

THIS MONTH

- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Health Aging Month
- National Sickle Cell Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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1978
Estelle Massey Osborne became the first black nurse to be inducted as honorary fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Barbara Nichols became the first black nurse to be elected president of the American Nurses Association. She was reelected in 1980.

“The pathway to health is an educational process. As nurses, we teach the future health of our society. Nursing is such a wonderful profession. The sky is the limit. You can be anything you want to be.”

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 LABOR DAY 1964: President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Nurse Training Act of 1964, making it possible for black nurses to get federal funding for their education.	2 1958: Frederick M. Jones patents control device for internal combustion engine.	3 1979: Robert Maynard, first African American to head a major daily newspaper, <i>Oakland Tribune</i> in California.	4 1962: New Orleans Catholic schools integrated.	5 1960: Leopold Sedar Senghor elected president of Senegal.	6 1848: Frederick Douglass elected president of National Black Political Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.
7 1954: Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland, public schools integrated.	8 1907: Negro League's baseball star Buck Leonard born.	9 1968: Arthur Ashe Jr. wins men's singles tennis championship at U.S. Open. 2000: Venus Williams wins women's singles tennis championship at U.S. Open.	10 1855: John Mercer Langston elected township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, becoming first black to hold elective office in the U.S.	11 1959: Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington wins Spingarn Medal for his achievements in music. 1999: Serena Williams wins women's singles tennis championship at U.S. Open.	12 1992: Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first African American woman to travel in space.	13 1886: Literary critic Alain Locke, first African American Rhodes scholar, born.
14 1921: Constance Baker Motley, first African American woman appointed federal judge, born.	15 1963: Four African American girls killed in Birmingham, Alabama, church bombing.	16 1923: First Catholic seminary for black priests dedicated in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.	17 1983: Vanessa Williams crowned Miss America.	18 1895: Booker T. Washington delivers famous Atlanta Exposition speech.	19 1893: Albert R. Robinson patents electric railway trolley.	20 1830: First National Convention of Free Men agrees to boycott slave-produced goods.
21 1815: Gen. Andrew Jackson honors courage of black troops who fought in Battle of New Orleans. 1998: Florence Griffith Joyner, Olympic track star, dies.	22 1862: Emancipation Proclamation announced. 1989: Gen. Colin Powell is confirmed as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, first African American to hold the post.	23 1863: Civil and women's rights advocate Mary Church Terrell born.	24 1957: Nine children integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.	25 1974: Barbara Hancock becomes first African American woman named a White House fellow.	26 ROSH HASHANA BEGINS (SUNDOWN) 1883: Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and Civil War nurse, dies. 1962: Sonny Liston knocks out Floyd Patterson to win heavyweight boxing championship.	27 2000: Venus Williams wins an Olympic gold medal in women's singles tennis.
28 1895: National Baptist Convention organized. 1912: W.C. Handy publishes "Memphis Blues." 2000: Venus and Serena Williams win Olympic gold medals in women's pairs tennis.	29 1910: National Urban League founded in New York City.	30 1962: James Meredith enrolls as first African American student at University of Mississippi. 1989: Mabel K. Staupers, black nurses' advocate, dies. 1998: Thomas Bradley, first African American mayor of Los Angeles, dies.				

