

Economic Development--Criminal Justice Style, Part 2

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BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

A real estate broker has inquired of me, "do you see this 'Criminal justice' style of economic development as a second phase of Urban Renewal?" (This of course is a process that has been better described as "urban removal" in areas where blacks were displaced from huge sectors of innercities, losing not only homes but irreplaceable business operations and commercial sites.

"It is obvious," I replied, "for if you have this wholesale incarceration process operating in consort with an inefficient and inadequate education system -- as has clearly happened -- you are not going to develop a cadre of black males (or females) in the appropriate age group or economic circumstance that can effectively redevelop their own community. And did I mention the 'affective'? From social skills to motivation? All lost in a dysfunctional atmosphere".

"Consequently", and I went on at some length to cite the rapid influx of monied investors and experienced entrepreneurs into those sections of the metropolitan Statistical Area formerly known as the black innercity (someone in the room just snickered, "formerly known as Prince"). "And these people with their 'portable money' come not only from different U.S. States looking for a place to park it, but from Europe, Australia, Japan, Hongkong, Vietnam, etc." And since race, per se, is not the principal or driving force behind these incursions by other ethnics, it is very difficult for blacks to mount a dialogue with the newcomers. The system is driven by a number of seemingly unrelated forces, from drugs and the CIA to prison overcrowding, from the imposition of urban growth boundaries to the escalating costs of higher education. The new immigrants are not attuned to institutional racism, only commerce, American

style.

The situation is quite like William Langeweische describes in his new book, Sahara Unveiled, "The Sahara is not cruel, but it is indifferent." And so the urban process may be, incorporating all the cold inhuman elements that it does. But whether you entertain the 'conspiracy theory' or not -- that the justice system and the crack/cocaine lords are operating in tandem to clear the urban hinterlands of undesirable -- be sure to read, "The Geography of Nowhere" by James Howard Kunstler, 1993.

The subtitle of this Touchstone publication is "The Rise and Decline of America's Man-made Landscape" The book describes the destruction of America's excellent mass transit system beginning in the 1930s, detailing the unholy combination of the auto and tire manufacturers and the oil companies to build a suburbia dependent on freeways and astronomical gas consumption.

Could this process produce a prison process that became black in many jurisdictions? Could and did! - those major corporations pushed a "Federal Highway Act" through Congress, nailing the American taxpayer for all the expense of enlarging their money-making machine. This 'freeway' legislation caused the destruction of huge tracks of innercity land where blacks had lived and prospered for a century -- paved the expressways to take the White Folks And The Tax Base right out of town.

Of course, we know the rest (some of us). Model Cities and The Great Society created a euphoria that blinded the many to what was really happening. With the tax bases hitting the highways, the urban infrastructures,

sewers, the sanitation departments, the schools, the recreation facilities. Jobs evaporated and welfare loads increased as new plants opened up where the 'folks' had gone, leaving blacks behind.

Under these circumstances, hard crime, juvenile delinquency and broken homes escalated with a vengeance. And it was through this 'window of opportunity' that The CIA and the Contras leaped to fund their war against Nicaragua. As the media headlines and columnists finally spell it out, Uncle Sam became the nations biggest drug dealer, funneling tons of crack/cocaine through black youths -- prisons became a growth industry.

Boy accused of murdering mother

A 13-year-old Dallas boy has been charged with murdering his adoptive mother over the weekend, police said Monday.

Margaret McCullough, 55, was found dead in her home Saturday with gunshot wounds to the head. Police, who at first thought her son had been kidnapped, found him Sunday with a friend in his mother's car in Oklahoma and arrested him. A shotgun and a .357 handgun were found in the car.

A police spokesman said the boy was being questioned. "They are talking to him now about the motive and everything else."

McCullough had adopted the boy, shortly after his birth but neighbors said they often had loud arguments.

N. Portland resident shot, killed

On Monday, August 26, 1996, at approximately 2:00 am, Portland Police responded to 4404 N. Kerby on an apparent homicide. When officers arrived they found a 23 year old black male shot to death.

It appears that this subject was seated inside the residence at 4404 N. Kerby, along with several others, when the suspect(s) approached. The suspect(s) entered onto the front porch area and apparently shot sev-

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect or suspects who have caused extensive damage to an automobile dealership.

On Thursday, July 25, 1996, at 4:30 in the morning, the large front windows at the Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo, 203 NE 122nd Avenue, were damaged by someone apparently using a BB or pellet gun.

On Monday, July 29, 1996 at 4:00 in the morning, the same windows were again shot out by someone using a BB or pellet gun.

Only this time, the shattered glass damaged an extremely expensive Ferrari automobile that was inside

eral rounds through a window at the victim. The victim was struck several times and died at the scene. No one else was shot. It appears that the victim was the intended target of this action.

Police have no suspects at this time although there does appear to be some indication that the shooting could be gang related. Detectives K. Ferrell and J. Rhodes are the investigators.

Crimestoppers: vandalism

the showroom.

