

# Economic Development-Criminal Justice Style, Part III

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There has been an overwhelming response from black readers across the nation as their own press pursues a courageous course in pursuing a full disclosure of the agencies driving the agenda for imprisonment of huge numbers of young black males. The public alarm has been heightened no end by the documented revelations that the U.S. Government is the country's biggest drug dealer. The 'CIA Crack/Cocaine Enterprises Inc.' can not deny a connection or responsibility for the ever-darkening hue of the incarcerated--as great as 47% black in some areas. The nation's police are angry and frustrated.

Now, the entire world knows and as is indicated by the foreign press already on Portland news stands, it is quite shaken and apprehensive to find that the boastful LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD delivered tens

of billions of dollars worth of narcotics and automatic weapons to the disadvantaged and under-educated of its major cities. Will the real terrorists please stand?

Economists at several Washington "think tanks" along with investigative reporters for eastern dailies are quite busy crunching numbers and projecting the new fiscal policies that will have to be put in place, several journalists seem to be savoring a Pulitzer Prize in the Watergate mode as the 'tote up the bill' in recent columns. "Let's see here, in roughly fifteen years the total take would have to be half a trillion dollars--or more!"

"Now that's enough money to overthrow a lot of governments," muses one nose reporter in his speculations. And you can bet he is sniffing a Pulitzer when he theorizes further that "this shadowy government agency, the CIA, keeps two sets of

books and really is not accountable to anybody.

In light of the most recent revelations, may we toy with the idea that there may be some connection to the growing call for dismantling the Internal Revenue Service?" the reporter surmises. "Perhaps the 'spooks' have their own people in Congress."

The "Letters-to-the-Editor" columns in both the black and white press indicate that, while the public is not asking the immediate release of large numbers of deliberately underprivileged and undereducated young black men, they are crunching their own numbers and reaching some startling and unpleasant conclusions. "Universally, we have been had, both white and black! What is to be done?"

Many Americans are absolutely overwhelmed when they finally comprehend the secret governments' machinations over the last fifteen years--they have escalated the eco-

omic burden of both entitlements and other aid to the poor in an astronomical fashion. Welfare, food stamps, ADC, WIC, countless social programs that have been initiated at one time or another under the grandiose mantra of "The Great Society" are seriously threatened. People are frightened and they should be.

So it is that the naive and the ingenuous, along with the hypocrites, engage in fierce and energetic debate over "family values", even the Congress and Presidents.

But it is the federal government itself that has welded social and foreign policy into a murderous union, created thousands of widows and orphans and other victims of urban warfare--destroying tens of thousands of families and placing an equal number of black men behind bars in America's major "Growth Industry".

What can you look for? Remem-

ber how I concluded my July 3 Perspectives column? As in the case of slavery there is always a 'cover story' to explain away or justify the exploitation or oppression of a people; "IQ, laziness, genes". You deliberately program them to fail and manipulate their circumstances as did the British in India.

Consequently, Rudyard Kipling announced his famed description of the indigenous population, "The White Man's Burden". The British, of course, were in the process of extracting trillions of dollars in labor and natural resources from their "burdens".

We come now to that paragon of virtue and family values, that Martha Stewart of moral goodness, Mr. William Bennett--the man who has sold 2.3 million copies of his anthology of moral tales, "The Book of Virtues". Apparently, it pays well to be closely acquainted with 'virtues', two best-

selling sequels, a TV cartoon show and a 40 thousand-a-speech lecture circuit. Not to mention the Disney film.

But it might do you well to remember that this is the same William Bennett who was Education Secretary for President Reagan and, then, DRUG CZAR for President Bush. How well-connected can you be in all the right echelon of government and not know what's going on around you? Maybe it's all 'virtual reality', unless you are in prison.

A subscriber from eastern Oregon has called to "...remind you that you're only talking about a tiny percentage of a minute fraction of the federal workforce."

A local reader suggest that the corporate press will quickly drop the ball on this one--perhaps pursuing the Farra Khan/Libya connection as a diversion. "Remember the O.J. Simpson on gambit."

## N. Carolina picks up pieces from Hurricane Fran

By JIM LONEY

North Carolina residents began returning to soaked and battered homes on Sunday to face a huge clearing-up job after Hurricane Fran.

