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## Congratulations to President Elect Barack Obama

### The Five Black Presidents of The United States of America From the Book: Black People And Their Place In World History

By: Dr. Leroy Vaughn

Joel A. Rogers and Dr. Auset Bakhufu have both written books documenting that at least five former presidents of the United States had Black people among their ancestors. If one considers the fact that European men far outnumbered European women during the founding of this country, and that the rape and impregnation of an African female slave was not considered a crime, it is even more surprising that these two authors could not document Black ancestors among an ever larger number of former presidents. The president's names include Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Warren Harding, and Calvin Coolidge.

The best case for Black ancestry is against Warren G. Harding, our 29th president from 1921 until 1923. Harding himself never denied his ancestry. When Republican leaders called on Harding to deny the "Negro" history, he said, "How should I know whether or not one of my ancestors might have jumped the fence." William Chancellor, a White professor of economics and politics at Wooster College in Ohio, wrote a book on the Harding family genealogy and identified Black ancestors among both parents of President Harding. Justice Department agents allegedly bought and destroyed all copies of this book. Chancellor also said that Harding's only academic credentials included education at Iberia College, which was founded in order to educate fugitive slaves.

Andrew Jackson was our 7th president from 1829 to 1837. The Virginia Magazine of History Volume 29 says that Jackson was the son of a White woman from Ireland who had intermarried with a Negro. The magazine also said that his eldest brother had been sold as a slave in Carolina. Joel Rogers says that Andrew Jackson Sr. died long before President Andrew Jackson Jr. was born. He says the president's mother then went to live on the Crawford farm where there were Negro slaves and that one of these men was

Andrew Jr's father. Another account of the "brother sold into slavery" story can be found in David Coyle's book entitled "Ordeal of the Presidency" (1960).

Thomas Jefferson was our 3rd president from 1801 to 1809. The chief attack on Jefferson was in a book written by Thomas Hazard in 1867 called "The Johnny Cake Papers." Hazard interviewed Paris Gardiner, who said he was present during the 1796 presidential campaign, when one speaker states that Thomas Jefferson was "a mean-spirited son of a half-breed Indian squaw and a Virginia mulatto father." In his book entitled "The Slave Children of Thomas Jefferson," Samuel Sloan wrote that Jefferson destroyed all of the papers, portraits, and personal effects of his mother, Jane Randolph Jefferson, when she died on March 31, 1776. He even wrote letters to every person who had ever received a letter from his mother, asking them to return that letter. Sloan says, "There is something strange and even psychopathic about the lengths to which Thomas Jefferson went to destroy all remembrances of his mother, while saving over 18,000 copies of his own letters and other documents for posterity." One must ask, "What is it he was trying to hide?"

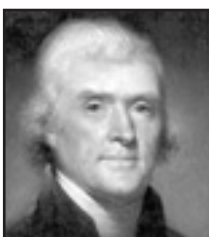
Abraham Lincoln was our 16th president



Abraham Lincoln



Andrew Jackson



Thomas Jefferson



Warren Harding



Calvin Coolidge

from 1861 to 1865. J. A. Rogers quotes Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, as saying that Abraham Lincoln was the illegitimate son of an African man. William Herndon, Lincoln's law partner, said that Lincoln had very dark skin and coarse hair and that his mother was from an Ethiopian tribe. In Herndon's book entitled "The Hidden Lincoln" he says that Thomas Lincoln could not have been Abraham Lincoln's father because he was sterile from childhood mumps and was later castrated. Lincoln's presidential opponents made cartoon drawings depicting him as a Negro and nicknamed him "Abraham Africanus the First."

Calvin Coolidge was our 30th president, and he succeeded Warren Harding. He proudly admitted that his mother was dark because of mixed Indian ancestry. However, Dr. Bakhufu says that by 1800 the New England Indian was hardly any longer pure Indian, because they had mixed so often with Blacks. Calvin Coolidge's mother's maiden name was "Moor." In Europe the name "Moor" was given to all Black people just as the name Negro was used in America.

All of the presidents mentioned were able to pass for White and never acknowledged their Black ancestry. Millions of other children who were descendants of former slaves have also been able to pass for White. American society has had so much interracial mixing that books such as "The Bell Curve", discussing IQ evaluations based solely on race, are totally unrealistic.

I'm Dr. Leroy Vaughn and that's my view.

TPN would like to acknowledge the many contributions made to the City of Pontiac by the late Bill Glover. We offer our condolences to his wife Belinda, their children James, Chiffon, Malikah, Charles, and William.

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#### NOTICE

If you want to see Bill Glover immediately Inducted into The Pontiac Central High Sports Hall of Fame. Please contact School Board President Damon Dorkins at 248-451-6817 or 248-842-9694 and come down to the School Board Meeting on Monday November 24, 2008 at 5:30 PM and voice your support!

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Contribute to the Improvement of the Pontiac School District Attend the Community Forum on December 6 WHRC 1:30 - 3:30

# A Tribute To Bill Glover

## Honoring the Life of Willie James ("Bill") Glover



**Bill Glover**

Sunrise: June 25, 1953  
Sunset: November 3, 2008

Funeral Services  
Were Held On  
Friday, November 14, 2008  
11:00 A.M.

Trinity Missionary  
Baptist Church  
119-123 Wesson Street,  
Pontiac, MI 48341  
Dr. Drew E. Marshall,  
Senior Pastor -  
Officiating

### About The Pontiac News

The Pontiac News is dedicated to providing balanced news about The City of Pontiac and surrounding communities!

The Pontiac News was founded and established in February 2007 and will be published bi-weekly beginning in August 2007. As a major community and the county seat of Oakland County we believe that The City of Pontiac should have a newspaper that is dedicated to providing information and news about this great and historical city.

The Pontiac News is a community minded newspaper that will not only serve readers but also businesses and local organizations and will strive to be the paper of record for local municipal units including The City of Pontiac, and the Pontiac School District.

This bi-weekly newspaper, The Pontiac News, has been established to cover areas in our retail zone including Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Waterford, Bloomfield and other nearby communities (and other school districts).

The Pontiac News will be distributed to over 25,000 homes in The City of Pontiac and nearby communities and over 1,000 area businesses, organizations and agencies. We will eventually create a computer database for all addresses in the zip codes contained in the basic Pontiac News circulation area. A computer program will be designed to generate labels for all households and businesses in those zip codes in order to reach a total of more than 30,000 homes and businesses in our retail area by mail or by door to door delivery service.

In addition to better serving the business community with expanded circulation to cover the retail zone, The Pontiac News will have a great product for readers. We will often feature full 4 color pictures on the front page and occasionally elsewhere in the paper. We will also have the Associated Press wire for news features, local writers to augment our local news, and feature coverage. The Pontiac News web site will be launched in the near future to expand and supplement our news coverage and advertising reach.

We will continue to find better ways to serve our customers.

### WILLIE JAMES ("BILL") GLOVER

Willie James Glover (Bill), of Rochester Hills, formerly of Pontiac, was born on June 25, 1953, and departed this life on November 3, 2008, age 55. He is the son of the late Daniel and Bertha Glover.

Bill was a spiritual man who was raised to believe in God. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He spoke very highly of his mother for instilling in him the importance of faithfulness and he reconciled with those spiritual teachings. He was a confident and prosperous man throughout his entire life. What he understood most was himself and other people. Bill's fervor was to always place his family first and to instill in them to be equally confident. He offered words of encouragement towards healthy habits, education and happiness; moreover to never be judgmental of another human being.

Bill began his legacy as a star basketball player at Pontiac Central High School, where he graduated in the class of 1971. He received full academic scholarship to Michigan State University. Although, he did not receive basketball scholarship, his confidence in his athletic abilities prompted him to try out for the team. He successfully gained a position and led the team for his four years at MSU. In 1975, Bill graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business he went on to earn a Master's of Art degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. In over thirty years of working in corporate sales, Bill earned lavish awards, trophies and official recognition for his superb performances in his professional and athletic careers.

Although his involvement in sports allowed him to travel throughout the country to compete in basketball, it was important that he maintained a consciousness that allowed him to continue to learn and provide words of wisdom to others. This was the goodness in him. After many years away, he proudly returned to his hometown of Pontiac, Michigan with the goal to give back and make a positive difference in the community. His enthusiasm for "being just as happy for the success of others as he was of his own" is one of the many adages that he lived by. His hometown is where he found a place of acceptance through his actions and involvement in community services. He was friendly with the surrounding culture and adopted a means to show how much he cared. Bill facilitated the Sy Green Village Basketball Camp for aspiring young athletes for sixteen years. At the time of his passing, Bill was the Athletic Director at his alumni Pontiac Central High School and a true role model for the students.

Bill's memory will be cherished by his

loving and devoted wife of 23 years, Belinda; his children, James Hill, Chiffon Hill, Malika (Anthony) Glover Carroll, Charles McDonald and William Glover; 9 grandchildren; his brothers, Daniel Glover, II, Henry Glover and Larry (Dottie) Glover; his sisters, Ruby Glover, Pecola Douglas, Betty (Larry) Hannah and Retha Glover; one brother, Leroy Glover, preceded him in death; his mother-in-law, Patricia Jones; one brother-in-law, three sisters-in-law, as well as a host of other dear relatives, friends and students that he mentored.

His legacy will always be remembered as a perpetual optimist and an inspiration to everyone he met.

### A TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

**Bill,**

As your wife I am proud to have assisted you in refining a quality of life that offered no regrets. We learned through our experiences the ability to embrace forgiveness and have adequate empathy which allowed us to focus on our future together.

Our understanding of one another was never static and you will continue to grow with me. Your trust in me gave me the strength to accept your whole soul. My love, understanding and acceptance of who you are is what allowed me to forever stand by you.

I am in the comfort of our many loving friends who will cherish you as I do. I will miss your physical presence but never your spiritual depth, as you will be in my heart forever.

Thank you for bringing into my life your love, our family and your devotion.

**Your Beloved Wife,  
Belinda**

### LETTERS OF LOVE TO OUR DAD

Dad, I never forget when I was 8 yrs. old, I asked you why you called me by my first and middle name, Chiffon Renee. You said to me, it was because I had a name fit to be a star and that you were my number one fan. Dad, now that you're gone; but never will be forgotten; you're going to be my star and I'm going to be your number one fan. I love you dad and will always miss you tremendously.

