

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner



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VIRGO - August 23 - September 22



**VIRGO The Perfectionist**  
*Dominant in relationships. Conservative. Always wants the last word. Argumentative. Worries. Very smart. Dislikes noise and chaos. Eager. Hardworking. Loyal. Beautiful. Easy to talk to. Hard to please. Harsh. Practical and very fussy. Often shy. Pessimistic.*

## The Sapphire is the stone for the month of September

An ancient Persian legend states that the earth rests on a large sapphire and the blue of the sky comes from the gem's reflection. Medieval priests and monks wore sapphire believing they would prevent evil impulses and thoughts. It was once thought that, if a poisonous snake were put into a container with a sapphire the rays from the gem would kill it. Sapphire was believed to turn evil sorcery and negative spells back against the sender and provide advance warning of hidden dangers. Ancient writers claimed the Ten Commandments were written on sapphire, making this gem most sacred. Sapphire has long symbolized truth sincerity and faithfulness. If its luster dulled when worn by a spouse, it was believed that person had been unfaithful.

## September 21

*You are blessed with an indomitable spirit and will never acknowledge defeat. You are far-sighted, resourceful and intellectual and have good executive ability. You are affectionate, loyal and fond of your home and friends.*

1878 Cooper was awarded patent 590,257 for an elevator device

1897 F.W. Leslie was awarded patent 590,325 for an envelope seal.

1904 (William) Count Basie, pianist and bandleader was born in Red Bank, NJ.

1910 Napoleon Whiting, actor (The Big Valley) was born in Mississippi.

1913 (Capitola Leodra) Cappie Dickerson, piano instructor was born in Urbana, OH.

1914 (Leroy Eliot) Slam Stewart, jazz bass player was born in Englewood, NJ.

1921 (Foreststorn) Chico Hamilton, drummer, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1932 Melvin Van Peebles, actor, director (Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song) was born in Chicago, IL.**

1936 (James Marcellus Arthur) Sunny Murray, jazz drummer was born in Idabel, OK.

1942 (Ewart Beckford) U-Roy, vocalist was born in Jones Town, Jamaica.

1943 Trixie Smith, blues singer and vaudeville entertainer dies in New York, NY.

1945 (George Curtis) G.C. Cameron, lead singer (It's A Shame with the Spinners) was born in Jackson, MS.

1949 Henry Butler, jazz pianist was born in New Orleans, LA.

1949 Artis Gilmore, National Basketball Association player was born in Chipley, FL.

1950 (John Tony) Johnny Miller, professional footballer was born in Ipswich, England.

1951 Diana Morgan, actor and news anchor (Hampton Roads, Virginia) was born in Chicago, IL.

1952 Gary George Gray, Major League Baseball player was born in New Orleans, LA.

1956 Dean P. Baquet, journalist (The New York Times) was born in New Orleans, LA.

1957 Sidney Moncrief, National Basketball Association player was born in Little Rock, AR.

1959 Steven Royce Parker, National Football League player was born in Evanston, IL.

1961 Michael L. Huyghue, lawyer, businessman and former commissioner of the United Football League was born in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

1963 Cecil Fielder, Major League Baseball player was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1964 (Armenter Chatmon) Bo Carter, blues musician dies in Memphis, TN.

1965 (William Henry) D.J. Dozier, Jr., National Football League and Major League Baseball player was born in Norfolk, VA.

1966 LaVan Davis, singer and actor (Tyler Perry's House of Payne) was born in Atlanta, GA.

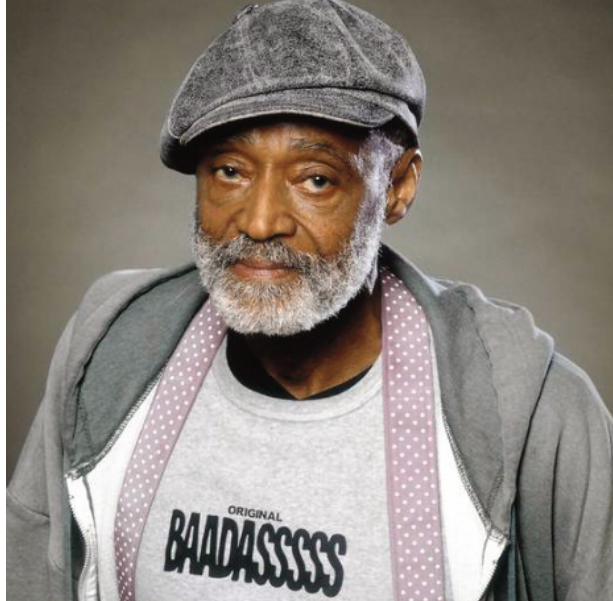
1967 Alan Greg Rogers, US Army Major and Intelligence Officer was born.

