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Detour to Destiny

TRICIA D. TEAGUE

When Angelique Simon was in the sixth grade, her teacher, Ms. Little, would give the class life lessons through stories. "There were always little funny stories that were really life lessons: 'Don't believe anything you hear, don't believe anything you read, go out there and figure things out for yourself,'" Simon said, reciting one of Ms. Little's stories.

Had Simon not heeded Ms. Little's advice and figured things out for herself, she might not have pursued the dream she had since fourth grade of becoming a teacher. Figuring things out for herself also meant the path she took to being in the classroom, and eventually landing in her current role as principal at Liberty Elementary School, was filled with twists and turns.

"My first degree, my bachelors, wasn't in teaching," said Simon, who's in her fourth year at Liberty's principal. A native of Saginaw, Michigan whose family relocated to Danville while she was in college, Simon graduated from Michigan State University with an engineering degree. "My degree was under mechanical engineering, in packaging engineering. My goal was to work for a cosmetics company."

Simon said she pursued engineering

because many of her teachers recognized her skills in math and science. "They thought they were being helpful," Simon recounted what she called adult misguided advice. "You don't

Simon said she had an epiphany while sitting in class that changed everything. "I realized my senior year that's not what I wanted to do," Simon said. "I was looking out the window at people going to the education college, thinking to myself 'Wow. They have to be so lucky because they're about to do exactly what they want to do,' and I remember thinking, 'What the heck?'... In me I knew I was supposed to be a teacher."

Shortly after graduating, Simon moved to Danville, began working and taking classes at towards her dream. Although she already had a bachelor's degree,



ANGELIQUE SIMON
PRINCIPAL AT LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Simon said it gave her little to no advantage in obtaining a teaching degree. "One of the biggest obstacles was being retrained to become a teacher. I had to do a bunch of back work," Simon said of the 80-plus credit hours she had to take before she could take the teaching test.

While she was taking classes, Simon also worked as a receptionist and sold shoes before eventually getting a position at Project Success in the Communities for Youth program. "I was finishing up my

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The United States? That's Debatable



TRICIA D. TEAGUE

Everyone has an opinion, myself included, and it seems social media has given rise to the lay commentator as every Tom, Dick, and Joe or Josephine Public vehemently argues his or her opinion on everything from healthcare legislation to what's the appropriate salute during the national anthem at professional football games.

As united as America is supposed to be, we're divided about nearly everything: right vs left, red vs blue, black vs blue vs all lives, immigrants vs natural born, Obamacare vs Trumpcare, pro-life vs women's rights, kneeling vs standing, Cubs vs Cardinals, the list goes on and on. We're a country that loves arguments and high drama. We love watching drama on television, listening arguments on the radio, and now participating in endless debates on Facebook and Twitter to the point where some people have

ended friendships and/or stopped speaking to family over votes cast (or not cast at all) or whose lives matter.

All of this arguing is to what end and for what purpose? Once upon a time I used to like to watch or even participate in a good debate. One person presents their side, another person presents their opposing view, and each person provides supporting information. In the end, the parties could come to a consensus because they learned something that may have influenced the other's thoughts, or they could respectfully agree to disagree.

Yet what we see in America today isn't debate, it's more like debacle because everyone is so busy talking, expressing their opinions and making their points, that no one is actually listening. Turn to any news channel and you'll find a heated discussion over any number of topics. You'll never see a talking head say, "Tell me your opinion and why you feel that way." You'll rarely, if ever find, a pundit agreeing with the other side, no matter how intelligent and/or moderate the opposing argument.

In an era where political arguments are ending friendships and breaking up families, every American could use a lesson in listening. Many arguments could be settled, and maybe even issues be addressed by politicians in Washington and Springfield, if people listened to understand instead of listening to reply and/or argue.