**Chiffon Rene**

YOU ARE MY HERO & I will love you always, I will live the rest of my life, with the dignity and pride that you lived yours.

**Love your son,  
James**



My dad was inspired by the greatness of his family, friends and community, and in his passing, his

family, friends and community should be inspired by HIS GREATNESS

**Love, Charles Lewis**

I wish I could say Something to Immortalize my Father, But there are no words Great enough for what,

You meant to me. I'll Simply say, I love you Dad.

**William Jarreau**

Dad, the bond that we shared is indescribable. You always made me feel like daddy's little girl You danced with me like there was no one else in the room You made me laugh uncontrollably for no reason-Through your actions, you showed me what good character looks like You made me thin k

beyond what was obvious- You always made it clear: my patience will be my virtue -You led by example, and had a gentle way about yourself that commanded respect -You always knew how much Malika adored her daddy - I adore you still and I always will! Dad, thank you for being you.

**I will always love you!  
Your "Queen Angel"  
Malika Sabreen**

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### From the Publisher



**Publisher R.  
Frank Russell**

Let me take this opportunity to offer my personal condolences to the entire Glover family and all of his relatives and friends. I humbly thank you all for allowing me to say a few words on his behalf at the funeral services. Bill Glovers presence and involvement made Pontiac a better place for all us to live! On behalf of Bill Glover, I ask that 100 men in this community step up to the plate and help us to fill the void that

has been created by his departure! I also ask the members of the Pontiac Board of Education to honor the overwhelming will of the Pontiac community and Mr. Glovers family and friends by immediately inducting Bill into the Pontiac Central Hall of Fame, on or before December 1, 2008. To my brother Bill Glover and the entire Family I extend the greetings of PEACE And Paradise!

# Proposed Solution to Youth Crisis

The Youth Development Institute (YDI) In Conjunction with The Pontiac News, Inc. & Other Participating Organizations

Presents The Educational & Business Conference & Workshop Series

## How To Stimulate, Motivate, Educate & Cultivate A Valuable Untapped Resource

### The Young Black Male and Female & Other At-Risk Youth®

Coming to the City of Pontiac/Oakland County in February 2009 \* A Black History Month Event

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## “CONCERNED PROFESSIONALS COMING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE CRISIS OF THE YOUNG BLACK MALE & FEMALE AND OTHER AT-RISK YOUTH”

### A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

**Dear clergy, parents, educators and other concerned citizens:**

Did you know that recent studies have shown that a significant number of young black males, females and Other At-Risk Youth that enter our public schools and other institutions drop-out or fail because of an inability of professionals within these institutions to understand and connect with the issues that impact upon the growth and development of these children?

Did you also know that there are individuals who have dedicated their lives to finding ways and means of addressing the profound problems that cause a significant segment of our young people to fail or simply drop out of school?

With keynote addresses and expert presentations in the various areas related to 'Solving The Crisis of The Young Black Male & Female and Other At-Risk Youth, you will emerge from this conference armed with practical tips that will make you a more effective Stimulator, Motivator, Educator and Cultivator of this most Valuable Untapped American Resource.

This conference will feature innovative, practical and common-sense ideas, advice and solutions from a dynamic panel of seasoned experts who have been successfully dealing with this crisis for years. Topics will include:

- The Proper Education for The Young Black Male, Female and Other At-Risk Youth for the 21st Century!
  - How To Properly Stimulate, Motivate, Educate and Cultivate, The Young Black Male, Female and Other At-Risk Youth!
  - Adverse Environmental factors that negatively impact upon the Educational Development of Young Black Males, Females and Other At-Risk Youth.
  - The impact of Nutrition and Ritalin on the Education of Young Black males, Females and Other At-Risk Youth!
  - How To circumvent the disproportionate percentage of Black Males who are suspended, Expelled and/or placed in Special Education classes!
  - How To Deprogram Young Black Males & Females and Other At-Risk Youth from the Myth of Intellectual Inferiority!
  - High Teacher Expectation as a Motivator!
  - The Impact of Teacher Frustration and Administrative Inflexibility on Student Achievement!
  - How School Fail Young Black Males and Females and Other At-Risk Youth!
  - Black Children Their Roots, Culture and Learning Style!
  - Bringing the Black Boy & Girl to Man & Womanhood!
  - The Effects of Cultural Forces on the Self Concept of Young Black Males, Females and Other At-Risk Youth!
  - Towards a Relevant Curriculum Taught with the Appropriate Methodology!
  - How To Stimulate and Motivate Parental Involvement!
  - How To Motivate and Cultivate Student Achievement!
  - The Impact of Technology on the Education of The Young Black Male, Female and Other At-Risk Youth!
  - How To Awaken the Genius of the Black Child!
  - A Model Parental training program that works!
  - Why School Reform Efforts Have Failed and What Parents Need To Do!
- Please Join The Youth Development Institute (YDI), The Pontiac News and other area organizations, businesses and agencies along with our Panel of Experts from across this Nation at this unique, timely and critical event to share ideas and perspectives on How To Stimulate, Motivate, Educate and Cultivate - A Valuable Untapped Resource - The Young Black Male, Female and Other At-Risk Youth!

Do not hesitate - send your request for event brochure and registration information to YDI - P.O. Box 431016 - Pontiac, MI 48343, or email your contact information to YDIyouthDevelop@aol.com, or call Mike Reed at 248-758-1411 for more information. We look forward to seeing you at this educational events!

Sincerely,  
Mike Reed, Event Coordinator

### CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

This Educational/Business Conference and Workshop Series is designed to help professionals and other individuals to understand and more effectively Stimulate, Motivate, Educate and Cultivate this most Valuable Untapped Resource - The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth. This conference series will also serve as a forum whereby educators, social workers, policy makers and others can devise additional methods to solve the problems encountered by this population in the various institutions in this society.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- School Principals, Teachers and other Educators
- Professors
- Administrators
- Counselors
- Youth Advisors
- Social Workers
- Police Officers
- Psychologist
- Sociologist
- Ministers
- Parents
- Protective Service Workers
- Coaches
- Boys & Girls Scout Leaders
- Child Welfare Workers
- Parole Officers
- Probation Officers
- School Board Members
- Students and the General Public

Over 15,000 professionals, the general public and other concerned parties from throughout Oakland County will gather at the conference site during Black History Month February 2009 for this most important conference and workshop series.

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

In order to mitigate the crisis encountered by The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth in the various institutions of America, The Youth Development Institute via this Conference Series proposes to:

1. Assist Teachers and other Educators, Professors, Administrators, Counselors, Youth Advisors, Social Workers, Psychologist, Sociologist, Ministers, Parents, Protective Service Workers, Coaches, Boys & Girls Scout Leaders, Child Welfare Workers, Police Officers and other professionals who work with the target group to understand and more effectively Stimulate, Motivate, Educate and Cultivate Young Black Males and Females and Other At-Risk Youth.
2. Identify the specific problems encountered by The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth in the various educational and other institutions in this society.
3. Recommend specific solutions to the problems encountered by The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth.
4. Share and Exchange information with educators and other professionals who work with The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth.
5. Bring media and public attention and awareness to this most serious problem.
6. Focus media and public attention on those experts who have developed ways and means of addressing this critical problem.
7. Stimulate and Motivate Educators and other professionals who work with The Young Black Male and Female and Other At-Risk Youth to devise additional methods to solve this crisis.
8. Examine the role that various American Institutions (religious institutions, schools, media) can play in resolving this most critical problem.
9. Articulate to the appropriate local, state and federal officials suggestions resulting from this conference series that will facilitate the resolution of this grave crisis.

### A LETTER TO POTENTIAL SPONSORS

**Dear Sponsor:**

It is with great pleasure that we announce and present the Educational/Business Conference & Workshop Series "How To Stimulate, Motivate, Educate & Cultivate - A Valuable Untapped Resource - The Young Black Male & Female & Other At-Risk Youth". This exciting event will be held in Oakland County/Pontiac, Michigan during Black History Month February 2009. It is anticipated that we will reach (as attendees) over 15,000 parents, youth, educators, childcare workers and other professional who work with our youth. In addition, we expect many more thousands of parents and caregivers will realize the benefits of this conference through video, television and other mediums.

As you know a segment of our population are not realizing the full benefits of our educational system and are being left behind as non-productive and unemployable members of the community. We here at YDI believe that this problem can be solved. Hence we have contacted and are presently in negotiation with educational experts from across this great country who have developed the ways and means of addressing the critical issues encountered by young black males, females and other At-Risks students within the public school system and other institutions of America.

In order to make this vision (conference series) happen we are in need of corporate, governmental and individual sponsors who will step up to the plate and provide YDI with the financial support needed to make this most worthwhile project a reality! Quite frankly, if you really want to show that you support education and our youth, there is no better way than serving as a sponsor of The National Conference & Workshop Series "How To Stimulate, Motivate, Educate & Cultivate - A Valuable Untapped Resource - The Young Black Male & Female & Other At-Risk Youth".

Please call 248-758-1411 to receive Sponsors Information. We will provide complete Sponsor kit per your request, which details the various levels of Sponsorship Opportunities that are available to individuals, corporations, foundations and governmental agencies.

The Youth Development Institute (YDI) is a Michigan based non-profit, Corporation; therefore your contributions may be tax deductible. Our tax ID # is 38-2532902. If you have questions on how to proceed as a sponsor please call Mike Reed at 248-758-1411, you can also request information electronically, our email address is YDIyouthDevelop@aol.com

Sincerely,  
Mike Reed - Event Coordinator

— What's Happening In Pontiac —

# The Pontiac Summit to Save Our Community, Save Our Families and Save Our Children



**Pastor Thompson**

The Rev. Sylvester Thompson, pastor of Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, is making a difference in the city of Pontiac by organizing and serving as the chairperson of The Pontiac Summit to Save Our Community, Save Our Families and Save Our Children. This event was held on

Saturday November 1, 2008 at Baker College of Auburn Hills. Over 300 area citizens from all walks of life attended this highly successful event.

Pastor Thompson initiated this summit in order to develop a plan to address concerns citizens have regarding the future of the city of Pontiac. According to the Pastor Thompson the summit is about getting citizens actively involved in the community and giving them the tools that are needed to develop a plan to help to bring about positive change in the City.

Speakers included Bob Daddow Deputy County Executive for Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, state Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Pontiac Mayor Clarence Phillips.

