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Photographer Lies Critical After Senseless Attack

LOS ANGELES

By Dennis Schrattman

With the recent decision by an Orange County Superior Court judge to grant a new trial to former Black Panther Party leader Emory "Geronimo" Pratt, the heated question long whispered in Black community nationwide must finally be asked publicly.

How long should the community tolerate the defense of a shaky government informant whose out-and-out lies and deceit keep Pratt in prison on murder charges for nearly 30 years?

Will the matter of the upcoming debate will be the credibility of the informant's support; the Bethune First African-American Episcopal Church (FAE) of the city's largest and wealthiest Black congregation--and it's popular and outspoken secular leader, Dr. Cecil "Cliff" Murray. The church, and its influential pastor, Desiree Butler, a former judge, and the state's attorney's office suppressed evidence, according to the judge's 13-page ruling, could have acquitted the then-24-year-old Pratt of the 1968 murder of Corieline Olsen, a White school teacher. The conviction rested solely on the evidence of an informant, Black Panther leader, a former LAPD detective. "Never mind the government's 'natch." Butler claimed that Pratt was "defended that he killed Olsen and wounded him during a robbery attempt on a Santa Monica, California,�2 in court, Pratt, and a witness of suspects, said he was a Black Panther rallied in Dallas, California; 400 miles away at the time of the murder.

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Editorial

"Talking About Race"

A Step In The Right Direction

By Hugh P. Brown

President National Urban League

I urge all African Americans to stop avoiding the subject of racism. Instead, we must talk about racism, and stop saying that we are too sensitive. I urge everyone to support the Truth Commission on Racism in America. This is an important step in the right direction and one we must take for the future of our country.

"To Be Equal"

By Mr. Bobby Brown

I believe that it is important for all Americans to talk about race and work towards equality. As a black person, I have experienced racism throughout my life. However, I have also seen progress and growth in our society. We must continue to work towards equality and not be afraid to talk about race.

Fight For America's Children

By Dr. Beatrice Schonbeck

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Nikes: Are They The Shoes of Death?

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Dear Mrs. J.H.:
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Mrs. J.H.

Dear Mrs. J.H., Normality of the contents of the intestine are propelled along by regular, coordinated waves of muscular contractions known as peristalsis. In a so-called irritable bowel, the waves are irregular and uncoordinated, and this interference with peristalsis causes gas-like waste matter through the intestines. The cause of the disorder is not understood. Some physicians believe it is mainly psychological, since the disorder appears to be more prevalent in people under stress.

This condition is twice as common in women as in men. Many learn to live with it.

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Although an irritable bowel may cause discomfort over the years, it usually doesn't cause any other complications. 

Symptoms of irritable bowel may be diarrhea or constipation, in other words, the stools of the intestine are too hard. Constipation with hard stools, many people with irritable bowel alternate with diarrhea, which is usually worse in the morning.

The most common symptoms are crampy, spasmoid, pains usually on one side of the abdomen. Relief occurs when you move your bowels.

Irritable bowel is usually mild, sometimes moderately severe, and it is not dangerous to lose their interest in eating.

If you have persistent pain, constipation, and/or diarrhea, or blood in the stools, do not self-diagnosis. See a physician so he can screen you cancer of the colon, ulcerative colitis, and other intestinal ailments.

A series of medical examinations including colonoscopy and examination of samples of stools for trace elements and bacteria should enable your physician to make a proper diagnosis.

If you have an irritable bowel, try to discover the factors that make the symptom worse. Emotional stress may cause you to have pains 1-2 days before your period if you are a woman. Many of the symptoms may come from a high-stress lifestyle.

What to Do About Julius Butler

Dr. Levinger went on to explain that his patients were not only concerned about the physical effects but also the psychological impact of being a social activist. He added.

"Julius was a true leader in our community, and his passing has left a void in our midst. His dedication to the cause of civil rights will be sorely missed."

The Walker Family Foundation will continue to support the organization Julius Butler founded, the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. The foundation plans to honor his memory by providing scholarships to young people who show a commitment to social justice.