As human beings, we all want to be heard. People are passionate about their opinions. Most of the time their beliefs aren't just based on what they think, but most often what they've experienced. For example, for every person who has suffered from higher insurance costs or other difficulties since Obamacare was implemented, there's another person who

has a story about finally having insurance for what had previously been considered an uninsurable pre-existing condition. Both of those situations are valid and real and deserve to be addressed in whatever comes next in healthcare legislation.

No matter the issue, there are people on either side with a story. If we really want to make America great, we would do well to shut up and listen with the intention to understand before being understood. Like Greek philosopher Epictetus said, "We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak."

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DACC Players Present Rocky 3.0 at the Fischer

DACC Players present the Rocky Horror Show at the Historic Fischer Theater on October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 and 31! Tickets are on sale now for \$30 adults, \$20 for students. All weekends include a pre-show event. Last chance to purchase tickets is at 6 p.m. the night of each show. All show performances will begin at 10 p.m. each night, including Halloween.

See the website <http://www.daccplayers.com/> for more details on the pre-show

events or Facebook – Danville Area Community College Theater Group: The DACC Players.

Tickets purchased for Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14 gain admission to the 7 p.m. pre-show concert with Dustin Danger of The Villens and the Rocky Horror Show beginning at 10 p.m.

Tickets for Friday October 20 and Saturday October 21 gain admission to the 6 p.m. Fischer Psychic Fair and

The Rocky Horror Show beginning at 10 p.m. **Actual Psychic Readings are charged independently by the amount of time requested and are NOT included in admission price. Psychic readings will be an additional charge.

Tickets purchased for Friday October 27 and Saturday October 28 gain entry to the 7 p.m. Fischer Theater auditorium Ghost Tour, “Rocky behind the scenes,” and The Rocky Horror Show beginning at 10 p.m.

Halloween October 31 admission includes The Rocky Horror Show along with a costume contest beginning at 7 p.m. The first place costume prize is \$200; second place is \$100; third place is \$50; fourth and fifth places are \$25 each! Wear your favorite Halloween costume and join the fun! The Rocky Horror Show performance begins at 10 p.m.

DACC Hosts Family Science Night

“Science is best learned hands-on,” says Dr. Wendy Brown, Microbiology Instructor at Danville Area Community College. “Younger children need to be exposed to the fun side of science before they lose the ability to be “wowed” by it.”

With this purpose in mind, Dr. Brown initiated with the help of her coworkers the first Family Science Night in 2003. For over a decade the Math & Sciences Division, along with a host of volunteers comprised of DACC students, faculty, and staff have engaged area grade school

children and their parents with over 50 different interactive science stations. The free event, scheduled every other year, will be held on Friday, November 3, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Mary Miller Gymnasium.

While anyone may attend, most activities are geared toward children in grades K-5. More than 500 children and their families have attended each of the previous events.

Planned activities include build and fly rockets, play with an interactive medical

mannequins, look inside the body using imagery technology, use a microscope to view pond water, fly a hot air balloon, investigate worms, interact with our reptiles, make slime, extract colors, and

much, much more. There are more than 50 activities for families to explore.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**OCTOBER 13**

Danville Area Community College
DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Pre-show concert 7 p.m., performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

OCTOBER 14

Danville Public Library
Authors Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Pre-show concert 7 p.m., performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

OCTOBER 16

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

OCTOBER 17

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggler Storytime
10 a.m.

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club – Witch's Broom
3:30-4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18

Danville Public Library
Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

OCTOBER 19

Danville Public Library
Tween 3D Printing Class, Ages 8-11
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Danville Public Library

Tween Gaming, Ages 8-11
6-7 p.m.

Love INC

Praise Fest and Dessert Auction
At DACC Bremer Conference Center
Doors open 6 p.m., performance 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 20

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Psychic Fair 6 p.m., performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

OCTOBER 21

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

Danville Public Library

Kidz Movie Club: Ages 5-11
1-3 p.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Psychic Fair 6 p.m., performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

OCTOBER 23

Danville Public Library
Meeting of the Teen Minds: Supernatural
Ages 12-18
5-6 p.m.

