—Dr. Carter G. Woodson

If you understand the beginning well, the end will not trouble you.

—Ghanaian Proverb

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS Those who have no record of what their forebearers have accomplished

lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history. "Let us banish fear."

CULTURAL RENAISSANCE

They not only called us Negroes, they made us Negroes, things that don't know where they came from and don't even care that they don't know. Negro is a state of mind, and they massacred our minds.

—Queen Mother Moore **CULTURAL EDUCATION**

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their

own understanding of their history. , —Author George Orwell

If you know the greatness from which you have come then that can begin to give you the keys to rebuild what you can be. -Dr. Na'im Akbar

CULTURAL

—Erykah Badu

We should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward.

KNOWLEDGE

2023 February "I AM" Calendar

Sankota

Until the lion has a historian, the hunter will always be a hero.

The most important thing a person needs to know is who they are, where they came from and what it means to be that.

—Kelan Phil Cohran More than anything else, it is important to study history.

—В. В. King

History is a people's memory, and without a memory, man is demoted to the lower animals. —El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X)

Culture is to people as water is to a fish, invisible, pervasive and essential. -Professor Wade Noble

CULTURAL

The American Negro must remake his past in order to make his future. History must restore what slavery took away.

The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are. —Poet Laureate Maya Angelou

> You are never thoroughly educated until you imbibe racial education.

—Marcus Garvey If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands

CULTURAL

PRESERVAT

—Dr. Amos Wilson

CULTURAL FREEDOM

There have been many misrepresentations, mis-understandings and CULTURE JUSTICE fallacies about African Americans that must be corrected. Our culture begins with our achievements, as these are the seeds of our greatness, planted by GOD, on our own we would be like a ship without a sail. -Helen L. Edmond

in danger of being exterminated.

CULTURAL CONTINUITY

The role of history is to tell a people what they have been, where they have been, what they are and where they are.

History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future.

Sunday

LOYE

1946, Malcolm Little, began an eight year sentence for burglary. Released in 1952 he took on the last name X.

WEALTH

1924 b. Samella Lewis, printmaker; first tenured A. A. professor in art history at Scripps College

1911 b. Ed Davis, Hall of fame auto dealer, the first A. A. to win a franchise to sell new cars 1897 b. Marian Anderson, World famous A. A. opera singer 1872, Charlotte Ray, became first African American female lawyer

JUSTIC

Truth is powerful and it prevails.

-Sojourner Truth

1995 b. Trayvon Martin, 9th grade student fatally shot

on 2/26/12 - No Justice 1974 b. Omarosa Manigault, political aide in White House under President Donald Trump. 1934 b. Hank Aaron, Home run king of baseball

1793 b. John Rankin, **Abolitionist. Henry Ward** Beecher said, he brought an end to slavery with his sons.

28 1984, Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards for, "Thriller", one of the top-grossing albums of all time.

STRENGTH

Monday

1965, Selma to Montgomery march called by Rev. James **Bevel at Zion United Methodist** Church, Marion, AL

1956 b. Adrian Dantley, Hall of fame basketball player 1945 b. Charles "Bubba" Smith, Former football 1940, Richard Wright's first novel

published, Native Son. 1922, Egypt, gained independence

KINDNESS

1945 b. Bob Marley,

Reggae artist and

songwriter from

Jamaica

1867, Robert Tanner, received a

degree in dentistry; first A. A.

1867, The Peabody Fund for Black

education is started.

1920 b. Daniel James,

First A. A. four star U. S.

general

1871 b. Edward Williams, First

A. A. professional librarian

in the U.S.

1802 b. Lydia Maria Child,

abolitionist, women's rights

activist

1783 b. Jerena Lee, first femal

preacher in the African

Methodist Episcopal Church

Internationally famous

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> swimmer. 1948 b. Will Donnell Smith Successful fashion designer

1940, Hattie McDaniel, Wins Best Supporting Actress as Mammy in Gone with the Wind.

1892 b. Augusta Savage, First A. A. artist elected to the Nat'l Assoc. of Women Museum in Washington, D.C.

