I. Introduction

- Pratt denies the charge and has never changed his story that he was in Oakland at Black Panther headquarters, at the time of the murder.

II. Key Evidence

- The first trial was in 1972 and Pratt was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

- The 1997 retrial was considered different because new evidence was presented.

III. Legal Proceedings

- The retrial saw the involvement of many prominent legal figures, including Johnnie Cochran, who is known for his advocacy for wrongful convictions.

IV. Public Perception

- Pratt has long been associated with the Black Panther Party and its legacy.

V. Conclusion

- The case highlights the challenges of addressing civil rights issues and the toll they take on individuals and families.
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2. The right eye showed a slow response to light stimulation.
3. Pupillary responses were sluggish on both sides.
4. Fundus examination revealed no hemorrhages or exudates.
5. Slit lamp examination showed no signs of anterior uveitis.

Based on these findings, the patient was referred for further ophthalmologic evaluation, which included a detailed history of eye contact and the nature of any associated symptoms.
Black's will help him in helping you.

Actually, what the NAACP is proposing is double. The group has found an industry that is vulnerable to African Americans' self-affirming actions. The $4 billion we spend in America's inns can make a difference in the profit or loss, of the entire industry. Since the 1950s the hotel and lodging has grown into one of the nation's top industries and is among the top ten industries for job creation. Its employment rate is growing at a pace similar to that of all U.S. industries. Most hotels are earning record profits and all major chains have plans in process for significant growth and building over the next few years. However, NAACP reports show African Americans are virtually nonexistent at the officer levels in the industry. In the professional ranks—lawyers, accountants, managers, etc. —we represent less than five percent of the industry's workforce. Of the tens of thousands of Diggers, Hampton and Holiday Inns, Hiltons, and Marriott hotels, Black-owned hotel developers build few, and only one Black-owned franchise franchise is identified in the NAACP report. The only level of employment in the industry the NAACP found where African Americans were represented on par with our numbers in the available employment pool was in the service worker category. And one category that we can determine even without reports, from the NAACP when have you ever seen a hotel chain-advertisement in a Black-oriented newspaper?

But the major question surrounding this issue is: "Will African American support the NAACP's initiative and pass by those hotels that have poor records of reciprocity?" Do more than a few of us even care? In addition to the NAACP's half million members, over 55 Black-owned organizations with collective memberships totaling more than nine million have signed on with the NAACP-driven initiative. These organizations, who spend over $200 million annually holding their conventions and other events in hotels, are not commenting. "He can't tell me what to do," like so many of us have said in bringing down Black consumer withdrawals. Before. But, what about the actions of the boycotters and deacons who say the hundreds of thousands of church banquets and trips? Will they see it done? Our work to boycott a nonexistent real hotel chain? And, what about those of us who know for sure that ice machines at say, Doubletree hotels, produce colder ice than any other hotel, and surely has colder ice than a Black-owned hotel franchise? Will a broad cross-section of us take the initiative and push this action among friends, church members, and social circles until we make it happen. The NAACP is developing a Consumer Guide to the Hotel Industry that concerns Blacks can use a tool to see which segments of the hotel industry we are performing to a level of satisfaction worthy of our patronage. African American consumers can.

"Will African Americans support the NAACP's initiative and pass by those hotels that have poor records of reciprocity?"—by William Reed

Kwesi Mfume, the NAACP's national council president, has embarked on an Economic Reciprocity Initiative to gain more jobs and supplier equality for African Americans from the nation's innkeepers. After a several-year-long study that revealed Blacks spend more than $4 billion each year on travel and lodging, the NAACP has concluded the lodging industry has an rhyme record of including African Americans in all aspects of its operations. In response to the study, the NAACP now intends to use the collective power of African American consumers "to enact a plan of inclusion," requiring that Blacks get an equitable level of representation in the hotel/lodging industry's employment, franchise programs, vendor relationships, advertising and marketing and philanthropy. If specific hotel chains cannot meet these standards, then even Blacks equitable treatment in their revenue distribution. Mfume says we need to "draw down our economic support." After Mfume had been at the helm of the NAACP for a year, many arm-chair pundits criticized his record on civil rights activities. Now that he is on track aggressively pursuing economic development for African American, it will be interesting to see how many

William Reed is publisher of Who's Who in Black Corporate America.
AIDS Prevention in Local Beauty Salons

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After the campaign launched in 1996, the State AIDS hotlines experienced a dramatic increase, including calls from African Americans.