OCTOBER 24

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggler Storytime
10 a.m.

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club – Mummy Pizza
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Danville Public Library

Teen Otaku Club
5-6 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Danville Public Library
Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

Danville Public Library

Teen DIY
5-6 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Danville Public Library
Teen Book Challenge 'Love on Cue' by
Catherine Hapka
Ages 12-18
5-6 p.m.

Danville Family YMCA

Trunk or Treat
5-7 p.m. at YMCA, 1111 N. Vermilion St.

Danville Public Library

Tween Gaming Ages 8-11
6-7 p.m.

OCTOBER 27

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Fischer Theater auditorium ghost tour
and Rocky behind the scenes 7 p.m.,
performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

Red Mask Players

All Because of Agatha
8 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

OCTOBER 28

Danville Public Library
Children's Harvest Party Ages 5-11
3-4:30 p.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Fischer Theater auditorium ghost tour
and Rocky behind the scenes 7 p.m.,
performance 10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

Red Mask Players

All Because of Agatha
8 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

OCTOBER 29

Red Mask Players
All Because of Agatha
2 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

OCTOBER 30

Danville Public Library
Teen Flix Ages 12-18
5-7 p.m.

OCTOBER 31

Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggler Storytime
10 a.m.

Danville Public Library

Kidz Snack Club – Owl Rice Cake
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Danville Area Community College

DACC Players Present Rocky Horror Show
At Fischer Theater, 158 N. Vermilion St.
Costume contest 7 p.m., performance
10 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 adults; \$20 students

NOVEMBER 1

Danville Public Library
Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2

Danville Public Library
Tween Gaming Ages 8-11
6-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3

Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
9:30-10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER (CONT.)

Danville Area Community College
Family Science Night
5:30-8 p.m. at DACC's Mary Miller
Gymnasium
Free admission

Red Mask Players
All Because of Agatha
8 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

NOVEMBER 4
Red Mask Players
All Because of Agatha
8 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

NOVEMBER 5
Red Mask Players
All Because of Agatha
2 p.m. at Kathryn Randolph Theater,
601 N. Vermilion St.
Tickets: \$20 adults; \$18 seniors 60+
and students

NOVEMBER 6
Danville Public Library
Monday Matinee
1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7
Danville Public Library
Wee Wiggler Storytime
10 a.m.

Danville Public Library
Kidz Snack Club
3:30-4:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8
Danville Public Library
Preschool Pals Playgroup
10-11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 9
Danville Public Library
Page Turners Book Club
3-4 p.m.

Danville Public Library
Tween Gaming, Ages 8-11
6-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10
Danville Public Library
Coffee Time
9:30-10:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11-15
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
21st Annual Festival of Trees: Light the Way
At David S. Palmer Arena

NOVEMBER 11
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Children's Holiday Breakfast at 21st
Annual Festival of Trees: Light the Way
9 a.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$12.50

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Princess Tea Party at 21st Annual Festival
of Trees: Light the Way
1-3 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$15

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Children's Day Extravaganza at 21st
Annual Festival of Trees: Light the Way
Doors open at 10 a.m. at Davis S.
Palmer Arena

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Wine and Painting Party at 21st Annual
Festival of Trees: Light the Way
2-4 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$35

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Night of Lights Parade/21st Annual
Festival of Trees
Downtown Danville
Starts 5:30 p.m. at Williams and Ver-
milion Streets
Free admission to festival at Palmer
Arena, 6-8 p.m. with non-perishable
food donation

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Glow Crazy Family Pajama Party at
21st Annual Festival of Trees: Light the
Way
8-10 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$15

NOVEMBER 12
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Family Day at 21st Annual Festival of
Trees: Light the Way
Noon to 7 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer
Arena
Balloon artist noon-3 p.m.
Children admitted free with an adult;
veterans and military personnel admit-
ted free

