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A Familiar Face

TRICIA D. TEAGUE

Anytime a new business comes to town and brings new jobs to the area, it can make big news. What many people don't realize is that there's a familiar face helping to make that news happen in Danville and all over Vermilion County.

Tinisha Shade-Spain is best known for having been a reporter on WCIA Channel 3 news. However, for the last five years she's been working at Vermilion Advantage, the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Vermilion County.

Shade-Spain started with Vermilion Advantage as a Project Coordinator and now serves as Business Development Director. "I am in charge of helping business grow, attracting new business, growing new business in the base that we have, and any other needs that they have," Shade-Spain said. "Expansion or hiring needs, whatever it takes to help the local economy thrive."

After graduating from Illinois State University in 2005, Shade-Spain worked as a reporter for six years at WCIA. She purposely chose the Champaign station over pursuing jobs in larger cities "It was just about making things better in my own backyard," Shade-Spain said. "Why wouldn't I want to talk about things or report on things that were affecting my fam-

ily and friends? Plus my family is all here, so it just made sense."

After leaving television, she spent time in the marketing department at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center before landing at Vermilion Advantage. The

2000 Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School graduate made a conscious decision to leave television reporting.

"Selfishly I wanted to have a more consistent schedule," Shade-Spain explained about why she left her job as a reporter. "When you work in news you don't really have a schedule. You're just at the will of whatever happens. I initially started to look for a job that was still impactful but also gave me more time at home."

While working at Presence, Shade-Spain's job consisted of helping create the image of the hospital. She said she eventually left the position because it was hard to



TINISHA SHADE-SPAIN, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AT VERMILION ADVANTAGE

turn off the reporter in her. "Coming from a place where you're writing stories and digging for the truth, and then jumping to the other side of that where you're forming an image, it was major discord. Now I'm protecting an interest, but my soul was like 'We need to tell everything,'" Shade-Spain said. "It was weird going from one side to the other."

In her current role, Shade-Spain has to protect information in the same way she protected informants as a re-

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

A Matter for Change



TRICIA D. TEAGUE

April 29, 1992 is an infamous date in American history, particularly for African Americans. That's the date a jury acquitted the Los Angeles police officers who brutally beat Rodney King.

I remember how that verdict felt for me. As a college freshman, I couldn't quite fathom how anyone could have seen that video and come to the conclusion that there was no excessive force being used. But what was worse, I wondered what it would take for a black person to get justice in America. Did the police have to kill someone on video for there to be actual justice?

On June 16, 2017 I got a definitive answer to that question. That's the date a St. Paul, Minn. police officer was acquitted on all charges in the killing of Philando Castile.

On July 6, 2016 Philando Castile was shot by St. Paul police after a routine

traffic stop went awry. Castile, who was licensed to carry a firearm, informed the officer that he had a weapon. Shortly afterwards the officer fired on Castile who also had his girlfriend and young daughter in the car. Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, broadcast live on Facebook immediately after the incident, recounting the shooting while Castile moaned in pain. The whole world watched as Castile took his last breaths.

Outrage ensued over the Castile shooting, and the officers were eventually charged with manslaughter. Castile wasn't the first African American to die at the end of an officer's gun. But he was one of the victims whose encounter couldn't be discounted because of some prior criminal record. Nearly every time a person is killed in what many argue is unjustified deadly force, the argument on the other side is that there's no video evidence, or it's unknown what happened before the video started, or the victim's criminal record is evaluated as if prior criminal behavior guarantees the victim's culpability in his or her own death.

However, in Castile's case he had no criminal record, despite having been stopped by the police 52 times in his 14 years of driving (according to New York Daily News). His death on social media seemed to be the signal that maybe this time there might be justice.

Four days after the acquittal, the dashcam video was released and the world not only saw and heard the entire interaction. We became aware that 74 seconds passed from the time the officer approached the car until the five deadly shots were fired. It was a traffic stop, for a tail light, after a trip to the grocery store that escalated in less time than it would take for the average person to read this column in its entirety.

