

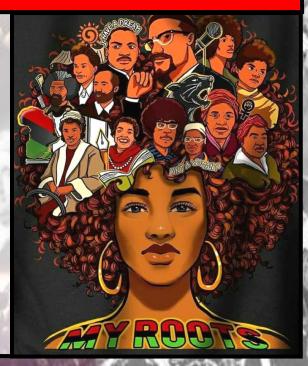
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What is Black History Month?

In February 1926, black historian Dr.
Carter G. Woodson organized the celebration of "Negro History Week" during the second week of February in honor of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The week-long celebration grew in popularity, and by the early 1970s, it expanded to include the entire month.









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1512



Amerigo Vespucci, the famous Italian explorer who made 4 voyages to the "New World", dies in Seville, Spain.













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1630



This snack is introduced to the English colonists when Quadequine, brother of Massasoit, shows up with it.



Q: What snack?







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1732



The "Sword of the Revolution", the "Father of Our Country"... and renowned "Zombie Slayer"... is born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.













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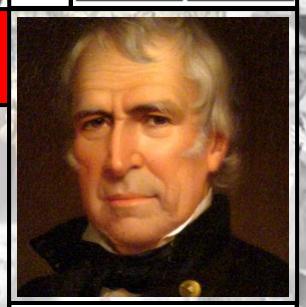


1847



During the Mexican-American War, Santa Anna's 15,000 troops trap Zachary Taylor's 5,000 U.S. troops and demands surrender. Taylor replies, "Go to Hell!"













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1918



Robert Wadlow is born in IL. By age 5, he's 5'4". By age 8, he's 6' tall. At age 22, he's 8'11" tall... but dies from cellulitis. He was still growing at time of his death.













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1959



Lee Petty, father of Richard Petty, wins the first *Daytona 500* in Florida. It is the "Super Bowl" of NASCAR. (The *Indianapolis 500* is SB for open wheel cars.)

Q: How may laps equals 500?











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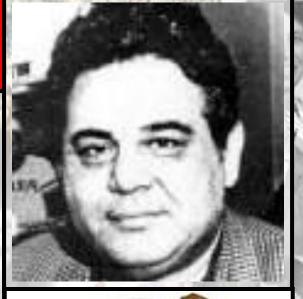


1974



Samuel Byck boards a plane and shoots both pilots... then grabs a passenger and tells her to "Fly the plane!" Byck later is shot by police and kills himself.

Q: Where was Byck hoping to crash the plane?











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1975



The R&B and funk group
Average White Band (AWB) hits
#1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 when
its song "Pick Up the Pieces"
takes the top spot.

Q: From where did this band hail?











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1980



"Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" During the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, Team U.S.A. defeats the world's best hockey team 4-3.

Q: What team did the U.S. beat?











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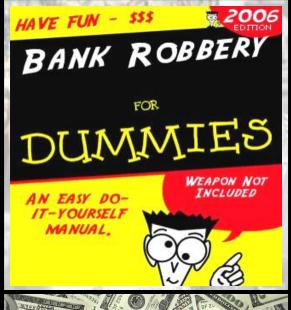


2006



The largest robbery in *English* history occurs when \$92.5 million is stolen. One robber is arrested when she deposits \$10,000... that had the bank's name on wrapper.

Q: Where was the biggest bank robbery in history?











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Today is...



National Be Humble Day

Just in case you needed an extra reason to celebrate!

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Birthdays



Is it your birthday?

If so, see Dr. Hartnell for your official Birthday Pencil!

Happy Birthday to you!

