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Honoring dancer Katherine Dunham 1909 - 2006

Katherine Dunham in the dance revue "Bambouche!", at New York's 54th Street Theater, ca. 1955 [photograph] Credit Library of Congress

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June 3 - Jesus of Nazareth Church of God in Christ 4331 Sycamore St. Holt, MI 48842
Featuring: Many, Many Musical Guests at 6:30 PM For more details contact: Minister of Music Kim Milton-Mackey at email: mkim794@aol.com or phone: (517) 882-2496 or Administer of Music Rahshaan Watson at (517) 272-0940.

June 7 - Buy Michigan First Seminar"How to do business with the State of Michigan" at Lansing Community College at Noon Learn how to register as a vendor Become familiar with the bidding process For more info call: 888 - 734 - 9749; e-mail BuyMichiganFirst@michigan.gov Website: www.michigan.gov/BuyMichiganFirst

June 10 Juneteenth History Children's Activity Hour at 1:00 p.m. at the Capitol Area District Library (Downtown Lansing, first floor) with Artist Julian Van Dyke. The activity includes storytelling, games and music. Children will be able to receive a complimentary Juneteenth Activity Book for attending (\$3 value) additional copies can be order from the website www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org

June 24 - Come "Cruise With The Ques" aboard the Michigan Princess. Boarding begins at 9PM. The boat leaves at 9:30 and go till 1AM. Tickets are \$25. More info coming later, but mark your calendars now.

June 30 -Calling All "Cowboys and Cowgirls" Come set sail and cruise the night away on the Michigan Princess Riverboat. The 2006 West Jr. Reunion Committee is hosting "Motown Sounds Night" Boarding: 6:30 pm Departing: 8:00 pm Returning: 11:00 pm Cost: \$20.00 per person (includes, sandwiches, snacks and beverage) Available, not Included: Bar & Dinner served at cost. Ticket information: Call: (517) 484-7831 or (517) 646-9420

JUNETEENTH

"Beyond Emancipation -- Continuing Towards Empowerment. Moving to the Next Level"

The 2nd Annual State Holiday Juneteenth Celebration is being hosted by the Lansing Juneteenth Committee.

"Beyond Emancipation Continuing Towards Empowerment - Moving to the Next Level!" is the theme of the 3-day event.

On Thursday, June 15 the celebration begins at the State Capitol kick-off opening ceremony to be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the State Capitol Building, on the East Steps Platform (Front Entrance).

The program speaker is State Senator Martha Scott.

Honorary co-hosts includes: State Senator Gretchen Whitmer, State Senator Mark Schauer, Minority Leader Dianne Byrum, State Representative Michael C. Murphy and The Michigan Legislative Black Caucus.

Music and refreshments will be provided.

On Friday, June 16 the celebration moves to Lansing's Westside.

Special events are planned to be held at St. Joe Park from ~ 3:00 p.m. until dusk. An Old Negro

League Baseball Game is slated to be played with guest local sports announcers calling the

play-by-play.

On Saturday June 17 the fun continues at the park from 11:00

a.m. until dusk. The slated keynote speaker is Detroit Labor Leader, Nathan Head.

A gospel special appearance by the "Jackson Southernaires" and Lansing's own Grammy Award nominee Betty Goplin. Other performances are slated for the Main Stage. In addition, children's events are planned.

Soul Food vendors will be selling plenty of catfish, chicken, & ribs. The food tent will feature a B-BQue rib cook off. Merchant vendors feature art, jewelry and unique gifts for all occasions. Also a Juneteenth Storybook unveiling with Artist Julian Van Dyke is planned.

The local celebration is sponsored by the Lansing Juneteenth Committee and Mask Memorial CME Church, where the Rev. A. Richard Doss is pastor.