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tion, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Victim shot outside safeway

On Sunday evening, August 25, 1996, at approximately 9:15 pm, Portland Police responded to the Safeway Store at 8002 N. Burlington on a shooting.

At that location police discovered a Hispanic male in his 20's suffering from a shotgun injury to his upper torso.

It appears that the suspect, also a Hispanic male in his 20's waited for

the victim to exit the Safeway Store and fired two shotgun rounds at him. The victim was struck once. He was transported to Emanuel Hospital for treatment, where he is reported to be in good condition.

The suspect ran and was not apprehended. Police recovered the shotgun several blocks away.

This shooting is being investigated as a gang-related shooting.


Aid police on homicide

On Sunday, August 25, 1996, at approximately 1:00 am, police responded to Woodlawn Park on a call of a woman being beaten.

The caller refused to give any other information to police. At the location, Edith Ann Mosqueda, an Hispanic woman, with a date of birth of February 08, 1952, was found dead. She had suffered severe injuries to the head and

face areas causing her death. Her body was found partially clothed and it is unknown how she came to the park location.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding her known residence, whereabouts prior to the homicide, or suspect information, to contact Detectives Tom Nelson or Leon Lefebvre at 823-0400.



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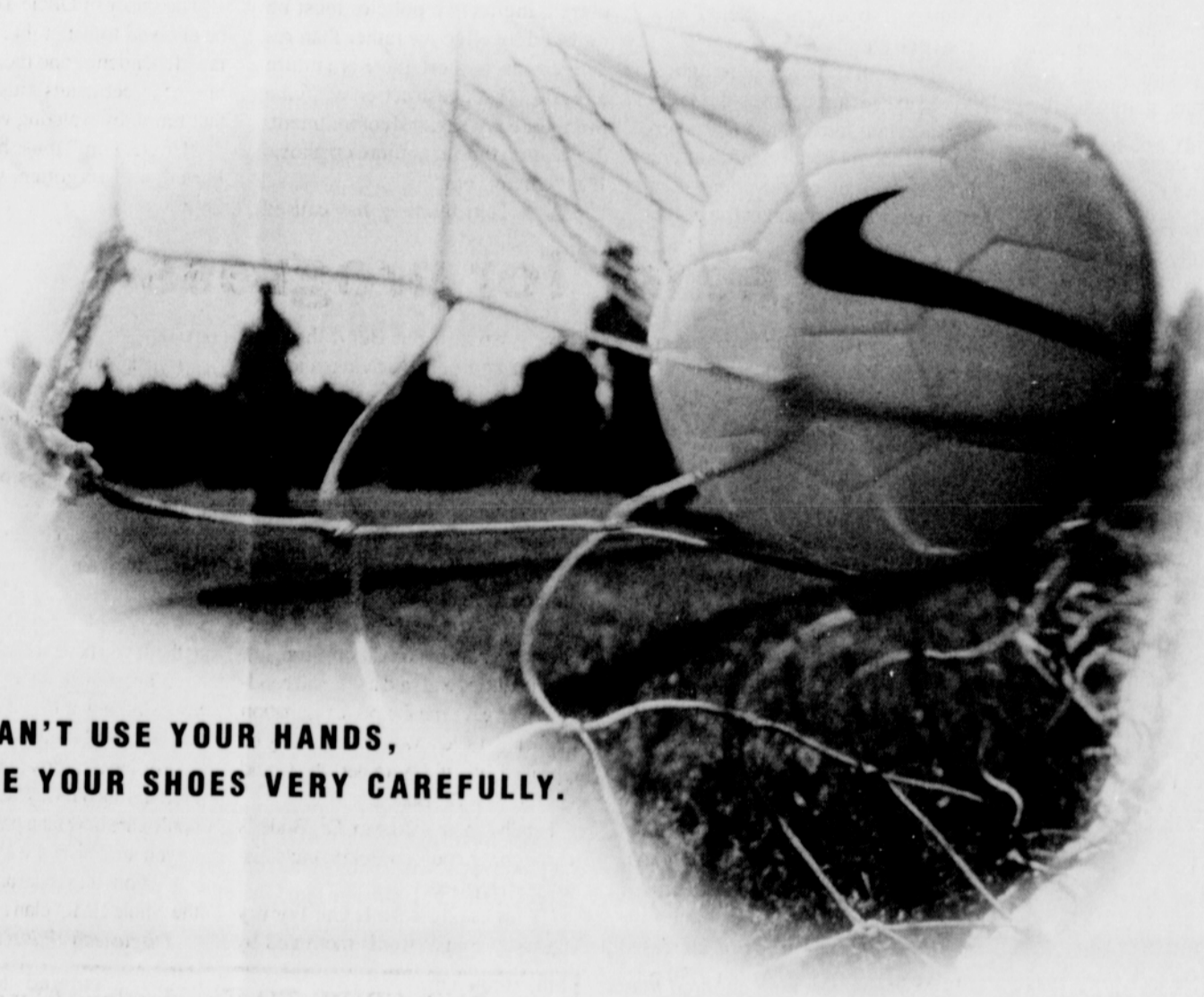
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