

ScoopUSA Black History Corner



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*VIRGO The Perfectionist
Dominant in relationships.
Conservative. Always wants the
last word. Argumentative. Wor-
ries. Very smart. Dislikes noise
and chaos. Eager. Hardwork-
ing. 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 28

Learn to assert yourself and be more aggressive! You are self-reliant and ambitious but very modest, you could achieve much more if you let yourself. You are musical and literary and love with your whole heart.

1796 David Walker, abolitionist and author (An Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World) was born in Wilmington, NC.

1821 Jonathan Clarkson Gibbs, II, Presbyterian minister and first African American Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction of Florida was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1864 Richard Berry Harrison, actor, teacher and dramatic reader was born in London, Ontario Canada.

1883 Lemuel Haynes, minuteman during the American Revolution dies in South Granville, NY.

1897 J. H. Haines was awarded patent 590,833 for the portable basin.

1914 Christian Abraham Fleetwood, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions during the Civil War dies in Washington, DC.

1918 Freddie Stowers, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions in World War I dies in Ardeuil-et-Montfauxelles, Ardennes France.

1922 William Joseph Seymour, holiness preacher who initiated the Azusa Street Revival dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1928 (Cora Walton) KoKo Taylor, blues singer (Wang Dang Doodle) was born in Shelby County, TN.

1931 John Gilmore, jazz saxophonist was born in Summit, MS.

1938 (Benjamin Earl) Ben E. King, singer (Stand By Me) was born in Henderson, NC.

1939 Rudolph Malcolm Walker, actor, first Black actor to appear in a major British TV series (Love Thy Neighbour) was born in San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago.

1939 Charles David Brooks, III, actor (Black Sister's Revenge) was born in New York, NY.

1939 (Elbridge) Al Bryant, singer and one of the founding members of The Temptations was born in Thomasville, GA.

1941 Mims Hackett, member of the New Jersey General Assembly was born in Birmingham, AL.

1941 (Charles Robert) Charlie Taylor, National Football League player was born in Grand Prairie, TX.

1942 Grant Dwight Jackson, Major League Baseball player was born in Fostoria, OH.

1946 Herbert Jefferson, Jr., actor (Battlestar Galactica) was born in Sandersville, GA.

1947 Harold Dow, journalist and investigative reporter for CBS was born in Hackensack, NJ.

1955 (Kenneth David) Kenny Kirkland, pianist/key-boardist was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1962 Irving Dale Fryar, Sr., National Football League player was born in Mount Holly Township, NJ.

1962 Anne Marie Fox, Playboy magazine's Playmate of the Month for February 1982 was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1963 Johnny Earl Dawkins, Jr. National Basketball Association player was born in Washington, DC.

1963 Grant Scott Fuhr, National Hockey League player was born in Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

1965 (Joseph Pierre) Joe Torry, comedian and actor (Getting Played) was born in St. Louis, MO.

1966 Bellina Logan, actor (Interview with the Vampire) was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1966 (Lucius Venable) Lucky Millinder, bandleader dies in New York, NY.



Karan Ashley Jackson

1967 (Bill) Billy Bass, one of the first African Americans to break the color barrier in Canadian football was born in Greensboro, NC.

1967 Keiffer Jackson Mitchell, Jr., member of the Maryland House of Delegates was born in Baltimore, MD.

1968 Sean Levert singer (Put Your Body Where Your Mouth Is) was born in Cleveland, OH.

1969 Karen Fairchild, singer with Little Big Town was born.

1970 Bruce Williamson, Jr., singer with The Temptations was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 Mantan Moreland, actor (Charlie Chan series) dies in Hollywood, CA.

1975 Karan Ashley Jackson, actor (*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*) was born in Odessa, TX.

1979 Mara Schavocampo, journalist for ABC News was born in Silver Spring, MD.

1980 (Reginald D.) Reggie Brown, comedic impersonator and look-alike of former US President Barack Obama was born in Maywood, Chicago, IL.

1982 (Chukwuemeka Nbuduisi) Emeka Okafor, National Basketball Association player was born in Houston, TX.

1982 (Ray Emery) Razor, National Hockey League player was born in Hamilton, Ontario Canada.

1983 Gerald Antonio Riggs, Jr., Canadian Football League player was born in Atlanta, GA.

1984 Robert Emery Meachem, National Football League player was born in Tulsa, OK.

1984 Melody Thornton, singer with the Pussycat Dolls was born in Phoenix, AZ.

1985 James Robert Perch, professional footballer was born in Mansfield, England.

1990 Tyler Thomas, Canadian Football League player was born in Jackson, MI.

1991 Miles (Dewey) Davis trumpeter dies in Santa Monica, CA.

1995 Kwame Blair Thomas, professional footballer was born in Nottingham, England.

1995 Albert Louis Johannesson, professional footballer and the first high-profile Black man to play to-flight football dies in Leeds, England.