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it's a real joy to have his friend, Rev. Harper, fellowship for the betterment of the Christian community.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 1335 W. 21st St., (corner of 21st and Horting) in San Bernardino. Rev. Charles Brooks is Senior Pastor.

Hat Show To Be Held at Allen Chapel Reverend Betty Hanna-Withergordon and Allen Chapel AME Church, 1042 South Foisy Street, San Bernardino will present an Exotic Hat Show on Saturday, April 5, 1997 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Flora Fleming at (909) 533-9052.

What Kingdom Shall Never Be Destroyed?

QUESTION: Dear Pastor Wood; My question is regarding the scriptural reference in Daniel 2:44 that says, "And in the days of those kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall not be left to other people, but shall be in the end of his days broken, and shall not be left, seeming to others; in the end it is broken and consumed.

In scripture fulfilled in Mark 4:42 and also Acts 20:28 it is not the kingdom of God which will never be destroyed but the kingdom of the devil which will be destroyed. How do we explain this?

Mr. David Jones, San Bernardino, CA

ANSWER: The Book of Daniel contains many important prophecies that describe end times. The scripture that you are referring to in Daniel 2:44 is not referring to the devil at all. Mark 4:42 does refer to the kingdom of God, and it states that in the end it is broken and consumed. This is in reference to the kingdom of this world and not the kingdom of the devil. We should be focusing on the kingdoms of this world and how they will be destroyed, not the kingdoms of the devil.

St. Paul's Golden Candle Award Honorees Black Men's Roundtable

To the eight kings of history (of San Bernardino)

"It is a blessing when men pull together to serve God and the church. We need more dedicated men sold out to God and willing to give God their BEST," says Priscilla, Paul S. Mustef, MD, of New Joy Baptist in Riverside. Sunday, March 16th, was the scene of the New Joy Baptist Male Chorus' Musical. The professional performance of men was a beautiful sight to behold in this very modern sanctuary. Several choirs were accompanied by ministers from their respective churches.

Rev. Darrell Garrett-Eggon Pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, was one, along with Rev. Kenneth Woodard, Associate Minister of the New Hope M.B. Church and Rev. Brown the church name I did not hear but we praise God for all ministers in attendance with their musical groups. It was a great scene of encouragement.

New Joy Baptist anniversaries (in song) the congregation), to "Take A Look at Yourself In the Mirror."

St. John Baptist said "I Never Could Have Made It Without You." Temple Missionary Baptist delivered a very harmonious rendition of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.

All of our brothers from St. Mark black love and respect for one another. It was a time of a faith expressed by men to the glory of God.

The evening program (Mar. 16th), The Kings of harmony, San Bernardino, and the Glorious Singers of Las Vegas, Nevada, expressed themselves in grand style at San Bernardino Church, where Rev. Cornelius George pastored. The choirs in many singing renditions would take too long. The view of Christian West was nigh, was the standing room only crowd. The song "Shine On Me On" was indeed well received. You can believe next year: Pre-Easter Musical will be anticipated by many, especially if "Pops" of the Gospelland group makes an appearance. Thank You San Bernardino Kings of harmony for a wonderful evening.

Easter Egg Hunt at Perris Hill Park

Join the City of Perris and the Perris Hall Park in the 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 10th, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be strolling around the park, so invite your friends and family.

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UCLA still in NCAA title hunt, USC’s improved season ended

By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES - It’s down to 16 - the Sweet 16 matchups. Included in that group are all the No. 1 seeds - Minnesota, Kansas, North Carolina and Kentucky. Each moved onward and avoided the upset trend that is every NCAA tournament.

