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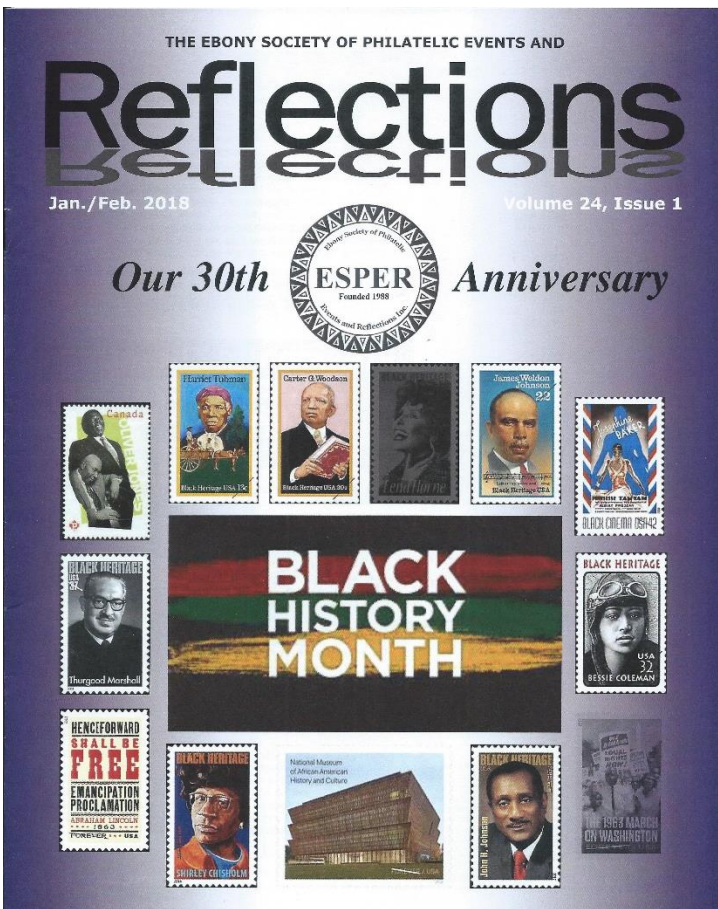
February 1, 2018

February is Black History Month

The U.S. celebrates Black History Month in February to honor African-Americans' achievements and contributions to society. People and organizations across the country hold events to recognize pioneers such as Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall and Jackie Robinson. In its earliest form, the tradition is almost 90 years old, but some people don't know its origins.

Historian Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week, which began Feb. 12, 1926. He scheduled it at that time to match up with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. At left, Scott 2073 honoring Carter G. Woodson is featured holding a book, and is located just above the "BL" of Black History Month.

In 1976, Negro History Week became Black History Month. President Gerald Ford urged the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history," according to the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies.



February 15 is Chinese New Year – Year of the (Brown) Dog

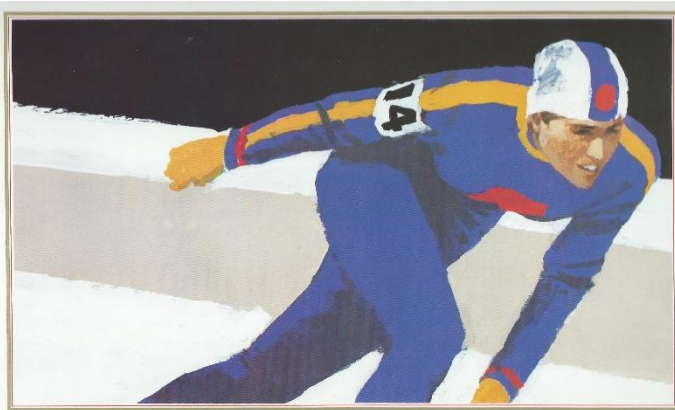


2018 Chinese New Year is on February 16, 2018 at China's time zone. This day is the first new moon day of the first Chinese lunar month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar system. The exact new moon time is at 05:06 a.m. on February 16, 2018 in China standard time zone, GMT+8. The outline of a small dog is featured at the upper left of this stamp.

