

**JANUARY ALMANAC**  
**For the Year 2014 in the Gregorian calendar**

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**January-The Great Spirit Moon/Shaking Hands Moon/or  
Moon of Crackling Branches**  
**GitchiMonidoGississ (Anishinabi/Ojibwa), Enero (Spanish), IbHlif (Hmong)**  
**Ichi-gatsu/ mutsuki睦月 (Japanese), yīyuè 一月 (Chinese, Mandarin), Janvier (French)**

**Birthstone - Garnet (Symbolizing Truth & Constancy) & Amethyst**  
**Flower - Snowdrop or Carnation**

**THIS IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH**

**Quote for the month of January:**

***"All our words are but crumbs that fall down from the feast of the mind."***

**Khalil Gibran**, Lebanese-American artist, philosopher, and writer whose book *The Prophet* has inspired people worldwide for decades, born January 6, 1883. (d. 1931)

**Wednesday, January 1** This is in many parts of the world, the **NEW YEAR** as it is the 1st day of the 1st month of the Gregorian calendar year, Anno Domino 2013. The French refer to it as Le Jour de l'An. Many in North Minneapolis carry out the Southern tradition of eating black-eyed peas for good luck and prosperity. The world famous **Mummers Parade** is held in Philadelphia. **GANTAN-SAI**, Shinto New Years is observed. Today is the last day of **KWANZAA** - the celebration of Imani (faith). It is **CUBA LIBERATION DAY**, a national holiday celebrating the end of Spanish rule in 1899 and the overthrow of the government of Batista in 1959 by the revolutionary forces of Fidel Castro, and **HAITI INDEPENDENCE DAY**, a national holiday proclaiming independence from France in 1804. Additional **INDEPENDENCE DAYS** are observed by **SUDAN, AUSTRALIA, CAMEROON, and WESTERN SAMOA**, all once colonized by Western European countries. The **PHILIPPINES** celebrate **AGUMAN SANDUK** with a festive parade and begin a nine-day traditional fiesta honoring their patron saint **THE BLACK NAZARENE**. Those of Eastern Orthodox religions observe **ST. BASIL'S DAY**. This is the **8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS**.

The legendary creator of the first stars-and-stripes flag of the U.S., **Betsy Ross**, 1752.

In 1775, **Paul Revere**, American patriot & maker of false teeth, eyeglasses & surgical instruments, born. The **Cherokee "Trail of Tears"** began this month in 1838.

**The Emancipation Proclamation**, freeing all enslaved, was issued in 1863.

**Ellis Island**, center of entering immigrants and deportations, opened in 1892. Irish immigrant **Annie Moore**, fifteen, is the first person to be processed. Over the next thirty-two years, more than twelve million others will follow her. Check Ellis Island out, should you go to New York City; it is now a museum.

**J.D. Salinger**, author (*Catcher in the Rye*), born in 1919.

**Lou Stovall**, artist and master printmaker, born, 1937.

**John H. Johnson** published the first issue of Ebony Magazine in 1945. (d. 2005)

The Pulitzer Prize book **Profiles in Courage** is published by **John F. Kennedy** in 1956.

The **National Environmental Policy Act** was passed in 1970 making it a federal government policy to protect the environment.

The **Zapatista National Liberation Army** of Mexico seized four towns in 1994 stating that they were protesting discrimination against the Indian population of the region and against their severe poverty.

The **Euro** introduced in 1999 as a common currency of the 11 members of the European Union.

**Lake ice** is heard cracking and thundering as it contracts with cold temperatures.

Erect and clean **barred owl** boxes.

**Thursday, January 2** Traditional Japanese festival of **KAKIZOME** gets under way when the first strokes of the year are made on paper with the traditional brushes. **HAITI** commemorates **ANCESTOR'S' DAY**. People meet in pubs and restaurants in some parts of **SWITZERLAND** during **BERCHTOLDSTAG** to exchange good wishes for the new year.

The abolitionist paper, *The Liberator*, was first published in Boston, MASS in 1831.

**M. Carey Thomas**, a pioneer in **women's higher education**, is born in Baltimore, 1857.

**Alice Sanger** became the first female Whitehouse staffer in 1890.

**John Hope Franklin**, scholar and historian who wrote *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*, which sold over 2 million copies, is born in 1915. (d. 2009)

**Isaac Asimov**, author of almost 500 books of varied subjects, writer of science fiction, born, 1920.

**Cuba Gooding, Jr.**, actor, (*Jerry Maguire, Boyz N the Hood, As Good as It Gets, Show Me the Money, Radio, Fighting Temptations, Daddy Day Camp, American Gangster, Red Tails, Lee Daniels' the Butler*), born, 1968.

Model and actor, (*How Stella Got Her Groove Back, Private Practice, Chicago*), **Taye Diggs**, born, 1972.

**Piloerection**, the fluffing of feathers, can reduce heat loss by 30-50%. Note the birds doing this.

### **Friday, January 3**

**William Tucker** is the first African American to born in the U.S., in 1621.

**Lucretia Coffin Mott**, abolitionist, minister and women's rights advocate, born in 1793.

The **drinking straw** was patented in 1888, wax covered paper replacing rye straws.

Author of *The Hobbit* and the trilogy *The Lord of the Rings*, **J.R.R. Tolkien**, born in 1892 (d. 1973).

1900 – Film director **Dorothy Arzner** is born in San Francisco. In 1938 she will become the first female member of the **Directors Guild** of America.

South Dakota's **Wind Cave** was established as a National Park and Preserve.

Prominent Asian American actress **Anna May Wong**, born in 1907.

Actor **Mel Gibson** (*Braveheart, Lethal Weapon*) and director (*Passion of the Christ*), born in 1956.

**Alaska** became the 49th State on this day in 1959.

In 1961, **Adam Clayton Powell** was appointed to the House Education & Labor Committee.

Actress **Danica McKellar** ("The Wonder Years"), born 1975.

**Rev. Jesse Jackson** was responsible for **Lt. Robert Goodman's** release after he was shot down over Damascus, Syria in 1984.

**Arsenio Hall** became the first African-American to host a successful syndicated late-night talk show in 1989.

**The Earth is at perihelion**—that point in its orbit when it is closest to the sun (about 91,400,000 miles).

### **Saturday, January 4** **MYANMAR (BURMA)** observes **INDEPENDENCE DAY** (from Britain in 1948).

Scientist who first explained gravity and laid the foundations of calculus, **Isaac Newton**, born, 1643.

**Elizabeth Seton**, first U.S. born saint and founder of the first American Order of Roman Catholic Nuns, born in 1774.

In 1785, **Jacob Grimm**, best remembered for co-authorship of Grimm's *Fairy Tales* was born.

**Louis Braille**, inventor of touch system of reading and writing for the blind, born in France in 1809.

**Charles Sherwood Stratton**, perhaps the most famous midget in history, known internationally as **General Tom Thumb**, born in 1838.

