Guide to the Commemorator Newspaper Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** *Commemorator* Newspaper Collection

**Dates:** 1991-2012

**Collection number:** MS 202

**Creator:** The Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party

**Creator:** Dickson, Melvin

**Collection Size:** 2 linear feet (1 oversized box)

**Repository:** African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

**Abstract:** The *Commemorator* newspaper was a newspaper printed in South Berkeley from 1990-2013 by the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party. The newspaper collection consists of 54 issues of *Commemorator* newspaper printed from 1990-2012.

**Physical location:** African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.) Oakland, CA 94612

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

**Access**

No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

**Access Restrictions**

Materials are for use in-library only, non-circulating.

**Publication Rights**

Permission to publish from the *Commemorator* Newspaper Collection must be obtained from the African American Museum & Library at Oakland.

**Preferred Citation**

*Commemorator* newspaper collection, MS 202, African American Museum & Library at Oakland, Oakland Public Library. Oakland, California.

**Acquisition Information**

Newspaper issues were collected and donated to the African American Museum & Library at Oakland by Melvin Dickson on December 30, 2016.

**Processing Information**

Processed by Sean Dickerson, January 25, 2017. Six issues (vol. 1 no. 1, vol. 1 no. 2, vol. 4 no. 2, vol. 9 no. 1, vol. 11. no. 3, vol. 13 no. 1) were originally donated and formed part of the African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection and are included here for digital access only.

**Biography / Administrative History**

The *Commemorator* newspaper was a newspaper printed in South Berkeley from 1990-2013 by the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party and focused on promoting the goals of the Black Panther Party as outlined in its Ten Point Program. The newspaper served to teach the history, goals, and principles of the Black Panther Party, as well as...
report community news mostly related to living wage employment, violent crime, and adult literacy. In addition to the newspaper, programs of the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party included a Monthly Film Series highlighting demands for education, health care, housing, and jobs, and the Bobby Hutton Literacy Program. The newspaper editorial staff included Melvin Dickson, Clifford Cody, and Leroy Dupree.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The *Commemorator* newspaper collection consists of 54 issues of *Commemorator* newspaper printed from 1990-2012. The newspaper consists of reports on the activities of the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party, profiles and activities of former Black Panther Party members, community news and op-ed articles, letters to the editor, photographs, and events listings.

**Arrangement**

Series I. *Commemorator* Newspaper

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

- African Americans--California--Newspapers.
- Black Panther Party. Commemoration Committee
- Black Panther Party—History--Sources.
- Black Panther Party--Newspapers.
- Social justice--California--Newspapers.

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**Commemorator Newspaper 1990-2012**

**Physical Description:** 54 volumes

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes 54 issues of *Commemorator* newspaper published between 1990-2012.

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

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**Box OM 28:3**

**Volume 1, Number 2 [two copies] 1990-12**

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**Volume 1 Number 3 1991-01**

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