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Star Wars Adventure Lunch at 21st An-
nual Festival of Trees: Light the Way
11:30 a.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$12.50

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Wine and Painting Party at 21st Annual
Festival of Trees: Light the Way
2-4 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$35

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
The Crystal Ball at 21st Annual Festival
of Trees: Light the Way

5:30-7 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$15

NOVEMBER 13
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Ladies Holiday Luncheon at 21st An-
nual Festival of Trees: Light the Way
Seating begins 11 a.m., meal served
11:30 a.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$35

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Family Night Bingo at 21st Annual Fes-
tival of Trees: Light the Way
Doors open 5:45 p.m., dinner served at
6 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$12.50

NOVEMBER 14
Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Cheers to You Bingo & Fun (21 and
older) at 21st Annual Festival of Trees:
Light the Way
5:30-7 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$25

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center
Ugly Sweater Party (21 and older) at
21st Annual Festival of Trees: Light the
Way
5:30-7 p.m. at Davis S. Palmer Arena
Tickets: \$15

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PRESENCE UNITED SAMARITANS MEDICAL CENTER

Volunteers Needed for 21st Annual Festival of Trees

Presence United Samaritans Medical Center and the 2017 Festival of Trees Steering Committee are seeking volunteers for the annual event held November 11 - 15, 2017 at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville, IL.

"We couldn't begin to create this magical event without the time and talents of our community volunteers," stated Angie

Lazzell, event coordinator. "Last year alone, volunteers devoted over 10,000 hours of planning, building, decorating and working at the Festival of Trees."

Volunteers are needed the week prior to the Festival to assist with set-up, two days after the Festival for tear-down and during the event itself.

To find out more about volunteer

opportunities and to sign up, call 217.213.4750 to speak with the Festival of Trees volunteer chairperson Mary McMillan, you can also sign up online at www.presencehealth.org/festivaloftrees or by email McMillanM@danville118.org.

To learn more about 2017 Festival of Trees, visit the website or the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/presencefestival.

The Festival of Trees benefits the outreach programs of Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, including I Sing the Body Electric, the HALO Project, Faith in Action and Young Women/Men Aware.

Tickets on Sale Now for 2017 Festival of Trees: Light the Way!

Central Illinois residents can get into the holiday spirit early with Presence United Samaritans Medical Center's 21st Annual Festival of Trees. This year's event, themed Light the Way, will be held November 11-15 at the David S. Palmer Arena (100 W. Main Street). Tickets for the event went on sale 10 a.m. Friday, October 13 and can be purchased in-person at the David S. Palmer Arena, online at presencehealth.org/festivaloftrees or by phone at 1-877-77CLICK (25425). Ticket prices vary per event.

"The Festival of Trees is a magical way to start the holiday season with something special for everyone," said Festival of Trees Regional Event Officer for Presence Health Foundation, Angie Lazzell. "Our committees are working hard to make each and every special event exceptional again this year."

Favorite returning events include the *Children's Holiday Breakfast*, the *Ladies' Luncheon*, the *Princess Tea Party*, the *Crystal Ball* and

the *Family Pajama Party*. New to the event line-up this year is the *McDonald's Star Wars Lunch* and two Danville Art League sponsored *Wine and Painting* parties.

To learn more about or to order tickets for the 21st annual Festival of Trees, visit www.presencehealth.org/festivaloftrees. Facebook users can also "like" the Presence Festival of Trees page at www.facebook.com/presencefestival.

The Festival of Trees benefits the out-

reach programs of Presence United Samaritans Medical Center (PUSMC) including: I Sing the Body Electric, the HALO Project, Faith in Action and Young Women/Men Aware. Platinum Sponsor for this year's Festival of Trees is the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation, and Diamond Sponsor is Iroquois Federal.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Applications Open for MLK Scholarship

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee is now accepting applications for the MLK Scholarship. To be eligible for the \$4000 scholarship, you have to be a 2018 high school graduating senior who plans to pursue his/her education at an institution of higher learning.

