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Sufferin' Succotash: Mel Blanc, "the man of 1,000 voices" responsible for the voices of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and countless others passes away in 1989 at age 81.



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Get your BBQ and illegal fireworks out! The US declares independence in 1776 and the most racist film of all time, D.W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* is released on 1914.

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French designer Louis Reard unveils the bikini in 1946 and men around the world couldn't be happier.



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"What A Wonderful World" legendary jazz trumpeter Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong dies in 1971 at age 69.

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The first single off Prince's *Purple Rain*, "When Doves Cry," hits the number one spot in 1984.



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Pass that Dutch! Missy Elliott turns 34.

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Legendary aviator Amelia Earhart disappears in 1937, never to be found.

The Police hit, "Every Breath You Take" (the basis for Puffy's "I'll Be Missing You") hits number one in 1983.



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Hustle & Flow, starring Ludacris, hits theaters.



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In 1985, Live Aid – a massive concert for African famine relief – takes place in both Philly and London and draws 1.5 billion viewers worldwide when it was aired on MTV and other stations.

Are birthday parties allowed in prison? Lil' Kim turns 30.



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"That's one small step for man..." Neil Armstrong walks on the moon in 1969.



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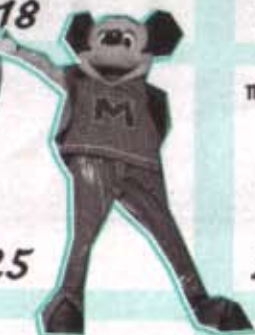
Long-time racist filmmaker D.W. Griffith dies in 1948. Despite controversy caused by *Birth of a Nation*, the Directors Guild of America named their highest honor the D.W. Griffith Award. Go figure.

Legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday dies at the young age of 44 in 1959. Only five short years later, legendary saxophone player and composer John Coltrane dies of liver cancer. On a lighter note, Disneyland opened in 1955.

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Ek, what's up doc? Bugs Bunny debuts in the 1940 cartoon, "A Wild Hare."



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Wesley Snipes is born in 1962, nearly 40 years later he kills a vampire.



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