"We will miss Julius's leadership and his unwavering commitment to the cause of civil rights. He was a true hero in our community, and his legacy will live on."
**NAACP Releases Consumer Guide On Hotels**

**New York**

The NAACP released a ground-breaking report and Consumer Choice Guide on the hotel industry at a press conference in New York. The Consumer Choice Guide is being made available to assist consumers and groups in making informed choices about where to spend their lodging industry dollars. This guide and Hotel Industry Report Card is the result of a year-long survey that reviewed the economic relationship between major hotel chains and the African American community.

"Protecting our economic future is extremely important in an environment where there is an aggressive assault on affirmative action and economic opportunity," NAACP President & CEO Kweisi Mfume said. "Economic empowerment is the necessary extension of the civil rights movement."

President Mfume said there has been 'significant response' in the hotel industry regarding the initiative. Still, three hotels have balked at providing information and three hotels received failing grades, they added. The economic empowerment of the hotel industry is the necessary extension of the civil rights movement.

**Atlanta Site For BEEP Conference**

**Atlanta**

The Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) will celebrate over a quarter century of service with its 21st annual conference honoring its "outstanding contributors to economic development and opportunity," NAACP President Mfume said.

"We are proud to announce that the NAACP has awarded $300,000 to the City of Rialto," Mfume said. "This award is in recognition of the City of Rialto, its Police Chief Dennis Hegwood, and the Rialto Unified School District for putting together this winning proposal.

Rialto won $103,000 in federal crime-fighting funds two weeks ago to purchase 14 mobile data computers for police cars. The computers will allow officers to write crime reports while staying in their cars out in the community instead of having to go into the office, which is expected to increase police time spent in the community by 7,820 hours a year, which is the equivalent of hiring four additional police officers.

Brown voted for the 1994 Crime Bill which funds the police grants, and he has helped Inland Valley communities apply for the federal dollars. Grants are awarded on a matching basis. Since the bill went into effect in 1994, almost every Inland Valley jurisdiction has won at least one grant and over 75 new police officers have been added to the region.

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The NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. For more information and updates about the Economic Reciprocity Initiative, see the web page at www.naacp.org or call the NAACP.

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News 4 Pulpit “N Pews

by Mary Anderson

- A.R.P. News: News for the lovers of youth. It is time to sign up for the next year’s volunteers at your church. For Vacation Bible School. July and August are months to fill the void of Christian education in the lives of youth and adults. Won’t you become a volunteer at your local house of worship?
- June 21st, The Avant Garde Social Group of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1557 W. 17th S.B. will be taking a trip Sat. June 21st, 6:15 A.M. from the church, to Colonel Alexander Township. The donation is $50.00 youth and adults aloke. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Colonel Alexander (1824-1914), who was born into slavery and was titled by then to become a Revolutionary War Hero. It is at the Avant Garde Social Group of New Hope Church, and has been continously open in California. Only 40 seats are available. Please contact Sister Willie Bitt with your payment ready ASAP. Her number is (909) 849-4132. Return time is 7 PM.

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On June 7th, President Clinton, on his weekly radio program, spoke about his year long campaign against discrimination. He noted that the African American community are aware that African Americans are falling further behind in the struggle to gain economic parity with other ethnic groups. If drastic changes are not taken, the new millennium will find African Americans too far behind to ever catch up. To help gain economic parity, it is important to become literate (computer literate). A-ABA will donate a free internet ready, multi-media computer to churches in order to accomplish this goal through A-ABA’s computer literacy campaign.

A-ABA (African-American Business Alliance) has been providing African American communities to become literate for over five years. A-ABA does this by buying and refurbishing computers, then reselling them at a very low cost. A-ABA is not money driven, but are truly mission oriented. It is A-ABA’s mission to place as many affordable computers into urban and rural community households and congregations as possible.

A-ABA needs the support and cooperation of churches and congregations regarding this goal. When someone in a church’s congregation purchases a computer from A-ABA, a Douglas dollar note will be issued. When a church collects 32 of the dollar notes, A-ABA will donate a free internet ready, multi-media computer to the church.

“…”we cannot continue to look outside our community for help,” says Cynthia R. Lorkic, Director of Operations. “We don’t need handouts, we need to be able to assist ourselves to become more successful economically. We must join together to help ourselves. With your support and involvement, computer literacy will not be a major concern in our communities in the millennium. As you well know, by then no community or group of individuals will be successful or competitive, without strong computer knowledge and Internet access.”