What will it take for change to come? We might have the answer, and unfortunately it's the name Justine Damond. On July 15, Damond was killed after she approached the car of the officers who were responding to her 911 call. Was she the first woman to die because of unnecessary force? No she wasn't. Was she the first person who became the victim of force after calling 911? No, not at all. In fact, since the officers were clothed with inactive body cameras, we don't know the details of their interaction with her. However, there's still hope that an unjustified homicide might result in both justice for Justine and a change to the way police shootings are handled for all victims.

You may notice I never mentioned Damond was a Caucasian woman and an Australian national. Should her sex, her race, or even her citizenship matter? Honestly, it shouldn't. It didn't matter to the Black Lives Matter activists and other

protestors in Minnesota who rallied around Damond's family, including Philando Castile's family and friends. What mattered was that she died at the hands of those who were supposed to protect her, at the hands of those she summoned to protect someone else, and that Castile family knew all too well what that pain felt like.

What matters most is that Damond's death, just like Castile's was unnecessary. What matters is that there's rarely been accountability for any police involved shootings. Maybe now there finally might be.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS—AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

AUGUST 12

Danville Public Library
Kidz Movie Club
1-2:30 p.m.

AUGUST 15

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggles Storytime
10 a.m.

Laura Lee Fellowship House

Jolly Seniors Auxiliary
Noon

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

AUGUST 16

CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Garden Share Produce Pickup
9-10 a.m.
309 N. Franklin

Danville Public Library

Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

AUGUST 18

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
Adults 60 and older
9:30-10:30 a.m., 1st floor meeting room

AUGUST 19

Danville Public Library
Builders' Club
10:30-11:30 a.m.

JaMiks House Rules

Open Mic/Spoken Word
The Untouchables Motorcycle Club,
106 Commercial St.
Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9
p.m., afterset to follow
Admission: \$5

AUGUST 21

Danville Public Library
Monday Matinee
1:30-4:30 p.m.

AUGUST 22

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggles Storytime
10 a.m.

Laura Lee Fellowship House

Jolly Seniors Auxiliary
Noon

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Garden Share Produce Pickup
9-10 a.m.
309 N. Franklin

Danville Public Library

Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

AUGUST 25

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
Adults 60 and older
9:30-10:30 a.m., 1st floor meeting room

AUGUST 29

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggles Storytime
10 a.m.

Laura Lee Fellowship House

Jolly Seniors Auxiliary
Noon

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

AUGUST 30

CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Garden Share Produce Pickup
9-10 a.m.
309 N. Franklin

Danville Public Library

Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 1

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
Adults 60 and older
9:30-10:30 a.m., 1st floor meeting room

SEPTEMBER 5

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggles Storytime
10 a.m.

Laura Lee Fellowship House

Jolly Seniors Auxiliary
Noon

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 6

CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Garden Share Produce Pickup
9-10 a.m.
309 N. Franklin

Danville Public Library

Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 8

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
Adults 60 and older
9:30-10:30 a.m., 1st floor meeting room

Danville Area Community College

The Last Five Years Dinner Theater
6 p.m. at Bremer Theater
Tickets: \$27.50, dinner included

SEPTEMBER 9**Danville Area Community College**

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SEPTEMBER 10

Danville Area Community College
The Last Five Years Dinner Theater
1 p.m. at Bremer Theater
Tickets: \$27.50, dinner included

SEPTEMBER 13

CRIS Healthy Aging Center
Garden Share Produce Pickup
9-10 a.m.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Red Mask Seeks Director

Red Mask is seeking a director for its Christmas show, *Miracle on 34th Street, the Play*. If you are interested in directing this production, please submit your Director's letter to P.O. Box 814, Danville, IL 61834-0814 by September 1.

A synopsis of the play: "This is a tale that we want to believe in, that creates a

world we seem to desperately desire, free of the blatant commercialism that surrounds us, where love and decency and generosity of spirit are their own rewards. What we want Christmas to be all about, really." So writes the Santa Cruz Sentinel of this most heartwarming holiday story. By chance, Kris Kringle, an old man

in a retirement home, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. Kris unleashes waves of good will with Macy's customers and the commercial world of New York City by referring parents to other stores to find exactly the toy their child has asked for. Seen as deluded and dangerous by Macy's vocational counselor, who plots to have

Kris shanghaied to Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, Kris ends up in a court competency hearing. Especially at stake is one little girl's belief in Santa. In a dramatic decision, the court confirms Kris as the true Santa, allowing Susan and countless other children to experience the joy of childhood fantasy.