There were five challenge areas discussed in separate workshop sessions, including (1) Education (2) Family/Social (3) Public Safety (4) Economic/Workforce

Development and (5) Urban Development. During the Summit professionals and experts from each challenge area facilitated the workshop sessions with a goal of coming up with a specific plan for solving each of the challenges.

The Education Committee/Workshop spotlight was on the literacy rates in Pontiac schools, the dropout rate, truancy and teacher training.

The Family/Social workshop looked at parenting skills and basic family needs such as health care, food and shelter.

The Public Safety Committee/Workshop focused on community policing, neighborhood watches and cracking down on drug trafficking in the neighborhoods

This workshop also looked at resolving the challenges of urban decay and urban flight.

The Economic/Workforce Development Committee/Workshop looked at economic factors affecting the city.

The Urban Development: Infrastructure Committee/Workshop looked at the concerns around, abandoned homes, foreclosures and lack of recreational facilities in the community.

Those who showed up to the summit self selected one of the five workshops and gave input.

According to Pastor Thompson a comprehensive report and plan will be developed and presented to the community in early January 2009..... so stay tuned

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## The School District of The City of Pontiac Wants Your Ideas

The Advisory Committee to Redesign Pontiac Schools for Instructional Effectiveness and Financial Efficiency is responsible for recommending structural changes and academic improvements to the school board. School officials say the district must do some major restructuring to prevent a deficit and avoid major academic program cuts.

Currently the district has approximately 7,000 students, while paying to operate and maintain 19 buildings designed for 20,000 students. The projected deficit is expected to be more than \$5 million if steps are not taken before June 30, 2009. Suggested solutions include closing at least 11 of the buildings that are currently operating and adjusting the academic programs that are offered.

Your input is needed, please go to the following website and complete the Pontiac Public Schools Parent Restructuring Survey.

[www.pontiac.k12.mi.us](http://www.pontiac.k12.mi.us)  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U\\_2bReSgt45vZbCCHt3RoWHA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=U_2bReSgt45vZbCCHt3RoWHA_3d_3d)

Another way that you can get involved is to attend the upcoming community Forums to be held on December 6 and January 13. Forum Schedule is listed to the right.

### School District of the City of Pontiac

invites you to attend

### Community Forums

to Redesign the Pontiac Schools

for Instructional Effectiveness and Financial Efficiency

Forum 1: Wednesday, November 5, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Pontiac Northern High School

Forum 2: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Pontiac Central High School

Forum 3: Saturday, December 6, 2008

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. @ WHRC

Forum 4: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ WHRC



*Come and share your concerns and suggestions!*

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*"Pontiac Schools, Look Up!"*

## — What's Going On Around Us! —

# Economic Plan to Save Our Planet

## *If We Don't Make This Kind of Reform NOW...*

*A Perspective By: Lyndon LaRouche*

If We Don't Make THIS kind of Reform NOW, We are Not Going to Have a Decent Planet to Live on.

Lyndon LaRouche made the following remarks to a private meeting in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 11, 2008. The transcript has been edited, and subheads added.



**Lyndon LaRouche**

As you know, probably, as of last July, I forecast that we were at the end of a phase of the system. And within three days, after my forecast, on July 25 of last year, the breakup of the present monetary system began, with what was called by some people who didn't know any better, a "subprime crisis." It was never a subprime crisis: The idea that a real estate bubble exploded and had a chain-reaction on the world is nonsense. That didn't happen: It happened the other way around.

The system which was to explode, or implode, just broke loose at its weakest point. But the problem lies, today, not in the real estate area or otherwise; it lies in financial derivatives. The financial derivatives system of the world is what is in the process of collapsing. And the financial derivatives system totals to over \$1 quadrillion U.S. dollars in estimated value! And this is the great speculative bubble which has built up from 1987 on, under Alan Greenspan and others. This is the bubble that is now collapsing.

This is a hopeless collapse, in terms of the present system. No mere reform of this present system, will save the planet. The nearest event comparable to this, in all European civilization's experience, occurred in the 14th Century, with the general collapse, called a "New Dark Age," in which the entire system of Europe collapsed. The number of villages collapsed by one-half, the population of Europe collapsed by one-third, and it took several decades before even the beginning of civilization returned.

The crisis we have today, worldwide, is of a similar form: A great financial bubble, which has been growing at a great rate, while the rate of net physical production per capita, has been collapsing. This system is doomed in its present form. And there is no minor reform, there's no monetary reform that could save this system. We are headed for an absolute, total collapse of the planet, unless a change is made. There is no hope, for any remedy, within the framework of what's called a monetary system. But rather, as I shall emphasize here, the alternative is the establishment of a credit system, to replace the present monetary system.

### **The Crucial Role of the United States**

Now, the model for the credit system lies in the United States, historically. If you study the U.S. Constitution and the peculiarities of the U.S. Constitution, as opposed to those of Europe, our system of government has no resemblance in essentials, to any European system of government. European systems of government are essentially parliamentary systems, not federal systems. There are

reforms in European states, which have moved in the direction of a Presidential system. The best example of an attempt in that direction was Charles de Gaulle, as President of France, in his Fifth Republic. There was a serious attempt to establish a nation-state system in Europe, by de Gaulle. But since that time, there has been no successful effort, to establish a true nation-state system, as opposed to a parliamentary system.

Therefore, the United States has a crucial significance in this, and without a crucial role by the United States, which seems extremely difficult right now, because of the present Presidency and so forth—without the United States, there is no hope for avoiding what will be a plunge into a new dark age, resembling that which occurred in Europe, which occurred in the 14th Century. That's the situation we face. No simple reform, no adjustment, no monetary agreement, nothing of that sort will work.

There are, however, very specific measures, of agreements among governments which could change the system, could change it without anything too radical, but it would get us through.

Now, the first thing that has to happen is, in practice, is that unless there's an agreement of a certain type among the United States, Russia, China, and India, we have reached a condition, where it would be impossible to save the world from a collapse, a worldwide collapse. The form would be this: It would be the change of the present world monetary system, the elimination of the present world monetary system, to replace it by a credit system, which is consistent with the principles of the U.S. Federal Constitution. Remember that our Constitution, and our Presidential system, was not based on a parliamentary system; it was not based on a monetary system. It was based on what's called a credit system.

The difference is obvious to all of you: You have two types of systems in the world today, of any significance. One, there are credit systems: A credit means that the money issued by a government, is issued by a government, in the name of the government, and is backed by the promises of the government to support the credit. This credit, under law, can then be monetized and supply a money currency as well as credit for development.

This is distinct from a monetary system. A monetary system represents a system of money, which is outside government, but which may or may not have agreement with government. European systems, today, are not credit systems, they are monetary systems. The monetary system, which is tied to the IMF, today, and has been since 1971, 1972—that period—the monetary system is what is collapsing. The monetary system is collapsing, because it is tied, specifically now to the credit bubble, the derivatives bubbles. And this is what's collapsing. There's no possibility at this stage any longer, of saving the monetary system in its present form. That is, a reform made internal to the monetary system will not work. It's too late. We could have done something in that direction, back a year ago, July a year ago, back in 2007. The system is so rotten today, that it would not be possible, especially the changes that have been made by the U.S. and other governments, in the recent months, are so radical,

that it would be impossible to reform this system. You have to completely overhaul it and revolutionize it.

But, our American System allows us to do that, under our Constitutional system in our history.

### **A Four-Power Agreement**

Now, what we have to do is, establish a power bloc, to force through a change among nations. Western Europe, despite the fact that there are positive elements, as the case of [Economics Minister Giulio] Tremonti in Italy, or some efforts on the part of [President Nicolas] Sarkozy in France; there are some initiatives in the direction of useful reforms. There are desires for useful reforms from other parts of the world. But the requirement here, is to have a sufficiently powerful agreement, to force through the reforms in a timely fashion. This can only occur by an agreement among the United States, Russia, China, and India. If the United States, Russia, China, and India function as a bloc, other countries will join them, and we can force through the reform. In my view, without that particular agreement, it would be impossible to ram through the reform, politically, at this time—not in time. We might eventually agree to it, but it would be too late. We need change now: The world system is collapsing at such a rate, now, that we do not have years to play with. We do not even have many months to play with. By the end of the year, we must be in the direction of making some kind of reform, in this direction.

Now, what it means, is this: As those of you from China know, and other countries, the change in the system, especially since 1971 and 1972 on, the change was a change in the relationship of China, from the United States to China and other countries. The change was essentially to what is called "globalization": to move production out of Europe and the United States, and to move it into countries which have low per-capita incomes: in other words, cheap labor. And thus production, and infrastructure, were moved out of the United States, and increasingly out of Europe, especially after 1989-1990, into other countries, Third World countries in particular, which operate at a cheap-labor price. Today, most of the production of the world depends critically, on a margin of production in these countries, which are the export countries, which replaced European production, U.S. production, and so forth.

So therefore, at this point, you have two things: First of all, the system is collapsing. Now, by the nature of the system, it means that the countries which were used as substitutes for production from Europe and the United States, for example, are now collapsing, because the purchases from other countries are collapsing, as in the case of China, where the collapse of China is a potential time-bomb for the entire planet. Because if the collapse of China's exports continues at the present rate, this will be a time-bomb for the entire system; and some people understand this. Therefore, the unity of four powers, the United States—which has a certain special power—Russia, China, and India, represents a bloc that can force through reforms of the type that are needed.

### **A Credit, Not a Monetary System**

What is required is this: We have to eliminate the monetary system, by a credit system.

A credit system is not some mysterious thing. It's essentially something which is traditional to the United States in particular. European systems today, are monetary systems: that is, despite agreements with government, money is controlled by agencies outside government. This is a characteristic of parliamentary systems—not a true Presidential system, but a parliamentary system. And thus, money exists independently of the control of government, although with agreement with government, but nonetheless, under the control of outside agencies: international, financial agencies, which actually control the monetary system, control and regulate the money, and government plays, less and less, a role in the control of money, in control of the monetary system. This is characteristic in Europe, particularly since 1989-1991, in which the control over money, with the Maastricht agreements and similar kinds of agreements, Europe has absolutely no control over its own monetary supply: It's controlled by outsiders, largely through London, and through things like the oil price market.