The **National Negro Baseball League**, first African American Baseball league founded in 1920 by **Andrew "Rube" Foster**.

The youngest-ever world heavyweight boxing champion, **Floyd Patterson**, born, 1935.

The pop music chart **Billboard** was introduced in 1936.

Opera singer **Grace Bumbry**, born 1937.

**Michael Stipe**, singer (REM), born in 1960.

1872 – **Selena Butler**, advocate and leader of interracial cooperation, born.

In 1975 U.S. Congress passed the "**Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.**"

Maryland Democrat **Barbara Mikulski** took her seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977 as the first Polish-American ever to do so.

2003 - The **first NFL playoff with black head coaches** was played.

In 2010, the world's tallest building, **BurjKhalifa**, was dedicated in Dubai. The building is 2,717 feet tall.

**Snowshoe hares** (large rabbit of Minnesota) have new white coats.

**Sunday, January 5** Today is **NATIONAL BIRD DAY**, a good **day** to take time to appreciate the native wild birds flying free. Those of the **SIKH** religion remember the late tenth guru of Sikhism, Gobindh Singh's, birthday. Tonight is the **12th NIGHT**, marking the end of the 12-day season after Christmas.

1869 – Celebrated opera singer **Matilda Sissieretta Joyner Jones** is born. In 1892 she will perform for President Benjamin Harrison at the White House.

**Jeannette Piccard Ridlon**, 1st American woman to qualify as free balloon pilot and ordained Episcopal priest, born in 1895 (Died in Minneapolis, 1981).

1911 – Service organization **Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity Inc.** founded at Indiana U.

Henry Ford of the **Ford Motor Company** declared a minimum wage for workers of five dollars a day in 1914.

**Nellie Taylor Ross** of Wyoming became the first woman governor in the U.S. in 1925.

Minnesotan **Walter F. Mondale**, former U.S. Vice President and senator was born, 1928.

**Alvin Ailey**, choreographer who played a central role in establishing African Americans in the world of modern dance, born in 1931.

News caster, television host **Charlie Rose**, born, 1942.

**George Washington Carver**, Black American agricultural scientist, author, inventor and Teacher at **Tuskegee University**, dies, 1943. (probably born in 1864) (PHHS counselor **Mr. Crenshaw** graduated from there as did several **Northside African Americans** in the 1940s.) See the display at PHHS on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Actress **Pamela Sue Martin** (*The Poseidon Adventure*, *The Nancy Drew Mysteries*), born, 1954.

Actress **Suzu Amis** (*Titanic*), born 1962. Actress **Julia Ormond** (*Sabrina*), born, 1965.

The **female elk** are moving to south-facing slopes for winter.

**Monday, January 6** Today is **EPIPHANY** or **12<sup>TH</sup> DAY**, also called **OLD CHRISTMAS DAY**, the **FEAST DAY OF THE THREE KINGS** and **DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS** as observed as the 12th Day of Christmas in Roman Catholic churches in the U.S. and Latin America. **Italy** observes **LABEFANA**; Befana is supposed to come down chimneys on her broom leaving gifts for children. It is **ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS** (The Armenian church is the oldest Christian national church.) Orthodox Christians observe the **FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY**. **MAROON FESTIVAL** in **Jamaica** commemorates a treaty with the Spanish allowing "Maroons" (fugitive enslaved persons from Africa) to settle in the north of the island in 1738. **Carnival Season** begins (January 6-February 12). The **MID-WINTER THANKSGIVING CEREMONIES OF IROQUOIS NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** begins (five days after the New Moon).

**Joan of Arc**, heroine executed for the military action she'd taken against the British as a leader of French forces, born 1412.

**Haym Salomon**, Polish-American, Jewish Revolutionary War patriot and financier born in about 1775.

U.S. poet, biographer of Lincoln, historian and folklorist, **Carl Sandburg**, born 1878.

Lebanese-American poet **Kahlil Gibran** (*The Prophet*), born 1883. (d. 1931)

**First around-the-world commercial flight** made in 1942 by Pan American Airlines.

LPGA Hall of Fame golfer **Nancy Lopez**, born 1957.

Director, producer, actor, screenwriter (*The Game*, *Poetic Justice*, *Higher Learning*, *Boys N the Hood*, *Shaft*, *Four Brothers*), **John Singleton**, born, 1968.

"**Wheel of Fortune**" television show premieres, 1975, as created by **Merv Griffin**. It is the longest-running syndicated game show in television history.

1977-"Prince of Motown" **Marvin Gaye's** song "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" tops the Billboard chart.

2004 – **Amadou Diallo** case is settled for \$3 million. Diallo was a 23-year-old Guinean immigrant in New

York City who was shot and killed on February 4, 1999 by four NYCPD plain-clothed officers.  
An **earthquake** kills thousands in **Haiti**, 2010.  
**Black bear cubs** are being born in their dens.

**Tuesday, January 7** **RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS** (Blessing of the Rivers) is observed on the Julian calendar. In **JAPAN** the **NANAKUSA** (七草の節句) **FESTIVAL** honors seven plants with medicinal value.

**Galileo** discovered the moons of Jupiter in 1610. The **first U.S. Commercial Bank** was established under the leadership of Ben Franklin in Philadelphia in 1782.

The **first national election** in the U.S. was held in 1789.

Inventor, **William B. Purvis**, an African American, patents the fountain pen.

Author, anthropologist, documenter of African American life and folklore, **Zora Neale Hurston** was born on this day in 1903 (date is disputed).

Cartoonist with macabre sense of humor, **Charles Addams** ("Addams Family"), born, 1912.

**Commercial transatlantic telephone service** was inaugurated with 31 calls between New York and London in 1927.

The **Harlem Globetrotters**, made up of Chicago Southsiders, played their first game on this day in 1927.

**Marian Anderson** made her debut as first African American to perform at New York's Metropolitan Opera House, 1930, becoming the first African American to perform with that organization performing Verdi's *The Masked Ball*.

Actress **Erin Gray** ("Buck Rogers in the 25th Century"), born, 1952.

**Katie Couric**, co-host of the Today Show, born in 1957.

The **Dance Theater of Harlem** had its debut in 1966.

Actor of "Saved by the Bell," director, stand-up comedian, **Dustin Diamond**, born in 1977.

**Pol Pot's** Cambodian government fell to combined forces of Cambodian rebels and Vietnamese soldiers in 1979.

Racing driver, African Brit **Lewis Hamilton**, 2008 British Formula One Champion, born, 1985.

### **Wednesday, January 8**

**Charles Deslandes** led a slave revolt in Louisiana in 1811.

**Frances M. Jackson**, educator and first African American woman college graduate in the U.S., born, 1836.

The first Indian governor of New Mexico, **Gonzalez**, was executed in 1838.

**Abraham Johannes Muste**, active in the pacifist movement, the labor movement, and the US civil rights movement, born, 1885.

The **African National Congress**, South Africa's ruling party since 1994, founded, 1912.

Television journalist **Charles Osgood**, born, 1933.

