

# AMERICA'S HISTORY

## Important Parts Of Our Past And Present Come Home

(NAPSA)—There can be an easy way for you and your family to get new insights into some of the history, the science and the beauty that are part of the African-American experience. Considering this includes such notables as mathematician Benjamin Banneker, agricultural chemist George Washington Carver, who revolutionized Southern agriculture, and, more recently, Dr. Patricia Bath, the first African-American female doctor to patent a medical invention, it's fitting that opportunities to celebrate Black History Month in February are taking a 21st century turn.

To learn more about African-American history, you can check out an online version of the Underground Railroad; explore interactive time lines of important milestones; or click a remote control to gain access to on-demand cable programming on a wealth of important topics. Top picks include:

• **Milestones in Black History:** Gain new perspective with historical documentaries that explore Lincoln's journey from the early years to his fight to abolish slavery during the Civil War; current perspectives on how ambitious plans to reinvent New Orleans are unfolding; and topical concerns such as finance and debt in Black America. Kids can get in on the learning with docu-briefs examining the legacy of slavery and the reasons for Black History Month.

• **Profiles in Courage:** The biographies of influential African Americans come to life with dramatic profiles, including that of living legend Dr. Ben Carson, who overcame a troubled early life to become a renowned neurosurgeon. Laurence Fishburne inspires in a



**There are many enlightening and entertaining ways to learn about the Black experience in America on cable TV these days.**

one-man show portraying Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court, and Jamie Foxx amazes as the legendary Ray Charles.

• **Powerful Portrayals:** Drama fans can enjoy Black cinema offerings, including movies based on beloved literature such as Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The Color Purple" and Cormac McCarthy's "The Sunset Limited," which chronicle the challenges of African-American protagonists. Movie fans can catch up on favorites such as "Action Jackson," "Blood Diamond" and "Clara's Heart."

• **That's Entertainment:** Get your laughs with comedy specials such as "Mike Epps Presents: Live from Club Nokia." Urban romantic comedies such as "Let's Stay Together" can warm the heart. And if music is your thing, tune in to the biography series "Unsung" as it examines the lives of some of the most influential, talented and yet somehow forgotten artists of the last 30 years.

For more about such programming, check out [www.thisiscable.com](http://www.thisiscable.com).