

History

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President Ford in 1976.

1935 - Richard Hunt is born in Chicago, Ill. A graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, he will later study in Europe and be considered one of the leading sculptors in the U.S. His work will be shown extensively in the U.S. and abroad and his sculptures will be collected by the National Museum of American Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of the Twentieth Century in Vienna.

1974 - Eugene A. Marino, SSJ, is consecrated as the first African-American auxiliary bishop in the U.S. He assumes his duties as auxiliary bishop of Washington, D.C.

1986 - The National Council of Negro Women sponsors its first Black Family Reunion at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The reunion, which will grow to encompass dozens of cities and attract over one million people annually, is held to celebrate and applaud the traditional values, history, and culture of the African-American family.

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1663 - The first known slave revolt is planned in Gloucester County, Va. The conspirators, both white servants and black slaves, are betrayed by fellow indentured servants.

1886 - Alain Locke is born in Philadelphia, Pa. He will become the first African-American Rhodes scholar and an influential writer, educator, and philosopher. His work in capturing the cultural and social climate of the "New Negro" of the Harlem Renaissance will make him one of the foremost chroniclers of African-American achievement.

1948 - Nell Carter is born in Birmingham, Ala. She will become a Broadway sensation as a singer and actress in Broadway's *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, *Ain't Misbehavin'* (for which she will win a Tony), and for five seasons in television's *Gimme a Break*.

1981 - Isabel Sanford wins an Emmy award as best comedic actress for *The Jeffersons*.

SEPTEMBER 7

1891 - John Adams Hyman dies in Washington, D.C. He was the first African-American congressman from the State of North Carolina.

1921 - Constance Baker Motley is born in New Haven, Conn. She will achieve many distinctions in her career, including being the only woman elected to the New York Senate in 1964, the only woman Manhattan borough president, and the first African-American woman to be named as a federal court judge in 1966. She will later serve as chief judge of the Southern District of New York.

1964 - Leontyne Price and A. Philip Randolph are among the recipients of the Medal of Freedom awarded by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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1890 - Claude McKay is born in Sunnyville, Jamaica. Emigrating to the U.S. in 1912, he will become a poet and winner of the 1928 Harmon Gold Medal Award for Literature. Author of the influential poetry collection *Harlem Shadows*, he will also be famous for the poems "The Lynching," "White Houses," and "If We Must Die," which will be used by Winston Churchill as a rallying cry during World War II.

1928 - Julian Edwin Adderly is born in Tampa, Fla. He will be best known as "Cannonball" Adderly, a jazz saxophonist who will play with Miles Davis as well as lead his own band with brother Nat Adderly and musicians such as Yusef Lateef and George Duke.

1943 - Paul Robeson in 296th performance of "Othello" as Shubert Theatre.

1963 - Four African-American schoolgirls - Addie Collins, Denise McNair, Carol Robertson and Cynthia Wesley - are killed in a bombing at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. It is an act of violence that galvanizes the civil rights movement.

1978 - Muhammad Ali wins the world heavyweight boxing championship for a record third time by defeating Leon Spinks in New Orleans, La.

Trinidad sees De La Hoya knockout

FAJARDO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Felix Trinidad made a final promise to his countrymen before leaving Puerto Rico for the biggest fight of his career: An early knockout of Oscar De La Hoya.

"I'm in the best physical condition of my life, and I can't see how De La Hoya could end the fight on his feet," Trinidad said Thursday. "I'm going to knock him out

after the sixth round."

Trinidad made the comments at a news conference at the El Conquistador Resort, his last appearance on the island before leaving Saturday to finish training in Las Vegas.

The two undefeated champions will fight Sept. 18 in a welterweight unification bout at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas.

Trinidad, the IBF champion, is 35-0 with 30 knockouts.

De La Hoya holds the WBC title and is 31-0 with 25 knockouts.

"When I put my hands on a boxer he falls, and De La Hoya will be no exception," Trinidad said. "He won't be able to take the punishment."

Promoter Don King was in Puerto Rico to support Trinidad.

"I don't see anyone who could beat Tito (Trinidad). He's going to knock out De La Hoya in six rounds," King said.

"What I'm most interested in is that De La Hoya gets into the ring, doesn't get sick, or even a bruise, before the fight."

Trinidad is guaranteed \$8.5 million for the fight, while De La Hoya will earn \$15 million.

Comets dedicate third title to fallen teammate

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets' third WNBA championship was one for Kim.

One day after playing one of her worst games, Cynthia Cooper played one of her toughest, scoring 24 points as the Comets remained the league's only champion, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 Sunday.

Even in the heat of the championship game, thoughts were never far from Comets guard Kim Perrot, who died Aug. 19 following a seven-month battle with cancer.

One banner read "3 for 10" imploring the Comets to win their third WNBA title for Perrot, who wore No. 10. The Comets did just that by winning the final game of the best-of-3 series.

In the emotional final moments, the crowd broke into chants of "three for Kim, three for Kim."

Cooper, who was just 1-for-10 from the field in Saturday's 68-67 last-second loss, equaled that with her first shot Sunday and then

helped the Comets break it open in the second half. She finished 13-of-15 from the foul line.

The Comets put on a late spurt for a 33-25 halftime lead and they expanded that to 38-27 with 15:33 left in the game, then both sides got sloppy. Houston didn't score a span of 6:50, while the Liberty missed nine straight shots at one point.

The Liberty closed the gap to 38-31 before Tina Thompson broke Houston's scoreless streak and started a 10-0 run for a 48-31 lead with 4:28 to play. Thompson also had a jumper and three-point play for seven of the 10 points.

Thompson had 13 points and Sheryl Swoopes added 11 for the Comets. Sue Wicks was the only Liberty in double figures with 11 points.

The Comets won the first two WNBA championships and they were within two seconds of wrapping up a third title Saturday when a desperation 52-foot shot by Teresa Weatherspoon gave the Liberty a 68-67 victory, forcing Game 3.

Swoopes and Cooper combined to score 20 of Houston's first 22 points.

The Comets had a 12-2 run that helped them take a 20-11 lead with 8:16 to go in the first half and when the Liberty cut the lead to 26-25

with 2:27 to go, the Comets scored seven straight for a 33-25 halftime lead.

The Comets hit all 13 of their first-half free throws and 27 of 32 for the game. New York was 8-for-9 for the game.

Barkley signs one-year Rockets deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Free agent forward Charles Barkley agreed to a one-year contract with the Houston Rockets, the team said Friday.

"He's still a great player and we really need him," said Carroll Dawson, the Rockets' vice president of basketball operations. "He said he wanted to play one more year, so that's what we talked about."

Dawson would not confirm the amount of the contract but Houston television station KRIV, citing sources, reported it was worth \$9 million.

Barkley, the NBA's MVP in 1992-93 with the Phoenix Suns, is heading into his 16th NBA season and fourth with the Rockets. He finished second in the league in rebounds last season, averaging 12.3. He also averaged 16 points and 4.5 assists.

Also Friday, the Rockets announced they signed free agent Thomas Hamilton. The 7-foot-2 center will be entering his second NBA season but hasn't played since 1995-96 with the Boston Celtics. He played in 11 games that season, averaging 2.3 points and 2.0 rebounds.

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