been signed and Jackson was obligated

to abide by its provisions. The treaty stipulated that once Florida became part of the United states, all Blacks in the territory were free and full United States citizens.

Issue Seven:

The most important protest that Blacks should mount, however, is to publicly identify and impose consequences on members of their own race for inappropriate behavior.

Regardless of the color of the offender; whether the person is conservative or liberal, Democrat or Republican, gang-banger or law enforcement; minister or politician, if they intentionally and continuously injure or degrade the race, they must be held accountable and suffer consequences.

These are but a few little known legal strategies and activities that Black America could use to propel it forward on a new course, while there is still time. □

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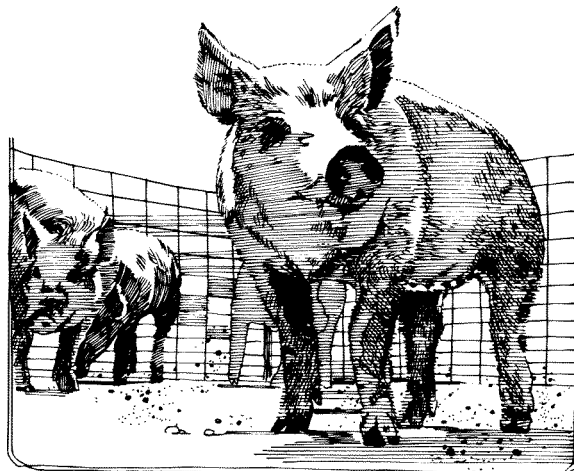
Pig Makes a Hero

The pig has always played a special role in Black people's lives. This is one of the historical "pig" factoids in the book, More Dirty Little Secrets About Black History, Its Heroes and other Troublemakers, by Dr. Claud Anderson and his son Brant Anderson.

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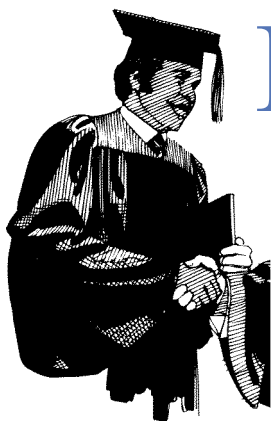
hen Black slaves were reduced to the level of field animals, they learned not only how to survive, they also perfected culinary skills and became experts in preparing barbecued ribs, chitlins, pork chops, pork skin and other parts of the pig. However, the pig played another central role in one of the nation's biggest and best planned slave revolts? Contrary to conservative history revisionists, slaves were poorly fed and were kept at a near starvation level. Free Blacks were only slightly better off, but just like slaves, they too had to occasionally steal food to survive. In 1799, a Black ex-slave named Gabriel Prosser was caught stealing a pig from his former owner in Richmond, Virginia. The former overseer learned of the theft of the pig and confronted Prosser. However, Prosser was in no mood to be chastised for stealing food to survive, so he attacked the White overseer and bit off his ear. For violating a racial taboo by attacking a White man, Prosser was branded with a hot iron in open court and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

The pig episode was the beginning and not the end of Gabriel Prosser. Several years later, the slave revolt of Toussaint L'Ouverture in Haiti inspired Prosser and convinced him that another major slave revolt was due in America. Prosser then spent a year planning the largest and most far-reaching slave revolt ever conceived in the United States of America. But fate intervened just days before Prosser's plan could be executed. Two slaves seeking their meritorious freedom and the approval of White society, betrayed Prosser to White authorities. Gabriel Prosser, along with 26 other slaves, were captured and summarily executed. The State of Virginia reimbursed the White slave-owners for the 26 Black slaves who were executed and probably tossed a pork chop bone to the two slave informers. (*More Dirty Little Secrets, page 283*)



JOBS AND GLOBALIZATION

Will Black Scholars Have Jobs?



Black parents admonish their children to get a good education, work hard and success will follow.