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Soap Box Derby Winners Are Girls

Despite strong showing from the boys - girls come out ahead in Soap Box Derby competitions.

The youngsters in the winners circle at this weekend's Third Annual All-American Soap Box Derby were girls and seasoned pros, as far as soap box derby racing goes.

"Super Stock Winner Melissa Soderbloom and Stock Winner Cherisa Mills are both second-year racers," said Virginia Minor, Registration and Booth Chairperson. "These girls also race in rallies held all over the state throughout the year. That extra experience gave them the winning edge they needed to become champions." As Derby winners, both girls will be treated to a week at camp in Akron, Ohio this summer.

Inspire of threatening skies, the Derby, sponsored by the City of San Bernardino; the San Bernardino Rotary International Clubs; Rediscover San Bernardino, R.G. Catering Arrangements; San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Crest Chevrolet Geo, The Sun, and KOLA Radio drew more than 2,000 spectators.

"There were clouds and lightning in the early morning, but by race time clear skies prevailed," said Minor. "Every year the derby and the crowds get bigger and better." Ninety-two racers extended the derby races late on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. "The derby was really competitive," said Pat Leathers, Volunteer Coordinator for the City of San Bernardino. "These little champions just wouldn't give up, so we kept the derby going to give everyone the best chance possible." The event featured Stock, Super Stock and handicap accessible cars at the course on Little Mountain Road North in San Bernardino.

The first place winners in this race were no strangers. Melissa, a resident of Yucaipa and Cherisa, from Adelanto, became fast friends after meeting at last year's race. The two girls probably would never had met if it weren't for the derby. "Their close friendship makes their winners trip together even more exciting," said Minor. "They are real little champions." In the Stock division, Johnny James of San Bernardino took home second place, while Cameron Albitz, also of San Bernardino, took third. San Bernardino resident Travis Cravens was the second place winner in Super Stock. With Steve Peck of Highland following up in third place. All of the racers received derby T-shirts and trophies for participating.

"Repeat derby racer and Ontario resident Robert Guillen was at it again this year, but this time he crashed his prized soap box derby car. Paramedics gave Robert an exam and strongly suggested he pull out of the race. His heart set on finishing the race, Robert wouldn't give up. With his pride hurt more than anything else, Robert got the green flag from his folks, his pit crew pushed up the car and he was back in the race. "Robert was really a trooper," said Leathers. "This was a fun event for the whole family. We had moms and dads, grandmas, grandpas, friends, and neighbors. All of them turned out to support the young people of this area," said Phil Savage, event co-chair. "Lots of activities and exciting race action made this a great weekend."

The 1997 All-American Soap Box Derby was a big success, due to the support of businesses, civic groups, and many volunteers. "Everyone walked away from this experience a winner, kids and adults alike. A day like this is something a kid remembers for a long time. For us adults, it brings back memories of long ago, of our glory days, of soap box derbies many years past," said Savage.

To sign up for next year's derby as a racer or volunteer, call Pat Leathers at (909) 384-5203.

Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex Opens

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Lost Boyz Releases New Album

As one half of the platinum-selling vocal group Jodeci, brothers Kim and Joi Hailey, along with Top 40 hits singles such as "Come and Talk to Me," "Stay," and "Lately," single-handedly put the soul back in '90s urban music. With Jodeci's success of their #1 gold-selling album Lost Boyz, released a new album titled Love, Peace & Nappiness, Universal Recording artist, which contains more addictive, sing-along choruses and compelling narratives. Most of the songs on the Lost Boyz' newest effort couple live instrumentation—live guitar, bass and keyboards. The group worked with top-notch producers including Easy Mo Bee (The Notorious B.I.G., 2Pac), Clark Kent Jay Z), Ike Lee (Erykah Badu) as well as longtime producer Mr. Stew. Additionally, hip-hop heavyweight Redman, rapper/prodgers A + and newcomer Canibus make guest appearances on the album.
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McWilliams is "Too Much Woman"

Self-assured, sultry, and sometimes downright tempestuous, singer Brigette McWilliams embraces the opportunity to make an intensely personal musical statement on her aptly titled Too Much Woman.

