

A photograph of Denzel Washington and Halle Berry at the 74th Academy Awards. Denzel Washington, on the left, is wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a dark bow tie, holding his Oscar statuette. Halle Berry, on the right, is wearing a brown, floral-patterned, low-cut dress and is smiling broadly while holding her Oscar statuette. In the background, a large golden Oscar statue is visible on the left, and a smaller one is on the right.

Today in History

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▲ For the first and, to date, only time in the history of the Oscars, two African-American actors, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington, scooped the top acting awards

1965: The U.S. spacecraft Ranger 9 crash-landed on the moon. Some of the 5,000 pictures it sent back were broadcast live on TV for the first time

1990: Indian peacekeeping forces pulled out of Sri Lanka

2010: Indian scientists said that a tiny island in the Bay of Bengal had disappeared beneath the rising seas

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