Nominations Open for DHS Wall of Fame

Danville District 118 is seeking nominations for inductees to the Danville High School Wall of Fame. Danville High School has recognized outstanding alumni since 1991 through annual inductions into the DHS Wall of Fame. The purposes of the DHS Wall of Fame include:

- To promote pride in the Danville Public Schools
- To promote pride in Danville
- To provide positive role models for students

Danville High School students are exposed to the Wall of Fame on a daily basis. Inductees' framed biographies and photographs are hung prominently outside the auditorium in the office lobby

at DHS. Community members also become familiar with our alumni success stories when they visit the high school.

Any individual may nominate a candidate for the DHS Wall of Fame. Candidates are preferably graduates of Danville High School or have attended DHS for at least one year.

An independent community committee will review the nominations and select the inductees for 2017. All nominations are due to the Office of the Superintendent, 110 E. Williams St., Danville, IL 61832 by Friday, September 1. Nomination forms are available on the District's website: www.danville118.org. Three references must be provided for a candidate to be considered. Forms

are also available on the front page of the District's website at www.danville118.org.

It is expected that inductees have demonstrated achievement or service above and beyond the responsibilities of their normal employment.

- Inductees who no longer live in the local community must have distinguished themselves with excellence nationally, internationally, or within a particular field or service to humanity.
- Inductees who have remained in the area must have distinguished themselves with excellence locally or regionally within a particular field or with service to humanity or have

been actively involved in local community service. This category may include a nominee who achieved locally but later moved away.

Currently, 54 honored DHS alumni are enshrined in the Danville High School Wall of Fame. Inductees include Congressional Medal of Honor, Academy Award, Emmy Award, and Tony Award recipients as well as public servants, doctors, teachers, community activists, and authors. Your assistance in publicizing our 2017 DHS Wall of Fame nomination process is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's office at 444-1004.

JaMiks House Rules Presents Open Mic

JaMiks House Rules presents spoken word/open mic night entitled "Called Out of Darkness Into Light" on Saturday, August 19 at the Untouchables Mo-

torcycle Club, 106 Commercial Street. The doors open at 8 p.m. with the show starting at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 with an afterset to follow.

The show is open to poets and others who want to share. Featured artists include Jermaine Ammons, Jayton Richmond, Simmanova, Bamm Beedoe,

Kelz, Sarah McGee, Keith Redmon, JoNate, Nesha Law, Dezjuantra Tyler, and Thessalonians. The show will be hosted by CD.

DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DACC Players Present *The Last Five Years* Dinner Theater

DACC Players, the theater program at Danville Area Community College, will present *The Last Five Years*, a two character musical, performed in dinner-theater format, starring Flynn Williams (Fanny Brice from *Funny Girl*) and Bryan Jenkins (Nick Arnstein from *Funny Girl*). Musical director for *The Last Five Years* is Dr. Eric Simonson, and show directors are Phillip Langley and Glenda Boling.

Performances will be September 8, 9, and 10. A sit-down dinner will be served at 6 p.m. on the 8th and 9th and at 1

p.m. on the 10th. The cost of dinner, dessert, and the show is \$27.50. The full menu of mushroom chicken breast, sides, salad, and desserts will be prepared by DACC Culinary Arts students and served by cast members of the Players' late-fall production, *The Rocky Horror Show*. Performances of *The Last Five Years* will take place in the Bremer Theater on the DACC campus. Tickets will be available soon at www.daccplayers.com or by emailing daccplayers@yahoo.com.

The Last Five Years, a musical story

that explores a five-year relationship between Jamie Wellerstein (Jenkins), a rising novelist, and Cathy Hiatt (Williams), a struggling actress. The show uses a form of storytelling in which Jamie's story is told in chronological order (starting just after the couple have first met), and Cathy's story is told in reverse chronological order (beginning the show at the end of the marriage). The characters directly interact only in the middle at their wedding as their timelines intersect.

