

## **Charlotte O'Neal's Visit to Northern California**

**Charlotte was able to take a few days off from her hectic U.S. tour to come relax with the comrades in Northern California. She has been traveling around the country exhibiting her artwork and promoting the activities of the United African Alliance Community Center (UAACC) which she and husband Pete run in Tanzania.**

**It's About Time sponsored a reception in Sacramento and people from all over Northern California attended, showering her with comradely love. At the reception there was lively African drumming and a viewing of the movie "Panther in Africa" after which Charlotte answered questions. After a fantastic performance of poetry by Straight Out Scribes, other people shared their poetry, including Charlotte herself performing "Wild Woman, Panther Woman". A good time was had by all.**

**Charlotte had expressed a desire to see redwood trees, so we took her to Muir Woods in Marin County. Besides enjoying the peacefulness of the forest, she was amazed by the size and age of the trees. She gathered information to go back and teach a class in Africa about these ancient giants.**

**After leaving Marin County, we took a tour through San Francisco and Oakland. She had not been in the Bay Area since she was 18 years old. We visited many old Panther sites, including the Fillmore District, Bobby Hutton Park and the old Central Headquarters on Shattuck Avenue where she and Brother Pete had their Panther wedding.**

**The rest of the time was spent browsing through the archives, leisurely walks along the Sacramento river and long discussions about politics in America and Africa. We discussed ways to get more information out to comrades regarding their fabulous work at UAACC. Visit their website at: [www.uaacc.habari.co.tz](http://www.uaacc.habari.co.tz)**