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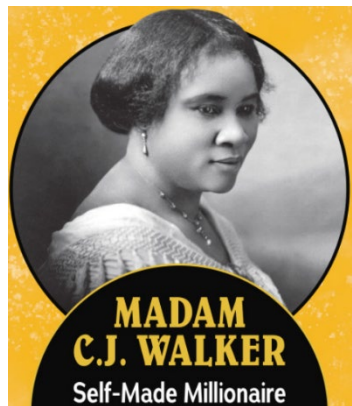
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**SAT DEC 13, 2025
@ 9:00 AM**



Born This Month in History



**MADAM C. J.
WALKER** (1867 –
1919)- was an
American
entrepreneur,
philanthropist, and
political and social
activist. Creating a

hair care industry for African Americans,
becoming the first female self-made millionaire
in America as noted in the Guinness Book of
World Records. Born on December 23, 1867, in
the Louisiana Delta plantation where her
parents were enslaved before the end of the
Civil War.



BILL PICKET (1870–
1932) - He was the
originator of rodeo steer
wrestling, or
bulldogging. In Texas
he formed a horse
breaking business with
his brother that
advertised “catching

and taming wild cattle as a specialty”. In 1905 he
joined the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Wild West
Show for over a quarter century. He went on to
perform in several motion pictures and is credited
with being the first Black cowboy star.

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SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES 2026

Social Security recipients will get a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), translating to a \$60 monthly increase for many beneficiaries.

Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs will increase: Many Social Security beneficiaries also rely on Medicare. For 2026, premium costs — especially for Medicare Part B — are rising, which may diminish the net benefit of the COLA increase.

[INFO SOURCE: BUSINESS INSIDER, REUTERS, AP NEWS](#)

CITY RETIREES SUE OVER HEALTH CARE

NYC employees and retirees have filed a lawsuit to stop the Adams' administration from moving roughly 750,000 workers and dependents into a new self-funded health plan (NYCE PPO) starting January 1, 2026.

The petitioners argue the plan violates the city's legal duty to provide "health insurance" and would strip them of state insurance protections.

The city and major unions say the plan preserves premium-free coverage and saves about \$1 billion annually.

[INFO SOURCE: AM NEW YORK, JUSTIA LAW](#)

CITY OFFERS TO REINSTATE FIRED VAX WORKERS

New York City is reopening a pathway for roughly 2,900 former municipal employees who were fired for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine to return to their old job titles at current pay.

[INFO SOURCE: NYC GOV., NY1](#)

ADAMS PROMISES 5,000 NEW NYPD OFFICERS

Mayor Eric Adams plans to increase NYPD's ranks to 40,000 officers within three years, the highest level in about 20 years.

NYPD's main union argues this boost won't solve the problem because officers are leaving almost

as fast as they're being hired, driven by workload, morale, and pay issues.

[INFO SOURCE: NYC GOV., CBS NEWS, THE CHIEF](#)

CITY ANNOUNCES \$7 BILLION LABOR AGREEMENT

New York City recently approved a roughly US\$7 billion labor agreement — via new project labor agreements (PLAs) — that is expected to prioritize community hiring.

Key public-works projects (libraries, recreation centers, water treatment facilities) will create apprenticeship and opportunities for underserved and low-income communities. The goal is to deliver critical infrastructure and a pathway to middle-class union careers for New Yorkers.

[INFO SOURCE: NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE](#)

831**444**

Representatives from both **831** and **444** agreed to speak at our upcoming **AARS** Retiree's Breakfast.

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800 772-1213	SOCIAL SECURITY

Event INFO:

WED DEC 17, 2025 @ 10:30

BRONX RETIREES BREAKFAST

SAT DEC 20, 2025 @ 16:30

CHRISTMAS EVENT AT BAILEY PARK

WED JAN 07, 2026 @ 18:00

AABS GENERAL MEETING

SAT FEB 14, 2026 @ 09:00

AARS RETIREES' BREAKFAST

WED JAN 21, 2026 @ 10:30

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**SAT OCT 11, 2025
@ 9:00 AM**

AARS RETIREES BREAKFAST

Born This Month in History

Mae Jemison
Born: October 1956 — First Black woman accepted into the NASA Space Program;

physician/engineer and STEM education advocate.



Richard B. Spikes
Born: October 1878; Died: January 1965 — Prolific inventor; patented automobile gear-shift/transmission improvements, beer keg tap, a barber chair,

trolley-pole stand, and other devices that advanced safety and usability in mechanical systems.

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Born This Month in History

Katherine Johnson Aug, 1918 - Feb, 2020, (Scientist) Inventor: A NASA mathematician, her calculations were critical to the success of U.S. space missions.

Her story inspired the film Hidden Figures.



Louis Armstrong Aug, 1901 - Jul, 1971 (Musician) A JAZZ ICON, Armstrong revolutionized music with his trumpet and unique voice. His influence spans decades and genres.

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RETIREES BREAKFAST

**WED SEP 17, 2025
@ 10:30 AM**

**754 S COLUMBUS AVE, MT
VERNON, NY 10550**

COLUMBUS DINER

Born This Month in History

Christine Garden — Born: September 1942
Mathematician/aerospace engineer; sonic-boom and supersonic flow expert; NASA leader.



Edward A. Bouchet —

Born: September 1852; Died: October 1918 —

Physicist; first Black American to earn a PhD in the U.S. (Yale, 1876).

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**SAT JUN 14, 2025
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Born This Month in History

Lena Horne (Musician): June 1917 - May 2010. A singer and actress, Horne broke racial barriers in Hollywood and the music industry. She was also an advocate for civil rights.



James Weldon Johnson (Educator/Historian): June 1871 - June 1938. Co-wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing," often called the Black National Anthem. He was also a pioneering educator and diplomat.

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Clara McBride Hale (1905–

1992) founded the Hale House to care for children born to drug-addicted mothers, and her enduring compassion continues to inspire care for marginalized communities.



A. Philip Randolph (1889–1979) organized the first Black labor union and played a pivotal role in the March on Washington, significantly shaping the civil rights movement.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH
GET YOUR 2025
AABS MEMBERSHIP CARD

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Barbara Jordan
(Politician/Public Servant):
Was a trailblazing American lawyer, educator, and politician. She is celebrated for being the first African American woman elected to the Texas Senate (1966) and the first Southern African American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives (1972).



Michael Jordan (Sports Hero): Six-time NBA champion. Jordan is considered one of the greatest athletes of all time. His influence transcends basketball, shaping global sports culture.

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