2003 Althea Gibson, first African American woman to be a competitor tennis player dies in East Orange, NJ.

2005 Constance Baker Motley, judge, state senator (New York) and President of Manhattan borough dies in New York, NY.

2010 Dolores Mae Wilson, coloratura soprano dies in Englewood, NJ.

September 29

You are courageous and venturesome, energetic and very strong-willed. Through your strong personality, you are a leader among your friends. You like entertainment and your friends are as gay and vivacious as you are. You are lovable and have a deep affection for your family.

1863 Ida Platt, first African American woman licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois and the third in the US was born in Chicago, IL.

1872 T.J. Byrd received a patent for a horse and carriage detacher.

1891 Elijah J. McCoy was award patent 460,215 for a drip cup.

1908 Eddie Tolan (Midnight Express), track star in the 1932 Olympics was born in Denver, CO.

1910 Edna Mae Harris, actor (The Green Pastures) was born in Harlem, NY.

1915 Thomas Griffin was executed in the electric chair for the murder of a Confederate veteran in Chester County, South Carolina

1924 Harold Lorenzo Gould, Negro League Baseball player was born in Gouldtown, Fairfield, NJ.

1926 (Charles Henry) Chuck Cooper, first African American player to be drafted in the National Basketball Association was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1929 Albertina Walker, gospel singer was born in Chicago, IL.

1933 Rudi Patterson, painter and actor (Z-Cars) was born in Jamaica.

1939 Art Williams, National Basketball Association player was born in Bonham, TX.

1948 Bryant Charles Gumbel, first African American anchor on a national network morning news program (Today) was born in New Orleans, LA.

1950 Leroy Jones, National Football League player was born in Greenwood, MS.

1952 Roy Sinclair Campbell, Jr., jazz trumpeter was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1953 (Eugene) Gene Richards, Jr., Major League Baseball player was born in Monticello, SC.

1953 Warren Livingston Cromartie, Major League Baseball player was born in Miami Beach, FL.

1954 (Calvin) Cal Bruton, Australian National Basketball League player and coach was born in New York, NY.

1955 Gwendolyn L. Ifill, journalist and moderator (Washington Week) was born in New York, NY.

1956 Diann Burns, first African American woman to anchor the prime time news in Chicago was born in Cleveland, OH.

1956 Livingston Holder, astronaut in the Manned Spaceflight Engineer Program was born in Detroit, MI.

1961 Marc Alan Brown, television new anchor was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1966 (Kenneth Howard) Ken Norton, Jr., National Football League player and coach (son of Ken Norton, champion heavyweight boxer) was born in Jacksonville, IL.

1966 Hersey R. Hawkins, Jr. National Basketball Association player was born in Chicago, IL.

1967 Marlin A. Gray, convicted of two counts of first-degree murder was born in Missouri.

1969 (Donald Earl DeGrate, Jr.) Devante Swing, singer and founder of Jodeci was born in Hampton, VA.

1970 Derrick Oden, National Football League player was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1971 Ezra Dee Alexander, co-founder of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. dies in Indianapolis, IN.

1971 Charles William Carpenter, Baptist minister and Civil Right activist dies in Ann Arbor, MI.

1972 Butler By'Not'e, National Football League player was born in St. Louis, MO.

1974 (Wilhelmina Goodson) Billie Pierce, jazz pianist and singer dies in New Orleans, LA.

1976 Jermaine Marcel Clark, Major League Baseball player was born in Berkeley, CA.

1977 Eric Barton, National Football League player was born in Alexandria, VA.

1977 Debelah Morgan, singer and songwriter (Dance with Me) was born in Detroit, MI.

1979 (Joseph William) Joe Thurston, Major League Baseball player was born in Fairfield, CA.

1980 Michael Alexander Carberry, profession cricketer was born in Croydon, London, England.

1980 (Amos) Devon Day, Major League Baseball player was born in Jackson, MS.

1983 Ryan Felix Mayne Garry, professional footballer was born in Hornchurch, England.

1985 Calvin Johnson, Jr., National Football League player was born in Newnan, GA.

1985 (Antoinette Clinton) Butterscotch, beatboxer, singer and pianist (America's Got Talent) was born in Sacramento, CA.

1986 Mark Fraser, National Hockey League player was born in Ottawa, Ontario Canada.

1988 Kevin Durant, National Basketball Association player was born in Washington, DC.

1989 Joseph 'JoJo' Ward Simmons, member of Run's House Family was born in New York, NY.

1994 (John Robert) Jack Spinks, National Football League player dies in Toomsba, MS.

1998 Tom Bradley, first African American mayor of Los Angeles dies was Los Angeles, CA.

2001 Gloria Foster, actor (The Matrix) (wife of Clarence Williams, III) dies in New York, NY.

2008 (Milton Eugene) Milt Davis, National Football League player dies in Elmira, OR.

2011 Sylvia Vanderpool-Robinson, founder/CEO of Sugar Hill Records (Rapper's Delight) dies in Secaucus, NY.

2013 L.C. Henderson Greenwood, National Football League player dies in Pittsburgh, PA.

Birthdays: (David Hobbs) Mr. Mixx, rap artist with 2 Live Crew (As Nasty As They Wanna Be); Rochelle Sturt, singer with Black Girl (Treat U Right) and (Donald DeGrate) DeVante Swing, founding member of Jodeci.

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