So therefore, the creation of a credit system to replace a monetary system, is where the solution lies. There's no way to save this monetary system in its present form. It's so full of junk, with the financial derivatives far in excess of a quadrillion dollars in claims, against the nominal size of the actual production of nations, it is impossible to reform this monetary system in its present form. You have to put the monetary system, itself, through bankruptcy. You will have to wipe out the greatest portion of nominal monetary assets in the world today! Cancel them! Because the system as a whole is hopelessly bankrupt.

Now, what do you do in that case? Well, what you do for a monetary reform to a credit system, you use the U.S. Constitution. Because of our Constitution, we can create, as Roosevelt did that formally, we can create a credit system. To replace a monetary system.

Now, what you do under this case, and with agreement with the United States, and its Constitution, with Russia, China, and India, it can be done. What you do, is you say, we put all the claims which are equivalent of monetary or credit claims in two piles. One pile we call "monetary." That's the manure pile. The other we call the "credit" pile. Now under the U.S. Constitution, money, when the Constitution is followed, is created only by the will of the government. It is done by the Executive branch of government, with the consent of the House of Representatives, and things flow from that. This credit being issued, is also authorized for monetization: So, the credit can be issued as loans for projects, or international loans, and part of it can actually be monetized, under the condition under which it was uttered. Particularly, if we had a national banking system, which we don't have presently, we could convert the Federal Reserve System, which is bankrupt, into a national banking system, as Hamilton proposed. Then it would do that, automatically. We do need a national banking system in each country. That doesn't mean they're the only banks, but it does mean you use a national banking system to control the relationship between government and the banking system as a whole, in general.

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## — Africa - & World News —



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### Mourners Honor 'Mama Africa' Miriam Makeba

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Nov. 15) - A trumpet wailed and poetry soared Saturday as South Africans remembered "Mama Africa," Miriam Makeba, for her music and her commitment to human rights. The memorial service after Makeba's death Monday at the age of 76 followed two days of national mourning, with flags at half staff and books of condolences at the presidency and parliament - honors due a woman seen as an ambassador for the best values of her country, her continent and the world.

#### Miriam Makeba



**Miriam Makeba**

South African singer, composer, humanitarian and activist Miriam Makeba passed away after a concert in Italy on Nov. 10. Makeba's celebrity and grace made her a powerful voice against apartheid, and she later championed women's and children's rights and other causes. She died after collapsing during a concert in Italy in honor of six immigrants from Ghana who were shot to death in September in an attack blamed on organized crime.

Mourners began arriving Saturday hours before the public memorial service began at a Johannesburg stadium.

Zindzi Mfundisi, a 20-year-old waitress and aspiring singer, was first in line. Mfundisi said she once met Makeba before a concert in South Africa. Her heroine encouraged her to stay in school.

"I know her as a mother, as a caring mother," Mfundisi said. "I love her humanity." Mofereferere Mofokeng brought his wife and two children to the service, rising early for a drive of several hours from the eastern town of Ermelo.

"This is my icon," said the 48-year-old engineer, his 5-year-old son Lebo looking up at him solemnly. "I have to be here with my family."

His 12-year-old daughter Cindy called Makeba "an inspiration."

The service drew a South African mosaic - young and old, white and black. Some wore sober black suits and church hats. Others wore vibrant traditional robes that recalled Makeba's own Afro chic - as well as the poet Langston Hughes's call to remember the dead with "one, last trumpet note of sun."

South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela,

who was once married to Makeba, performed at the memorial. It was billed as a solo performance of her song "Welele," but the audience of about 1,500 joined in, clapping softly to the dirgelike rhythm set by Masekela.

Poet Maishe Maponya told an audience that included former South African President Thabo Mbeki and Makeba's grandchildren her "lips touched our hearts with hymns of beauty." Pallo Jordan, a former anti-apartheid activist who is now South Africa's minister of culture, said Makeba "deployed her music as a weapon in the struggle."

"She kept her eyes on the prize," Jordan said. "And that prize was a free South Africa in a free Africa in a better Africa in a better world."

The white government toppled in 1994 revoked Makeba's passport when she was traveling abroad to promote her appearance in the 1959 anti-apartheid documentary "Come Back, Africa." In 1963, she appeared before the U.N. Special Committee on Apartheid to call for an international boycott of South Africa. She returned to her homeland only after Nelson Mandela was freed from prison in 1990.

Smith Bopape, a 58-year-old Johannesburg resident who was among the first to arrive for the memorial service, said he would remember Makeba for a song she first sang in the 1970s, "A Promise," which spoke of her longing to go home, and for justice.

"And she did in the end" come home," Bopape said. "Although it took quite lengthy period."

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### All Eyes On Ghana

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Ghana's general elections, slated for December this year, are very crucial to the people of Ghana as well as the international community. Already, some opinion leaders have started commenting on the elections, thus indicating that all eyes are on Ghana.

Therefore there is the need for the Electoral Commission, an independent body mandated by the 1992 Constitution of Ghana in Article 45 (c) to conduct and supervise all public elections and referenda in the country to ensure that the elections are free, fair and peaceful so the out come of the results will be accepted to all parties irrespective of who and which party emerge as the winner.

Ghana remains one of the most peaceful countries in Africa on the score sheet. This year's elections will be the fifth consecutive elections in the Fourth Republic since 1993 when Ghana returned to constitutional rule. One may ask how this one will be. Well, the onus lies on all Ghanaians.

It is very important not to lose sight of the five Pillars of the National Orientation, Proud to be Ghanaian, Patriotism and Spirit of Ghana First, Positive and a "Can-Do-it" Attitude, Productivity and Accountability and Dedication and Discipline. These should serve as the guiding principles that no matter the situation, the Ghana first Pillar ought to be held in high esteem.

According to the President of the United States of America, George Bush, Ghana is showing Africa that democracy is not a challenge to be feared but a sure path to prosperity and peace. "Ghana and America stand as one in our work to promote free elections. Ghana is now in the middle of a lively elections season, marked by spirited debate close fought contests which sounds kind of

familiar." "Whatever the outcome, Ghana is showing Africa that democracy is not a challenge to be feared but a sure path to prosperity and peace. Ghana is a model of entrepreneurship, democracy and peace on the continent of Africa."

These comments were made during President Agyekum Kufuor's recent visit to the US. Undoubtedly, Ghana, one of the peaceful countries in Africa, is in the spot light as to how the elections will be organised.

These attest to the fact that proper measures ought to be put in place to forestall any anomaly that can be detrimental and lead to the derailment of the peace Ghanaians are enjoying.

Thankfully, the Electoral Commission has successfully endorsed seven political parties and an independent candidate to contest for the December 7 Presidential polls. These are New Patriotic Party (npp), National Democratic Congress (NDC), Convention People's Party (CPP) and Peoples National Convention (PNC). Others are Democratic Freedom Party (DFP), Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) and Reformed Patriotic Democrats (RPD).

Now that the green light has been given to the presidential aspirants to officially campaign to canvas for votes, the duty then lies on the Flag Bearers to educate their supporters and followers to be disciplined and avoid the use of vulgar words which can mar the beauty of the elections.

The underlying causes of election disputes ought to be identified and properly addressed. This is because it has the tendency of derailing democracy in Africa rather than consolidating it. The responsible bodies ought to ensure that proper measures are put in place to curb election violence which is becoming a menace in Africa and should draw a demarcation between a winner and a loser.

Undoubtedly, in consolidating and expanding democratic rule and strengthening peaceful elections in Africa, the following cannot be overlooked. Transparency in the electoral process, the commitment of the incumbent government in ensuring that transparency, the capacity and commitment of all political parties to respect the rules and accept the outcome of the results as well as the commitment of all political parties not to escalate pre-electoral crisis.

Elections often bring controversy and can contain seeds of conflicts. In other words, conflict is inevitable in elections. However, achieving positive results rest on how the government, the courts, the electoral commission, political parties, the party supporters, the police as well as the media manages election-related conflicts.

Corruption and abuse of power are the canker on the continent of Africa and cannot be ruled out as reasons why some governments refuse to relinquish power when they lose elections because they fear prosecution.

It is noteworthy that as part of efforts to ensure peaceful upcoming elections, the Director-General of Police Operations, Mr Patrick Timbillah, has called on the personnel of the Security Services to remain neutral at all

times.

According to him, neutrality, firmness, fairness, resoluteness and consistency of the personnel, coupled with a high sense of professionalism will win them public confidence and disabuse the minds of people of any suspicion of bias.

The media, the fourth realm of state, have also been brought to the limelight by the Chief Justice, Mrs Justice Georgina Wood at the 13th Annual Ghana Journalists Association Awards and Dinner Night in Accra. She said one of the pre-conditions for credible elections in December is for Journalists in the country to live up to their role as neutral referees.

Indeed, the observation by the Chief Justice is in the right direction because there is the perception that the media often contribute to election disputes in some parts of the world as a result of bias reportage.

The devastating nature of elections in neighbouring countries such as Angola, Liberia, Somalia, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone among others should be a lesson to Ghanaians to manage this year's elections to expectation so that Ghana does not become a centre of controversy.

The Zimbabwean electoral crisis a couple of months ago, has left the country in a serious political turmoil despite an agreement reached for power sharing between the ruling ZANU-PF headed by Robert Mugabe and the opposition Movement for Democratic Change headed by Morgan Tsvangirai.

The Zimbabwe election dispute has led to the loss of several lives and properties, with some people displaced. It has the world's highest inflation record of over 11, 000,000 per cent. The question is does Ghana want to be in this situation? Certainly not.

It will be recalled that early this year, during President Kufuor's last People's Assembly in Sekondi-Takoradi in the Western Region, he assured Ghanaians that he is prepared to handover power irrespective of who emerges as winner by legitimate means in the December polls.

This is a very good assurance from the President. All the presidential aspirants and their supporters ought to bear in mind that it is only through legitimate means that one can become President in this democratic era and must therefore respect the verdict of the electorates, since they are the deciders of who becomes the President of the Republic of Ghana.

This is the time to prove to the whole world that indeed, Ghana is the gate way to Africa, by ensuring that the upcoming elections are free, fair, peaceful and democratically accepted without any issue of power sharing.