Physicist, author (*A Brief History of Time*), **Stephen Hawking**, born, 1942.

Musician, actor (*The Labyrinth*), **David Bowie**, born, 1947.

At 14, **Bobby Fischer** becomes the youngest winner of the U.S. Chess Championship in 1958.

Painting **Mona Lisa** shown for the first time, 1962.

This is the anniversary of **The War on Poverty** proclaimed by **President Johnson** in 1964.

**Ella Grasso**, the **first female US state governor** in her own right, takes office in Connecticut in 1975.

This is the anniversary of the death of **Chou En-Lai**, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China in 1976.

January is the **coldest month** in Minnesota.

**Thursday, January 9** The **PHILLIPINES** culminate the **FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE** ending a nine-day fiesta with a procession to the shrine of the Black Nazarene (Jesus). Christians observe the baptism of Jesus.

**Carrie Lane Chapman Catt**, founder of the **National League of Women Voters**, engineer of the "Winning plan" that gained passage of the **19th Amendment** (women's right to vote), is born in Wisconsin in 1859.

**Fisk University**, a historically black college, was founded in 1866 in Nashville, TN.

1886 - **Artur Rubinstein**, pianist, born in Poland.

**Byron "Bart" Starr**, former football player and coach, born in 1934.

Founder of Black Enterprise Magazine, **Earl Graves, Sr.**, born, 1935.

Singer and composer **Joan Baez** (popular version of "We Shall Overcome") was born in 1941 as was actress Susannah York (*Superman*).

Singer **Crystal Gayle** ("Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue"), born in 1951.

**J.K. Simmons**, actor ("Law and Order," *Superman*), born, 1955.

**Actress Imelda Staunton** (*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*), born, England, 1956.

**Tyronne Curtis ("Muggsy") Bogues**, basketball player, born in 1965.

Singer, musician **Dave Matthews**, born in South Africa, 1967.

Sing "Happy Birthday" to Backstreet Boy **A.J. McLean** (b.1978).

BMX bike racer, **Mat Hoffman**, born, 1972.

Golfer **Sergio Garcia**, born in Spain, 1980.

The **black-capped chickadee** is heard singing its spring call in North Minneapolis.

**Friday, January 10** This is the **LEAGUE OF NATION'S FOUNDING DAY**, organized in 1920 and dissolved in 1946. Today is **SAVE THE EAGLES DAY**. The **PHILLIPINES** observe the **ATI-ATIHAN FESTIVAL** from today until about the 19<sup>th</sup>, celebrating the Black aborigines original inhabitants to the land.

**Thomas Paine** published his **Common Sense** in 1776, influencing the authors of the Declaration of Independence.

**George Washington Carver**, agricultural scientist, teacher and inventor was born, 1864.

On this day in 1878, the **Women's Suffrage Amendment** was introduced in Congress (not signed until 1920) by Senator A.A. Sargent of California, a close friend of Susan B. Anthony.

**William Anthony Toomey**, Olympic gold medal decathlete and influential leader of the modern Olympic events, born, 1939.

On this day in 1917, **women picketed** the White House demanding the right to vote.

**Rod Stewart**, singer, musician ("Maggie May"), born in 1945.

World heavyweight boxing champion and oldest man to hold the title, **George Foreman**, born in 1949. (Current in grill business)

Basketball player **Glenn Robinson**, born in 1973.

1984 - Former manicurist **Clara Peller**, eighty, is first seen demanding "Where's the beef?" in a Wendy's television commercial.

### **Saturday, January 11**

**Alexander Hamilton** born in 1755 or 1757. Hamilton, whose portrait is on \$10 bills, died in a duel with Aaron Burr.

The first **pineapples** were planted in Hawaii in 1813.

Puerto Rican patriot **Eugenio Maria de Hostos**, educator, writer, who fought for cooperation among Latin American countries and advocated freedom for Puerto Rico and Cuba, born in 1839.

**Alice Paul**, founder of the National Woman's Party, born in 1885. She will be imprisoned for five weeks after months of picketing outside the White House.

**Amelia Earhardt** flew solo from Hawaii to California in 1935.

**Benjamin O. Davis Sr.** became the U.S. Army's first black general in 1940.

**Clarence Clemons**, saxophonist in Bruce Springsteen's E Band, born, 1942.

Radio host, author (*Hard Tomatoes, Hard Times: Eat Your Heart Out*), **Jim Hightower**, born 1943.

Country singer ("Have Mercy," "Why Not Me"), **Naomi Judd**, born in 1946.

On this day in 1964, the U.S. **Surgeon General** issued a government report saying that **smoking may be hazardous** to one's health.

**Mary J. Blige**, R & B singer, ("Reminisce," "Share My World," "Be Without You"), who recorded at Minnesota's FlyteTyme of former Northsider's Jimmy Jam Harris and Terry Lewis, born in 1971.

Baseball's American League adopts **designated hitter rule** in which an extra player bats for the pitcher,

1973.

The first black person to be elected to statewide office in the South since Reconstruction **Lieutenant Governor L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia** sworn in, 1986. (He later served as governor of that state.)

NASA declares 1998 as the **warmest year** on record.

U.S. ecologist, forester, and environmentalist, influential in the development of modern environmental ethics and in the movement for wilderness conservation and management, **Aldo Leopold**, born, 1887.

**Sunday, January 12 TANZANIA** celebrates **Revolution Day**, the overthrow of the sultan in 1964.

**Edmund Burke**, philosopher, politician, orator, attributed to the saying, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing," born Dublin, Ireland, 1729.

**John Hancock**, known because of his conspicuous signature on the Declaration of Independence, ("Put your John Hancock on that"), born 1737.

Novelist **Jack London** (wrote the great dog story *Call of the Wild*), born in 1876.

Civil rights leader, leader of Freedom Rides (move to desegregate buses in 1961), **James Farmer**, born in 1920 (Died in 1999).

**Ira Hamilton Hayes**, one of six U.S. Marines to raise the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribahi on February 23, 1945 (photo is famous), born on Pima Indian Reservation in 1922.

**Hattie W. Caraway** became the first elected woman US senator in 1932 (from Arkansas).

1935 – Aviator **Amelia Earhart** lands in Oakland, CA, following a 17-hour, seven minute flight from Honolulu, becoming the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to the US mainland.

Former boxer great **Joe Frazier** born in 1944.

**U.S. Supreme Court** ruled that African Americans have the right to study law at state institutions, 1948.

Talk-show host **Rush Limbaugh**, born, 1951.

Actress **Kristie Alley** (Emmy for "Cheers"), born in 1955.

The **Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC)** was founded by **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and clergy** on this day in 1957.

Founder of Amazon.Com, **Jeff Bezos**, born, 1964.

**Jacques Dominique Wilkins**, basketball player, born 1960.

TV premiere in 1971 of Norman Lear's CBS's controversial sitcom "**All in the Family**" portraying the prevailing issues and taboos of its time with humor.

