

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21



**SCORPIO - The Intense One**  
Very energetic. Intelligent.  
Can be jealous and/or possessive. Hardworking. Great  
kisser. Can become obsessive  
or secretive. Holds grudges.

Attractive. Determined. Loves being in long  
relationships. Talkative. Romantic. Can be self-centered at times.  
Passionate and emotional.

### The Topaz is the stone for the month of November

In the 19th century topaz was discovered in Russia. It was so coveted that only the Czar, his family and the persons he gave it to could possess it. Rubbing or gently heating topaz electrifies it, causing it to attract small particles like bits of hair or paper. It was believed that if you wore topaz on your left arm or hung it around your neck it could break all enchantments that may have been cast upon you. Topaz is rumored to improve vision give life security, protect one from poverty and remove adversity, misfortune and melancholy. The Egyptians believed topaz was colored by the golden glow of the sun god Ra; thus it was used as a powerful amulet to protect them from harm. When Thomas Jefferson heard of the marriage of William Clark (of Lewis and Clark), he sent the bride a necklace, two bracelets, earrings, a pin and a ring, all made of pearls and topaz

### November 9

*You have persistence and determination and never acknowledge defeat. You do not confide in others but like to work out your plans alone and in your own way. You have many friends and are well liked by all. Your home life will be contented and happy and you will have the undivided devotion of your mate.*

**1731** Benjamin Banneker, astronomer, mathematician, surveyor, almanac author and farmer, is born in Ellicott City, MD.

**1912** Brother Joe May, gospel singer, is born in Macon, MS.

**1920** Leon Aaron Gilbert, Jr., decorated World War II combat veteran, lieutenant in the all-black 24th US Infantry and court-martial for refusing to obey an order, is born in York, PA.

**1922** Dorothy Jean Dandridge, actor and singer, is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1923** Alice Coachman, first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal, is born in Albany, GA.

**1935** (Robert) Bob Gibson, Major League Baseball player, is born in Omaha, NE.

**1943** Roy Lee Jefferson National Football League player and actor (Brotherhood of Death), is born in Texarkana, AR.

**1950** (Melvyn Jerome) Mel Davis, National Basketball Association player, is born in New York, NY.

**1953** Rhetta Hughes, singer (Angle Man) and stage actor (Dreamgirls), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1959** Donald Andrew McClurkin, Jr., gospel music singer and minister, is born in Copiague, NY.

**1962** Dion James, Major League Baseball player, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1963** Anthony Lee Bowie, National Basketball Association player, is born in Tulsa, OK.

**1964** Roger Arliner Young, first African American woman to receive a doctorate degree in zoology, is born in Clifton Forge, VA.

**1964** Sandra 'Pepa' Denton, singer with Salt-N-Pepa, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

**1965** Jesse Davis, jazz saxophonist, is born.

**1969** (Lolita Shanté Gooden) Roxanne Shanté, hip-hop artist (The Bitch is Back), is born in Queens, NY.

**1970** William L. Dawson, lawyer and member of the US House of Representatives, dies in Chicago, IL.

**1970** (Brad Terrence Jordan) Scarface rap artist with the Geto Boys (Grip It! On That Other Level), is born in Houston, TX.

**1971** (Jonathan Keith) Jon Nunnally, Major League Baseball player, is born in Pelham, NC.

**1976** Ion Overman, actor (Love Inc.), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1976** (Sean Divine Jacobs) Sheek Louch, rap artist and member of The Lox and founder of D-Block Records, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

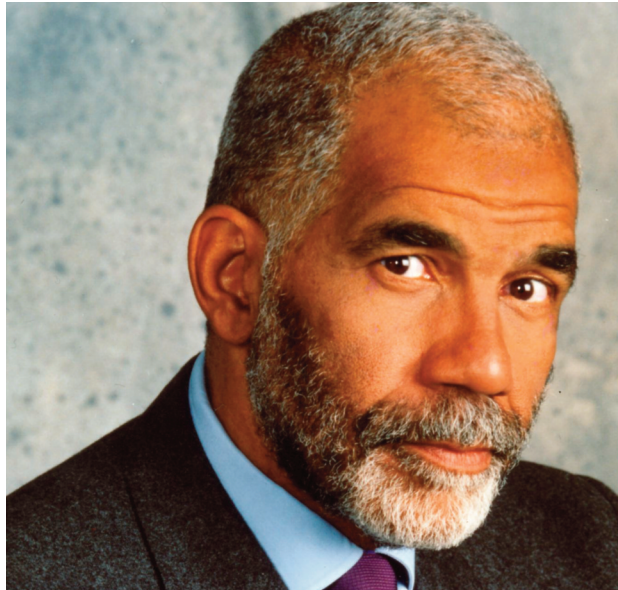
**1978** (Mark Althavean Andrews) Sisqo, singer (Thong Song), is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1979** Cory D. Hardrict, actor and producer (Neighborhood Watch), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1983** (Yukota) Ko Simpson, National Football League player, is born in Rock Hill, SC.

