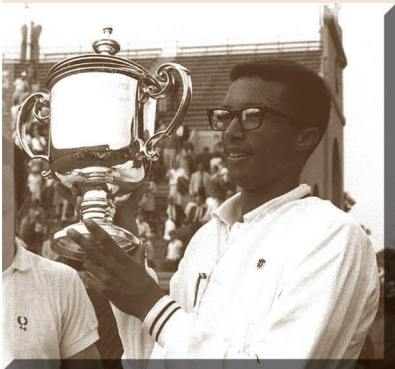# ON THIS DAY

▲ **1968: Tennis star Arthur Ashe won the inaugural U.S. Open tournament, becoming the first African-American to win a Grand Slam event**

1585: Powerful French statesman Cardinal de Richelieu was born

1839: British scientist John Herschel took the first photograph using a glass plate

1976: Mao Zedong, founder of the People's Republic of China, died

2008: Thai prime minister Samak Sundaravej was dismissed after being found guilty of a conflict of interest; he had received payment for appearing on a TV cooking show

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