

A photograph of Denzel Washington and Halle Berry at the 2002 Academy Awards. Denzel Washington, on the left, is wearing a dark tuxedo and a bow tie, looking towards Halle Berry. Halle Berry, on the right, is wearing a dark, sleeveless dress with a floral pattern and is smiling broadly while holding her Oscar trophy. Denzel Washington is also holding his Oscar trophy. The background is a white curtain with several Oscar statues and the ABC logo visible.

Today in History

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▲ For the first time in the history of the Academy Awards, two African-American actors, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington, scooped the top acting Oscars

1965: U.S. spacecraft Ranger 9 crash-landed on the moon

2000: Ugandan police discovered 153 bodies at a base used by a cult whose leader had predicted the world's end on December 31, 1999

2005: A popular uprising in Kyrgyzstan forced President Askar Akayev to flee into exile in Russia

2010: Scientists revealed they had identified a previously unknown type of ancient human, found in Siberia