PEACE

When you are filled with self hate your mind is reversed. Meaning you will love the things that destroy you, and hate the things that

1967 b. Chris Rock, Comedian and actor 1961 b. Allen B. West, First A. A. 1950 b. Natalie Cole, Singer, songwriter, actress

> 1926, Negro History Week, started by

1887 b. Eubie Blake, Composer, musician, pianist

founded in WDC

1863 National Freedom Day

13th Amendment 1/6/1865 By Richard Wrig President Truman Feb. 1, 1949, Federal Code 1998, Lillian Fishburne, first A. A. female to hold the rank rear

Wednesday

LOVE

LEGEND

A. A. = African American

b. = Born

d. = Death

admiral in the US Navy 1960, Greensboro, NC, First student "Sit-in" protest begins. Ends July 25, 1960

1948 b. Rick James, Singer 1902 b. Langston Hughes, poet social activist, novelist...

VIGILANCE

1914 b. William Ellisworth, Artist CONSCIOUSNESS XX

Most blacks are unaware of the psychological trauma resulting from more than 350 years of racial oppression. A. A.'s still wrestle with the black inferiority complex in the face of white privilege.

1988 b. Debbi Thomas, 1987 b. Michael B. Jordan, Actor Olympics figure skater 1962 b. Lisa Jackson, first A. A. administrator of the EPA; Chemical engineer 1949 b. Will Allen,

Urban farmer, Teacher | 1944, Henry McAlphin,First A. A∥1907 b. Charles Anderson, Sr. Chief news reporter to attend White **House Press Conference** 1924 b. Joseph Black, First black pitcher to win a

World Series game. WISDOM

When a king has good counselors, his

reign is peaceful.

1934 b. Bill Russell, First

A. A. superstar in the NBA.

1909, NAACP Founded, the only

A. A. executive was

W. E. B. Du Bois

1855 b. Fannie Barrier Williams,

Educator, social activist,

lecturer, journalist

1809 b. Abraham Lincoln, 16th

2023, Abolitionist Appreciation

HARMONY

Where there is no struggle, there is

no strength.

1995 b. Jordan Davis, Student

killed in FL for playing loud

music on 11/23/12.

1982 b. Lupe Fiasco, Rapper

the first male performer of

African descent to

receive an Oscar

1852 b. William Scarborough,

believed to be the first A. A.

—African Proverb

- Oprah Winfrey

abolish slavery when American independence was won. In Honor of President



My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

President of the U.S., Republican Emancipation Proclamation

CREATIVITY

1737 b. Thomas Paine, Worked to 1870 Metal Horse

ABOLITIONIST APPRECIATION DAY Honoring John Brown, Richard Allen, Elizabeth Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Lloyd Garrison, John Q. Adams, Robert Pleasants, John & Abigail Adams, Myles Horton, Benjamin 1960, The Nashville, TN & FAMU Franklin, Harriet Jacobs and all those known and unknown who worked for the freedom of

enslaved people. I consecrate my life to the destruction of slavery. -John Brown

Saturday **TRUTH**

But what of Black women I must sincerely doubt if any other race

of women could have brought its fineness up through so devilish a fire.

W. E. B. DuBois

-Robert Penn Warren

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1980, Levi Watkins, Jr. performed the first human implementation of the Automatic Implantable

Defibrillator. 1913 b. Rosa Parks, Started **Montgomery Bus Boycott** 1792 b. James A. Birney, **Abolitionist, Publisher**

> In Honor of **Rosa Parks**

Mother of Human Right



I believe we are here on the planet

Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all to enjoy freedom.

LOYALTY

The spider and the

fly can't make a deal.

1972 b. Marlon St. Julien, First

A. A jockey to ride in the

Kentucky Derby in 79 years

Sit-ins begins and ends

May 10, 1960

1923, "The Renaissance",

First A. A. professional

basketball team organized.

1908 b. Malvin Russell Goode,

First African American television

news correspondent

-Jamaican Proverl

PROSPERITY

If the house is to be set in order, one cannot begin with the present; one must begin with the past. John Hope Franklin

1989, Ronald H. Brown,

Elected chairman of the **Democratic Nat'l Committee** 1964, Civil Rights Act, passed by a vote of 290-130.