As an added bonus, anyone attending *The Last Five Years* will have an exclusive first-chance opportunity to purchase tickets to *The Rocky Horror Show* before they go on sale to the general public! *The Rocky Horror Show* performance dates will be October 13, 14, 20, 21. The menu for this first-ever DACC Players dinner theater production will include a 27, 28 and 31 at Danville's Historic Fischer Theatre!

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porter or the hospital's image, but for very different reasons. Most often it's because there are details being worked out before prior to a public announcement. "It's so important when you're dealing with confidential information, or closings, or huge projects that require discretion," she said. "My poor husband, bless his heart, he'll a rumor and he'll ask me something, and I'll be like, (big smile) You know I can't talk about that."

In addition to being keeper of big secrets, Shade-Spain serves as a jack of many trades while she's being groomed as a successor for Vicki Haugen, the organization's long-time president and CEO. "My day, it depends on Vicki's day, honestly. She includes me in a lot of things. It may be a project that she's already started on, or just something that she thinks I need insight to," Shade-Spain explained. An average day could include meeting with employ-

ers to talk about their needs to attending groundbreaking or ribbon cutting ceremonies. One of Shade-Spain's current projects includes organizing the annual golf outing. "There's no real limit to what my role is. It's kind of whatever needs to be done. But right now I'm just a sponge trying to soak this all up."

Although Shade-Spain can't share any information about what's on the horizon, she was quick to highlight that there are jobs available in Vermilion County. "The reporter in me wants to go out and highlight every job opportunity and every career that's available," Shade-Spain said. "At any time there are probably anywhere from 50 to 70 jobs on our jobs board, open full-time positions with benefits. And this is all the time."

"In the meetings that I go to, when I meet with employers...to the person, in every single meeting I sit in, they are dying for employees."

Shade-Spain further explained how Vermilion Advantage is working with Danville Area Community College to fill

the training gap that potential employees need so that they can have the skills that employers are looking for. "Whatever the need is DACC will quickly react to that and get a program for it," she said, citing classes in things like megatronics and robotics.

Shade-Spain is passionate and excited about her role at Vermilion Advantage

for the same reasons she was passionate about being a reporter, "I want to make sure that Vermilion County stays on a path of progress. I've got younger brothers and I've got two sons. It's important to me, not only community-wide, but for personal reasons, that we keep moving forward and keep progressing."

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IL LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION

Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Launches Internship Program

The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation is proud to announce the start of its interns, Keith Davies and Jada Rice, Keith is a rising junior at Morehouse College. Keith is Majoring in Film Production and minoring in Political Science. He serves as Morehouse College Pre-Alumni Association Parliamentarian. Keith is originally from Springfield and is the immediate past secretary of the Springfield NAACP Branch, being the youngest person to ever serve in its capacity.

Jada Rice is a rising freshman at Spelman College where she plans to major in Psychology. Jada recently graduated from Williamsville High School. During high school, she served as a secretary for the 4-H YLT (Youth Leadership Team), she was a member of A.S.C.E.N.D., and she also served on Ronald McDonald Teen Council. While interning for the ILBCF,

Jada hopes to gain better outreach skills and more experience with the computer as well as provide helpful ideas to improve black businesses.

"This is our first summer having interns in the history of our organization, and we couldn't have had better candidates. Keith and Jada both are hard workers and have a history of achievement," said Larry Luster, Executive Director of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation. "As our organization continues to move forward, we want to extend educational opportunities to train our future leaders."

Both, Keith and Jada, will be working this summer at ILBCF headquarters in Springfield, Illinois to help develop and expand the ILBCF's outreach efforts, draft legislative fact sheets, manage social media and various office tasks to give them additional professional training. Their intern-

ship will end prior to them returning to Atlanta in the Fall.

"We are excited to have passionate interns like

Jada and Keith on board this summer," said Paul Williams, Chairman of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation. "This is our inaugural year of hosting in-house interns, and we look forward to expanding our program as our organization continues to grow."

