

Fans mourn the death of Tupac Shakur

Fans and the music industry Saturday lamented the death of controversial rap star Tupac Shakur, who died six days after being shot in a gangland-style ambush.

The rapper's short and explosive life ended Friday at University Medical Center in Las Vegas, where he had been in critical condition since the shooting near the famed Las Vegas strip Sept. 7.

The 25-year-old singer and actor's death was due to "respiratory failure and cardiopulmonary arrest," the hospital said. Surgeons removed his right lung last Sunday.

The death of Shakur, one of the most controversial performers of hardcore "gangsta" rap, saddened and shocked the fans who had snapped up millions of his records.

His fellow rap star Coolio said: "Despite some of his shortcomings, he always gave you something with his music. He gave you something to think about or he gave you something to laugh about or he gave you something to cry about."

Civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson, who prayed with Shakur's mother at the rapper's bedside last Sunday, told the Los Angeles Times, "This is so, so sad. Sometimes the lure of violent culture is so magnetic that even when one overcomes it with material success, it continues to call. He couldn't break the cycle."

The rap star's life often mirrored the violence portrayed in his music. Last Saturday a gunman in a white Cadillac opened fire on Shakur's car as he drove with friends to a Las Vegas nightclub after watching the Mike Tyson-Bruce Seldon world heavyweight title fight. Shakur was hit four times.

Death Row co-founder Marion "Suge" Knight, 31, was in the car with Shakur and suffered a minor injury in the shooting.

Shakur, who lived in Los Angeles, was rarely out of trouble, spending much of the last 2 1/2 years in court, prison or hospitals.

In November 1994 he was shot five times while being robbed of \$40,000 in jewels in the lobby of a Manhattan recording studio. In February 1995 he was sentenced to prison for involvement in a sexual attack on a 21-year-old woman in a New York hotel room. He spent eight months behind bars until he was released pending his appeal.

Just As Surely As "All Roads Lead To Rome"

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

That vain and portentous axiom attributed to the pompous Caesars of the ancient Roman Empire be applied to certain rogue elements of the U.S. Government. Whether the headline is about crack/cocaine-driven gangs in Pilot Rock, Oregon or in a rural Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, the common vector for this new American pathology proves to be the Central 'Intelligence' Agency.

There is little humor, in the fact that the very name of this rogue agency is an oxymoron and even less in the media reports that "the CIA promises to conduct a very thorough 'internal' investigation of these very serious charges -- they doubt that there is any truth in them." Hasn't that always been their stock position through the years, whenever faced with possible congressional investigation of destructive and/or venal behavior?

One of our readers suggests that there might be sort of a macabre sort of humor involved if we were to see that paragon of virtue, William Bennett -- who as we noted last week was the nation's Drug Czar under President Bush -- lead a march of the Christian Coalition out of Washington, D.C. and down the highway to Dulles Airport, stopping at the CIA headquarters to pray and protest (he surely jests).

Also a headliner at the 'Nation's Comedy Store', is Janet Reno of the Justice Department who pulled several ligaments rushing to the podium to deny any and all reports that the CIA was ever involved in any shenanigans. How strange, since up to her reign, the department has shielded away from even the recognition that the other agency exists.

Several talk show hosts speculate

Young parents need volunteers

The Oregon Human Development Corporation is actively recruiting for volunteers to help with its Young Parents Program. Volunteers, twelve years old and older, are needed for help with child care in a nursery setting during the weekly support meetings, Wednesdays 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. (Last Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, and other flexible times available for volunteering.) Interested people please call OHDC, 640-6349.

that Reno is still cringing from the relations of FBI involvement in the whole ugly matter; Peter Levine's, "The Big White Lie: The CIA And The Crack/Cocaine Epidemic", pp.275-276,280. Thunder's Mouth Press, N.Y. N.Y. 1993. Of course, the Black Congressional Caucus and the NAACP have known this for years. Remember the well-documented "COINTEL PRO" and attacks and dis-information pogroms mounted against Black leaders and public officials.

Will the Black and Hispanic youth be able to survive this latter-day holocaust intact? It is rather difficult to assess the resiliency of the 'hood' -- of what may be left of the nurturing capacity of that turf euphemistically known as the ghetto or the barrio. As I stated a week ago, not only has Urban Renewal/Model Cities destroyed a good part of the minority economic and social complex -- but in combination with the drug war against people of color, the ability of the succeeding generation to redevelop their heritage is impaired.

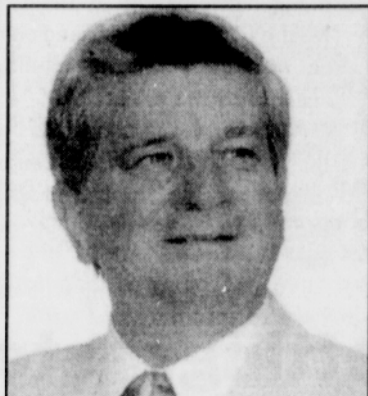
The task of evaluating the remaining economic and social capital of urban America in respect to minorities is made even more difficult on

the one hand by the processes I cited from the book "The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-made Landscape" (Kunstler, Simon & Shuster, 1993). This was the programmed exodus to the suburbs of the affluent and the tax base ("White Flight"). The new freeways took them away.

Also, we have it that there now has been a reversal of this process in many parts of the country and the new demographics not only reflect new pressure of gentrification by a returning white population (forget returning industry and jobs), but an influx of out-of-state populations which easily out bid economically disadvantaged and immobile minorities for in-city housing stock.

The establishment of rigid urban boundaries does not, of course, lessen the pressures. The deterioration of the urban schools that began with 'white flight' and loss of the tax bases necessary to support any city's infrastructure was obviously accelerated by the imposition of the crack/cocaine holocaust. "Rome" is burning and it is going to require a lot more than the rhetoric of politicians to put out the raging fires as our Nero's fiddle away.

Kluster Joins Portland Community Group



King City Mayor Jack Kluster

Local barriers did not stop King City Mayor Jack Kluster a republican, from joining efforts

to raise funds for the Center For Community Mental Health [CCMH] based in North east Portland.

Even though Kluster preside over a city that has it's share of community headache, he says his compassion for the north east agency knows no bound.

"More than ever CCMH need every dollar it could get to run it's wonderful program for children and adults. Every body concern with the vitality of the residents of portland inner-city should join this effort," pleads Kluster.

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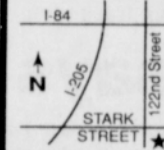
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Woodlawn suspects arrested

Portland Police Detectives have charged three suspects for the August 25, 1996 beating death of Edith Ann Mosqueda. She was beaten and killed while in Woodlawn Park at approximately 1:00 a.m. that Sunday morning.

The first two suspects were arrested and charged with Murder last week. The first suspect is Deandrae William Patten, male black, DOB 10-04-78, of 933 NE Oneonta St. Portland, Oregon. Also charged was Douglas Watson, male black, DOB 08-19-78, of 1531 NE Morgan St. Portland, Oregon.

Portland Police Detectives have also charged with Murder James

Cortez Wade Jr., a black male, DOB 03-20-78.

Wade is a Portland resident in the 1100 block of NE Dean.

Wade, accompanied by his attorney, turned himself in to detectives on September 10, at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Wade is lodged in the Multnomah County Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

Motivation appears to have been "to commit a crime". This investigation is continuing as detectives have further leads to complete.

Detectives have further leads to develop and no photographs will be released at this time.

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