Most important to all the Southern California folks is UCLA’s continued involvement in the “Big Dance.”

The Bruins (23-7) have now won 11 consecutive games, and, will face the Big 12’s Iowa State Cyclones (22-8) in a Midwest Regional semifinal contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Iowa State spent 10 weeks in the top 10 during the regular season and is a dangerous opponent. Led by senior guard Dicleen Willsoughby (19 points per game), point guard Jary Holloway and center Kelvin Gao, the Cyclones will be looking to make a name for themselves against one of the most storied programs in college basketball history.

USC loses a heart breaker, UCLA plays Iowa State in Midwest Regional Semifinal tonight.

UCLA, of course, is the program that has won 11 national titles, 10 under the leadership of legendary Coach John Wooden, and expects every year to compete for the national title.

And why not? After all, the Bruins appear to be playing their best basketball of the season. They are moving the ball quickly and well, shooting with keen eyes. Especially senior Charles O'Bannon.

UCLA has led the Pac-10’s resurgence in this year’s tournament, placing four teams in the regional semifinals. In fact, the Pac-10 went 8-1 (USC the lone loser) during the first weekend of the NCAA’s title chase.

It is generally conceded that Iowa State has a real chance to beat UCLA, because of the great defense the team plays and the fact that all five starters from last year’s team is back. That team lost in the first round and has dedicated this year to revenge and redemption.

UCLA has the same motivation, losing in the first round last year, after winning the national title two years ago in Seattle.

With a mix that includes O’Bannon, Toby Bailey, Kris Johnson, Jalalai McCoy and Cameron Dollar jelling nicely, the Bruins have the right stuff to hold off the Cyclones and continue onward. Tonight will be the test.

Photo by Debra Hammons - BVN

JAM: Jalalai McCoy is slamming UCLA opponents in the NCAA tourney.
**Community**

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**Riverside**

**Teen Fair To Offer Students Role Models and Hope**

**Riverside Unified School District** was the venue for the Riverside Unified School District Teen Fair, which took place on Monday, March 24th. The fair was designed to provide students with role models and hope for their future. The event featured a wide range of activities and speakers, including a keynote address by local entrepreneur Ronald Ashford. Ashford shared his experiences and inspired students to pursue their dreams.

**Outstanding Youth To Participate in Hawaii All-Star Classic**

Teen Fair participants were invited to participate in the Hawaii All-Star Classic, a prestigious football event. This opportunity was made possible through the support of community organizations and local businesses. The event aimed to provide a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills and compete at a high level.

**Love Poems Sought for In-Contest**

The Black Voice News is currently accepting love poems for a contest. Poems should be original and no more than 100 words in length. The contest concludes on Thursday, March 20, 1997. Winning entries will be featured on the front page of the newspaper.

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Gevalt R. Ashford, an outstanding youth at St. Paul A.M.E. Church has been selected to play in the California vs. Hawaii All-Star Classic Game in Maui, Hawaii. He is one of the only two selected in this classic.

Ashford career goals are to play football for Nebraska and move on to professional football (NFL). His most important career goal will be to become a Neurosurgeon. He is presently a senior at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, CA. Ashford received a generous donation from his church to make sure he has an opportunity to represent not only his team, but all San Bernardino County stuents.

Ashford states, "I am one of our outstanding youth and deserves this opportunity."
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Having Our Say

The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years

The National Bestseller is Now America's Best-Loved Play

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Co-Author of the book Having Our Say

AMY HILL

Ms. Heath is a former journalist who introduced the Delany Sisters to a wider audience by writing an article about them for the New York Times in 1991. After the publication of the article, called "Maiden Laddies with Stories to Tell," Ms. Heath was asked by a book publisher, Kodansha America, to expand her newspaper feature into a full-length biography. Ms. Heath, who decided to create the work as oral history, worked with the Delany Sisters for almost two years to gather material for the book. After its publication in 1993, Ms. Heath won numerous awards for her creative efforts, as well as national recognition for "discovering" the Delany Sisters. Ms. Heath's second collaboration, "The Delany Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom," was published in 1994. A third book, "On My Own at 107: Reflections on Life Without Justice," was a collaboration with Ms. Heath and Sahle Delany and was scheduled for publication in February 1997.

