

It's About Time Updates and other important Info

June 2013

We received phone calls from Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace recently. Last weekend Albert called and he told us of the lockdown and other cruel treatment he and other inmates on his tier are subjected to. He has to undergo strip searches every time he goes in and out of his cell. Just yesterday I got a letter from him thanking me for the photos I send to him which I took at Malcolm X Day in Oakland.

Sunday Herman called, he had just gotten out of the hospital. He is very sick and lost 40 pounds over the last few months. He said he wanted us (Gail and I) to take care of some things for him in case something happens to him.

We got a letter from Panther Political Prisoner Zulu (Kenny Whitmore) saying that he got my photos and mentioning the murder of Young Malcolm in Mexico. He also mentioned that he is changing lawyers in August, and that his case is still in court. I asked him to write sometime about being a member of the Angola Chapter of the BPP, and why he joined. If anyone wants to write Zulu or Herman and Albert, please check our website under Political Prisoners and click on the Political Prisoner list for addresses.



As a part of Black Panther Party History month, Big Man (Elbert Howard) will sponsor a 47th yr event in October from the 17th thru the 19th in Santa Rosa, California. Santa Rosa is a beautiful city about 50 miles north of SF (Wine country). Gail and I have been there many times. More info will be posted in the future on our website as well as Big Man's website.



The Oakland Community School Alumni will host a day of reflection at Mills College on October 19th. A program is in the process of being made. I spoke to Melvin Dickson about it and he met with Mill's college students and they want it to happen.



I spoke to Ericka Huggins at Malcolm X Day. She said Merritt College will have a class on the BPP in the fall and they want her to teach it.

During Black Panther Party History month, the Museum of African Diaspora in SF will sponsor a major exhibit called "From Civil Rights to Black Power." It will have a number of Panther photos included in it.

Outreach : Through our website over the past few months I have been in touch with Fred Bennett's son, Bryant, who lives in Southern California. I got a call from him the other day. He was in Oakland visiting Fred's sister. He called to thank me for sending him photos I found of Fred while he was the BPP. He was only a child when Fred was killed, and the family didn't have any of the photos I sent them. He told me the family was getting ready to go to W. Oakland to see the Panther exhibit there and then to Rasputin's records in Berkeley to see that exhibit. He said he now feels a strong connection to the Party's legacy.



I was watching the news last night and it's been 19 years since the OJ Simpson slow drive down the freeway. The newscaster said everybody remembers where they were when that happened. I remember I was in Sacramento helping make the movie "Panther" directed by Mario Van Peebles. We were doing the scene when the Party comes to Sacramento in 1967 to protest the Mulford Act. The lead actor's cell phone kept going off on set and Mario said, "turn that shit off" and asked what's so damn important anyway. He said all his friends in Hollywood were blowing up his phone because OJ Simpson was on the TV news doing the slow drive.

I had gotten involved with the film through Landon Williams and Robert Bay. I was a paid adviser. I taught Party history to the extras and there many of them, hundreds when they did the Free Huey Rallies at the Court House in Oakland. Landon and Randy Williams and I taught them how to march and taught them from the Red book. Tarika Lewis was the artist for the movie. She also had a small role in the movie along with Mrs. Hutton, Lil Bobby's mother. My son and many other Panther Cubs got paid as extras for that film.

I had fun working with Big Rob and Landon again. It was like old times.

Note: We were able to get the Capital in Sacramento for the day. Even dumb ass Pete Wilson, then governor, knew about the Panthers coming to Sacramento. He gave permission to shoot in the Capital. We had the whole Capital for the whole day. The young brother who played Bobby Hutton was a good actor and kind of looked like Lil Bobby.



Tarika and Billy X going over some information
Some photos from Malcolm X Day in Oakland 2013



Fred Hampton Jr. and Ericka Huggins meet up at our booth; Walter Riley, Kathleen Cleaver and Tarika Lewis were some of the comrades who came out. Sister Kiilu was there also.

The People's Party #3, Black Panther Party Alumni, The PABA
Commemorate
CARL Hampton (Chairman of Houston, TX People's Party# 2)



December 18th, 1948 – July 26, 1970

Place: PABA 3212 Dowling St. 77004

When: Saturday, July 20th, 2013

Time: 12p- 9p

Candlelight Vigil 6pm

ENTERTAINMENT: Guest speakers, Poets, Vendors will be on site

For more information 832-507-8096 Facebook: 3rd Ward Peoples Party1113Div

Carl was murdered by a sniper from the Houston Police Department as he walked the streets after the people in the community armed themselves and held off the police for 10 days to keep them from attacking the People's Party #2 office in July 1970.