For more information call (517) 394-6900 or via the internet- www.juneteenth.com www.cme-church.org/us/mi/lansing/mask_memorial/

The Lansing Juneteenth Committee



Juneteenth Committee members back row (LtoR):Julian Van Dyke, Diondai Brown, Shirley Carter, Daulton Tansil, Michael McFadden, Rev. A. Richard Doss, Co-Chair, Winston Williams, Marilyn Plummer, Co-Chair, Marsha Plummer.

Seated (LtoR): Sonya Lewis, Mary Estes, Debra Plummer, Mary Plummer, Doris Carlis

What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is an African American holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States.

In the confusion and turmoil as the Civil War drew to an close, the people of Texas did not immediately learn of Robert E. Lee's April 1865 surrender to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia. Texans fought on through May, when they finally learned that the war had truly ended.

Union army Major General Gordon Granger, landed at the Texas Port City of Galveston with 1,000 soldiers to take command of the military district of Texas. His first action after landing, on June 19, was to travel from his headquarters in the Osterman building down to the street and read General Order #3 to the people of Galveston. General Granger read, "The people of Texas are

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Trinity AME Church Men's Day activities planned

LANSING, MI --Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church and its Pastor Nathan Dixon, together with the Sons of Allen, are pleased to invite the Lansing community to this year's Trinity Men's Day weekend activities. The Men's Day theme is: "Men of God dedicated to the will of God."

The weekend activities begin with a recognition program, which will be held at Trinity AME Church, 3500 West Holmes Road, Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will afford Trinity the opportunity to recognize the significant contributions to the church and community by two of its revered members, Mrs. Georgia Brown, and Mr. William Simpson. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, June 4, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Men's Day worship service will be held.

The featured speaker will be the Reverend Phillip R. Cousin, Sr. who is the Presiding Bishop of the 4th Episcopal District which encompasses the states of Minnesota, Iowa Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. Also, the Trinity Men and Boys Chorus will perform under the directorship of Dr. John Revis and Daryl Hibbert. All men are invited to be at the church at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning for the procession into the sanctuary.

There is no charge for the recognition program, however if you have questions please contact the church office at (517) 882-5722.

NAACP opposes Omaha, Neb. proposed racially divided school district

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has filed a federal lawsuit with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF) to block Nebraska from redistricting Omaha public schools along racial and ethnic lines. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the famous Brown vs. Board of Education case 52 years ago that government mandated school segregation violates the Constitution.

NAACP President & CEO Bruce S. Gordon said: "For nearly 100 years the NAACP has fought against state imposed segregation. That's why we stand today with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in opposition to this onerous law that violates the Constitution and the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the doctrine of separate but equal. We are concerned that this law will have a negative impact on children in our community."

Tommie Wilson, president, the Omaha Branch NAACP, said at a news conference in Omaha: "In the 21st Century we believe we should be making progress toward greater integration. That the public schools should be a place where students have the opportunity to learn from and be exposed to others from diverse racial and ethnic

backgrounds, not places of racial isolation that may very well lead to greater racial tension. Segregation is a moral wrong regardless of who advocates for it." The Omaha Branch and several families with children in the Omaha public schools are plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Theodore M. Shaw, LDF Director-Counsel and President, said: "We joined this litigation because we continue to believe that racially segregated schools are not equal, and that the state ought not to make decisions that intentionally segregate students on the basis of race."

The Nebraska legislature voted last month to divide the Omaha school system starting in 2008 into --one mostly Black, one predominately White and one largely Hispanic district. Gov. Dave Heineman signed the measure into law.

The Omaha school system was desegregated by court order in 1976. The city ran a mandatory busing program from 1976 to 1999.

The 45,000-student Omaha school system is 46 percent White, 31 percent Black, 20 percent Hispanic, and 3 percent Asian or American Indian.

Remembering X



On May 19 these brothers celebrated Malcolm X's 81st birthday at his Lansing homesite, located on the Southside, at the corner of Vincent Court and MLK Blvd. From (l-r) Louis Simms, Ben Williams, George Davis, Ngere Abdul Wali, Eric "Muss" Brown, Monta X and Saleem Shabazz.

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