The ILBCF summer internship goals are to ensure each intern gains an understanding of issues that are affecting the black community and learns how to address those concerns through advocacy. Interns are responsible for creating, developing and hosting a series of outreach events with aim of giving them the skills to take these skills with them during their professional journey.

The ILBCF is also proud to introduce our summer fellow, Cartecia Lawrence, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she double majored in Legal Studies and Afro- American Studies. At UW- Madison, Cartecia was one of two Letters and Sciences scholars awarded the prestigious Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Award for Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Cartecia is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in Education



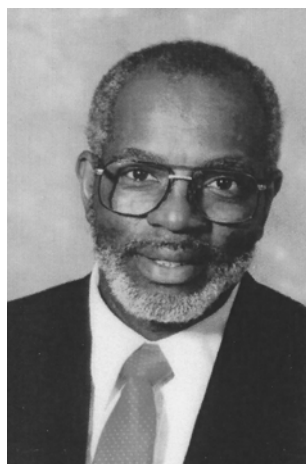
KEITH DAVIES



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CARTECIA LAWRENCE



Ms. Tricia Teague,
publisher/editor-in-chief,
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Keep up the good work.

-Alderman R.J. Davis,
Ward #3

with a focus on Instructional Accommodations at Francis Marion University. She just completed her second year as a History teacher and Teach for America corps member in Walterboro, South Carolina. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and a former AASPIRE intern at the City of Madison Department of Civil Rights.

"Developing the fellowship program has been one of my goals for some time," comments Senator Kimberly Lightford, chairman of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, "I am proud that this vision has come into fruition. The foundation works aggressively to prepare scholars like Cartecia to lead us into a brighter future."

Cartecia's role as a fellow will allow her to craft and contribute to a multitude of different initiatives such as legislative drafting, issue development, creating facts sheets, serving as the ILBCF's policy expert, communications and attending several seminars to help her discover more aspects of state government.

For more information regarding our internship and fellow programs please contact ILBCF Executive Director, Larry Luster at info@ilbcf.org.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS—AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August 15, 1962

Shady Grove Baptist Church was burned in Leesburg, Georgia.

August 18, 1963

The first Black person admitted to the University of Mississippi, James Meredith, graduates from University of Mississippi

August 19, 1791

Benjamin Banneker writes letter to then secretary of state Thomas Jefferson. The letter showed the hypocrisy of slavery. Banneker challenged the idea of freedom for whites as he ascribed it to be the same freedom that should be granted to Africans.

August 19, 1954

Diplomat and first Black winner of Nobel Peace Prize, Ralph J Bunche, named undersecretary of the United Nations

August 20, 1619

Twenty Africans arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, aboard a Dutch ship. They are the first blacks to be forcibly settled as involuntary laborers in the North American British Colonies.

August 20, 1944

The SS Frederick Douglass, the first ship named in honor of a black man, was lost in European waters.

August 21 and 22, 1831

In Southampton County, Virginia, Nat Turner, a brilliant minister and moody slave, led the first slave revolt of magnitude. The revolt was crushed, but only after Turner and his band had killed some sixty whites and threw the South into panic. After hiding out, Turner was captured on October 30, 1831, and hanged in Jerusalem, Virginia, on November 11. Thirty other blacks were also implicated and executed. It was not until John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in 1859 that another slave revolt or conspiracy became known.

August 22, 1791

Mathematician Benjamin Banneker

served on commission which surveyed the District of Columbia. Benjamin Banneker issued his first annual almanac.

August 22, 1791

Haitian Revolution began with revolt of slaves in northern province.

August 22, 1844

A mass meeting of blacks in Boston adopted a resolution declaring that segregated public schools in that city violated the State Constitution. Their request was denied.

August 23, 1861

James Stone, a light skinned fugitive slave passing for white, enlisted in the First Fight Artillery of Ohio. His racial identity would not be known until his death nearly a year later.

August 23, 1917

Race riot, Houston, between soldiers of Twenty-fourth Infantry Regiment and white citizens. Two Blacks and eleven whites killed. Martial law declared.

