

A close-up portrait of actor Sidney Poitier. He is an older Black man with short, graying hair, looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red patterned tie.

## Today in History

*January 6, 2022*

▲ **Sidney Poitier, Oscar-winning star of groundbreaking films such as *In the Heat of the Night*, and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*, died at age 94**

**1953:** Phenytoin was approved in the U.S. for use as an anti-epileptic drug

**1993: Jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie died at the age of 75**

**1993:** Russian ballet star Rudolf Nureyev died of AIDS at age 54. He defected to the West in 1961

**2021:** Supporters of Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in an effort to stop Congress certifying Joe Biden's election victory. Five people died in the insurrection