Applications are available at the local churches, the high schools and the City of Danville Human Relations Department.

The selection of the scholarship recipient by the MLK Committee is not based on any racial, religious, ethnic or cultural

affiliation. Therefore, students who meet the criteria listed in the scholarship application are encouraged to apply.

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the City of Danville Human Relations Department by 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 1. The recipient

will be announced at the MLK Celebration Banquet in January. For additional information, please contact Chair Mary Thompson at 442-7917 or Sandra Finch at 431-2280.

Love INC Praise Fest and Dessert Auction

The community is invited to a Praise Fest and Dessert Auction on Thursday, October 19, at Bremer Conference Center on the Danville Area Community College campus, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, IL. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. The event is being hosted by Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Vermilion County, and funds raised will be used to support this local ministry.

Guest appearances that evening will be Da-Vizion (including sisters April Davis, DaNessa Carter, and Jodi Pitts), Stephanie Spangler, Julia Silver, Joy Bott, and the duo of Pastor Miles Clark and Dan Huffine.

In between music sets, favorite desserts of local community members will be auctioned off, as well as an on-going silent auction of delectable desserts. A

specialty dessert made by the students enrolled in the Danville Area Community College Culinary Arts Program will also be auctioned off, as well as a cake designed for kids (or kids-at-heart) by Jessica Miles. Doors will open at 6 p.m. so attendees can get bids in early on one of approximately fifty delicious desserts!

Love INC of Vermilion County is part of a nationwide network of 140 affiliates

in 30 states. Through local churches, agencies and volunteers, Love INC coordinates service to people in need like the disabled, the poor, the elderly, single parents, anyone who is hurting. The ministry provides a hands-on service that offers material, emotional, relational and spiritual assistance appropriate for each person's needs and requests.

YMCA Trunk or Treat

Danville Family YMCA is having its annual "Trunk or Treat" event Thursday, October 26, 5-7 p.m. There will be cars decorated in the parking lot to allow

children to "Trick-or-Treat." This is a free event for the entire community to participate in and a wonderful opportunity to bring the whole family together.

All children and adults are invited and encouraged to dress up in their best costumes for this event.

Red Mask Presents All Because of Agatha

All Because of Agatha, a comedy by Jonathan Troy, is being presented at the Kathryn Randolph Theater October 27 through 29 and November 3 through 5. The October 27, 28, November 3, and

4 performances are at 8 p.m. The October 29 and November 5 performances are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors age 60-plus, and \$18 for students.

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schooling. I thought it would be a good way to get into the schools to see what actually goes on,” Simon said. “My office was in the high school...We would get students who were expelled or suspended from the high school and keep them in touch with the school, for homework and with the teachers.”

Simon said the years of sacrifice, working during the day while taking classes in the evenings at Danville Area Community College and Eastern Illinois University, was well worth it. “Just being

around the kids, that’s what makes my day. We could go away for a three or four-day weekend...whatever is going on in my life, as soon as I go out to the bus, it just goes away,” Simon said. “It’s not about how much they learn or how quickly they learn. It’s just them, period.”

Simon began her teaching career at Barkstall Elementary School in Champaign, where she taught for two years. Eventually she began teaching in Danville, first at Northeast Magnet School and then at Meade Park Elementary. She moved up by becoming an administrative intern under Ms. Alice Payne at South View Middle School before becoming assistant principal at North

Ridge Middle School. After taking a year off to get a specialist degree in educational administration, Simon returned to Danville District 118 to take her current role at Liberty.

Simon patterns herself after her fourth grade teacher. “Her name was Mrs. Phillips. The thing that struck me about her, it wasn’t the academics. It was the way she made us feel. It felt like a family in her classroom,” Simon said. “You’ve got to connect with them. You’ve got to build relationships.”