August 25, 1862

Secretary of war authorized Gen. Rufus Saxton to arm up to five thousand slaves.

August 26, 1874

Sixteen Blacks lynched in Tennessee.

August 28, 1955

Emmett Till (14) kidnapped and lynched in Money, Mississippi.

August 28, 1963

More than 250,000 persons participated in March on Washington demonstration, the largest single demonstration in US History at the time.

August 28, 1968

Rev. Channing E. Philips of Washington, D.C., became first Black nominated for president by a major national party. Philips was nominated as favorite son candidate by District of Columbia delegation at Democratic convention in Chicago and

received 67 1/2 votes.

August 29, 1957

Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the first federal civil rights legislation since 1875. The bill established a civil rights commission and a civil rights division in the Justice Department. It also gave the Justice Department authority to seek injunctions against voting rights infractions.

August 29, 1962

Mal Goode becomes the first African American television news commentator when he begins broadcasting on ABC.

August 30, 1838

The first African American magazine, Mirror of Freedom, begins publication in New York City.

August 30, 1881

W.S. Campbell patents the self-setting animal trap. Patent No. 246,369

August 30, 1854

John C. Fremont issued proclamation freeing slaves of Missouri rebels. Lincoln revoked the proclamation.

August 31, 1962

Trinidad-Tobago proclaimed independent.

September 1, 1875

White Democrats attacked Republicans at Yazoo City, Mississippi. One white and three Blacks were killed.

September 2, 1956

Tennessee National Guard sent to Clinton, Tenn., to quell mobs demonstrating against school integration.

September 3, 1783

Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church, purchases his freedom with his earnings as a self-employed teamster.

September 3, 1868

Lower house of Georgia legislature, ruling

that Blacks were ineligible to hold office, expelled twenty-eight representatives. Ten days later the senate expelled three Blacks. Congress refused to admit the state until the legislature seated the Black representatives.

September 3, 1919

Lincoln Motion Picture Company owned by African Americans Noble Johnson and Clarence Brooks releases its first feature length film, A Man's Duty.

September 3, 1990

Jonathan A. Rodgers becomes president of CBS's television stations division, the highest ranking African American in network television. Rodgers had been general manager of WBBM-TV, CBS's Chicago Station.

September 4, 1781

Los Angeles, California, founded by 44 settlers, of whom at least 26 were descendants of Africans. Among the Black settlers, according to H.H. Bancroft's authoritative History of California, were "Joseph Moreno, Mulatto, 22 years old, wife a Mulattress, five children; Manuel Cameron, Mulatto, 30 years old, wife Mulattress; Antonio Mesa, Negro, 38 years old, wife Mulattress, six children; Jose Antonio Navarro, Mestizo, 42 years old, wife, Mulattress, three children; Basil Rosas, Indian, 68 years old, wife, Mulattress, six children."

September 4, 1875

Clinton Massacre, Clinton, Mississippi. Twenty to thirty Blacks killed.

September 5, 1875

George Washington Murray was elected to Congress by South Carolina.

September 6, 1960

Rafer Johnson won the Olympic Decathlon--the first for an African American.

September 7, 1957

Ghana becomes a free self-governing na-

BLACK HISTORY FACTS—AUGUST/SEPTEMBER (CONT.)

tion. This country will be the first of the British Commonwealth of Nations to be self-governing.

September 8, 1957

Althea Gibson, becomes the first Black athlete to win a US national tennis championship.

September 9, 1739

Slave revolt, Stono, South Carolina, led by rebel named Jemmy. Twenty-five whites were killed before the insurrection was put down.

September 11, 1962

Two youths involved in voter registration drive in Mississippi were wounded by shotgun blasts fired through the window of a home in Ruleville. James Forman, of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), asked the president to “convene a special White House Conference to discuss means of stopping the wave of terror sweeping through the South, especially where SNCC is working on voter registration.

September 13, 1867

Gen. E.R.S. Canby ordered South Carolina courts to impanel Blacks jurors.

September 15, 1963

Four Black girls killed in bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

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