"It's all about being real," she explains, "emotionally, musically -- everything. Like a lot of women, I'm coming to terms with who I am and where I'm going with my life -- and how to be strong and find my own path. For all the difficult situations and tough choices, love and life can be great if you go about pursuing them the right way.

Working closely with producer Steve Harvey, Too Much Woman reflects all facets of McWilliams' multi-dimensional personality and talent. But strength, confidence and sexiness can be a volatile mixture; "there was some screaming and yelling going on in the studio -- it was wonderful," she admits with a laugh. "Steve and I have known each other for years and already have a strong personal relationship. He's not afraid to challenge me and push me by saying 'I want more emotion.' Sometimes when that emotion comes out, screams get thrown across the floor."

Fueled by the occasional mic fighting, Too Much Woman traces the entire breadth of Brigette McWilliams' soul-steeped musical vision. Testifying to her strong role in shaping Too Much Woman, McWilliams personally recruited an all-star cast of musicians whose talents have significantly defined R&B over the last three decades. Bassist Bobby Watson (of Rufus fame) and guitarist Jimmy Macion (Gap Band) provide the instrumental nucleus, with organ work from the inimitable Bill Klein, NBC - TV, and Claire Fischer (who has arranged for Prince) conducts a 22 - piece orchestra on the Too Much Woman sessions.

McWilliams personally directed a window into the artist's psyche, with songs that document the entire breadth and depth of Brigette McWilliams' soul-steeped musical vision. Featuring on "Better Off Without You," the result of a rapid-fire creative outburst. "It was very therapeutic," she laughs. "It's good to give voice to these feelings -- a message that I think a lot of people can identify with."

The emotional range on Too Much Woman is impressive. Devotion ("Through Morning"), passion ("Fire"), and tranquility (e.g. the dreamy, soulful opening track "Morning"); devotion ("Through It All"), passion ("Fire"), and frustration ("Better Off Without You").

Catalyzing the entire affair, McWilliams' vocals add a distinctly sly edge to her songwriting efforts -- "Fire," "Better Off Without You," and especially "It's Your Life," the result of a rapid-fire creative outburst. "It was very

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Δ Young people learn about the arts in the mountains

The new Wildwood Youth Arts Camp will take place June 29 to July 4, 1997 at the Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center located in Oak Glen near Yucaipa.

The Arts Camp will provide a new and exciting way of learning about the arts, based on the belief that all children, given proper instruction, are "arts capable." It is open to all children who have completed grades 4-6 regardless of their background in the Arts. During the week, the participants will be "immersed" in the arts with instruction and experience in dance, music, theater and visual arts, taught in an integrated curriculum. They will be engaged in a process that will enable them to explore artists and their skills that reflect and shape the world around us.

There is an outstanding faculty with many years of experience in the arts and working with children. The director is Dr. Carl Schafer, who in 1995 founded the Buena Vista Arts-integrated School in the Ontario-Montclair School District. He has 38 years experience as an arts educator and currently is teaching at several Universities and is Director of the Saturday Conservatory of Music at California State University San Bernardino. Dr. Sarah Booth is on the dance faculty at California State University San Bernardino. Kathy Ervin is Associate Professor in the Department of Theater Arts, at California State University San Bernardino. Ann Ownsbey has had numerous showings as an artist and many years experience as a Visual Arts Specialist in elementary schools. Jeff Labhara has a rich background in the Orff Schulwerk approach to teaching music and has received training at the International Center in Salzburg, Austria.

For additional information, to receive a brochure or a registration packet, call Dr. Schafer at (909) 982-8202.

By Lee Ragin

There's an old saying that goes, "There is somebody for everybody." In the case of Jennifer Ponder, there was no question about it, they were meant to be together.

The happy couple have known each other for years through mutual friends, "when one day it just clicked and we started dating," stated Jennifer Ponder.

The wedding ceremony was held at the home of Mrs. Baker's uncle in San Bernardino. The bride's oldest brother Michael gave her away.

Mrs. Baker works as the manager of a San Bernardino store and Mr. Baker works as a forklift driver in San Bernardino.

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