But the direct connection between education and employment has weakened according to a March 22, 2006 *Washington Post* column titled, "Will Your

Job Survive?" (A21) Columnist Harold Meyerson warns in this article, of the serious threat that globalization poses to the near term future of the U.S. because all categories of American jobs are rapidly disappearing. In 1994, economist Jeremy Rifkin, in his book, *The End of Work*, issued a similar warning. He said that only 25% of the jobs that existed then, would exist in the workplace by the year 2015. Others predict that in the new global order, between 42 million and 56 million service sector and manufacturing jobs will soon move "offshore" to Bangalore, Bangladesh or other countries with cheap labor. Jobs are disappearing because they are sent out of the country, but they are also disappearing within the country as the United States recruits nationals from other countries to fill jobs in America. Still other jobs disappear because they are replaced forever by technology. As these trends accelerate, only hands-on or face-to-face services like janitors, crane operators, restaurant workers, retail and direct health care jobs look safe to Meyerson. He labels jobs in our service economy like computer programmers, accountants and even highly skilled service-sector jobs in professions such as legal and medical fields, very vulnerable to foreign competition. Meyerson said, "The broadly shared prosperity that characterized our economy... following World War II is dead as a dodo." He concludes that glo-

balization has made obsolete, the comforting notion that a good education guarantees success, prosperity and independence. And, unlike other countries, the U.S. has no strategy to keep either our most highly skilled, or any other category of jobs, at home.

THI Perspective:

Economists foresaw the destructive economic and social effects of globalization and wrote about disappearing jobs, especially high tech and professional jobs, many years ago. Globalization and massive immigration is now well under way. While the national unemployment rate for Arabs and Asians is nearly zero for Hispanics is only 4.6% and for Black is 35% .

Since the end of slavery, Blacks have always looked to education as the way to a better life. Moreover, in terms of newly created jobs, Hispanics alone filled over 41% of the newly created jobs since May 2005. Is education the key factor in immigrants getting jobs? What will it mean for Black young people? If jobs are disappearing forever, and unemployment is already as high as 51% for Black men in New York, how should responsible adults guide the young people in our lives?

In the foundation books for the Harvest Institute, *Black Labor, White Wealth* and *PowerNomics: The National Plan*, Dr. Claud Anderson, as author and president of The Harvest Institute, has warned of the dangers a race faces when it does not own or control resources, industries and institutions. In many respects, the United States has become as dysfunctional as the Black race: unable to see and act in its own self-interest; abandoned by its leaders and operating under rosy false illusions rather than actual reality.

Will Black Scholars Have Jobs?

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As adults, we can use PowerNomics principles to redirect our children, especially those already in high school and college, and help them shape their futures. For some in high school, vocational education may be a better path to a productive life than college. Our young people in



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college, many of whom attend prestigious schools, will expect employment in the majority society to utilize their training in medicine, engineering, the law and other highly selective and profitable professions. Because jobs in those fields are disappearing from the general economy, our Black scholars will face an even more challenging job market. Don't let any of these children get surprised by the marketplace changes they find.

that can be turned into independent businesses. Whatever their area of study, encourage them to take courses in business development and management; to seek experiences outside of the classroom in their field and teach them the value of owning and controlling businesses in the vocational or professional industries they have selected. Help them to develop realistic expectations. Prepare them for the fact that employment patterns in the professions they have chosen, are in a constant state of flux.

In urban areas where Blacks are the majority, we should demand that our elected officials hold onto city institutions that are assets such as hospitals, schools, museums, and utility systems because as long as Blacks maintain control, the employment policies should prioritize attracting and hiring young

Black vocational workers and professionals. Elected officials must create places for our young people to apply their professional expertise. As adults, we must create industries and businesses that are Black-owned and controlled to employ our youth.

Capitalism requires industrialization for success. The fact that the United States is shedding its industries and the jobs they produce, does not

change the truth of that statement. Black America has never experienced the benefits of industrial-

*...teach your children to become job producers instead of job seekers...
teach them how to identify business opportunities...*

Parents, teach your children to become job producers instead of job seekers. Whether they do apprenticeships, internships or begin jobs in their careers, teach them how to identify business opportunities that exist in their fields; businesses that require face to face interactions and are not likely to be shipped off shore. Help us to identify elements of a field like research, billing, manufacturing,

ization. (*PowerNomics*, Chapter 6) Blacks were the labor engines that built the industries that created the wealth for others. We will have to create our own industrial revolution and a place for ourselves and our children to experience economic prosperity. More fundamentally, we must learn to take stands that benefit Blacks. *After* our problems are solved, *then* we will reach out to and help others. But our children must come first. □

