

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 red, sleeveless, form-fitting dress with a floral pattern, also holding her Oscar statuette. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, a large Oscar statuette is visible on the left, and a white curtain with a small Oscar statuette hanging from it 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

1882: German scientist Robert Koch announced he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis

1942: The U.S. government began detaining Japanese-Americans following the Pearl Harbour attack

1999: NATO launched airstrikes in Yugoslavia, which continued until Yugoslav forces withdrew from Kosovo

2018: School students called for tighter gun controls in mass “March For Our Lives” protests in the U.S.