#### Shown below are the Presidential Candidates in the upcoming Elections in Ghana



## ENCOURAGER'S CORNER: YES WE CAN, YES WE DID, CHANGE HAS COME<sup>©</sup>



**Dianthia Spann**

On a historic day in history the people have spoken; all the people. Something that most of us would have never believed would occur in our lifetime has taken place. We the people have elected the first African American President of the United States of America. How about that for change? Here we are at the threshold of one of the greatest events in history and we are here to witness it. I can't even tell you the pride and sense of satisfaction I feel and felt the night of the election. We set, my family and I watching every moment with anticipation and the moment it was clear we had won and I say we, meaning my children, grandchildren and future generations to come, we won! That set the bar higher and opens the door for us in a way like never before. Now when we tell our children, "you can reach for the stars, you can be President" there is now an absolute reality to that. I can because change has come to the

land.

The French President Nicolas Sarkozy said, "By choosing (Obama) you, the American people have chosen change, openness and optimism. At a time when all of us must face huge challenges together, your election raises great hope in France, in Europe and elsewhere in the world."

As the leader and forerunner we have been; we will regain the respect from other nations as in times past. The commander and chief, the chosen vessel for this hour leading the way, the one that will make all this happen looks like me. WOW!

I have thought about my parents, and grandparents who didn't get to experience this.... Martin Luther King Jr. dream turn into a reality, but I know the spirits of our ancestors rejoiced with us as we crossed over into the promise land. I could even feel their presence at the election polls. There was love, fellowship and camaraderie as we stood in the long lines to allow our individual voices to be heard. We came out like I've never seen before, and it made my heart smile, as did those that fought for our right to vote. I voted early (Monday before the election) but because I was so excited about what I knew was happening, I wanted to see how the people were turning out. I got up before day, the crack of dawn, (which is another article) and called my children to make sure they were going to be in their designated precincts,

and when I found out that they were on their way, and one was already in line, I headed out to the polls to observe history in the making. I went to Jefferson Jr. High School, Bowen Center, Holland Center, and Herrington Elementary. I thought I had been excited, but once I viewed all of us out in such great numbers I began to cry, tears of joy. We had come together like never before and it reflected what a great people we truly are, with untapped potential to make things happen. I immediately called a co-worker, Councilman Everett Seay and he answered

the phone singing "people get ready there's a change coming." I was delighted to get such a response, to sense that we all, the community, the country was in this powerful place of change. Something was in the air and something great was happening.

Well my sisters and brothers, black and white alike we have written and it has tarried but now the change, the dream, the vision has come to pass. Together as we support our new PRESIDENT with positive optimism we will see a better, brighter future because YES WE CAN.

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### Put the System Through Bankruptcy Reorganization

If you do that, then you do a bankruptcy reform: You take the hopelessly bankrupt system—we're talking about quadrillions of dollars of claims, of monetary claims, especially as located in these speculative markets of derivatives and related kinds of things—we have to wipe most of this off the books! It can never be paid. It was foolishness, it was a lie, it was done largely since 1987, under Alan Greenspan's insanity. This we have to wipe out.

What do you do? You have to protect those things which are productive, and are necessary for the government and necessary for the population. Therefore, you create a pile called the "credit pile." What you do, is you take every obligation, and every asset, which is valuable to society, currently, or necessary and meritorious—you take the monetary value of that, and you assign that to the creation of credit, government credit, a credit system. And you leave the remainder to rot.

Then, at that point, you enter into agreements, with governments—and this is where the relationship of the United States, Russia, China, and India occurs; there are many ramifications to this thing—under the case, what we do first of all, is you create among these governments, and others who will join them, you create a credit system to replace the present monetary system. That doesn't mean that every nation is involved immediately; it means these nations and others who wish to join, will join immediately. Now, we enter into an agreement which amounts to a revival of the Bretton Woods system. What we do, therefore, is, we create a credit system, as an international system, as a fixed-exchange-rate system. And we issue credit, by agreement among these countries, as a fixed-exchange-rate system. We then proceed, to expand world production, involving these countries, through the new credit system, leaving the useless money, the useless claims, to rot.

In doing that, two things happen, particularly with these countries involved, because the future of the planet, economically, is concentrated in Asia, where the greatest single concentration of population and the need for growth exists. The other area, which has a similar character, is Africa. Now, Asia and Africa are also two areas, which contain a lot of the raw materials assets required for the development of production in the world.

Therefore, if this part of the world develops, several things happen: First of all, you have in China, and you have in India, and other countries in Asia, you have a tendency where 60-70% of the population is essentially destitute, because of the present structure of prices, prices paid. A small part of the population of these countries, varying from case to case, has, shall we say, a modern standard of living, a modern ability to produce. A great part of the population remains outside! While there's infrastructure development in China, it is not sufficient to compensate, for example, for these needs. The development of resources for developing raw materials, that is, mineral raw materials, is not sufficient. The raw materials, the minerals, lie there in the ground, but you just can't extract them, you have to develop these resources. And you have to mobilize the flow of this into the expansion of production to include that: India, China, are typical of this—but also all of Asia.

You have a parallel situation in Africa. Africa is one of the larger repositories of raw materials, necessary for humanity in the

coming period. But under the present conditions, with the lack of infrastructure, you can not develop those raw materials! So therefore, what you have, is a part of the world, over 40% of the world in Asia, essentially, and a large part in Africa, and you have comparable situations in South America, where you have large resources, which are undeveloped, which could be developed, but the infrastructure development needed, has not occurred yet.

### The Challenge of Development

So therefore, we have not only the question of a reform of a monetary system, to prevent a collapse of the system; we have the challenge now, of taking these areas of development, which involve large raw materials deposits, at the same time, a very large part of the population—and a large part of the population of the world is living at substandard conditions, with no immediate prospect of significant improvement—therefore, the frontier of humanity, for centuries yet to come, involves this thrust of development. It means, then, a reversal of the present tendencies in Europe and in North America, away from becoming post-industrial societies, toward playing a key supporting role in freshly generating technologies which will support this development in Asia and in Africa, and also similarly, in South America. But South America's much closer to the United States, and so forth, has largely a European cultural population, and therefore, dealing with that is much different than it is in dealing with other parts of the world which have a different cultural heritage.

So therefore, there are two things involved: First of all, is to mobilize a section of the planet, which can be mobilized, which has to be mobilized—Russia knows it needs to mobilize! Russia is facing an existential crisis, not as severe as China's right now, but it's an existential crisis. They can not simply continue to function the way they're going. Changes are required. China knows that a change is required, from the present situation. India is less unstable in some respects than China, because its characteristics are different, but all of Asia is in this condition. Africa's in a known condition. The problem in South America, even though it's a different part of the world, and has different characteristics, is similar.

So therefore, we have to think not merely about a monetary reform, or a credit reform: We have to think of a credit reform in terms of a mission-orientation, of a system of sovereign nation-states, globally, for an extended period to come. Automatically, in this kind of process, if you have this agreement of the type I've indicated, among the four leading nations, and those who join them immediately, you will go immediately to a gold-denominated, fixed-exchange-rate system. So you will begin to operate in one part of the world, even if the rest of the world has not yet joined; you'll be operating under treaty agreements, among a bloc of nations, a powerful bloc of nations in these terms. And you're moving back in the direction we have to get, to solve these problems: a fixed-exchange-rate system.

What we would do, probably, and I would do in the United States, if I had my druthers, is take the Federal Reserve System, which is now bankrupt; the Federal Reserve System is hopelessly bankrupt. I say it: It's true. Merely, the axe has not the head off, yet, but it's gone! What you have to do, is put it through bankruptcy reorganization. Now, since it has a Federal government relationship, which the Federal government has to deal with, you simply do what Alexander Hamilton would have done, and intended to

do, had he had his choices, despite Andrew Jackson—and convert the Federal Reserve System, as a set of assets, and use the power of government by an Act of Congress, and the Executive branch, to convert it into a National Bank. That does not mean it's the bank that controls everything in the banking system. You are going to restore the private banks, the state banks, and the Federal banks, the chartered banks. But you need a vehicle interfacing between government and the Treasury Department, and the private part of the banking system, to mediate the handling of long-term agreements, and the handling of other things which are done on behalf of both government interest and on the part of the institutions.

So, if we create this seed crystal, of these four nations, and others who join them, we now can have, any time we decide to do it—if the President of the United States says, to the President of Russia and to the President of China, and to the government of India, and some other countries: "Let's make this agreement!", the United States has Constitutionally, the Constitutional apparatus and the authority, to do this! So we don't have to worry about what somebody in England says, or some other part of the world says—if these countries agree, on a certain mission-orientation, to act now, we can start a process toward a recovery of the planet as a whole. And once we start that process, we then can go on to the major business of getting other parts of the world involved in it. But we need to make a break.

### The American Presidential System

Now, we have, of course, a new President-elect of the United States, and provided he lives—I understand there are some threats to his life—the prospects don't seem good on the surface from his behavior, but if forces like that combine, the way the American Presidential system works, the President of the United States will be shaped by the approach to such an agreement. Sometimes a President determines the way the U.S. government goes, sometimes he does not. Sometimes he dominates, in a bad way. Sometimes he dominates in a good way. But our system is not a system of a President; it is a Presidential system, in which the entirety of the Federal government is essentially a Presidential system in its character. And the other branches of government are essentially auxiliary to our control-mechanism, which determine and shape the Presidency.

But if the United States Presidency decides to move in that direction, the forces of the Presidency can control the President of the United States. And therefore, the President of the United States will be inclined and steered to do useful things, for the sake of the United States and for its allies. So that's what's required.

If we do that, then we can deal with other parts of the world, which eagerly join. The problem now, is the attempt to pick off one country at a time, to agree with this—the kind of negotiations that are occurring between London and Sarkozy of France, is completely hopeless! Nothing good can come out of this! It's absolutely useless. And the results we'll see, in the coming meeting [the Nov. 15 G-20 meeting—ed.], will be terrible results. They'll be inconsequential; it'll be chaotic. No solution will be presented! Something may be presented and called a "solution." But, calling a pig a person does not make it human. This will not work.

Nothing presently planned, by the coming meeting, will do any damned good, at all—but will only make things worse.

Only a reform of the type I've described, is within sight as a feasible change in the system.

What I've said, also implies that we would go away from a floating-exchange-rate system, not only to a gold-reserve system, or a regulated system of the type that Roosevelt prescribed in 1944, as opposed to what Truman did after 1945: What Truman did, what was done under Truman, was not Roosevelt's intention. Remember, that Franklin Roosevelt's intention was to eliminate all imperialism, to get rid of colonialism, and to use the vast economic power we had assembled in the war, to build up other countries, through a partnership to eliminate colonialism, and to establish a system of nation-states on this planet.