1907 b. Grace Hamilton, First A. A. woman elected to the **Georgia General Assembly** 1927 b. Leontyne Price, Inter'l famous opera singer

1946 b. Gregory Hines, Dancer

1926 b. Monetta J. Sleet, Jr.,

Photographer; first A. A. to win

Pulitzer Prize for journalism

1879, Blanche K. Bruce, became

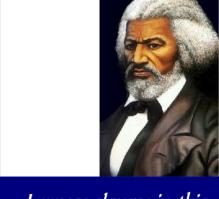
first A. A. (and only former slave)

to preside over the U.S. Senate

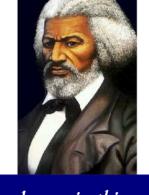
1817 b. Frederick Douglass,

World renowned abolitionist

In Honor Of GRATITUDE 1963 b. Doug Rasheed **Frederick Douglass** Musician, producer, songwriter



I expose slavery in this country, because to expose it is to kill it. Slavery is one of those monsters of darkness to whom the light of truth is death.



Church 1793, Fugitive Slave Act enacted

> **LEADERSHIP** Wherever a man goes to dwell his

1965 d. Malcolm X.

1961, Otis Boykin patented the electrical resistor 1940 b. John Lewis, Civil Rights leader and **Congressman Georgia** 1936 b. Barbara Jordan, radar astronomy and photometry the first A A elected to the Texas **Senate after Reconstruction** 1933 b. Nina Simone, singer, activist

A. A. to break the color barrier as a conductor at a major symphony orchestra

co-founded by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. 1954 b. Leland Melvin, Engineer

& NASA astronaut 1930 b. Jacob Carruthers. Academic, African scholar. 1820 b. Susan B. Anthony, **Abolitionist**

INTELLIGENCE

1950 b. Julius Winfield, ("Dr.J") Erving, former All-star basketball star player

Author of over 30 books. 1928 b. Lawrence Joel, First A. A. to receive the Congressional, Medal of Honor since the Spanish-Am, War, in 1967. 1928 b. Clarence E. Smith, akq Clarence 13X and Allah, founder of Nation of Gods and Earths of **Five Percenters**

1839 b. Octavius V. Catto educator, intellectual, activist | 1832, Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society founded

Hip hop recording artist. 1942 b. Haki R. Madhubuti, Author, educator, and poet. 1941 b. Amos Wilson, Social theorist, psychologist, Pan-African thinker, scholar...

1963 b. Michael Jordan,

All-time favorite basketball superstar 1949 b. Leonard Coleman, Jr. Pres. of the National Baseball League 1942 b. Huey P. Newton, **Co-founder Black Panther Party** 1938 b. Mary Frances Berry, First black woman to head a major research university

1936 b. Jim Brown, Hall of fame football player, actor 1924 b. Isaiah Robinson, Jr., the first A. A. president of the N Y Board of Education.

FORTITUDE 1977 b. Floyd Mayweather, Jr.,

division world champion, won twelve world titles 1951 b. Kwame Sunhorse, Native Am. Sundancer, shaman,

WBA World Heavyweight 1906 b. Clarence Bacote, First schools

the first A. A. to become a college president in the U.S.

1965 b. Dr. Dre, Record producer,

FREEDOM

rapper, entrepreneur. 1965, **Ga**mbia,

gained independence 1965, Jimmie Lee Jackson, shot by AL state trooper; sparked Selma to Montgomery march 1934 b. Audre Lorde, Writer, feminist, librarian, activist. 1931 b. Toni Morrison, Novelist, editor, professor 1918 b. Johnnie Colemon, New Thought pioneer, founded Christ

Universal Temple 1884 b. Paul Revere Williams. Architect; first A. A. member of the Amer. Institute of Architects

1965 b. Veronica Webb.

venture between an 1925 b. Ed Gardner

Founder of Soft Sheen 1928 b. Aloyisus "Leon" Higginbotham, Jr., Lawyer, Civil Rights Advocate, federal appeals judge

Success is no accident. It is hard

Negro History and Literature Week was selected in February,

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work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do

POWER

1976 b. Immortal Technique, Peruvian Rapper, activist 1965 b. Lauren Anderson, First Principal ballerina of a major dance company

1940 b. Smokey Robinson, R&B singer-songwriter 1909 b. Clarence L. Holte Founded, The Basic Afro-

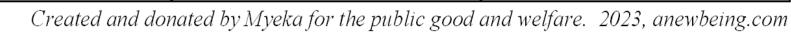
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First A. A. model to have a major 2007, Virginia apologized for its role in slavery

> singer-songwriter, record producer, activist and actress 1935 b. Otis Moss Jr., Pastor, **Civil Rights Activist** 1933 b. Godfrey Cambridge,