The **Congressional Black Caucus** formed by 13 members, including Shirley Chisholm, representing Black members of U.S. Congress, 1971. The Honorable Keith Ellison, Minnesota 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. House of Representatives, frequent visitor to Patrick Henry High School and resident of North Minneapolis, is a member.

**HAL**, computer in *2001: A Space Odyssey*, by Arthur C. Clarke, "born" in 1997.

The **land-hibernating frogs** lie frozen, yet will survive. **Chipmunks** are awake but stay in their burrows and eat stored food.

**Monday, January 13** Celebrations begin in parts of **SWITZERLAND** of **MEITLISUNNTIG** with girls in a military parade, a custom since 1712. **NORWAY** observes **TYVENDEDAGEN** and **SWEDEN & FINLAND, ST. KNUT'S DAY**, the traditional end of the Christmas season. **INDIA** celebrates **LOHRI**, "The Bonfire Festival." This evening is **RUSSIAN OLD NEW YEAR'S EVE**. **TOGO** celebrates **LIBERATION DAY**. Today is **NATIONAL CLEAN OFF YOUR DESK DAY** giving you the opportunity to begin the new year right and Organize Your Home Day. It is **SEIJIN-NO-HI** or **Coming-of-Age Day** in **JAPAN** celebrating young men and women reaching adulthood.

**Ernestine Rose**, women's rights activist who worked for married women's property and parental rights, born in 1810.

1846 - **President Polk** ordered the U.S. Army to occupy Mexican land between the Rio Nueces and Rio Grande, forcing the Mexican War.

**Charlotte Ray**, the first female African American lawyer, born in 1850.

**Alfred Fuller**, founder of the Fuller Brush Company who went into business on his own making and selling

brushes, born in 1885.

1957 – Wham-O **produces** the first flying disc later named the **Frisbee**.

The **First Radio Broadcast** was made in New York on this day in 1910.

**Johnny Cash** became a hero of the downtrodden when he performed at Folsom Prison in 1968. d. 2004.

In 1990, **L. Douglas Wilder** became the first African American U.S. governor (Virginia) since Reconstruction.

Actor **Orlando Bloom** (Legolas Greenleaf in *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*), born in Great Britain in 1977.

**Vernon Baker** becomes only living **Black WWII veteran** awarded the Medal of Honor, 1997.

1997 – **Diana, Princess of Wales**, arrives in war-stricken Angola for a four-day visit with the British Red Cross as part of her **campaign to ban land mines**.

"**The Sopranos**" TV drama premiered in 1999.

Look for **snowy owls**, rarely seen in our part of the U.S., have come from Northern Canada in search of food this year.

**Tuesday, January 14** **THE DAY OF MAGH** is observed to by those of Sikh religion in honor of the heroic fight of the Chali Mukte, or the Forty Liberated Ones, who sacrificed their own lives defending an attack by the imperial army marching in pursuit of Guru Gobind Singh.

1697 – The General Court of the Massachusetts Colony orders a day of fasting to take "the blame and the shame" for the **Salem witch trials** and executions of 1692.

Dr. Bennett of Virginia performed the first known successful **Cesarean Section** on his wife in 1794.

The King of **Denmark** gives **Norway** to **Sweden**.

**Albert Schweitzer**, philosopher, physician, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize was born on 1875.

**Hal Roach**, film writer, director, and producer ("Our Gang," "Laurel & Hardy," "Of Mice & Men"), born in 1892.

Writer, **Andy Rooney** ("60 Minutes," *Pieces of My Mind*), born in 1919.

Legislator and civil rights leader **Julian Bond** born in 1940.

Broadcast journalist, correspondent **Nina Totenberg**, ("Nightline"), born in 1944.

NBC's "**Today**" program began in 1952, starting the morning news format we know today.

1967-Actress **Emily Watson** (*Angela's Ashes*), born, 1967, England.

**L.L. Cool J**, actor, rapper ("I'm Bad," "Around the Way, Girl," "In the House") born, 1969.

"**Sanford and Son**" television premiere in 1972. Sanford came from John Sanford, real name of **Redd Foxx** who played Fred Sanford on the show.

Watching **chickadees, blue jays and woodpeckers** busy at a feeding station doesn't warm the day, but their actions do warm the heart.

**Wednesday, January 15** January 15-19 **International Falls, MN** observes **ICE BOX DAYS** with a 10K and 5K race called "Freeze Yer Gizzard Blizzard Run." **JOHN CHILEMBWE DAY** is celebrated in **MALAWI**, honoring the leader of the 1915 uprising vs. the British.

**The Alpha Kappa Alpha**, the first African American sorority, was founded at **Howard University** in 1908.

**Dr. Martin Luther King**, human rights leader and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1929.

Author **Ernest J. Gaines** (*The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, A Lesson Before Dying*), born 1933.

**Margaret O'Brien**, actress ("Little Women"), born 1937.

The world's largest office building, **The Pentagon**, was completed in 1943.

**Andrea Martin**, actress ("Wag the Dog," "Anastasia"), born 1947.

**Carol (Maria Martinez)** singer, actress ("Chico and the Man"), born 1951.

**Mario Van Peebles**, actor ("Love Kills," *Judgment Day*), born in 1957.

**First Super Bowl Anniversary**, 1967, as Green Bay Packers defeated Kansas City Chiefs.

**Chad Lowe**, actor ("Spencer") born 1968. On this same day, **Jeannete Rankin**, the first woman elected to Congress, 1916, at age 87, leads **5,000 women** in a march on Capitol Hill to **protest the Vietnam War**.

**American crows** are gathering for communal roosting.

**FULL MOON tonight!** It is called the **Wolf Moon by American Indians of New England and the Great Lakes** as wolves howl in hunger at this time of winter.

**Thursday, January 16** **THE SUNDANCE FILM FEST**, premier U.S. festival for independent filmmakers, begins in Utah and continues through the 26<sup>th</sup>. **JAPAN** observes **HARU-WO-YABUIRI DAY**, when employees and servants who have been working over the holidays are given the day off. This is **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY** in the **U.S.** **EL SALVADOR** observes the **NATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**. **BRAZIL** observes **SAN SEBASTIAN'S DAY** and **NOSSO SENHOR DO BONFIM FESTIVAL** a time for purification of impurities.

**Andre Michelin**, French industrialist who with brother was first to use demountable pneumatic tires on cars, born in 1853.

**Civil Service** was established in 1883.

Tony-winning actress and Broadway legend **Ethel Merman**, born, 1908.

This is the anniversary of the **Eighteenth Amendment, the Prohibition Amendment**, banning the sale of alcoholic beverages passed in 1919.

Renowned gorilla expert **Diane Fossey** was born on this day in 1932.

**Marilyn Horne**, mezzo-soprano opera singer who dapped voice of Dorothy Dandridge in *Carmen Jones* and teaches @Oberlin, born, 1934.

Movie director of *Halloween*, **John Carpenter**, born, 1948.