Truman was different: Truman was actually an enemy, a political enemy of Franklin Roosevelt. He belonged to a different faction, an opposing faction. Roosevelt died. Truman took over—in a sense, Winston Churchill took over. And if President Roosevelt, who had intended to eliminate colonialism throughout the planet, through a process of development, was replaced by a President who cooperated with the British to restore colonialism—as in the case in Indochina, as in the case in Indonesia, and so forth and so on, around the planet.

So what happened under Truman, was not the actual intention of Roosevelt. If we go back to 1944, at Bretton Woods—against Keynes! Keynes was a fascist and an imperialist! That's frankly what he was; his famous 1937 General Theory, published in Berlin, in which he said his system would work better in Nazi Germany than it would in a free country. He was right. The Keynesian system was adapted to a colonial/imperial system, and we functioned under a monetarist system, with imperialistic characteristics, especially since 1971 to the present time: It's been one of our big problems.

So, going back to the Roosevelt intention, of 1944-early 1945, with a reform of this type, does give us an answer. This means that we have to have a fixed-exchange-rate system; we have to have a hard-currency system; it means we have to have a lot of regulation of prices. You can not have free, floating prices. Because, if you're not covering the costs of production, by undercutting prices, so that you try to produce below the cost of production, you're not going to have development.

### The World Needs Infrastructure

This also means, that this will not work without a very large-scale investment in basic economic infrastructure. For example: Take the case of Asia, North Asia.

North Asia is a repository, part of Russia, but North Asia in general; the Siberian area and below, is a repository of concentration of raw materials which are necessary for the development of Asia as a whole. But you just can't go in there, and get those raw materials; you have to have a system of development, which develops the territory in which the raw materials lie. You can't just go down and dig them out. You have to have a system, and Russia used to have a system of that type, under the old Russian system, in infrastructure, in minerals. And therefore, to develop this area, you require large-scale, modern transportation systems; you need power systems, which means nuclear power systems, and so forth; otherwise you can not develop these territories. This means developing magnetic levitation systems in place of rail systems, restoring rail systems where they fit the bill, and all other kinds of infra-

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# ENERGY COMMON SENSE

## HEMP: A True Gift from God

Written by Dr. Heather Anne Harder

The best plant to make Bio-fuel is "Industrial Hemp" (contains LESS than 3% THC). Corn requires chemicals and too much energy to grow. Over 70% of the Hemp plant can be made into fuel and all you need is water to grow it. There are many countries around the world that are growing Industrial Hemp for fuels, paper, clothing and 100's of other products. Canada has passed a law to make Hemp legal to grow, but the United States Government won't let American farmers grow Industrial Hemp because it is in the same plant family as Marijuana (contains MORE than 3% THC). Hemp can replace almost all wood products. With deforestation a big problem around the world, it only makes sense to take Industrial Hemp off the drug list. Look up "Vote Hemp" on the web and help the world be a better place.

Hemp has the potential to be the best thing that has happened to American farmers in recent history. If only we can awaken the people to their political power. Hemp has four major uses, food, fiber, fuel and medicine. This one crop can provide the basics of life -- food, shelter, clothing and medicine. Industrial hemp has little in common with its cousin the "marijuana" plant. Hemp plant can be grown in most climates, requires little fertilizer and water and NO pesticides nor herbicides. De-regulating hemp production only makes sense.

Both Presidents Washington and Jefferson grew hemp. Americans were legally bound to grow hemp during Colonial times. The Federal government even subsidized hemp during WWII. In 1807 California produced 125,000 pounds of Hemp. 40% came from Santa Barbara.

Hemp is among the oldest industries on the planet, going back more than 10,000 years to the beginning of pottery. The oldest relic of human industry is a bit of hemp fabric dating back to approximately 8,000 B.C.

Hemp played a major role in the stabilization and economy of our nation for many decades. It wasn't until it became a threat to the natural resource companies back in the thirties did it first experience a ban on its growth. After all, hemp oil is clean, renewable, cheap, and clean while fossil fuels were

limited, expensive and dirty. Those who stood to make a fortune in fossil fuels couldn't compete. Also contributing to hemp bashing was William Randolph Hearst. Seems he had a huge financial interest in the timber market. It was his newspapers that spear-headed the hemp bashing in order to influence public opinion. Using the Mexican word for hemp, "marijuana," Hearst turned the public against hemp by playing on their fears and misled the public concerning the nature of hemp/marijuana. Until then people were comfortable with hemp-but this Mexican marijuana was a whole new ball game.

Hemp fell out of favor and was thus outlawed because of the combined attacks of a handful of these corporate giants, who put their own self interest above the best interests of this nation. These spin doctors together stifled the hemp production in this country. Now we must re-examine the facts and search our hearts for truth. Then we must take action. Only by working together can we break the corporate/financial hold that still controls Capital Hill.

Hemp provides low cost high quality food. Hemp seed can be used for both people and animal food. It is high in many nutrients including protein. Hemp contains all of the essential amino acids and essential fatty acids necessary to maintain healthy human life. Hemp can be made into snack bars, cookies, burgers, and porridge or can be roasted and eaten alone. No other single plant source provides a complete protein nutrition in such an easily digestible form, nor has the oils essential to life in as perfect ratio for human health and vitality. Hemp can be brewed with coffee or beer. Currently we import hemp seed from Canada. Now it is time to create domestic hemp seeds for our own use.

Hemp is good medicine. Hemp has long been recognized for its medicinal qualities. Hemp relieves side effects or symptoms of glaucoma, AIDS, cancer chemotherapy, migraines, muscular dystrophy, PMS, asthma, and other medical conditions. From 1842 through 1890's a powerful concentrated extract of "marijuana" was the second most prescribed drug in the U.S. In all the medical literature written, none list any of the ill effects claimed by today's drug warriors.

Hemp has many non-food uses. Hemp is

made into body care products, lamp lighting, printing, lubrications, household stain removers, varnishes, resins, and paint. Back in 1935, approximately 58,000 tons of hemp seed was used just to make non-toxic paint and varnish. When hemp was banned, these safe paints were replaced with toxic petro-chemical versions. In 1930 people did not know about poisoned rivers, or deadly landfills or children dying from chemicals in house paints.

Hemp is most known for its fiber. Hemp fiber is extremely versatile. Hemp fiber is known for its strength, length, durability, and its resistance to rot. Hemp fiber is also made into a wood-like composite which is twice as strong as wood. All hemp products are biodegradable.

Hemp reduces our dependency on trees. Hemp is made into paper products as well. Using hemp can eliminate our dependence on trees. One acre of hemp produces the same amount of paper as four acres of trees, four times a year, at 1/4th the cost of wood pulp paper and with 1/5th the pollution. Hemp only takes a 90-100 days to mature for harvest, while most trees take 50 to 500 years. Hemp paper can be recycled ten times, as opposed to three times for most tree-based paper. Hemp paper production can reduce waste-water contamination normally associated in paper production. Hemp production reduces the need for acids, and lends itself to environmentally friendly bleaching instead of harsh chlorine compounds. Hemp paper does not yellow with age and is acid free. 1,500 year old hemp paper has been found. Hemp crops would save thousands of acres of U.S. forests as well as forests around the world.

Hemp is good for the earth. Hemp anchors soil and protects it from run off. It preserves topsoil and subsoil structure as does forests. Hemp cultivation requires few chemicals. Hemp is easy to grow and actually restores and replenishes soil nutrients. Eco-friendly hemp can replace most toxic petro-chemical products. Research is being done to use hemp in manufacturing biodegradable plastic products. These products include plant based cellophane, recycled plastics, resins made from hemp seed oil, to name but a few. The most hazardous toxic waste comes from petro-chemicals and nuclear power. Hemp can safely, cleanly and completely replace them both.

Hemp is good for the American farmer and the community job market. The farmer and even the rural community has the most to gain from the restoration of the domestic hemp production. One acre of hemp produces 3-4 tons of biomass every 90-100 days. Because of hemp's bulkiness, local processing plants, weaving accommodations and other facilities are needed. This creates a new job market within the existing farm community. This in turn provides a tax base for these communities so that they no longer have to rely on taxing the farmers' land. The affordability and availability of hemp will create an unprecedented increase in local cottage industries. Everybody wins.

Hemp could end our dependency on fossil fuels. Fossil fuels, such as natural gas, oil, and coal, are non renewable resources since they are the by-product of eons of natural decomposition of Earth's ancient biomass. Fossil fuel contains sulfur, which is the source of many of the aggravating environmental pollution problems threatening America. When burned the

ancient carbon dioxide trapped in these fossil fuels are released and increase the effects of global warming and the greenhouse effect. On the other hand dried hemp biomass burns with virtually no ash or sulfur. Its growth removes carbon dioxide, which it releases when burned. The amount of carbon dioxide taken from the atmosphere equals the amount released thus it does not contribute to worsening the global warming or greenhouse effect.

According to Environmental chemist, Stanley E. Manahan, if we dedicated about 6% of continental U.S. land to hemp biomass cultivation could supply all current demands for oil and gas. This production would not add any net carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Pyrolysis is the process of converting organic biomass into fuel similar to the process currently used to create charcoal. Hemp "charcoal" has the same heating value as coal, with virtually no sulfur to pollute the atmosphere. Hemp yields approximately 10 tons per acre in four months, is drought resistant and produces a heating value of 5,000-8,000 Btu/per pound of dried hemp. Hemp biomass can also be converted to methanol. Some car manufacturers have already indicated a willingness to make cars that would run on methanol fuel.

Hemp plants could replace all fossil fuels and their harmful by-products, reducing pollution. Using hemp cultivation for the new "energy farming" would create another cash crop for American farmers. Hemp is both beneficial for the American energy consumer, and good for the atmosphere. Hemp is the only crop capable of making America energy independent.

Only politicians and their campaign contributors stand in the way of such radical common sense. (Why do we continue to allow this subversion of our Constitution when their restrictions fly in the face of reason and the best interests of this nation?)

Hemp is good for the tax base of county, state and the federal government. A legally regulated hemp crop would yield billions of dollars in tax revenue. A new hemp industry would replace thousands of jobs being lost in the wood pulp industry and in other agricultural & industrial occupations.