1877, First Saviours' Day by the Nation of Islam commemorating the birth of its founder Master



statesman and orator 1760 b. Richard Allen, founder of the African **Methodist Episcopal**

KNOWLEDGE 1988 b. Rihanna, Barbadian recording artist, actress 1963 b. Charles Barkley, Basketball hall of famer 1937 b. Nancy Wilson, Song stylist, jazz, blues, pop

1927 b. Sir Sidney Poitier, Actor, film director, author, diplomat 1918, The Order of Sleeping Car **Conductors** was organized

> 1805 b. Angelina Weld, Architect of abolitionist movement

1906 b. John H. DeWitt, Jr.,

Pioneer in radio broadcasting,

character goes with him. -African Proverb

El Hajj Malik El Shabazz

UNDERSTANDING

CULTURAL

HONOR

You have to understand

culture or you can't

understand yourself, for you

are a historical creature.

—Dr. Jordan Peterson

We as Black people have to tell our own stories. We have to document our history. When we allow someone else to document our history the history becomes twisted and we get written out.

CULTURAL

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AWARENESS

Tuesday

1984 b. Cullen Jones, **Gold Metal freestyle sprint**

advance your growth. -Amos Wilson

> **Republican Congressman from** Florida since Reconstruction

1866, Freedman Aid Society



scope, duration and consequences to any other incidence of human enslavement. -Dr. Joy DeGruy

1989, Barbara C. Harris, Communion

1979 b. Brandy, Recording artist, actress 1968 Jackie White became the first A. A. to referee a game in the NBA; Chicago **Bulls and the Cincinnati**

Royals in Cleveland, Ohio.

(X) 16 **CHANGE** 2015, Richelieu Dennis,

FORGIVENESS

1938 b. Ishmael Reed.

A fool is a wise man's ladde

1868 b. W. E. B. Dubois,

1987 b. Ab-Soul,

A. A. Intellectual, political

author, and civil liberties leader.

undefeated boxer, and a five-

teacher, medicine man, orator 1940 b. Jimmy Ellis,

EQUALITY 25

cosmetics contract 1964, Cassius Clay beat Sonny **Liston** became World Heavyweight Champ, 1931 b. Clarence Avant, aka the Godfather of Black Music; engineered the first joint A. A. record company.

1971 b. Erykah Badu,

Comedian and actor. 1928 b. Fats Domino, Rock and roll superstar

Wallace Fard Muhammad

-Dr. John Henrik Clarke **CULTURAL DIGNITY**

-Arthur Schomburg

Friday

EXCELLENCE

1926 b. Virgil Trice, Jr.

Nuclear Scientist

1920, Negro Baseball League,

Founded

1879, William White, first

A. A. elected president of Major

League Baseball's Nat'l League

1879 b. Charles W. Follis, First

A. A. professional football

player, known as

"The Black Cyclone"

1870,

The 15th Amendment

was passed, A. A. Men

gained the right to

150 Years of the

Right-To-Vote 2020

15th Amendment African

American Males

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DEVELOPMENT

Thursday

2009, Eric Holder sworn in as

U. S. Attorney General

1977 b. Shakira, Colombian

singer-songwriter, dancer

1952 b. Pete Brown, First

A. A. to win a Professional

Golfers Association Tour.

1935 b. Christine Taubira,

Guyanese Economist, politician

and writer on slavery.

1915 b. John H. Franklin, former

president of Phi Beta Kappa, the

Org. of Am. Hist., the Am. Hist.

Assoc., and Southern Historical

1954 b. Christopher Gardner,

Entrepreneur, philanthropist

1944 b. Alice Walker,

Author of The Color Purple,

novelist, poet, activist

Anderson, Aviator, "Father of

Black Aviation."

JOY

Leap Year Only

Painters & Sculptors; bust titled Gamin, is on permanent display at the Smithsonian American Art

Dr. C. G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History"

FAITH Although slavery has long been a part of human history, American chattel slavery represents a case of human trauma incomparable in

> became first female bishop in the Anglican

Liberian CEO of SheaMoisture acquires Essence 1968, Henry Lewis, became first

1957, SCLC, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 1904 b. James Baskett, Actor and

classical scholar

thinker, educator, editor, philosopher,

NAACP director of citizenship 1811 b. Daniel A. Payne, Reformer, Bishop the African

Methodist Episcopal Church;