Early in her career, when a teacher suggested she needed to be tough on the students, she balked at the idea. “I said, ‘It’s not a job that I can have if I can’t be

myself’...and I’ve never had a problem with kids,” Simon said.

Simon laughed as she recounted one of Ms. Little’s life lessons that she still follows. It was heard often by Simon and her sixth-grade classmates. “She would tell us ‘Boys and girls, it’s important to brush your teeth and gargle, and after you gargle, drink about 30 ounces of cold water. Wash all that stuff out of your throat, get it all down in here,’” Simon said, pointing to her neck. “‘Make sure all of this smells good and fresh.’ After I brush my teeth and gargle, I still drink a glass of cold water or I don’t feel ready for the day.”

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BLACK HISTORY FACTS—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**October 15, 1883**

U.S. Supreme Court declared Civil Rights Act of 1875 unconstitutional.

October 16, 1872

South Carolina Republicans carried election with a ticket of four whites and four Blacks: Richard H. Gleaves, lieutenant governor; Henry E. Hayne, secretary of state; Francis L. Cardozo, treasurer; Henry W. Purvis, adjutant general. Blacks won 97 of the 158 seats in the General Assembly and four of the five congressional districts.

October 16, 1968

John Carlos and Tommie Smith staged Black Power demonstration on victory stand after winning 200-meter event at Olympics in Mexico City. Carlos and Smith said they were protesting racism in America.

October 19, 1960

Martin Luther King Jr. arrested in Atlanta sit-in and ordered to serve four months in the Georgia State Prison for violating a probation traffic sentence.

October 21, 1979

The Black Fashion Museum is opened in Harlem by Lois Alexander to highlight the achievements and contributions of African Americans to fashion.

October 23, 1775

Continental Congress approved resolution barring Blacks from the army.

October 24, 1935

Italy invaded Ethiopia. American Blacks held mass meetings of protest and raised funds for the Ethiopian defenders.

October 24, 1935

The first Black-authored play to become a long-run Broadway hit, Langston Hughes' "Mulatto" opens.

October 24, 1964

Zambia proclaimed independent.

October 26, 1749

British Parliament legalize slavery in the colony known now as the state of Georgia.

October 26, 1872

Inventor T. Marshall patented the fire extinguisher.

October 27, 1891

P.B. Downing patents Street Letter Drop Box. Patent No. 462, 096

October 30, 1991

BET Holdings, Inc. the parent company of Black Entertainment Television sells 4.2 million shares of stock in an initial public offering on the NYSE, BET is the first African American company listed on the "Big Board".

October 31, 1899

W.F. Burr patents railway switching device. Patent No. 636, 197

November 1, 1890

The Mississippi Plan was approved. It used literacy and "understanding" tests to disenfranchise black American citizens. Similar statutes were adopted by South Carolina (1895), Louisiana (1898), North Carolina (1900), Alabama (1901), Virginia (1901), Georgia (1908), and Oklahoma (1910).

November 3, 1992

Carol Mosely Braun, a Democrat from Illinois, becomes the first African American woman elected to the United States Senate.

November 5, 1917

U.S. Supreme Court decision (Buchanan v. Warley) struck down Louisville, Ky., ordinance which required Blacks and whites to live in separate residential areas.

November 7, 1841

Slave revolt on the Creole, which was en route to New Orleans from Hampton, Virginia. Rebels overpowered crew and sailed

the ship to the Bahamas where they were granted asylum and freedom.

November 11, 1890

D. McCree patents the portable fire escape. Patent No. 440,322

November 13, 1894

A. C. Richardson, a black inventor, invented the casket lowering device, Patent No. 529,311

November 15, 1884

Colonization of Africa organized at international conference in Berlin.

November 15, 1979

Nobel Prize in economics awarded to Professor Arthur Lewis of Princeton. He was the first Black cited in a category other than peace.

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