Dozens lined up at hardware stores to buy chainsaws and other repair tools. Others whose homes were destroyed sought food at church-run kitchens.

Convoys of trucks streamed into the Wilmington area to fix utility poles, replace hundreds of miles (kilometres) of downed power lines, repair roads and haul away fallen trees and debris.

Washington D.C. was bracing itself for the fall-out from Fran as rising floodwaters along the Potomac River threatened the nation's capital on Sunday.

After Fran dumped four inches (10 cm) of rain in the capital and up to 14 inches (35 cm) in outlying areas, forecasters predicted a flood surge of 13 to 15 feet (4-4.5 metres) in the wealthy Georgetown section of the city and up to 34 feet (10 metres) at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Rising flood waters also threatened to close the main road to National Airport, the city's domestic airport.

Hurricane Fran cut a swathe of

destruction from the southeastern end of North Carolina on Cape Fear, where it came ashore, to the northwest of the state.

At least 15 people were killed in the state, including a firefighter, "and there may be more," said Sara Kempin, a spokeswoman for North Carolina Emergency Management Centre.

Some drowned, others were killed when trees fell on their cars or houses, she added.

Local authorities said they were beginning to allow residents to return to Carolina Beach and Kure Beach, two seaside towns on Pleasure Island off Wilmington.

They had been barred since Thursday because electric, water and sewer services were severed and many properties were still extremely unsafe, said officials.

A 24-hour curfew was in effect for both towns and a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed on the rest of New Hanover County. Authorities said schools would remain closed on Monday while damage was assessed.

In Wrightsville Beach, a town on a barrier island off Wilmington, officials said it would be at least three days before residents could return because of safety concerns.

On Topsail Island, north of Wilmington, rescue workers searched

homes in North Topsail Beach for missing people.

"We're going house to house on the beach looking for people who might have been trapped. We're finding people -- they're scared. They were freaked out by the storm," said Marian Kleinman, a spokeswoman for Onilow County.

An elderly woman who was found floating on a mattress in a marsh near Surf City after the storm was in critical condition, reports said. Her trailer home was destroyed.

As National Guard troops patrolled the islands, bulldozers scraped sand from beach and roads. Diggers scooped chunks of crumbled houses and slabs of broken asphalt out of the way.

"Major roads have been cleared. Almost all the county and city roads are open," said Bruce Shell, spokesman for Wilmington's New Hanover County. As many as 400,000 people remained without electricity and trailer loads of generators sold out in minutes.

The Wilmington City Council passed an emergency ordinance on Saturday to prevent price gouging, making it punishable by a \$500 fine or 30 days in jail. Wilson's Outdoor Equipment in Raleigh, where lines snaked around the corner store, had sold more than 400 chainsaws.

## Public input sought on transportation planning

Officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation will hold two open house meetings next week to solicit public input on management objectives for transportation modes on the Portland-Cannon Beach Junction Corridor Plan.

These meetings will be held Mon-

day (Sept. 9) at the Cannon Beach City Hall, and Thursday (Sept. 12) at the North Plains Community Center located at Northwest Hillcrest Street and Northeast 311th Avenue. Both meetings are scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. The informational meetings are part of the first place of developing a

long-range corridor plan on U.S. 26W between Portland and the Cannon Beach Junction, according to Region 1 Manager Bruce Warner.

The local public is encouraged to attend anytime between 4 and 8 p.m. The meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities.

