



Nat King Cole



Wilma Rudolph



Barack Obama

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."*

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February is

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## February 2005

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		<b>1</b> 1865 – John Rock is the first African-American lawyer to practice in front of U.S. Supreme Court	<b>2</b> 1914 – Artist William Ellsworth Artis is born	<b>3</b> 1977 – Eighth and final night of "Roots" television special	<b>4</b> 1913 – Rosa Parks is born	<b>5</b> 1934 – Clifton W. Wharton is the first African-American to head a U.S. European embassy (Romania)
<b>6</b> 1931 – The Harlem Experimental Theater Group performs its first plays	<b>7</b> 1926 – The first Negro History Week begins, later expanded in 1976 to an entire month	<b>8</b> 1944 – Harry S. McAlpin is the first African-American to attend White House press conferences	<b>9</b> 1906 – "The Sport of Gods" author and poet Paul Laurence Dunbar dies	<b>10</b> 1989 – Ronald H. Brown becomes chairman of the Democratic National Committee	<b>11</b> 1990 – Nelson Mandela is freed after 27 years in prison	<b>12</b> 1909 – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is formed
<b>13</b> 1907 – Wendell P. Dabney establishes <i>The Union</i>	<b>14</b> 1957 – Southern Christian Leadership Conference is formed. Martin Luther King, Jr. is elected first president	<b>15</b> 1964 – Louis Armstrong's "Hello Dolly" is number one on Billboard's Top 40	<b>16</b> 1951 – New York City prohibits discrimination in public housing	<b>17</b> 1942 – Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, is born	<b>18</b> 1688 – Quakers in Germantown, PA pass first formal antislavery resolution	<b>19</b> 1940 – William 'Smokey' Robinson is born
<b>20</b> 1929 – Wallace Thurman's play "Harlem" opens in New York City	<b>21</b> 1965 – Malcolm X is assassinated	<b>22</b> 1938 – Poet and novelist Ishmael Reed is born	<b>23</b> 1868 – W.E.B. duBois is born	<b>24</b> 1811 – First African-American college president Daniel A. Payne is born	<b>25</b> 1870 – Hiram Revels takes the oath of office as the first black U.S. senator	<b>26</b> 1966 – Andrew Brimmer is the first African-American governor on the Federal Reserve Board
<b>27</b> 1988 – Debi Thomas becomes the first African-American to win a medal in the Winter Olympic Games	<b>28</b> 1991 – Shelby Steele's "The Content of our Character" wins the National Book Critics Circle Award	<p>Research these facts and more with free resources available at <a href="http://www.gale.com/free_resources">www.gale.com/free_resources</a></p> <p>Clockwise: Nat King Cole, Wilma Rudolph, Sen. Barack Obama, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a civil rights protest</p>				