

SCOOP's Black History Corner



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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 peridot is the stone for the month of August. Peridot is considered by some to be a tonic for the entire body. It is said to protect the wearer from negativity and to provide stress reduction and relaxation. Pirates were said to favor peridot because, when set in gold, it would protect them from the terrors of the night. The gem known as peridot is born in fire it is found at the base of volcanoes and is the only gem known to be found in meteors that fall to the earth. Peridot is a gem variety of the mineral olivine. Popokoleas, Green Sand Beach is filled with olivine crystals a result of Hawaii's volcanic action. Peridot is said to inspire purification and encourage growth, intuition healing renewal and rebirth. Very large peridots, each more than 200 carats in size, decorate the shrine of the Three Kings at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

August 31

You are capable and dependable, although rather domineering. You are fond of good literature, are a fluent and intelligent talker and an amusing entertainer. You prefer the company of the opposite sex. Marry young and your home life will be congenial and happy.

1944 Lorenzo Thomas, critic and poet (Extraordinary Measures: Afrocentric Modernism and 20th Century American Poetry) is born in the Republic of Panama.

1945 Donyale Luna, first African American model to appear on the cover of British Vogue is born in Detroit, MI.

1948 Howard Porter, National Basketball Association player is born in Stuart, FL.

1949 (Melvin Randolph) Randy Primas, Jr., first African American mayor of Camden, New Jersey is born in Camden, NJ.

1949 Stephen McKinley Henderson, actor (Everyday People) is born in Kansas City, MO.

1952 (Wallace Edgar) Mickey Johnson, National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

1954 Claudell Washington, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1955 Edwin Corley Moses, track athlete is born in Dayton, OH.

1972 (Christopher) Chris Tucker, actor (Rush Hour) is born in Atlanta, GA.

1976 Joan Clark is awarded a patent for a holder for bras, etc.

1976 (Sharisse) Shar Jackson, rap artist and actor (Mo'Nisha) is born in Boston, MA.

1977 George Samuel Schuyler, journalist and author (Black No More) dies in New York, NY.

1979 Timothy Raines, Jr. Major League Baseball player is born in Memphis, TN.

1980 (Joseph Anthony) Joe Budden, II, hip hop-recording artist and actor (Love & Hip Hop) is born in New York, NY.

1990 (Nathaniel) Nate 'Sweetwater' Clifton, first African American to sign a contract with the National Basketball Association dies in Chicago, IL.

1996 Nadine Lockwood, murdered by her mother in New York, NY.

2002 Lionel Leo Hampton, vibraphonist dies in New York, NY.

2012 Edward Vincent, Jr., member of the California State Senate dies.

September 1

You are extremely generous in thought and deed, kind-hearted and robust. You have much sentiment and are loyal to your kindred. You sometimes speak abruptly but do not mean it unkindly. You are demonstrative and affectionate in your love and will receive the same in return.

1912 Samuel Coleridge Taylor, composer (Hiawatha's Wedding Feast) dies in Croyden, England.

1917 Lewis Carnegie Dowdy, the sixth president and first chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University was born in Eastover Richland County, SC.

1922 Rosa Guy, author (The Friends) was born in Trinidad.

1927 Tommy Evans, singer with The Drifters (Under the Boardwalk) was born.

1933 (Eugene Haire) Gene Harris, jazz pianist (Introducing the 3 Sounds) was born in Benton Harbor, MI.

1937 Ron O'Neal, actor (Superfly) was born in Utica, NY.

1938 Alton Nehemiah Ellis 'Godfather of Rocksteady' was born in Kingston, Jamaica.



Chris Tucker

1942 (Charles Brooks, Jr.) Shareef Ahmad Abdul-Rahim, first person in the US to be executed using lethal injection was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1942 Claudette Rogers-Robinson, singer with The Miracles and first wife of Smokey Robinson was born in Detroit, MI.

1943 Webster Lewis, jazz and disco keyboardist (On the Town/Saturday Night Steppin' Out/Do it With Style) was born in Baltimore, MD.

1944 (Jeffrey) Jeff Richardson, National Football League player was born in Johnstown, PA.

1944 Archie Bell singer with Archie Bell & the Drells and older brother of lead vocalist of Motown's Dazz Band, Jerry Bell, and NFL player Ricky Bell was born in Henderson, TX.

1947 (Alexander N.) Al Green, US Representative from Texas was born in New Orleans, LA.

1949 Garry Lee Maddox, Major League Baseball player was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1955 Billy Wayne Blank, exercise guru and inventor of the Tae Bo exercise program was born in Erie, PA.

1957 Nelson George, journalist and author (Where Did Our Love Go: The Rise and Fall of Motown) was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1963 Willie Harden Gillus, Canadian and National Football League player and assistant and college head coach was born in Emporia, VA.

1965 Thane Alvin Gash, National Football League player was born in Hendersonville, NC.

1966 (Timothy Duane) Tim Hardaway, Sr., National Basketball Association player was born in Chicago, IL.

1974 Jason Paul Taylor, National Football League player was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1975 Cuttino Rashawn Mobley, National Basketball Association player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1977 Ethel Waters, singer and actor (Cabin In The Sky) dies in Chatsworth, CA.

1978 (Albert) Al Lucas, National and Arena Football League player was born in Macon, GA.

1981 Patrice Hollis, model (Playboy Playmate September 2007) was born.

1981 Clinton Earl Portis, National Football League player was born in Laurel, MS.

1983 Adam Bernard Jones, National Football League player was born in Atlanta, GA.

1984 Orde Musgrave Coombs, co-host (Black Conversations) dies in New York, NY.

1985 (Vincent Edward) Vince Redd, National and German Football League player was born in Elizabethton, TN.