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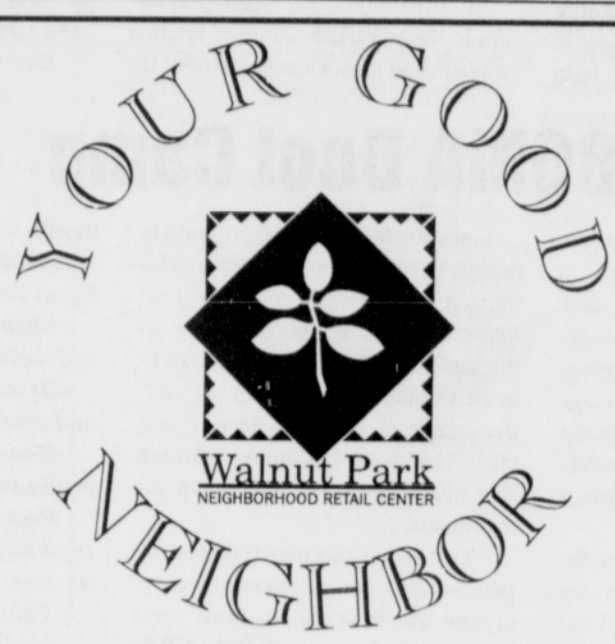
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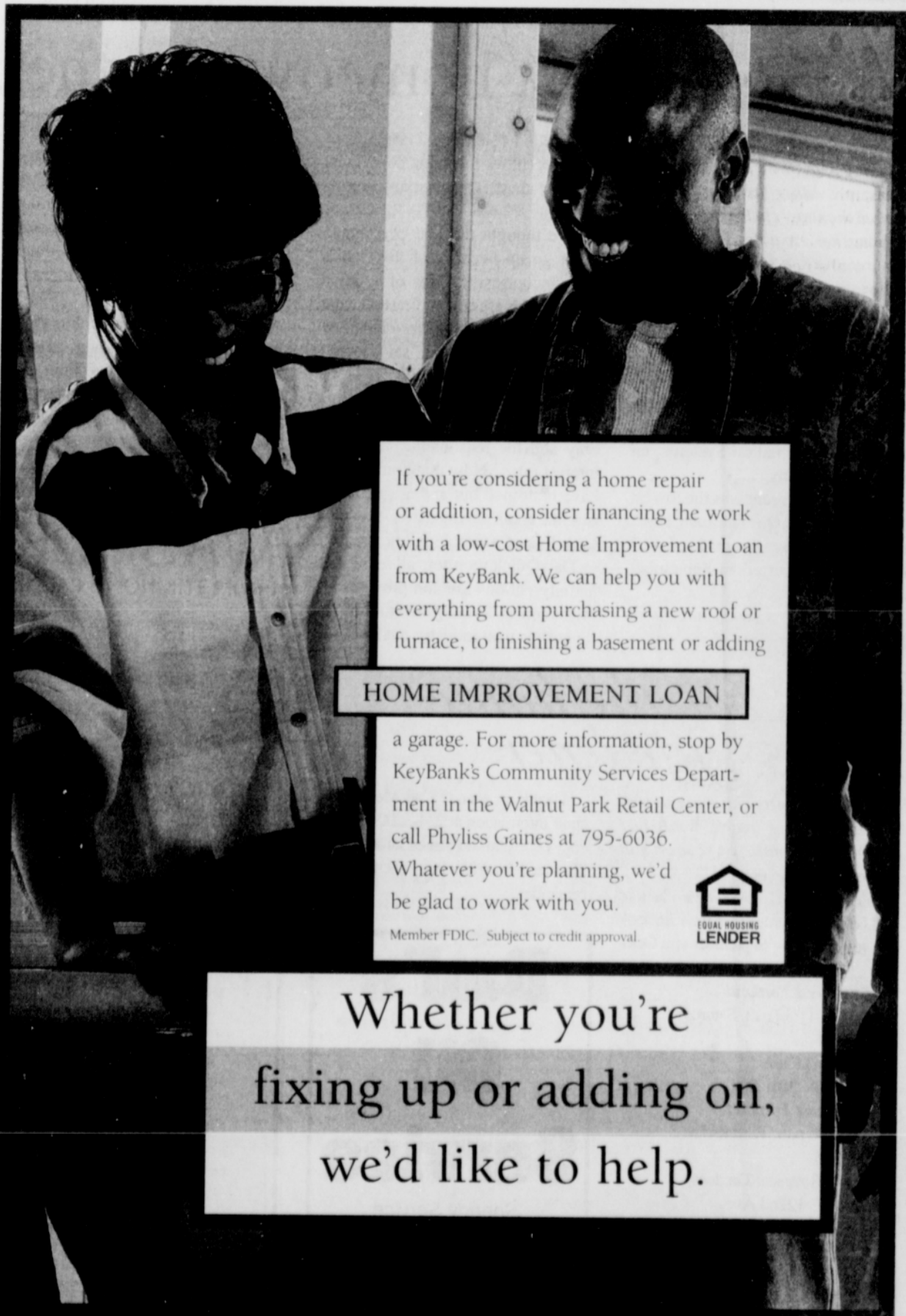


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