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# A big fete at Ravenswood Park

EAST PALO ALTO — Ravenswood Park, at the corner of Bell Street and University Avenue, will be transformed into a two-day festival featuring guest speakers, athletes, bands and food this weekend.

The Juneteenth Festival, to be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, will be held to publicize this community's incorporation campaign.

East Palo Alto native Nate Branch, the player/coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, will speak at 2:45 on Sunday.

A series of speakers will give status reports on the various institutions within the community. The reports include the schools, the Youth Services Program, the Drew Medical/Dental Center, Nairobi School and the Senior Center.

Speakers also will discuss East Palo Alto's campaign to incorporate.

Booths with food, gifts and literature will be set up in the park. Live music and poets reading their works also will be featured.

The community of 19,000 select-

ed this weekend for the festival because of the tradition of the Juneteenth Festival. The festival first was celebrated by blacks in Texas when President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was finally enacted in that state on June 19, 1865. That was more than two year's after the proclamation was issued.

Since that date in 1865, southern and western blacks have celebrated the Juneteenth Festival, according to Omowale Satterwhite, chairman of the Incorporation Committee.