Carl wanted to be a part of the BPP, but during those times the Party was not allowing any new offices (remember the "Purge"). Carl respected that and named his organization in Houston People' Party #2. After his murder, People's Party#2 became the Houston Chapter of the BPP.

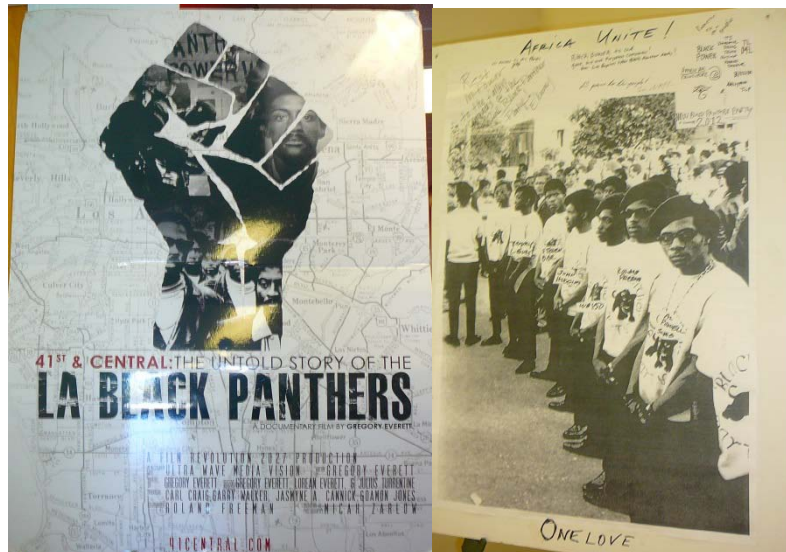
Also Honoring Sister Ayanna Ade (RIP) in Houston at that event.



Sister Ayanna was a member of both organizations, and later came out to Oakland and worked at the Oakland Community School.

LA BPP Alumni hosting Art Show,

Mayme A. Clayton Museum and Library, 4130 Overland Ave. Culver City Ca 90230



October 12th, 2013 more info will follow.

*Brother Elder Freeman is out of the hospital and in a Care Center located at 2010 40th St. in North Oakland. Elder Freeman is an original LA Panther who now lives in Oakland.

Other News:

Over the past few weeks I have been posting BPP newspaper articles on my Facebook page, located under the name Bill Jennings. My other focus is photos with Rank and file Party members in them.

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PIGS BOMB DES MOINES PANTHER HEADQUARTERS

Damage is inspected by Lt. Steve Green and deputy Min. of Ed. Charles Knox

Automobile caught up in rumble of blast

On Saturday, April 26, 1969, at the (left) were heads of the head, a truck and a car sitting next to the front. In Des Moines, Iowa, we see CLAYTON, The (right) were...



THE BLACK PANTHER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1978 3

CHRISTMAS EVE

SOUTHERN CALIF. B.P.P. CHAPTER AIDS BLACK FAMILY

(Los Angeles, Calif.) - The Southern California BPP Chapter came through in the hour of need for a Black family who had been burned out of their home here, while city and county agencies attempted to wade through their red tape.

Last month Ms. Jamie Green and her three-year-old daughter were standing outside their home at 684 E. 50th Street when a fire suddenly broke out, burning their home to the ground and destroying everything in it. Ms. Green had attempted to salvage some of their belongings but was prevented from doing so by the raging fire.

Fortunately her two other children, ages 10 and 14, were at school when the fire occurred. According to the fire department, the blaze was started by a faulty heater.

Since the fire Ms. Green and her three children have been forced to live with a friend, Mrs. Maria Glass. Mrs. Glass has

Southern California BPP coordinator BOB DUREN (right) with Ms. JANIE GREEN who was recently burned out of her home and her friend, Ms. MARIA GLASS. Ms. Green received food, furniture and money from the BPP after it heard of the woman's plight from RON DUNGEE (below) of KKTT Radio. Ms. Green and her daughter NICOLE, 3 (bottom center), and (bottom right) BEVERLY LEWIS, a BPP supporter who donated the free groceries.

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AWAY WITH ALL PESTS !

WINSTON-SALEM BRANCH OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IMPLEMENTS FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAM.