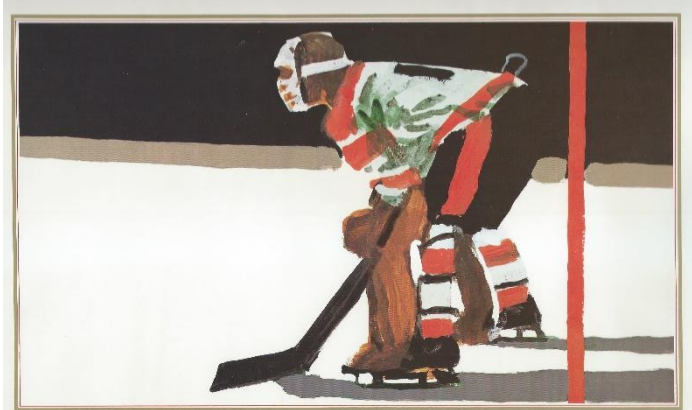
2018 is the Chinese 4715th Year. Chinese calendar also uses a cycle of 60 Stem-Branch counting system. Since $(60 * 78) + 35 = 4715$, 2018 is the 35th Stem-Branch in the cycle. Male Earth Dog is the name of 35th Stem-Branch. Therefore, 2018 is the year of Earth Dog. Because Brown is connected to Earth, 2018 is also called Brown Dog Year.

The 60 Stem-Branch calendar uses the names of Yin Yang Five Elements (Metal, Water, Wood, Fire and Earth) and 12 animals to rank the sequences. Five elements are connected to five colors - White, Black, Green, Red, and Brown. So Chinese use the color animal name to count the year. The name of 2018 is the Yang Male Earth Dog. Brown is connected to Earth. Therefore, 2018 is also called Brown Earth Dog Year.

February is Winter Olympics Month



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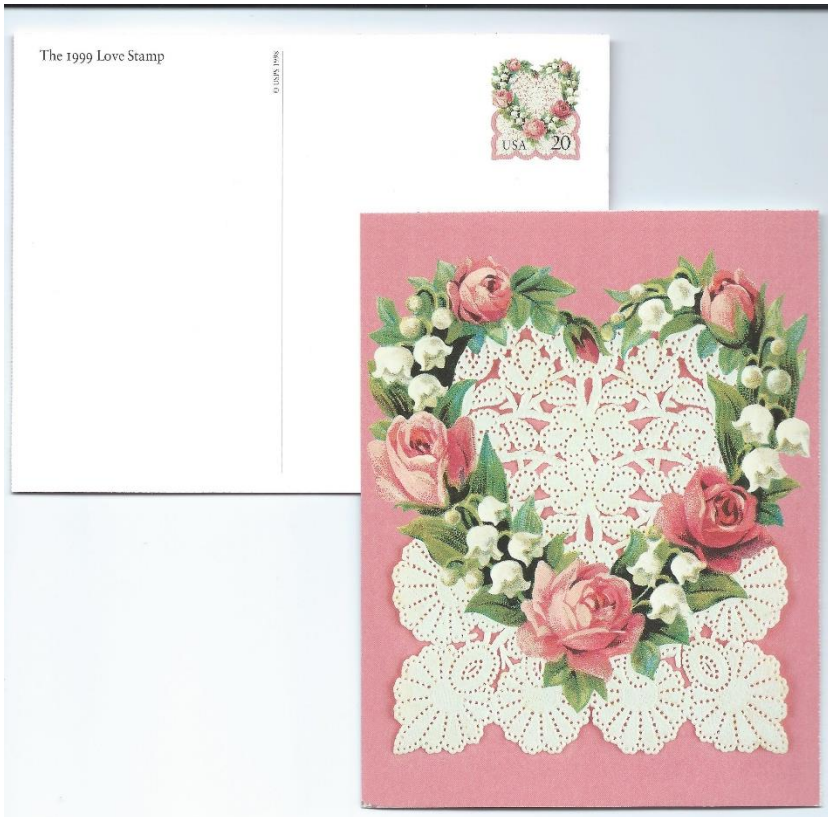
The above designs were used for stamps issued in 1980 commemorating the Winter Olympics, held in Lake Placid, New York, February 12-24, 1980. (Scott 1795 – 1798.) The USPS apparently could not get permission from the Olympic committee to use the Olympic symbol of 5 rings for a reasonable fee, so for these stamps the USPS used 5 stars, and did not feature the Olympic rings.

February is Super Bowl Month



This stamp, Scott 1382, issued in 1969, features a football player and his coach.

February is Valentine's Day Month



Postal stationery from 1999. Postcard issued by Post Office had pre-printed indicia of 20¢. In 2018 the postcard rate is 35¢ so an additional 15¢ of postage must be added to mail this postcard.

What do you think? Thoughtful comments are welcomed and will be published, so please feel free to write! (150 words or less, please.) Mail it to Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, Hawaii 96753-1809. It should be written as if the reader knows nothing about your topic, so beginners can understand it.

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