If hemp were de-regulated and taxed at the same rate as pipe tobacco, over ? billion dollars could be raised annually in Texas alone. Nationwide hemp tax could fund state programs for universal health care for everyone. If hemp were taxed at the same rate as cigarettes, which pose a much greater health hazard, over a billion dollars could be raised just in Texas.

Hemp is good for the national economy. Hemp production proponents claim that hemp could be worth considerably more than \$40 billion a year and yield 50,000 safe products. We currently import hemp products from China, Thailand, England, France, Spain, Holland, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, Canada, and Australia. Hemp is grown legally in most industrialized countries of the world. What do these countries know that we don't?

In 1942, after Japan cut off our imported hemp supply, and our national prohibition of hemp production was in place, we experienced a dangerous shortage. Our legislators waged a national campaign and literally begged and bartered with farmers to once again grow

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### More Hemp Facts

- Hemp is nature's longest, strongest, most durable fiber. As a fabric it is softer, more insulating, more absorbent, more breathable, and longer lasting than cotton.
- One acre of hemp produces as much paper as 4 acres of trees. Hemp is naturally archival quality and can be safely bleached using hydrogen peroxide. The first paper was made from hemp as well as the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, the first draft of the U.S. Constitution, and even the first Gutenberg Bibles.
- Just about anything that can be made out of wood or plastic can be made from hemp, and is biodegradable.
- In 1941 Henry Ford built a hemp fueled and fabricated automobile that weighed only two-thirds the amount of a steel car and could resist blows 10 times as great without denting.
- In January of 1996 The American Farm Bureau Federation, more than 4.6 million-members strong, unanimously endorsed the researching and growing of industrial hemp.
- It has been cultivated since 2800 BC in China and was grown by such people as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and even by 4H Children in the early 40's.
- 90% of all ship sails from at least Fifth Century BC until the late 19th century were made from hemp. Even today hemp is used on some ships because of its resistance to mildew and weathering and because it remains pliable in extreme conditions where plastic based ropes become brittle and crack.
- Edible hemp oil contains the largest amount of essential fatty acids of any plant known. The protein contained in hemp seeds is the most complete and body available of any in the plant kingdom making hemp seed the most complete single human food source.

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"Hemp for Victory." Farmers and their sons who agreed to grown hemp were given a waiver from serving in the military. We even asked kids in the Kentucky 4-H club to grow at least a half-acre but preferably 2 acres of hemp each. Amazingly, growing hemp was bad, but it became good, but after the war was over it became bad again. Only in Washington could such irrational behavior under mounting evidence be rationalized. We can no longer afford to allow the hemp production to remain a matter of ignorance verses politics. This insane prohibition against one of the world most valuable plants must stop.

Even Thomas Jefferson smuggled special high quality fiber strain hemp seeds from France for American use. Jefferson knew, as do many people now living, that hemp has great tensile strength and durability. It is used to produce more than 5,000 textile products ranging from rope to fine lace. The woody "hurds" remaining after the fiber has been removed contains more than seventy-seven percent cellulose, and can be used to produce more than 25,000 products ranging from dynamite to cellophane.

Hemp is already a profitable cash crop in several American states—why not let all states

have the choice to grow hemp? After all hemp has been around for a long time. It offers little surprise to the American consumer. Humans have safely used hemp for thousands of years, for food, fiber, fuel, food and medicine. It is only our archaic preoccupation with someone's potential use of recreational use of marijuana that keeps us from opening this wondrous crop to all farmers. Some law enforcement officer is afraid someone may grow the wrong kind of hemp rather than industrial hemp. This is ridiculous.

In the puritans time it may have been considered prudent to stop someone from getting high—but in this day and age it makes no sense to lock up non-violent hemp offenders. Over 300,000 Americans a year are arrested for marijuana possession, at a cost of \$840,000,000 to taxpayers. At a time when prison costs are skyrocketing and we are forced to release violent criminals because of prison cell shortages, we must reconsider our priorities. Once-productive citizens become wards of the state, sometimes along with their families.

I have never used drugs of any kind, not even not inhaled, but going to Indiana University during the sixties allowed me to watch my classmates who did. I truly only knew of one other person on campus who

chose not to partake. (It is said that if you can remember the sixties you really were a part of them.) Like all college students before and after them, these marijuana smoking students grew up and became productive citizens with few exceptions. I do not support the use of drugs but I strongly oppose our government's refusal to succumb to common sense. They have no Constitutional authority to determine our behavior or to regulate what we can do with our bodies. To add insult to injury they refuse the fundamental rights for farmers to grow such a miraculous plant because it looks like one that may make people high. Instead they sit by (probably counting their campaign contributions) while our land, water, and air are polluted. This nation grows ever more dependent on foreign imports and 500 farmers go under each week! If I were in Congress, I would be deeply concerned about the karmic debt that these collective actions will reap.

How long will the American people sit back and take this subjugation from those who are elected to "serve and represent" them?

The criminalization of hemp is unconstitutional and its continuation is perpetuated by corrupted influence of campaign contributions. The hemp industry in America could supply jobs, strengthen the economy and help restore a more peaceful and healthy environ-

ment. Henry Ford once said, "Why use up the forests which were centuries in the making and the mines which required ages to lay down, if we can get the equivalent of forests and mineral products in the annual growths of fields?"

A few states are beginning to grow hemp but without federal deregulation these attempts are minimal at best. We as a nation must ask ourselves some important questions. Whose campaign contributions are preventing our legislators from opening up our farms to grow hemp? Who benefits from these restrictions? Why on earth are we subsidizing tobacco growers while blocking the legal and profitable production of hemp?

At a time in history when we can map the genes in a plant, I find it inconceivable that our legislators can't tell the difference between industrial hemp and the high-inducing "marijuana" plant. In 1937, when hemp was first outlawed, our legislator's stupidity could be rationalized, but not in the year 2000.

People must begin to become vocal and outraged against these federal intrusions on our freedoms. Hemp is good for everybody.

What the world needs now is love sweet love -- and the decriminalization of industrial hemp!

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structural development which are necessary for high-technology investment and production. Without that, we can not accomplish our mission.

Therefore, we have to have very large-scale international agreements on creation of credit, for large-scale infrastructure projects, of especially international interest. You can do nothing in Africa, without a large investment in basic economic infrastructure: mass transportation, power, water management, and so forth. These countries, given freedom—true freedom—could tend to develop themselves. But! Without large-scale infrastructure, which they're not equipped to develop, they couldn't launch that kind of development.

This means, also, the world itself, at large, requires a return to large-scale rail or magnetic levitation transportation systems, which we've been destroying in the post-war period. It means other kinds of development of that type.

It means also, a new tariff system, a protectionist system, which guarantees to each nation, that its investment in production, which everybody has supported, presumably, is going to be protected in price. We can not have a low-price economy. The problem in China, for example, is, the prices at which China is able to have an export market, the prices are too low! You can not maintain China's population with those prices. And the reason this was done, was to lower the price of production below the cost of production! So we moved production out of Europe, and out of North America, we moved it to prices below the actual, physical cost of production, considering the capital investment in technology. Therefore, you take and dump on China and other countries, you dump an export market for them, but then you don't allow them to earn enough to support their entire population in development. The same thing happens in Africa. The same thing has happened in South America and Central America, in recent periods, mainly since the 1970s.

So we need these kinds of reforms, now! And that's the direction we have to go in. That's the option.

## Billions Are Already Imperiled

If we're not willing to move in the direction I've indicated here, in these remarks so far, today, then, I tell you, that the situation for humanity on the planet as a whole is worse today, than it was in Europe in the 14th Century, in the onset of what was called the New Dark Age. We have over 6.5 billion people living on this planet today. With the present conditions, much of that population is already imperiled: the question of food supplies, alone, problems of disease and related things; the food crisis is grave on this planet, today, as many of us know: Without an increase in productivity, physical productivity, which means a change in these conditions, and the introduction of protectionist conditions, we're going to have a holocaust. We now have between 6.5 and 7 billion people on this planet: If we don't do something now, we're going to end up, in a couple of generations, with about 1 billion, or less.

So, we have an existential crisis on this planet. The present monetary system, the present systems, especially since 1968-71/72, the net physical output of the United States, since 1968, since the fiscal year of '67-'68—the net physical output per capita of the United States has been continually shrinking! There has been no net physical growth, per capita, per square kilometer, in the United States since fiscal year '67-'68.

You have a similar condition, but a worse condition, in Europe today, especially in Germany: In Germany, the most obvious collapse has occurred.

So, if these reforms are not made, with the goal of a protectionist system, which ensures that long-term investment is promoted and encouraged, and technological progress and the investment that goes with it, is encouraged, we are headed—right now—for a new dark age! Not some time down the line. What has happened, at an accelerating rate, since the end of July of 2007, has already been a run into a crisis.

One of the problems here, is that every economist who engages in forecasting has failed, in this entire period. They failed in the long term, but they've also failed, in particular in the past year and a half. Every economist in the world, that I know of, has been generally incompetent in forecasting, during this period. Incompetent, particularly—you

have people who are publishing reports to the effect that this crisis will soon be over. It will never be over! Without this reform I've indicated, it will never be over! Life on this planet is headed for a dark age, unless the kind of reforms I've indicated occur now. There is no other solution. And any forecaster who says differently, you know is incompetent.

And that's why I say—I return to it—the key to a reform, as I see it today: There's no possibility of a necessary reform, unless you reach agreement of the United States, Russia, China, and India. If those countries agree on the general directions I indicate, and are prepared to act in that direction, other nations will join them—obviously, Japan will join them, automatically! Korea will automatically join them! Other countries will

immediately join them, because they're part of the same system, the East Asian system. That whole area of East Asia, Northern Siberia, the area around Korea, the same thing—these are areas that have immediate potential for very significant development! And these countries, given the chance, will leap to that, and take advantage of that.

But without that kind of reform, without that orientation, without agreements where we can create large masses of new credit—that is, under a credit system, while junking the old monetary system—if we can't do that, there's no chance for humanity at all. And anyone who forecasts differently is wrong, and dangerously wrong.

If we don't make this kind of reform now, we're not going to have a decent planet to live on for some time to come.

