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Jan. 16 - 2nd. Annual MSU MLK Jr., Student Leadership Conference. Theme: "40 Years Later: From Activism to Voting ...What are your RIGHTS?" to be held at the MSU Union. Call: 353-1635.

Jan. 16 - The Greater Lansing Area Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission hosts its 21st Annual Luncheon. Theme: "Greatness Through Service." at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI. No tickets sold at the door.

Jan. 17 - "THE POETRY REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED", but it can be seen at Gregory's Ice and Smoke, 2510 N Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI 7:30 pm sign up. The Nu Poets host. Cover \$5. For more information call 517.372.8466

Jan. 19 > March 5 - Disney's Lion King for times and ticket prices call: 1-800-Wharton

Jan. 20 - Feb. 10 - Capital Cagers Youth Basketball Skill Building Program (Ages 7 - 10). Instruction of basic basketball skills. Four weeks. The dribbling starts at 6:30 pm - cost \$20 - Letts

Jan. 25 - Wyton Marsalis 7:30 P.M Tickets \$40, \$30 Students \$15 (with MSU ID) more info call: 1-800-Wharton

Jan. 26 > 29 - Feb. 2 > 5 - CROWNS - A gospel musical saluting portraits of Black women in church hats, by Regina Taylor based on the book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry. Directed by Lee Helder at the Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing, MI. Call: 482-5700 - online @ RiverwalkTheatre.com

The Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society (LAAAGS) monthly second Saturday meeting at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 West Allegan (between Pine and Butler Streets), Lansing, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. Public is invited.

Jan. > Feb. 12, 2006 - The Detroit Historical Museum Exhibit, "Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection," includes many costumes and memorabilia items. For details visit www.detroithistorical.org or call 313-833-1805.

# Honoring Rev. King

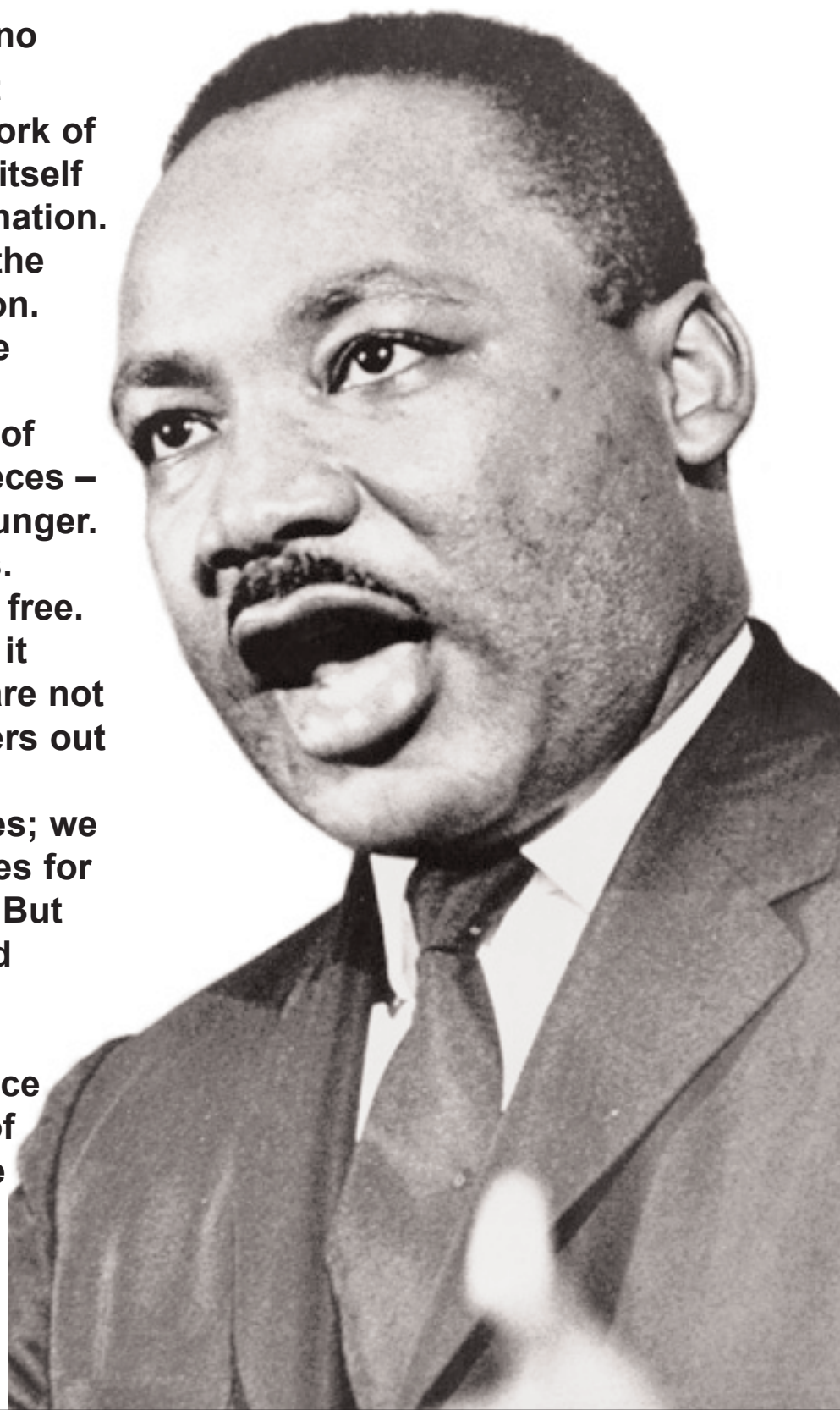
**"The most superficial look at history shows that no social advance rolls on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of dedicated individuals. Without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of primitive forces and social stagnation. Unnecessary delays have already been suffered in the civil rights struggle through a lack of vigorous action.**