**Debbie Allen**, dancer choreographer, singer, actress, host, and director ("West Side Story," "Fame" and "Amistad"), born in 1950.

The **Navajo Community College** opened in 1969, the first Indian-controlled college in 400 years.

In 1991 the U.S. invaded Iraq in "**Desert Storm.**"

Rebel leaders and **El Salvador's** government sign peace accord.

**Friday, January 17** It is **SAINT ANTHONY'S DAY**, feast day honoring Egyptian hermit who became first Christian monk, and patron saint of domestic animals. Blessing of the animals occurs in many Catholic churches.

**Benjamin Franklin**, self-educated inventor, philanthropist, diplomat, and much more, born in 1706. A quote from Franklin is as follows, "There never was a 'good' war or a 'bad' peace."

In 1860, **Anton Chekov**, Russian playwright ("The Cherry Orchard"), born.

In 1871, **Andrew Hallikie** received a patent for the first **cable car system** that began service in San Francisco in 1873.

**Lewis Latimer**, African American inventor of the **light bulb filament**, is granted patent for process of manufacturing **carbons**, 1881.

Hawaiian **Queen Liliuokalani** lost her throne in 1893 with the encouragement of the U.S. government.

Gangster Alphonse ("Scarface") **Capone**, born in 1899. (d. 1947 from syphilis)

The **PGA** (Professional Golfers' Association of America) was founded in 1916.

Actress **Betty White** ("Mary Tyler Moore," "The Golden Girls," born, 1924. (Some say 1922))

Singer, dancer, actress (voice of cartoon character in *The Emperor's New Groove*), **Eartha Mae Kitt** is born in 1928 (or sometimes given as January 26, 1926, as she was abandoned at a young age by her mother and did not know the real date). She also disrupts Whitehouse luncheon on this day with her views on poverty and the Vietnam War in 1968. (d. December, 2008)

**Popeye** comic strip debuts in 1929, written by E.G. Segar.

**James Earl Jones**, actor ("The Great White Hope," "Roots: The Next Generation"), stage (several Shakespearean roles) and voice actor, born 1931. The author of this almanac was fortunate to experience Jones on Broadway in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

**Martha Cotera**, Chicana feminist, librarian, civil rights worker, born in 1938.

Three-time heavyweight boxing champion **Muhammad Ali**, (born Cassius Clay, Jr. in 1942), has a birthday.

**Palomares, Spain hydrogen bomb accident** of US B-52 bomber colliding with refueling plane and spilling bombs and radioactive plutonium over the area in 1966.

**Jim Carrey**, actor ("Dumb and Dumber"), born 1962.

First lady of the U.S., **Michelle Obama**, born, 1964.

**Native Hawaii'ians** demonstrate against U.S. on 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of overthrow of independent Hawaiian



government, 1993.

**Southern California** earthquake anniversary, 1994, when 51 died, 25,000 were left homeless, and repairs were \$15-30 billion.

**Japan** suffered a major earthquake in 1995 with 5,500 dying.

**Snowshoeing** is a good way to relax one's body and mind and to enjoy winter. Gear is rentable at Theodore Wirth chalet.

### **Saturday, January 18**

1856 - **Daniel Hale Williams**, African American surgeon who performed the first successful heart operation in 1893, and founder of Provident Hospital in Chicago, born.

**Emily Warren** marries bridge builder **Washington Roebling** in 1865. When he becomes an invalid, she will oversee construction of the **Brooklyn Bridge** (1872-1883).

**A.A. Milne**, creator of **Winnie the Pooh**, was born in 1882.

**Ray Dolby**, inventor of **Dolby Surround Sound**, born.

In 1938, Black inventor, **Cap B. Collins** patented the 1st electric light.

**Kevin Costner**, actor ("Field of Dreams," "Dances with Wolves," [Oscar for directing], "Bull Durham"), born 1955.

**Robert C. Weaver** became first African American Cabinet member (Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) in U.S. government in 1966.

**David Ruffin** of the **Temptations** singing group, born 1941. (died, 1991)

A **march and rally** in Washington, DC, to oppose US war in Iraq draws 500,000 people in 2003.

Most Northwood's **deer** have shed their antlers by now.

**Sunday, January 19 OSHOGATSU-JAPANESE NEW YEAR** is celebrated with family workshops and activities.

Today is **WORLD RELIGION DAY**, the third Sunday of January. Today is the main celebration as the **PHILLIPINES** observe the **ATI-ATIHAN FESTIVAL**, honoring the Black aborigines original inhabitants to the land. **ETHIOPIAN** Orthodox Christian's **COPTIC**, and **ERITREAN** churches celebrate **TIMKET**, or Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.

A patent for the **tin can** for processing stored foods was obtained by **Ezra Daggett** and **Thomas Kensett** in 1825.

Writer **Edgar Allen Poe** ("The Raven") born in 1809.

Post-impressionist painter **Paul Cezanne** was born in France in 1839.

Developer of philosophy and organization of Goodwill Industries, **Edgar Helms**, born in 1863.

**Clementine Hunter**, noted African American painter of folk art, is born. (Check out her art work at the Weisman Art Gallery at the University of MN.)

Publisher, founder, and editor of *Jet* and *Ebony* magazines, **John H. Johnson**, born in 1918 (d. August 8, 2005).

**Jean Stapleton**, actress, (*Klute*, Emmy for "All in the Family"), born, 1923.

**Robert MacNeil**, broadcast journalist born 1931.

**Janis Joplin**, female blues singer, born 1943, (died of heroin overdose at age of 27).

**Dolly Parton**, singer ("Jolene"), actress ("Nine to Five"), born 1946.

**Desi Arnaz, Jr.**, singer, actor, born 1953.

1954 – Artist and photographer **Cindy Sherman**, whose 1970s picture series feature her as a breakthrough B-heroine, born.

Actor **Shawn Wayans** ("In Living Color," *Scary Movie*), born 1971.

**Drea de Matteo**, actress ("The Sopranos" "Joey"), born, 1972.

Prime-time newsmagazine program "**48 Hours**" premieres, 1988.

**Shawn Johnson**, Olympic gymnast, born, 1992.

**Theodore Wirth Park offers winter sports including a tubing** slide with tow which is free for youth on Wednesday evenings. Check out their website.

**Monday, January 20 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCES** are held throughout much of the U.S. watch for events to be held throughout the Twin Cities. Today begins the sensing of **Aquarius**, the water carrier.

**Julia Morgan**, prolific architect, designer of William Randolph Hearst's castle, born, 1852.

**LaMarcus A. Thompson** patents the **roller coaster** in 1885.

The first female African American aviator, **Bessie Coleman**, born in 1893.

**George Burns**, actor ("Oh, God!"), born, 1896 (died 1996).

Artist and textile designer who created the **peace symbol**, **Gerald Holtom**, born, 1914. Because Holtom and the anti-nuclear campaign deliberately didn't copyright the symbol, no one owns it - or, perhaps *everyone* does. He matched the 'N' for nuclear & a straight up-and-down 'D' for 'Disarmament,' with a circle around it.