1968 Larry Stewart, National Basketball Association player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1968 (David Jude Jolicoeur) Trugoy the Dove singer with De La Soul was born in New York, NY.

1969 Billy Porter, stage actor (Kinky Boots) was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1971 Anne-Marie Green, news anchor for CBS was born in Toronto, Ontario Canada.



Melvin van Peebles

1971 Call Cobbs, Jr., jazz pianist, electric harpsichordist and organist was born.

1971 Alfonso Ribeiro, dancer and actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel Air) was born in New York, NY.

1972 Randolph Childress, National Basketball Association player and assistant coach (Wake Forest University) was born in Washington, DC.

1973 Diana Sands, actress (A Raisin in the Sun) dies in New York, NY.

1974 Taral Hicks, singer and actor (A Bronx Tale) was born in The Bronx, NY.

1977 (Ben Bailey Smith) Doc Brown, rap artist, comedian and actor (Law & Order: UK) was born in Kilburn, London, England.

1978 Kyle Townsend, record producer and composer (Silver Linings Playbook) was born in Seattle, WA.

1981 Jerrika Delayne Hinton, actor (Grey's Anatomy) was born in Dallas, TX.

1981 Nicole Camille Richie (Escovedo) actor was born in Berkeley, CA.

1983 Tori Polk, gold medalist at the 2014 USA Indoor Track and Field was born in Hewitt, TX.

1984 (Olubowale Victor Akintimehin) Wale, rap artist (Chillin) was born in Washington, DC.

1987 Ruth Attaway, actor (Porgy and Bess) dies in New York, NY.

1989 Jason (Joel Desrouleaux) Derulo songwriter, dancer and singer (Whatcha Say) was born in Miramar, FL.

1990 Adarius Glanton, National Football League player was born in Bartow, FL.

1990 Steeven Terrell, National Football League player was born in Allen, TX.

1990 Al-Farouq Ajiede Amin, National Basketball Association player was born in Atlanta, GA.

1996 Devon Jerome Kelly-Evans, professional footballer was born in Coventry, England.

1998 Florence Griffith Joyner (Flo-Jo) track and field athletic dies in Mission Viejo, CA.

2006 Gilbert Maurice Jones, businessman and long-time fundraiser for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). Is born in Brooklyn, NY.

2008 Nancy Alene Hicks Maynard, publisher and owner of The Oakland Tribune dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2011 Troy Anthony Davis convicted murder of a police officer dies in Butts County, GA.

2014 Caldwell 'Pops' Jones, National Basketball Association player dies in Stockbridge, GA.

## September 22

You are a dreamer, have a vivid imagination, make elaborate plans, which you never carry out. Cultivate self-reliance, perseverance and foresight. You are loving and lovable; gentle and attractive; a favorite among your friends and popular with everyone.

1822 Jane Elizabeth Manning James, African American member of the Latter Day Saints movement who lived with Joseph Smith was born in Connecticut.

1828 Shaka Zulu (ka Senzangakhona), Zulu king dies in KwaDukuza, kwaZulu-Natal South Africa.

1839 Michael Augustine Healy, first African American descent to command a ship of the US government (US Revenue Cutter Service predecessor of the US Coast Guard) was born in Jones County, GA.

1853 George Washington Murray, US Congressman from South Carolina was born in Sumter County, SC.

1888 Pelayo 'Cortina' Chacon, Negro League Baseball manager was born in Cuba.

1891 Jan Ernest Matzeliger was awarded patent 459,899 for the lasting machine.

1896 Dan Sane, blues and country blues guitarist and songwriter (Downtown Blues) was born in Hernando, MS.

1915 Xavier University in New Orleans, LA opens as a high school and later becomes the first and only African American Catholic College.