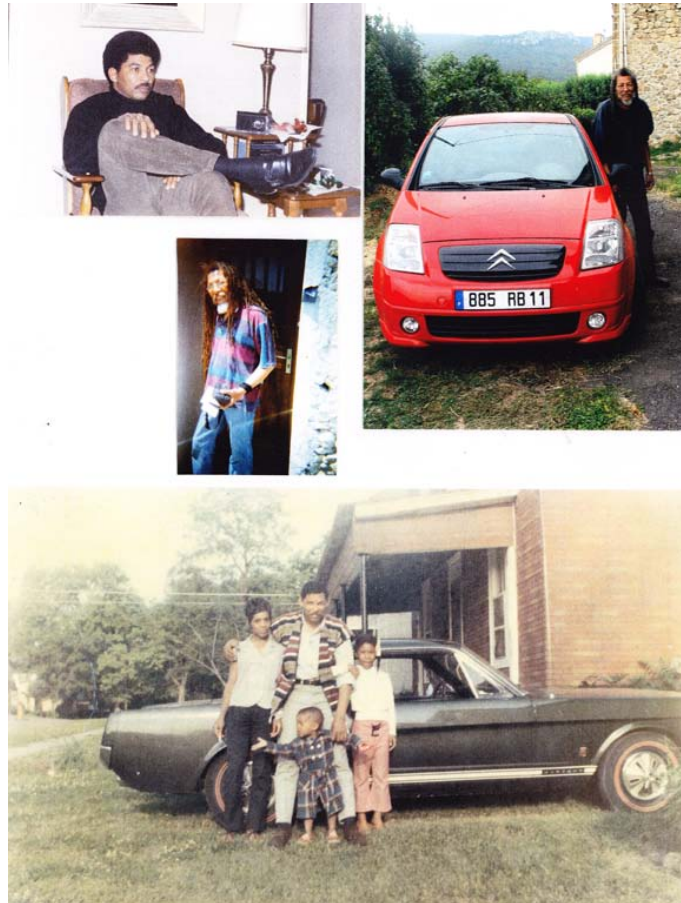
Complaints of the Black Community of rats biting babies and wholesale roaches spurred the creation of the People's Free Pest Control Program.

Now people can see inside the BPP newspaper and see our Community Programs.

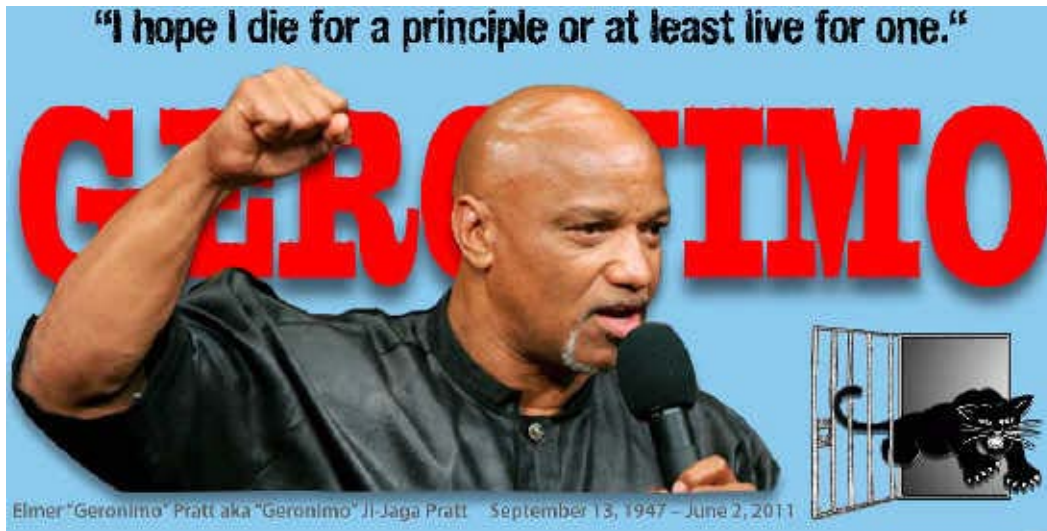
Other news: It's About Time has purchased a High quality camcorder (HD). It was needed for research and doing Interviews for our BPP Oral History Project. Clark Bailey and I will be doing interviews with comrades throughout the summer. We will add these interviews to our archives. It's important to record all BPP members, because we all made the BPP what it was. We hail from many cities and countries to be members of the BPP and serve the people.



Two Years Gone



Comrade Donald Cox



Michael Tabor

*Note: If you have any Panther connected news, please email it to us and check your facebook connection. I'm posting Chapter history information and images directly out of the BBP newspaper under my name Bill Jennings and It's About Time/BPP.