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## -Voices in the Community-

# New No Fault Problems



Michael  
Hohausner

Most consumers in the State of Michigan are aware that we are a No Fault State. "No Fault" refers to certain aspects of our automobile insurance. The original statute was introduced in 1973. At that time, the basics of the statute were: a person could not recover for pain, suffering and emotional distress if injuries

did not reach a certain threshold. The threshold at the beginning of the application of the statute was: serious, permanent disfigurement and/or serious impairment of necessary body functions. The statute did not define either of those standards with any specificity. Nor were there definitions elsewhere in the statute.

From the beginning, this became problematic. The legislature attempted to solve this problem by adding requirements as opposed to adding definitions. Sometime later, 10 or 15 years after the original statute started, the first two requirements continued plus the injury had to be "objec-

tively manifested". Again, this is not a well defined set of terms. It was easy when one could see a broken bone on an x-ray. It was less easy when a physician could see spasms upon palpating a muscle group. After all, a physician's observations were also objective. The insurance carriers weren't happy about this and put pressure on the legislature and the courts.

Over the years, the situation evolved. In the early 1990s the standard was yet again circumscribed, this time to include the first two items, e.g. serious, permanent disfigurement and/or serious impairment of necessary body function; the second item: objectively manifested, and a new item: significantly impacting the activities of daily life.

Each of those items became the subject of interpretation in the higher courts of this State.

In 2004, certain members of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan decided to take it into their own hands to expand the requirement (that is to say, to make it more difficult to recover damages for pain, suffering and emotional distress) by adding yet another level of difficulty. The legislature didn't add this level of difficulty. The Supreme Court decided that all of the preceding items mentioned in this article had to apply plus the injuries had to "significantly impact the trajectory of a person's life". This is often referred to as "the Kreiner standard".

Many people (including the writer of this article) feel that this standard is wrong. It leads to foolish results. In one of the original cases, a carpenter injured the tendons in one hand. He was hospitalized for days. He had surgery. He was off work for three months. The Supreme Court opined that this was insufficient interference with the trajectory of this person's life. Heaven only knows what that meant to this person's life in the long run. Then, in another case, one of the appellate authorities ruled that an elderly person who was blind and who had had a minor injury but could no longer knit due to her injuries could collect because the trajectory of her life was, indeed, affected. A young carpenter supporting a family could face financial ruin as a result of months off work and he would be barred from recovery. An elderly person who could not knit for entertainment could recover.

Now the Supreme Court is about to change. There are three justices who have supported Kreiner: Justices Markman, Young and Corrigan. There are three justices who have questioned Kreiner: Justices Cavanaugh, Kelly and Weaver. Justice Taylor, who authored the Kreiner decision is no longer on the Supreme Court, having been rejected by the voters of the State of Michigan. Shortly we will have a new justice: Diane Hathaway. Many believe that the new makeup of the Court will warrant a re-visit to the Kreiner decision. Many hope that this judge-made law will be revoked.

As always, if you should have any questions or concerns on this or other subjects involving personal injury, please do not hesitate to communicate with me via e-mail at [m\\_hohausner@yahoo.com](mailto:m_hohausner@yahoo.com).

## "Glove"



By Ken E. Corr  
Pontiac's Poet  
Laureate

Ken E. Corr

"He was one of a kind!"  
Now that you can quote . . .  
Nobody looks as good as  
"Glove" in a Central  
Orange Sport Coat!

"Glove" loved PCH . . .  
He was a Chief at heart!  
The original "Glove" . . .  
Before Gary Payton . . .  
Glove was street wise,  
Articulate and smart!

Y'all remember "Glove's" Game . . .  
Ahh that "D" . . .  
"Glove" was sweet!  
A long pass ta' Campy Russell . . .  
SWISH! From at least 75 feet!

Since we're talkin' Ball  
and ya'll know about that . . .  
"Glove" probably was on  
the best team ever  
assembled in Pontiac!

"Glove" gave back to this community . . .  
He was a real champ!  
He played an intricate part in  
The Village Basketball Camp!

"Glove" passed on some intellect . . .  
He dished out some knowledge . . .  
Always telling kids to  
finish high school . . .  
Then, ya' gotta go to college!

Such a versatile guy,  
"Glove" wore many hats . . .  
First a husband . . . Father . . . AD . . .  
Ref . . . Director!  
Yeah, "Glove" was all that!

The Village Basketball Camp s  
tarted with three . . .  
There was Coach "Sy" Green . . .  
There was "Glove" . . .  
Now it's just me!

God is Good!  
God is Love!  
God blessed us all  
With memories of a friend  
I called "Glove"!

Dedicated in memory of  
Bill "Glove" Glover

## Ask Elaine.com

By Elaine Smith-Wright

Mrs. Smith-Wright started out as a Mass Communications major at Oakland University and now holds a B.A. degree in Nursing Home Administration and the Certificate of Gerontology and Sociology of the Aging from Wiley College along with a MBA Degree from East Texas Baptist University in Management. She also holds a Certificate in Filmmaking, Screenwriting and Directing from the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan.



Dear Elaine:

Tomorrow is my birthday and I will be turning 50! It's funny how you start to look back at your life once you hit midlife, but that's exactly where I find myself. I work for a bank in the collections department but I have always wanted to be a math teacher. I was going to look into going back to college but I'm so intimidated by the young kids that I'm afraid they'll stare and laugh at me being in class with them. I would hate to be old and gray and look back on my life with thoughts of wishing that I had completed a lot of things including getting my degree. What do you think? Should I just chalk it up as another thing I never did or take a chance at doing something that I have always wanted to do?

Signed,  
Too Late

Dear Too Late:

Take it from someone who has already been there. I decided to go back to school at the age of 38 and graduated Valedictorian with all of those 21 year old babes! I was never more proud of myself. There are a lot of companies who will pay tuition reimbursement as well as many grants that are available in your field of concentration. Forget about those who will be attending beside you. You will be there to accomplish one thing: a degree. Also keep in mind that there are many alternatives for the non-traditional student such as night classes and courses that you can take online. Even Bill and Camille Cosby went back to school way in their 50's and obtained Doctorate degrees. So, remember: IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

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Windmill Homes of Farmington Hills is proud to announce the grand reopening of Stonegate Pointe, one of Pontiac's most successful residential communities.

Windmill will feature three and four bedroom colonials. For a limited time the prices have been reduced \$10,000, prices will start at \$129,990 up to \$179,990.

The \$129,990 Savannah, a three bedroom, 1650 square foot home, has two and a half baths, a jack and jill bathroom, den, optional second floor laundry, full basement and attached two-car garage.

The Wellington model is a 1,894 square feet, plus a fully finished basement for a total of over 2700 square feet, four bedroom home with a loft, 9-foot ceilings, three and a half baths, two car attached garage for \$179,990 - a remarkable \$66 per square foot sales price.

Interior amenities include Shaw hardwood flooring in foyers, Armstrong vinyl floors in kitchens, first or second floor laundries, and soaring cathedral ceilings in master suites (depending on the floor plan chosen). Each kitchen is equipped with a Frigidaire dishwasher, hood vent, garbage disposal, stove and feature Aristocraft kitchen cabinets.

Summit Place Mall and Great Lakes Crossing Place provide a variety of shopping options minutes away, while easy access to M-59 and I-75 make major employment and entertainment destinations just a short drive for homeowners.

Stonegate Pointe's builder, Windmill Homes, has founded its reputation as a leader in new home construction by consistently delivering on a few simple principles: providing a high quality product, meeting the needs of buyers and creating value.

Windmill Homes has received Developer of the Year in 2002 by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and in 2007; their Riverwalk Development was awarded the development of the year award by the same Builder organization.

Relying on four decades of industry experience, company founders Stuart Michaelson & partner sami harb have assembled a top-notch team of professionals who are skillful at transforming clients' expectations into exceptional condominiums, single-family homes and custom estates that reflect a wide variety of lifestyles.

"Today, we are able to purchase materials and labor at great pricing, which allows us to offer our homes at much lower prices than ever in our history," says Michaelson. "This is the best time to purchase a new home," he adds. "Mortgage rates are low and getting lower. We can offer special financing through Flagstar Bank that is only available in this community. It provides 100% financing with no lender fees, and below market interest rates. The Federal government has also offered a \$7,500 tax credit to first time homebuyers." FHA and VA loans are also available to those with lower credit scores.

"Our company takes pride in being able to satisfy the first time homebuyer, as well as the dream home and retirement home buyer," says Michaelson. "I think this is why we are so successful."

For more information about Stonegate Pointe and windmill Homes call 248-758-9725 or visit stonegatepointe.com.

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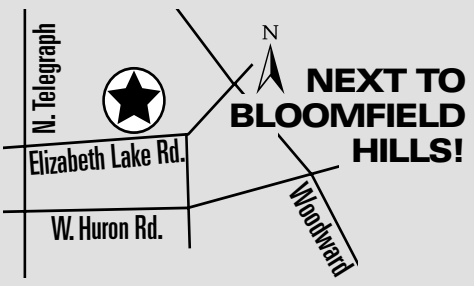
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## Mosaic Ghana Africa

In June 2009, Mosaic Ghana Africa will lead a business development, investment and cultural tour to Accra, Ghana in West Africa.

The delegation will include various Oakland County, State of Michigan and other U.S. based executives of small, medium, and large U.S. firms representing a variety of business sectors.

The overall focus of the trip will be commercial, cultural and investment opportunities for Oakland County, State of Michigan and other U.S. companies, including joint ventures, presented by the continuing market liberalization and privatization underway in this country. In Ghana briefings and one-on-one business appointments will be arranged for members of the government, business and cultural delegation". For information regarding this trip contact 248-758-1411 or email thepontiacnews@sbcglobal.net



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# -Community Calendar-

## Holiday Meet & Greet

**WHO:** Pontiac Downtown Development Authority (DDA)  
**WHY:** 2008 Holiday Meet & Greet  
**WHERE:** BO's Brewery & Bistro Blue Room (upstairs)  
 51 North Saginaw, Pontiac  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 3, 5pm-9pm

The Pontiac DDA would like to invite you to join us for a Holiday Meet & Greet at BO's Brewery and Bistro Blue Room. It will be a chance to enjoy some refreshments and a courtesy drink while meeting fellow business owners, city employees, and community members. We all share an interest in building a successful downtown and here's an opportunity to build friendships and create partnerships. Please join us on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 anytime from 5pm to 9pm.

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