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## Recognizing Black History Makers

*Black History Month was established as a tribute to the many African Americans who have greatly influenced others with their struggle for freedom and equality.*

*Learn about these brave innovators and test your knowledge of their place in history by guessing the name of the individuals profiled. The answer is blocked-out, upside down, for your reference with the photos.*

### Known for his record hitting, this black baseball player is a master

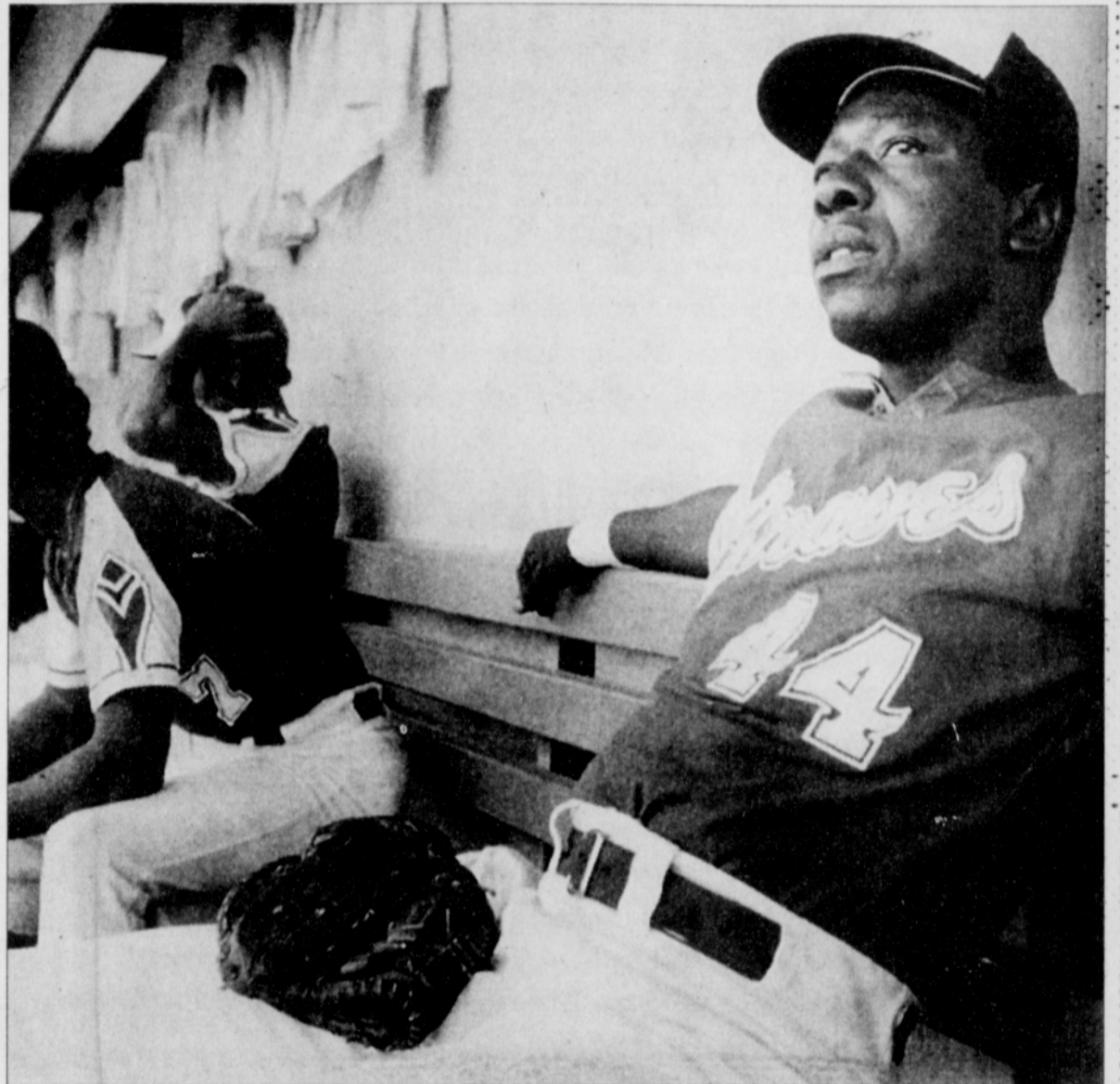
*In the field of sports, can you guess who is America's home run king in the following personal account?*

As a child, I use to constantly play baseball in a cleared pecan grove in segregated Mobile, Alabama. For fun, I joined a black recreational league which played in Carver Park. More black players came from my town than anywhere else except Oakland, California.

During the early part of my career in baseball, I started with the Negro Leagues, then moved on to the Pritchett Athletics and the Mobile Black Bears. The Indianapolis Clowns signed me up to play for two hundred dollars a month.

Some say I am the greatest ball player that ever lived for surpassing Babe Ruth's record of 714 career home runs.

The 1970s was truly the most memorable time for me because of all the records I broke. I made my 3,000<sup>th</sup> career hit and became the first player to combine 3,000 hits with 500 home runs in 1970. Four years later, my team (the Braves) returned for the home opener on April 8 to play against Los Angeles. On the second pitch, I hit my 715<sup>th</sup> ball over the left-field fence. Babe Ruth's record was finally broken.



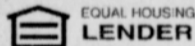
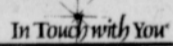
(1934-) Answer: Hank Aaron

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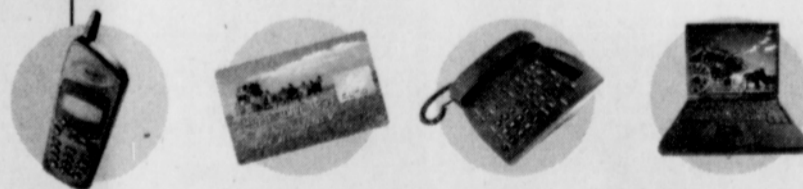
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