**Emma Goldman** sentenced to two years in prison for obstructing the draft in 1918.

1920 - The **American Civil Liberties Union** founded.

Conservationist and author who championed the preservation of African wildlife, **Joy Adamson**, born, 1920. d. 1980.

**Lorenzo Lamas**, actor ("Renegade"), born 1958.

**Patricia Roberts Harris** becomes U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1977, the first Black woman to hold a Cabinet post.

Five companies developed the **camcorder** in 1982.

Celebrated author and poet **Maya Angelou** recites her poem "On the Pulse of Morning" at the inauguration of President Bill Clinton in 1993.

At 12:00 noon on **Inauguration Day 2009** (Tuesday, January 20, 2009, as set by the Twentieth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States, the first to be identified as African American.

The **red fox** are courting in Theodore Wirth Park. The mother and her young can be seen every Spring in the **Eloise Butler Flower Garden** on the path to the lady slipper swamp.

**Tuesday, January 21** It is **NATIONAL HUGGING DAY** in the **U.S.**

**Ethan Allen**, Revolutionary War hero and leader of the "Green Mountain Boys," born 1789.

Founder of American Civil Liberties Union, called the "country's unofficial agitator for, and defender of, its civil liberties," **Roger Baldwin**, born in 1884,

The first **Kiwanis Club** is chartered in 1915 at Detroit, MI.

**Jade Snow Wong**, author (Fifth Chinese Daughter), born in 1922.

**Barbara Jordan**, former congresswoman who fought to change the rules that kept discrimination legal and poverty crippling, born in 1936. d.1996.

**Wolfman Jack**, famous disc jockey who played a wide variety of black and white music, which wasn't getting a lot of exposure, born in 1938.

Musician, songwriter **Billy Ocean**, born, 1950, West Indies.

Oscar-winning actor ( *Stuart Little* films, card-carrying member of MENSA, **Geena Davis**) born, 1957.

Former basketball player **Hakeem Abdul Olajuwon** was born in Nigeria in 1963.

On this day in 1973, **Wesley Bad Heart Bull** was stabbed to death by Darald Schmitz, setting off a series of events leading to the occupation of **Wounded Knee**.

Britain and France put the **supersonic Concorde airplane** into service in 1976. It ended flights on Oct 24, 2003-bringing an end to supersonic air travel.

**Days are growing longer**, by more than one half-hour since the December solstice.

**Wednesday, January 22 UKRAINE** celebrates **UKRAINIAN UNITY DAY** commemorating their republic.

Founder of the science of electrodynamics, **Andre Ampère**, born in 1775.

**Toussaint L'Ouverture**, "The Black Napoleon," Haitian liberator, entered Santo Domingo in 1801.

**Justina Ford**, first female African American physician, born in 1871.

**Queen Victoria**, died in 1901 at age 82, after a reign of 64 years, the longest in British history. She had

ruled over the one-quarter of the world that was the British Empire.

Singer **Sam Cooke**, best known for "You Send Me" and "Twisting the Night Away" and one of the most popular singers of the 1950s and 1960s, born in 1931. (d. 1964)

**Apollo Theater** opens in 1934.

In the **Roe vs. Wade Decision** of 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws restricting abortions during the first six months of pregnancy.

In 1975 the **Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act**.

**Christopher Masterson**, actor ("Malcolm in the Middle," my Best Friend's Wedding) born in 1980.

2001 – **Dr. Condoleezza Rice** is appointed national security advisor by President George W. Bush.

Take **snowboarding** lessons at **Wirth Park**. Gear is also available there.

**Thursday, January 23** The 128<sup>th</sup> **ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL**, an event started in 1886, the nation's oldest and largest winter festival, begins and runs through February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

U.S. patriot and statesman, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, **John Hancock**, born, 1737.

**Lott Cary**, Baptist missionary and ex-slave, sailed with 28 others from Virginia to Sierra Leone, Africa in 1821.

**Amanda Berry Smith** is born enslaved in 1837. She will become a prominent member of the temperance movement and a renowned evangelist.

**Elizabeth Blackwell**, became the first woman to receive an MD degree, in 1849.

**Gertrude Elion**, chemist, pharmacologist, winner of Nobel Prize in medicine (1988) for her work in developing drugs to prevent leukemia, malaria, AIDS, and to assist organ transplants, born in 1918.

Singer, actress **Chita Rivera** (*The Kiss of the Spider Woman*), born, 1933.

Author **Richard Wright** is awarded the NAACP's Springarn medal in 1941. This same year his book **Native Son** was a best-seller (although banned in some states) and was staged successfully as a play on Broadway by Orson Welles.

Jazz great **Duke Ellington** played at Carnegie Hall in 1943.

**Susan L. Taylor**, editor, writer, and referred to by some in 1994 as "the most influential Black woman in journalism today", born 1946. She served as editor-in-chief of the African American publication *Essence* from 1981 through 2000.

**Richard Dean Anderson**, actor ("General Hospital," "McGyver") born Minneapolis, MN in 1950.

Poll taxes and other taxes were eliminated as a prerequisite for voting in all federal elections by the ratification of the **24th Amendment to the US Constitution** on this day in 1964.

**Tiffani-Amber Thiessen**, model, actress ("Saved By the Bell"), born 1974.

**Robert Morris** becomes the first person convicted of spreading a computer virus in 1990.

**Beavers** begin mating. Listen for the courtship song of the **black-capped chickadee**.

**Friday, January 24** **ALACITIS FAIR, LA PAZ**, annual celebration by Aymara Indians with prayers and offerings to the god of prosperity begins in **Bolivia**. Today is **NATIONAL COMPLIMENT DAY** in the **UNITED STATES**.

**James Marshal**, an employee of John Sutter in 1848, accidentally discovered **California gold**.

Congress passed the **13th Amendment**, which, on ratification, abolished slavery in the U.S. in 1865.

"Sherlock Holmes of Negro History" **Arthur Schomburg**, born, 1874. When in New York, check out the **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture**.

Calendar reform advocate, author of the *World Calendar*, proposing that every month begin with Sunday, **Elisabeth Achelis**, born in 1880.

Creator of the original Betty Crocker image, illustrator whose work will include covers for McCall's magazine, **Neysa McMein**, born in 1888.

Producer and creator of TV game shows "The Price is Right," "Password." "What's My Line.?" "Family Feud," etc., **Mark Goodson**, born in 1915.

Actor **Ernest Borgnine** ("McNales Navy," *Marty*), born, 1917.

**Maria Tallchief**, prima ballerina, Omaha Indian, was born in 1925.

**Canned beer** went on sale for the first time in 1935.

American soul and R & B singer **Aaron Neville**, ("Tell It Like It Is"), song writer, and singer, composer, **Neil Diamond**, born 1941.

Actor, comedian **John Belushi** ("Saturday Night Live," *The Blues Brothers*), born 1949 (d. 1982).