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*On the Move and
Out of the Box*

MI
Detroit, Michigan

Detroit's Maroon Industrial/Business Park

A 300,000 square foot seafood factory will be the heart of the industrial park and will do for Detroit what Disneyworld did for Orlando, Florida

The Black Industrial/Business District that Dr. Anderson is developing in Detroit is making steady progress. The district, called the Maroon Industrial/Business Park, is the center piece of the PowerNomics Plan he designed especially for Detroit at the request of the City Council. The City Council asked Dr. Anderson to write a PowerNomics Plan for Detroit that would create wealth building, business ownership and job opportunities for the majority-underserved residents of Detroit.

Maroon Industrial/Business Park incorporates a number of PowerNomics principles, particularly that Black America must industrialize. A 300,000 square foot seafood factory will be the heart of and anchor industry for the 70 plus businesses that will be in the district. The district will contain a number of manufacturers, distributors and retail businesses that are vertically integrated. The complex will also include a charter industrial school, professional serv-

ices, a cultural center and a row of sit-down restaurants.

The business district will be developed in phases. Phase one will focus on building a foundation of producers and manufacturing outlets. Requests for manufacturing and retail space have already exceeded space capacity in the first phase. Dr. Anderson has nearly completed raising the initial capital from preferred stockholders for the seafood factory. Preferred stockholders invest a minimum of \$100,000. Once he has completed the sale of preferred stock, Dr. Anderson will begin selling common stock to all interested parties. He expects that sales will begin during the early fall of 2006. This step implements the PowerNomics principles of aggregating group resources and building vertical business around a group's competitive advantage. Within the next few months, Dr. Anderson will hold meetings in Detroit for current or potential business owners who wish to locate in the complex as well as those interested in leasing, manufacturing and interested community members.

Contact Information: If you wish to lease space in the complex or offer services, send an email to info@powernomics.com. If you wish to receive investment information when it is available, email your contact information to info@powernomics.com. **DO NOT SEND CONTACT INFORMATION IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER VIA MAIL. YOU ARE ALREADY ON OUR MAILING LIST AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE UPDATES.**

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.

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CA
Los Angeles, California

West Coast Supporters Eager to Partner with Detroit

West Coast supporters of the Harvest Institute (WCSHI) invited the Los Angeles community to hear Dr. Claud Anderson's PowerPoint presentation on the Detroit Project called Maroon Industrial/Business Park on December 15, 2005. More than 1,100 people attended the seminar. In his presentation, Dr. Anderson described the industrial and retail development in detail. (See the MI item on page 18)

Dr. Anderson reported that the project is moving ahead and that he has nearly completed raising the initial investment capital from preferred stockholders. Dr. Anderson told the assembled group that he was focusing his energy almost exclusively on developing this project. He said that while he has created a Black think tank, written books, newsletters, produced multimedia products, and spoken across the country, it is clear to him that Blacks need a PowerNomics model that they can see touch and feel. Anderson asked the audience to do their part while he is developing this model for Black America. Their part, he said, is to save their money and be ready to invest when the time comes. Although premature, many in the enthusiastic audience came prepared, with checks in hand, to purchase common stock that day.

The West Coast Supporters of The Harvest Institute responded to Dr. Anderson's request. They have worked with area professionals to develop a limited partnership agreement for the purpose of holding funds specifically to purchase shares of common stock in the Detroit Project when it becomes available. At that time the investors can withdraw their respective funds and personally purchase the common stock through a stock brokerage

company. Some investors wish to purchase stock for their grandchildren.

Others view the investment club as a mechanism to assure themselves that they will not let Dr. Anderson down when sales begin this fall. The club meets monthly and investment funds are collected at the meetings. The group uses a computer program to track individual investments which are currently held in a Black-owned bank and invested temporarily in low risk financial vehicles. Another purpose of the investment club is to educate people to sow seeds for the next generation so they can start on the ground floor rather than the basement. Dr. Rosie Milligan, head of the group and a Biblical scholar said, "The Bible says that a good person will leave something for their children and their children's children. That is what we are about. We are not going to simply be entertained by Dr. Anderson. We are working to act in accord with him." Dr. Milligan and Tom Sampson of the group hope their efforts will encourage other people, especially families, to establish investment clubs.