1986 Calais Malik Campbell, National Football League player was born in Denver, CO.

1986 Earl B. Dickerson, first African American to earn a doctorate of law degree from the University of Chicago dies in Chicago, IL.

1987 Trayvon Andrew Dwayne Robinson, Major League Baseball player was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1989 Daniel Andre Sturridge, professional footballer was born in Birmingham, England.

1991 (Dayario Jamal) D.J. Swearingen, National Football League player was born in Greenwood, SC.

1994 Robert 'Yummy' Sandifer, member of the street gang the Black Disciples was murdered by fellow gang members.

2001 James Lopez Watson, judge (US Court of International Trade) dies in New York, NY.

2004 Rafal Neal, blues singer, harmonicist and songwriter (I Been Mistreated) dies in Baton Rouge, LA.

2005 (Robert Lee) R.L. Burnside, blues singer and guitarist (A Ass Pocket of Whiskey) dies in Memphis, TN.

2007 John T. Scott, sculptor, painter and printmaker (Circle Dance) dies in Houston, TX.

2009 John Milton Stephens, National Football League player dies in Keithville, LA.

Birthday: D.J. Spigg Nice, rap artist with Lost Boyz (Lifestyles of the Rich and Shameless) was born in Jamaica, Queens NY.

September 2

Always the 'life of the party' you are witty, bright, friendly, a good conversationalist and well liked. You have friends in seven distinct circles and can adapt yourself to each one. You radiate vitality was domestic and loyal and you love with sincerity and strength.

1931 Clifford Laconia Jordan, jazz tenor saxophonist was born in Chicago, IL.

1932 Walter Davis, Jr., jazz pianist (Frank's Place) and soundtrack (Bird) was born in Richmond, VA.

1934 (Samuel) Sam Gooden, singer with The Impressions was born in Chattanooga, TN.

1939 (Robert Lee Dickey) Bobby Purify, singer (I'm Your Puppet) was born in Tallahassee, FL.

1941 John Robert Thompson, National Basketball Association player and coach at Georgetown University was born in Washington, DC.

1943 Joe Simon, singer, (Drowning In The Sea of Love) was born in Simmesport, LA.

1943 Rosalind Ashford-Holmes, singer with Martha and the Vandellas was born in Detroit, MI.

1943 Lisle Wilson, actor (That's My Mama) was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1945 Lafayette M. Hershaw, journalist, lawyer and law examiner for the General Land Office of the US Department of the Interior dies in Washington, DC.

1946 (William Everett) Billy Preston, pianist and singer (Nothing From Nothing) was born in Houston, TX.

1947 Venida Evans, actor (The Muse) was born in Ypsilanti, MI.

1948 Nate Archibald, National Basketball Association player was born in New York, NY.

1949 Moira Clare Ruby Stuart, first African-Caribbean female newsreader to appear on British television was born in London, England.

1950 Lamar Johnson, Sr., Major League Baseball player was born in Bessemer, AL.

1951 Harvey Lee Catchings, National Basketball Association player was born in Jackson, MS.

1958 Frederick McKinley Jones was awarded patent 2,850,001 for the control device for internal combustion engines.

1959 (Nathaniel) Nate Snell, Major League Baseball player was born in Orangeburg, SC.

1960 Eric Demetric Dickerson, National Football League player was born in Sealy, TX.

1960 Danny Goodwin, Major League Baseball player was born in St. Louis, MO.

1965 (David Banks) D.J. Disciple, house music producer (On The Dance Floor) was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1965 Lennox Claudius Lewis, professional heavyweight boxer (The Lion) was born in West Ham, London England.

1969 (Cedric Renard Hailey) K-Ci singer (All My Life) with Jodeci was born in Monroe, NC.

1971 (Micah S.) Katt Williams, comedian, rap artist and actor (Friday After Next) was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1973 (Donald Nathaniel) Donnie Boyce, National Basketball Association player was born in Chicago, IL.

1974 (Donise) David Barksdale, original leader of the Devil's Disciples dies in Chicago, IL.

1976 Syleena Johnson, singer (Another Relationship) was born in Harvey, IL.

1977 Jonathan Jackson, National Football League player was born in Dayton, OH.

1977 (Ibn Young) Playa Fly, rap artist was born in Memphis, TN.

1979 Brian Collins Westbrook, National Football League player was born in Washington, DC.

1980 Dontarrious Dewayne Thomas, National Football League player was born in Perry, GA.

1982 Wes Avi Littleton, Major League Baseball player was born in Hayward, CA.

1983 Arthur Huff Fauset, anthropologist, folklorist and educator (Black Gods of the Metropolis; Negro Religious Cults of the Urban North) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1983 Tiffany Hines, actor (Bones) was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1984 (Raymondo Antoine) Ray McDonald, National Football League player was born in Pahokee, FL.

1984 Joshua Anthony Charlton Henry, stage actor (The Scottsboro Boys) was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.

1986 (William) Billy Taylor, bassist in the Duke Ellington orchestra dies in Fairfax, VA.

1994 (Stephen Ayomide Oluwabenga) Ayo Obilleye, professional footballer was born in Homerton, England.

1996 Alvaleta Guess, stage actor (Swinging on a Star) dies in New York, NY.

2003 Ptolemy Alexander Reid, Prime Minister of Guyana dies in Guyana.

2005 Warren Thomas, comedian and writer (In Living Color) dies in New York, NY.

2006 Willi Ninja, dancer and choreographer (Paris was Burning) dies in New York, NY.

2006 (Walter) Dewey Redman, jazz saxophonist dies in Brooklyn, NY.

2011 (McKinley) Bug Williams, drummer and co-founder of Maze dies in Chattanooga, TN.

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