

APRIL

- First World Festival of Black Arts opened — Dakar Senegal, 1966.
- 2 1796 — Toussaint L'Ouverture (1743-1803), former slave, soldier and salesman, liberated Haiti and became its governor.
- 3 Congresswoman Katie Hall, (b. 1938). Carter G. Woodson, historian, died on this day in 1950 in Washington, D.C.
- 4 Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968 while helping sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages and working conditions. Maya Angelou, writer, director, actress and poet, born in St. Louis, Missouri on this day in 1928.
- 5 Booker T. Washington, educator, scientist and founder of Tuskegee Institute, was born this day in 1856 in Virginia.
- 6 1909 — Matthew Henson (1866-1955), black explorer, was the first in an expedition of six to reach the North Pole. New York Slave Revolt of 1712. James A. Healy, first Black U.S. Bishop was born on this day in 1830.
- 7 The Booker T. Washington Stamp, the first honoring a Black man, went on sale this day in 1940. Billie Holiday (1915-1959) — legendary jazz vocalist was born on this day in Baltimore.
- 8 Hank Aaron, baseball great, hit his 715th home run, breaking all time record set by Babe Ruth.
- 9 Paul Robeson (1898-1976), internationally acclaimed actor, singer, political activist, Rutgers U. honor student, lawyer and athlete, born on this day in Princeton, N.J.
- 10 Ira Aldridge, first Black Shakespearean actor, opened in Othello in London in 1833.
- 11 Congress passed the 1968 Housing act outlawing discrimination in the sale, rental or leasing of housing in the U.S. 1947 — Jackie Robinson became the first black player in major league baseball and on this day in 1966 Emmett Ashford became the first black umpire.
- 12 1868 — The Civil War began at Fort Sumter, Charleston, S.C. Free African Society founded in 1787.
- 14 Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa Rhodesia's first black Prime Minister was born on this day in 1925. Sidney Poitier in 1964 became the first Black to win an Academy award.



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- 15 Congressman Harold Washington (b. 1927). A. Phillip Randolph, labor leader and organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was born on this day in 1889. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) was organized on this day in 1960. Bessie Smith, blues songstress, was born in Chattanooga in 1900.

- 16 First black appointed to a U.S. diplomatic position was Ebenezer Bassett, named on this day in 1869 as Minister to Haiti.
- 17 Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) won independence from South Africa.
- 18 1966 — Bill Russell named head coach of the Boston Celtics basketball team - first black head coach in professional athletics.
- 20 Harriet Tubman of Maryland began "Underground Railroad" on this day in 1853.
- 23 Granville T. Woods, inventor of the steam boiler furnace, incubator, automobile air brakes and other mechanical devices, was born on this day in 1856.
- 24 United Negro College Fund established in 1944. John Augustus Tolton, first U.S. Black Catholic priest was ordained on this day in 1886.
- 25 Ella Fitzgerald, singer was born in Newport News, Virginia on this day in 1918.
- 26 Gertrude "Ma" Rainey (1886-1932) called "Mother of the Blues" was born on this day in Columbus, Georgia. 1966 — PFC Milton L. Olive, III, first black honored for valor in Vietnam; posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. James Beckwith, Pacific Coast explorer was born on this day in 1798.
- 27 Sierra Leone (Africa) gained its independence from Britain in 1961 having been settled in 1787 by former American slaves.
- 28 1971 — Samuel Lee Gravely appointed first black Admiral in U.S. Naval history.
- 29 Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (b. 1922). Duke (Edward Kennedy) Ellington (1899-1974), great jazz composer and orchestra leader, born in Washington, D.C., ON THIS DAY. Duke (Edward Kennedy) Ellington (1899-1974), great jazz composer and orchestra leader, born in Washington, D.C., on this day.
- 30 Congressman William Clay (b. 1931). Carter W. Wesley, founder of National Negro Publishing Association, was born on this day in 1892.

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- 1 1950 — Gwendolyn Brooks, first Black awarded a Pulitzer Prize, received this signal honor for Poetry on this day for "Annie Allen". Howard University was chartered by Congress on this day in 1867. Irvin W. Underhill, poet, was born on this day in 1868.
- 2 Poor People's March on Washington began on this day in 1968. Elijah McCoy (1844-1928), inventor who held over 50 patents was born on this day. "The real McCoy" meaning authentic, was coined after his reputation for good design and construction.
- 3 Anthony Benezet, a French Protestant educator, opened the first public school for Blacks on this day in 1770 in Philadelphia. Macon B. Allen became the first Black lawyer formally admitted to the Bar on this day in 1845.

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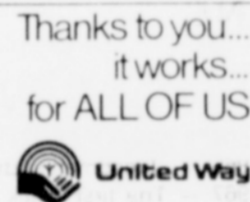


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