The WCSHI has expanded adding sister chapters in San Diego and Riverside. All of these associated groups practice and teach PowerNomics principles. For information about activities in the San Diego area, contact Don F. Long at 619 434-9085; Riverside contact is and Abdur-Rahim Abdullah at 951 805-1726 or 951 849-4172.

This report was submitted by Dr. Rosie Milligan and Tom Sampson. For more information on the activities of the West Coast Supporters of The Harvest Institute or for information on the formal process the group used to start its investment club, contact Tom Sampson at 310- 292-1208 or leave a message at 310-632-3770.

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Philadelphia

NAMD Sets New Goals and Directions Inspired by PowerNomics

In April, Dr. Anderson made a powerful presentation to the 54th annual National Alliance of Market Developers (NAMD) Conference held in Philadelphia. Dr. Anderson urged all in attendance to join the PowerNomics Movement. Both the national and local organizations responded to his challenge and as a result, NAMD has established a new direction and goals.

1. NAMD chapters will incorporate PowerNomics principles into their work, especially in major cities such as Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, and Cleveland where Blacks are a significant portion of the population.

2. NAMD has launched a new consumer education campaign to help Blacks understand

their potential for collective economic power, if their discretionary dollars are aggregated. The campaign slogan is *Know Your Buying Power. Use it with Discretion.*

3. The Philadelphia chapter is planning to an economic summit based on PowerNomics and the president, Norman Bond, is airing commentaries from the conference on radio station WURD-AM.

4. NAMD has agreed to take a lead role in marketing and promoting Dr. Anderson's Detroit Project.

Contact Norman Bond, chairman of the 54th NAMD Conference at www.normbond.com, for more info.

PowerNomics Principle

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Dr. Claud Anderson

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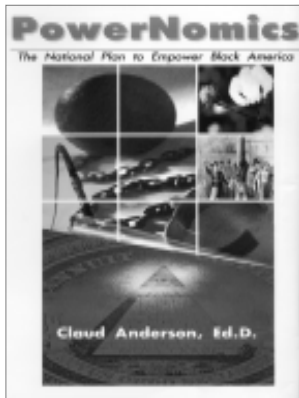
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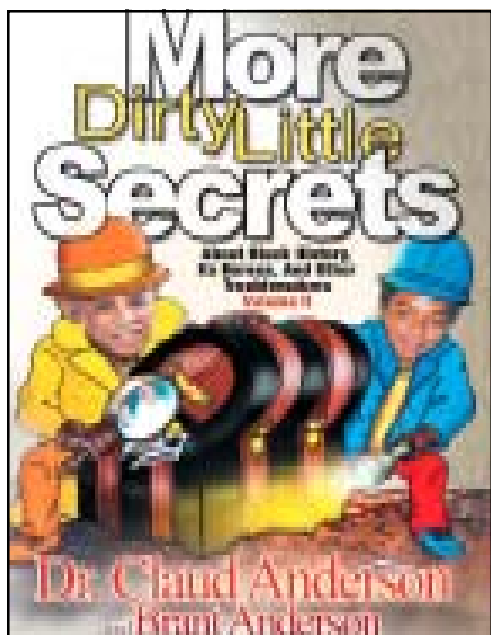


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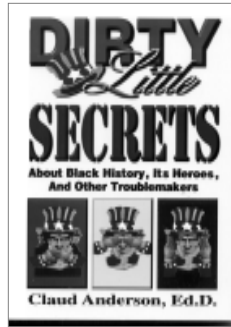
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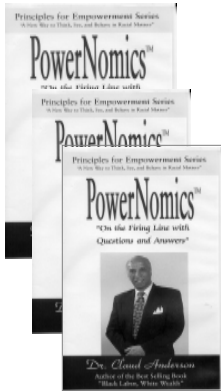
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