(Playwright/Director)

EMILY MANN

Emily Mann received 1995 Tony, Outer Critics Circle and Dram Desk Award nominations for Best Play and Outstanding Director of a Play for Having Our Say. The Artistic Director of the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, she made her Broadway debut as both playwright and director of Having Our Say. For that she received a number of prestigious awards including the HOBUS Award, a Playwriting Award from the Women's Committee of the Dramatists Guild, and a Drama Desk nomination. She directed the world premiere of Anna Dygas-Smith’s Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992 at the Mark Taper Forum. Her play Stiff Ego, premiered at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, winning six Ohio Awards, including Distinguished Playwriting and Direction. Her most recent play, Greenhorn — A Region had its world premiere at the McCarter in February 1996.
The fifth of Mann's plays to be released in documented testimonies with real people, Having Our Say says, the playwright, "is the sweetest one of her children. Mann relied primarily on the book for source material, but supplemented that with a visit to the Delanys' home in upstate New York. Explaining the Hearth did this, but usually I'm the one with the tape recorder." It was after that visit that she characterized her earlier plays, the play. "It's not only a portrait of women overcoming barriers with souls and hearts in tact, but one of the greatest marriages any of us will ever see," women their mothers, grandmothers, and aunts, and, above all, a message of perseverance. The tokens of appreciation Mann has received from white theatregoers who had never before met educated middle class African Americans, or had known Blacks only as gardeners and housekeepers, are testament to Mann's admirable work in creating living theatre that matters. "It's not only a portrait of women overcoming barriers with souls and hearts in tact, but one of the greatest marriages any of us will ever see," says Mann, in her soft, fairly New England drawl. "Doing for others, God, and family," she adds, "those four pillars gave them the springboard to set sail over the highest mountains and the ocean of the unknown." Having Our Say, produced by Camille Cosby and Judith Rutherford James, premiered at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, New Jersey, where it broke all house records before moving to the Booth Theatre on Broadway, where it ran for several months and earned a Tony Award nomination for Best Play.

Between adorning in a new season at the McCarter Theatre with a play by a new high voice, and beginning a new play of her own — "about Jewish history this time" — Mann is also, incredibly, hard at work on the screen adaptation of Having Our Say. Though Mann admits it has been harder to get women's voices heard in a commercial film market prized as it is for murder, sex, and violence, most people, she believes, "who aren't 'upset at the wheel' want to see a change."
New Orleans Restaurant Opens in Riverside

Will and Charlotte Jenkins have taken the experience of his 17 years as a premier restaurateur and opened Riverside’s newest, hottest place to be. They are located at 6215 Magnolia Ave. near Ralph’s shopping squares, working at the LaQuinta, and Highway 101’s famous Cliffhanger.

A new restaurant Mr. Jenkins put his Culinary Arts Degree to work for himself and family. The vision in his heart started some six years ago. And then he began first with a catering business where he provided tasty meals for the Rose Garden Convalescent Hospital. His love of food and love of food came together with his love of the senior citizens and the handicapped and he was so successful he was able to open this new beautiful facility. His wife helps him with the business when she is not working as a nurse.

The restaurant is decorated in green and burgundy, it looks good. The music is soothing and as the palate gets ready, the food doesn’t disappoint. (When the potato salad is good nothing can go wrong.) The potato salad was excellent, strictly homemade. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and you don’t have to go to Los Angeles to get the famous chicken and waffles. His are the best. It is in the only place we know that serves the wonderful food at New Orleans Grill.

Will Jenkins in front of New Orleans Grill.

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Yve Evans concert will be held to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of KUOR Radio Station. The event will be held 6:00 p.m. March 20th at the Chapel at the University of Redlands.

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