1922 (James) Pete Booker, Negro League Baseball

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player dies in Chicago, IL.

1925 (Eliza) Virginia Capers, actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air) was born in Sumter, SC.

1929 (Albert) Cecil Williams, pastor emeritus of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church was born in San Angelo, TX.

1931 E. Don Sareals, meteorologist who help develop NOAA weather radio was born in Winston, Salem, NC.

1932 Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., first African American to serve as Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court was born in Washington, DC.

1934 Louis Brown Johnson, 'Sweet Lou', Major League Baseball player was born in Lexington, KY.

1938 (Eugene L.) Gene Mingo, first African American place kicker in American football was born in Akron, OH.

1939 Gilbert Earl Patterson, Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC) was born in Humboldt, TN.

1940 (Robert G.) Bob Stanton, first African American to be appointed as the Director of the Park Service was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1941 Ernest Gideon Green, one of the Little Rock Nine was born in Little Rock, AR.

1941 Jeremiah Alvesta Wright, Jr., Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1941 Chester Lovelle Tolton, first African American ordained an Episcopalian Bishop in the western US was born in El Dorado, AR.

1942 Marlena Shaw (Burgess) singer was born in New Rochelle, NY.

1949 (Lee) Harold Carmichael, National Football League player was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1951 Mark Riley, journalist and commentator was born.

1953 Julianne Malveaux, economist, author and president of Bennett College was born in San Francisco, CA.

1954 Shari Belafonte, model and actress (Hotel) was born in New York, NY.

1955 Jeffrey Leonard, Major League Baseball player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1956 Doug Wimbish studio bass player at Sugarhill Records was born in Hartford, CT.

1957 Ted Williams, voice over artist (Kraft Foods) was born in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NY.

1959 Tai Reina Babilonia, World Figure Skating Champion was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1960 Ernest Martin, convicted murder was born in Cleveland, OH.

1961 Carlton Fairweather, professional footballer and manager was born in Camberwell, London, England.

1961 Vincent Maurice Coleman, Major League Baseball player was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1965 (Robert Lee) Bobby Satcher, Jr., chemical engineer and NASA astronaut was born in Hampton, VA.

1968 Reginald J. Redding, National Football League player was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1969 (Ronald Brooks) Money B, rap artist with Digital Underground was born in Oakland, CA.

1970 (Michael Lawrence Tyler) Mystikal, actor and rap artist (Ghetto Fabulous) was born in New Orleans, LA.

1971 (James) J. Moss, Gospel musician and composer (We Must Praise) was born in Detroit, MI.

1972 (Gregory Grove) Matthew Rush, pornographic film actor and magazine model was born in Huntingdon, PA.

1973 (Robert Malcolm) Bob Sapp, professional wrestler, actor and National Football League player was born in Colorado Springs, CO.

1977 Leon David Lloyd, professional rugby union player was born in Coventry, England.

1977 Antwoine Sanders, National Football League player was born in Fayetteville, NC.

1979 (Chester Lamar Taylor) Che Tay, National Football League player was born in River Rouge, MI.

1979 Jesse James Chatman, Jr., National Football League player was born in Houston, TX.

1979 Charlton Maxwell Jimerson, Major League Baseball player was born in San Leandro, CA.

1980 Jimmy Bryant, session guitarist dies in Moultrie, GA.

1981 Shingai Elizabeth Maria Shoniwa, vocalist and bassist (Noisettes) was born in London, England.

1994 Mattie Moss Clark, gospel singer and arranger (Mother of the Clark Sisters) dies in Southfield, MI.

1997 Jake-Liam Clarke-Salter, professional footballer was born in Carshalton, London, England.

2000 Michael Rainey, Jr., actor (The Butler) was born

2011(Mary) Vesta Williams, songwriter and singer (Once Bitten, Twice Shy) dies in El Segundo, CA.

Birthday: Michael Rainey, Jr., actor (Barbershop: The Next Cut) was born.

*Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.*