**To outline the problem is to chart the course of the Negro freedom movement. A piece of freedom is no longer enough for human beings nor for the nation of which Negroes are a part. They have been given pieces – but unlike bread, a slice of liberty does not finish hunger. Freedom is like life. It cannot be had in installments. Freedom is indivisible – we have it all or we are not free.**

**The Negro's goal is freedom. I believe we will win it because the goal of the nation is freedom. Yet, we are not passively waiting for deliverance to come from others out of pity. Our destiny is bound up with the destiny of America – we built it for two centuries without wages; we made cotton king; we built our homes and the homes for our masters and suffered injustice and humiliation. But out of a bottomless vitality, we continued to live and grow.**

**If the inexpressible cruelties of slavery could not extinguish our existence, the oppression we now face will surely fail. We feel that we are the conscience of America – we are its troubled soul. We will continue to insist that right be done because both God's will and the heritage of our nation speak through our echoing demands."**

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. – 1962



## "Greatness Through Service"

# Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon set

The Greater Lansing Area Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission hosts its 21st annual Luncheon honoring Dr. King on Monday, January 16, 2006, at 11:00 a.m.

The Luncheon will be held at the Lansing Center, 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

This year's theme is, "Greatness Through Service."

Lynn Marie Smith is the slated keynote speaker. A Detroit native, after high school Smith attended Wayne State and Marygrove Colleges. She has been described as an inspirational individual that has met life head on and continues to overcome difficulties and succeed. Regardless of what capacity she has served in, she does so utilizing her Faith in God, as well as Dr. King's philosophy of equality and kindness to all.

When working as a server and shop steward, representing her constituents and defending their rights to management at the Summit Restaurant in the Westin Hotel; Smith was also working

as a singer and songwriter at night. It was during this time that she injured her singing voice



Lynn Marie Smith

and then found herself unemployed when her place of employment was sold and her shift was phased out. While attending a meeting regarding departmental mergers and trying to determine how she was going to get back on her feet, she was offered a position as an

"Organizer." Not knowing clearly at the time what the duties and responsibilities were, she accepted the position on blind faith and quickly found out that it was not only a new career and new beginning, but that this was her life's calling. During the time that she spent in this position she gained a voice as a champion for worker's rights and miraculously her singing voice also came back.

Currently, Smith is employed with the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel and is currently working on the UPOWER (Union of Professional Office Workers) campaign. UPOWER consists of 3600 non-unionized office workers at the University of Michigan working to obtain the same fair wages and benefits that other unionized employees at the University receive. Smith has become an extremely accomplished musician and actor where she is currently starring in the Jazz Musical Production called "Forgotten," and has recently released a Labor Parody CD. This fine lady has

been through many valleys, but throughout her trails and tribulations, her faith in God and determination to persevere when being of service to others, has allowed her to maintain and be blessed with success. Smith has become a very accomplished entertainer/song writer and outstanding Organizer for

worker's fight. She is truly an inspiration to any and all with her belief that when working together and working for each other we can accomplish monumental things!

Thirteen-year-old Joshua Clayton will serve on the program as a motivational

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## Annual Lansing United Pastors Martin L. King Jr., service set

LANSING – Lansing Pastors United will host their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday service on Sunday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Pentecostal Outreach Church of God In Christ, 2645 W. Holmes Rd, Lansing, MI.

Larry Trice, Jr. is the host pastor. The guest speaker for the celebration will be the Rev. Nathan Dixon, new pastor of Trinity AME Church in Lansing. The theme is "In Times Like These, Why Dr. King is Still Relevant".

"In times like these we as clergy leaders come together to celebrate Dr. King's life and ministry and also to inspire community service and community transformation," said Dr. Michael C. Murphy. "We lift up the ideals and message from Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement to inspire and motivate a new generation for the challenges we face in the 21st Century."

The proceeds of the celebration will benefit the Black Child and Family Institute, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The Pentecostal Outreach COGIC "Voices of Pentecost" choir will sing. The event is open to the public.

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