

THIS MONTH

Cancer Control Month

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week (April 20-26)

World Health Day (April 7)

timeline >>

1931

Estelle Massey Osborne became the first black nurse in the U.S. to earn a master's degree. She also was the first black nurse to be elected to the board of directors of the American Nurses Association in 1948.

"There are so many things that you get to see and do as a nurse. For me, one of the most special moments was going to Ghana in West Africa to donate a mammogram machine. I felt like I was home."

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
1909: Matthew A. Henson reaches North Pole, 45 minutes before Robert E. Peary.

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PALM SUNDAY
1950: Historian Carter G. Woodson, author of *The Miseducation of the Negro*, dies.
1997: Tiger Woods wins Masters Golf Tournament.

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EASTER
1894: Dr. Lloyd A. Hall, pioneering food chemist, born.

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1968: Dr. Vincent Porter becomes first African American certified in plastic surgery.

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1885: Granville T. Woods patents apparatus for transmission of messages by electricity.
1959: Lorraine Hansberry wins New York Drama Critics Award (for *A Raisin in the Sun*).

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1775: First abolitionist society in U.S. founded in Philadelphia.

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1966: Pvt. Milton L. Olive III awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor for valor in Vietnam.

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1839: Cinque leads Amistad mutiny off the coast of Long Island, New York.

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1950: Blood research pioneer Charles R. Drew dies.
1989: Bill White elected president of the National Baseball League.

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1974: Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron hits 715th career home run, surpassing Babe Ruth as the game's all-time home-run leader.

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1964: Sidney Poitier becomes first black to win Academy Award for Best Actor for *Lilies of the Field*.

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1922: Jazz bassist and composer Charles Mingus born.

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1899: Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, jazz musician and composer, born.

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1984: Georgetown coach John Thompson becomes first black coach to win the NCAA basketball tournament.

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1898: Paul Robeson, actor, singer, activist, born.
1993: Civil rights champion Benjamin Chavis Jr. is elected head of the NAACP.

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PASSOVER BEGINS (SUNDOWN)
1862: Slavery abolished in the District of Columbia.

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PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES DAY
1872: Charlotte E. Ray is first black woman to graduate from law school (Howard University).

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1952: Dr. Louis T. Wright honored by American Cancer Society for his contributions to cancer research.

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1826: Poet-oralor James Madison Bell, author of the Emancipation Day poem "The Day and the War," born.
1990: Sarah Vaughan, jazz singer known as "The Divine One," dies.

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1947: Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson becomes first African American to play major league baseball.

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1983: Alice Walker wins Pulitzer Prize for fiction for *The Color Purple*.
1990: Ralph David Abernathy, civil rights leader, dies.

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1944: United Negro College Fund incorporated.

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1968: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

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1899: Percy Julian, developer of physostigmine and synthetic cortisone, born.
1966: Emmett Ashford becomes first black umpire in the major leagues.

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GOOD FRIDAY
1864: 200 black troops massacred by Confederates in Tennessee.
1887: Harlem Hospital founded.
1995: Margo Jefferson receives Pulitzer Prize for criticism.

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1918: Ella Fitzgerald, "First Lady of Song," born.

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1951: Washington, D.C., Municipal Court of Appeals outlaws segregation in restaurants.

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1983: Harold Washington becomes first African American elected mayor of Chicago.

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1972: Stationed in Germany, Major Gen. Frederic E. Davidson becomes first black to lead an Army division.

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1888: Sarah Boone patents ironing board.