

## **NEW GROWTH**

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A **farmer** once told me that, even after a lifetime of planting and harvesting, he was still amazed to see new crops peek through the soil every spring. It confirmed **God's goodness**, he said.

I get a similar feeling when I see someone start a **new business** during a weak economy. Perhaps the reason is that **out of desperation comes inspiration** – when people have nothing to rely upon but themselves, they tend to be very creative. Opportunity abounds. In my hometown, I am thoroughly delighted by the emergence of several new, locally-owned enterprises and the resurgence of others by employment of more efficiency.

**Cafes, retail stores and other small businesses are indicators that our economy still has a beating heart.** They broaden consumer choice and create markets within markets by offering new or different products and services. Not everyone will survive and others are likely to take their place, yet it's very possible for one of these **acorns to become an oak.**

I wish only the best for “new growth”.

*"Don't (ever) imagine that the story is over."*

**John W. Gardner Former U.S. Cabinet Member**



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