Comedian ("What a Country," "Night Court"), **Yakov Shiroff**, born in 1951 in U.S.S.R.

**Jackie Robinson** elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Check out the movie 42.

Writer, comedian **Ed Helms**, ("The Daily Show"), born, 1974.

**Tom Bradley**, four-term mayor of Los Angeles, receives the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for public service in 1985.

Actor **Matthew Lillard** (*Scream*, *Scooby Doo*) born in 1970.

The **first Macintosh** computer goes on sale in 1984.

The first African American to serve as a Supreme Court Justice, **Thurgood Marshall**, died, 1993.

**Wolves** begin mating.

**Saturday, January 25** Tonight is **ROBERT BURNS NIGHT** (1759-1796) in Scotland commemorating their National Poet. The conversion of **SAINT PAUL** is observed by Christians.

The founder of the Colgate Soap Co, **William Colgate**, born in 1783.

**Sojourner Truth** addressed the first Black Women's Rights Convention in 1851 in Akron, Ohio.

1860 - **Charles Curtis**, Kaw Indian who was elected Vice-President of the U.S. under Herbert Hoover, born.

The **first African American U.S. Army regiment** was organized in 1863 with **Frederick Douglass'** involvement.

Newspaper reporter **Nellie Bly** becomes an international celebrity as she, at age 25, completes a round-the-world journey in 72 days in 1890.

The leading African American singer and dancer of the Jazz Age and the Harlem Renaissance, **Florence Mills**, was born in 1896.

The word "**robot**" enters the world lexicon, in 1921, as the play "R.U.R." premieres in Czechoslovakia. The word is derived from the Czech noun robata which means "labor" and "servitude."

The first **Winter Olympic Games** opened in France in 1924.

U.S. novelist, producer, and playwright **Gloria Naylor**, (*The Women of Brewster Place*), born, 1950.

The **first scheduled transcontinental flight**, opening the jet age in the U.S. was on this day with a Boeing 707 nonstop from California to New York in 1959.

The **first televised presidential news conference** was held on this day in 1961, with President John F. Kennedy.

In 1966 **Constance B. Motley** became the first African American woman to be appointed federal judge.

**Ana Ortiz**, actress ("Ugly Betty"), born, 1971, in New York City.

Piano goddess and singer **Alicia Keys** celebrates a birthday today. (b. 1981 in Harlem)

Apple's **Macintosh** computer first went on sale on this day for \$2,495 in 1984.

A group of **Israeli army reservists** issues a declaration refusing to serve in the occupied West Bank and Gaza on this day in 2002.

**Great horned owls** are nesting and barred owls are courting.

**Sunday, January 26** Festivities for the **JOHN BEARGREASE DOG SLED RACE MARATHON** of 390 miles, begin today, commemorating the life of John Beargrease, the son of a Ojibway chief who delivered mail by dog sled along Lake Superior's rugged North Shore in the late from 1887-1900. He was born in 1858 as the son of an Anishinaabe chief by the name of Makwabimidem (**Beargrease**). The actual race from Duluth to Grand Portage, Minnesota, continues through February this year. The **2013 PRO BOWL FOOTBALL GAME** is in Honolulu today. **UGANDA** celebrates **LIBERATION DAY**, the anniversary of the overthrow of Idi Amin's dictatorship in 1979. **INDIA** observes **REPUBLIC DAY**. **AUSTRALIANS** gather for the **COCKROACH RACES** in Brisbane.

In 1787, **Shays' Rebellion**, the Farmers' Tax Revolt, was held in MASS.

The **electric dental drill** was patented in 1875 by George Green.

The **first British settlement**, that of a load of convicts to Australia, was made on this day in 1788, as a part of their colonization.

The first female African American licensed pilot in the U.S., "**Brave Bessie**" Coleman, born in 1893.

Matriarch of the **Trapp Family Singers**, **Maria Augustus Trapp**, born in Vienna in 1905.

The **Rocky Mountain National Park** was established in Colorado in 1915.

**Paul Newman**, actor (Oscar for *The Color of Money*; *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*), director *Rachel, Rachel*; *The Glass Menagerie*), and foods entrepreneur, born 1925. (d. 2008)

Cartoonist, writer, **Jules Feiffer**, born 1929.

**Father George Harold Clements**, Roman Catholic priest of international renown, civil rights leader who spoke for the rights of Chicago's African Americans, born Chicago, 1932.

Black Panther leader, educator, and writer **Angela Davis** was born in 1944.

Former U.S. Senator from Minnesota, **Mark Dayton**, born in 1947.

Guitarist ("Jump," "Right Now"), **Eddie Van Halen**, born in 1955.

**Anita Baker**, singer ("Sweet Love") and comedienne, actress and ("Ellen"), **Ellen DeGeneres**, were born on this day in 1958.

Hall of Famer **Wayne Gretsky**, former hockey player, born 1961.

The award-winning musical *Phantom of the Opera*, premiered on Broadway in 1988.

In 1995 all public businesses were told they must comply with the **American Disabilities Act** as of this date.

An **earthquake** struck India, 7.7 on Richter scale, leaving more than 20,000 dead, 2001.

**Canada lynx** begin mating,

**Monday, January 27** Today is a **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR VICTIMS OF NAZISM IN GERMANY**, commemorating the day in 1945 on which Soviet troops liberated the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Composer **Mozart** (*The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute*) was born in 1756.

**Lewis Carroll** (pseudonym for Charles Dodgson), English mathematician and author ("*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*"), born in 1832.

1850 –**Samuel Gompers**, founder of the first major labor union in the United States, the American Federation of Labor, born. (d. 1924)

U.S. composer **Jerome Kern**, ("Ol' Man River," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"), born 1885.

**Admiral Hyman Rickover**, known as "Father of the Nuclear Navy," who is quoted as saying, "To increase the efficiency of the Dept of Defense, you must first abolish it," born 1900.

The prime perceptor of the flush toilet, **Thomas Crapper**, dies in Yorkshire, England, in 1910.

**Skitch Henderson**, bandleader ("*The Tonight Show*"), born in Halstad, MN, in 1918.

The United States Marines occupy **Haiti**; occupation continues until 1934.

U.S. controls country's finances, police force, and public works.

Nobel Peace Prize winner, pacifist, **Mairead Corrigan**, born in Northern Ireland in 1944.

The Nazi concentration camp **Auschwitz**, was liberated by **Soviet Army**. An estimated 1.5 million inmates were killed there, 95% of them Jewish.

Ballet dancer and actor (*The Turning Point*), **Michail Baryshnikov**, born in Latvia, USSR in 1948.

Singer **Leontyne Price** made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1961.

**Senator Margaret Chase Smith** announces her candidacy for the US presidency on this day in 1964. The following July she will be the first woman to have her name put in nomination for the office by a major party.

Three US astronauts, **Virgil I. Grissom**, **Edward H. White** and **Roger B. Chaffee**, died when fire broke out on **Apollo I** spacecraft in 1967.

