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# Black History

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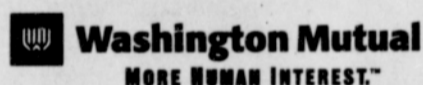
## Classifieds/Bids

Not only have talented Blacks sold billions of tickets. They even invented the machine that dispenses the tickets.



The ticket dispensing machine, was invented by Frederick Jones, June 27, 1939, US Patent 2,163,754 • Dry cleaning process for clothes, Thomas Jennings, (First African American to receive a US Patent) March 3, 1821, US Patent 1,306X • Folding cabinet bed, Sarah Goode, (First African American woman to receive a US Patent) July 14, 1885, US Patent 322,117 • Urinalysis machine, Dewey Sanderson, July 28, 1970, US Patent 3,522,011 • Keyboard stand, J. Harding & B. Hirschenson, Feb. 23, 1993, US Patent 5,188,321 • Steam boiler furnace, Granville Woods, June 3, 1884, US Patent 299,894 • Laser surgery process for cataracts, Patricia Bath, MD, July 6, 1999, US Patent 5,919,186 • Fire escape ladder, Joseph Winters, May 7, 1878, US Patent 203,517 • Wrench, John Johnson, April 18, 1922, US Patent 1,413,112 • Disposable syringe, Phil Brooks, Apr. 9, 1974, US Patent 3,802,434 • Home security with TV surveillance, Marie V.B. Brown, Dec. 2, 1969, US Patent 3,482,037 • Automatic safety break system, Richard Spikes, Jan. 2, 1962, US Patent 8,015,522 • Street sweeper, Charles Brooks, Mar. 17, 1896, US Patent 556,711 • Map, Thomas Stewart, June 13, 1893, US Patent 499,402 • Electric heater, Ebert Stallworth, Oct. 16, 1928, US Patent 1,687,521 • Fitted bed sheet, Bertha Berman, Oct. 6, 1959, US Patent 2,907,055 • Oil stove, John Standard, Oct. 29, 1889, US Patent 413,689 • Stair-climbing wheelchair, Rufus Weaver, Nov. 19, 1968, US Patent 3,411,598 • Automatic pressure cooker & smoker, Maurice Lee, Sept. 29, 1959, US Patent 2,906,191 • Vehicular restraint system, Leslie Jones, Sept. 12, 1972, US Patent 3,690,695

From inventions like the ticket dispensing machine to the many other unknown African American achievements, Black history has touched our lives in many ways.



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## FOR THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

- Feb. 20, 1900 – J.F. Pickering patents his airship invention.
- Feb. 20, 1927 – Sydney Poitier, actor is born.
- Feb. 21, 1804 – Lemuel Haynes, first Black minister to serve for a White congregation, becomes the first Black person to receive an honorary degree: an MA from Middlebury College.
- Feb. 21, 1965 – Malcolm X, activist and Black Nationalist, assassinated.
- Feb. 22 – St. Lucia Independence Day
- Feb. 22, 1967 – Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., activist and chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, denied his congressional seat.
- Feb. 23, 1868 – W.E.B. Dubois, activist is born.
- Feb. 24, 1811 – Bishop Daniel A. Payne, reformer and educator of AME Church, is born.



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