The **Viet Nam Peace Treaty** was signed in 1973.

In 1997, five South African policemen admit to killing activist **Steven Biko** in 1977.

**Gray and fox squirrels** begin mating,

## Tuesday, January 28

**Free Africa Society** is formed in Philadelphia in 1787. Leaders were **Richard Allen** founder of the AME Churches, and Absalom Jones, free Blacks whose goal was to create a non-denominational religious organization that served the spiritual, economic and social needs of Philadelphia's African-American community.

**José Martí**, hero of Cuban Independence, born in 1853.

Scientists and balloonists **Auguste and Jean Piccard**, born in 1884. (Jean died at Minneapolis in 1963.)

**Alan Ada**, actor (M\*A\*S\*H\*, *Paper Lion*), author, director, screenwriter, and promoter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, born 1936.

1944-**Matthew Henson** received the Congressional Medal of Honor as co-discoverer of the North Pole in 1909 with Robert Peary. Although Admiral Peary received many honors, Henson was largely ignored and spent most of the next thirty years working as a clerk in a federal customs house in New York. But in 1944 Congress awarded him a duplicate of the silver medal given to Peary. Presidents Truman and Eisenhower both honored him before he died in 1955.

**Sarah McLachlan**, singer, songwriter, organizer of the successful all-female Lilith Fair music festival (1997), born in 1968.

**Elijah Wood**, actor ("Back to the Future Part II" and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy), born 1981.

The space shuttle **Challenger** exploded 74 seconds into flight in 1986, horrifying hundreds of millions around the world watching television replays of the event \*that killed seven people, **Christa McAuliffe, Francis Scobee, Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Ronald McNair and Gregory Jarvis**.

With a January thaw, **skunks and raccoons** venture out of their winter sleeping quarters.

## Wednesday, January 29 Today is **EGYPTIAN FIRST TRUE INDEPENDENCE DAY**.

**Thomas Paine**, author of *Common Sense*, remembered for his phrase "These are the times that try men's souls," born in 1757.

One of the most famous poems in US literature, "**The Raven**," by **Edgar Allen Poe**, was published on this date in 1845.

In 1854, the **Fugitive Slave Act** was ruled unconstitutional. Russian playwright **Anton Chekhov** ("The Cherry Orchard"), born in 1860.

Stage and motion picture actor **W. C. Fields** (*My Little Chickadee*), born in 1880.

**Violette Neatley Anderson** is the first African American woman admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1926.

In 1929, the **Seeing Eye Guide Dog School** was incorporated in Nashville, Tennessee, with the mission to enhance the independence and integrity of people who are blind.

**Tom Selleck**, actor ("Mr. Baseball"), born 1945.

TV talk-show host, Emmy recipient, actress ("The Color Purple"), producer (owner of Harpo Studios), **Oprah Winfrey**, born in 1954.

Actor and Olympic gold medal diver **Gregory Louganis**, born 1960.

**Heather Graham**, actress ("Lost in Space"), born 1970. **Andrew Keegan**, actor ("Independence Day"), born 1979.

The military ban on homosexuals was "eased" on this day in 1993. Clinton's policy of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" allowed homosexuals to serve in the **U.S. armed forces** as long as they were discrete.

2001 – **JuttaKleinschmidt** of Germany becomes the first woman to win the 10,000 km Paris-Dakar Rally with a driving time of 70 hours, 42 minutes, and 8 seconds.

According to the *Minnesota Weatherguide Environment Calendar*, "the **moose** population in MN is dwindling, about 5,000 roam the Arrowhead."

## Thursday, January 30

Florida Seminole leader **Osceola** died on this day in 1838 after being captured and imprisoned by the U.S.

government under a flag of truce.

**Richard Theodore Greener** is the first African American to graduate from Harvard University.

**President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, the only US President to be elected four times, born in 1882.

Tony-winning actor and entertainer **Carol Channing** (*Hello Dolly*), born, 1923.

Actor **Gene Hackman** (Oscars for *The French Connection & Unforgiven*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*), born, 1930.

**Vanessa Redgrave**, actress (*Mary, Queen of Scots; Julia*), born 1937.

**Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi**, Indian religious leader and mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated in 1948 in New Delhi.

**Charles Dutton**, actor ("Roc," *Mississippi Masala*, *Menace II Society*, *Rudy*, *Alien 3*), born in 1951.

North Vietnam launched a major offensive throughout South Vietnam in 1968 resulting as may as 40,000 battlefield deaths. After **Tet**, US policy shifted to seeking an honorable way out.

The last public appearance of the **Beatles** was on this day in 1969. Police interrupted it after they received complaints from the neighbors about the noise.

This is known as **Bloody Sunday** in Northern Ireland where British troops killed 13 people during a banned civil right march in 1972. During this first year of British direct rule, 467 people were killed in the fighting.

**Animal sounds** seem closer and stronger in the January air.

Today - January 30, 2014 - gives us the second of two **super moons** to occur in a single month. High spring tides climb up especially high, and on the same day low tides accentuate the spring tide, giving rise to what's called a **perigean spring tide**.

**Friday, January 31 ZORA NEALE HURSTON FESTIVAL OF ARTS & HUMANITIES** in Eatonville, Florida starts and continues through the February 2<sup>ND</sup>. Today is the **CHINESE NEW YEAR** (Chinese: (大)年初一; pinyin: **(Dà) Nián Chūyī**), the 4711th Chinese year and the Year of the Horse馬 Mǎ.

Composer ("Unfinished Symphony"), **Franz Schubert**, born 1797 in Austria. (d.1828, buried, at his request, near the grave of Beethoven.)

**Jackie Robinson**, athlete and business executive, an African American baseball player who broke the color barrier in major league baseball when he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, born 1919.

Actress (stage: *Hello, Dolly!*), **Carol Channing**, born, 1923.

**Richard Drew** of the **3M Company** of St. Paul, MN developed cellophane "scotch tape" on this day in 1928. (He also invented masking tape.)

Queen of Netherlands, **Queen Beatrix**, who has said, "An eye for an eye makes the world blind," born in 1938. (became queen in 1960)

Baseball Hall of Famers **Ernest Banks**, shortstop, born in 1931 and **Nolan Ryan**, born in 1947.

**Ms. Ida May Fuller** of Vermont received the **first social security** monthly retirement check in the amount of \$22.54 in 1940.

**Explorer 1**, the first successful U.S. satellite launched, 1958.

An **East Coast blizzard** hit in 1965; 165 people died in 3 days.

Musician **Justin Timberlake**, youngest member of 'N Sync and now solo, born in 1981.

**McDonald's Corporation** opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Soviet Union, 1990.

The "Spring" call of **cardinals** is heard sounding like: "What cheer?" "What cheer?"

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

**Jackie Robinson**

**Check out the movie 42** about **Jackie Robinson**, athlete and business executive, an African American baseball player who broke the color barrier in major league baseball when he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, born January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1919. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on January 24, 1962.