**1991** Lance Henry Stuart Hayward, jazz pianist, dies in Manhattan, NY.

**1999** (Mable Elizabeth Washing) Mabel King, singer and



Ed Bradley

actor (What's Happening!), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2000** James Bernard Knighten, one of the first twelve African American to become a pilot in the US Army Air Corps, dies in Las Vegas, NV.

**2006** (James) Jimmie Armstead, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Birmingham, AL.

**2006** (Edward Rudolph) Ed Bradley journalist and first African American correspondent to cover the White House, dies in New York, NY.

**2012** Harold Lorenzo Gould, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Gouldtown, Fairfield, NJ.

**2014** Miles Munroe, Evangelical Christian and ordained Pentecostal minister, dies in Grand Bahamas, Bahamas.

**Birthday:** Arnett Leftenant, singer with Cameo.

### November 10

*You like to lead and will not take a secondary position if you can possibly help it. You are very public spirited and quite philanthropic. You love travel, reading and music. You should marry someone who is sympathetic towards your broad interests.*

**1912** (James Ellis) Jimmy LuValle, athlete (winner of a bronze in the 400 meters in the 1935 Summer Olympics) and scientist, is born in San Antonio, TX.

**1933** (Emmit Ellis, Jr.) Bobby Rush, blues musician, composer and singer (I Wanna Do The Do), is born in Homer, LA.

**1934** Houston Person, jazz tenor saxophonist, is born in Florence, SC.

**1934** George Alexander McGuire, first bishop in the African Orthodox Church, dies in New York, NY.

**1938** Michael Schultz, director (Cooley High and Car Wash), is born in Milwaukee, WI.

**1939** Andrew Charles Cyrille, jazz drummer, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1939** Hubert Laws, flutist, is born in Houston, TX.

**1946** Alaina Reed Hall, actor (Sesame Street), is born in Springfield, OH.

**1951** Jerry W. Baskerville, National Basketball Association player, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1955** (Alvin) Junior Raglin, swing jazz bass player, dies.

**1956** (David Adkins) Sinbad, comedian and actor, is born in Benton Harbor, MI.

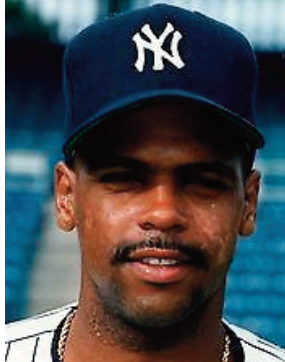
**1963** Michael Anthony Powell, track star and holder of the world long jump record, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1963** Tommy Davidson, comedian and actor (In Living Color), is born in Washington, DC.

**1966** (William Gene) Bill Kennedy, National Basketball Association referee, is born in is born in Phoenix, AZ.

**1967** Mona K. Sutphen, White House Deputy Chief of Staff, is born in Milwaukee, WI.

**1967** Michael Jai White, actor (Spawn), is born in Brooklyn, NY.



Dion James

Big Pun, rap artist (I'm Not a Player), is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1972** Isaac Isidore Bruce, National Football League player, is born in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**1974** Dewey Cooper, professional kick boxer and cruiserweight/heavyweight boxer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1976** Holly Joan Hart, Playmate of the Month (April 1998), is born in Fort Hood, TX.

**1978** Eve (Jihan Jeffers) rap artist and actor (Eve), is born

in Philadelphia, PA.

**1980** Donté Lamar Stallworth, National Football League player, is born in Sacramento, CA.

**1980** Lionel Chalmers, Jr., professional basketball player (Chalons-Reims of the LNB), is born in Albany, NY.

**1985** Giovonnie Lavette Samuels, actor (The Suite Life of Zack & Cody), is born in San Diego, CA.

**1986** Eric Allyn Thames, Major League Baseball player, is born in Santa Clara, CA.

**1887** (Darryl Gerard) D.J. Augustine, National Basketball Association player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1987** Theo 'Teddy' Peckham, National Hockey League player, is born in Richmond Hills, Ontario Canada.

**1987** Charles Eddie-Lee Hamilton, rap artist (The Perfect Life), is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1989** Martell T. Webb, National Football League player, is born in Pontiac, MI.

**1990** Ronnie Dyson, singer (When You Get Right Down To It), dies in Philadelphia, PA.

**1994** Carmen Mercedes McRae, singer and actor, dies in Beverly Hill, CA.

**1996** (Yafeu Akiyele Fula) Yaki Kadafi, rap artist and founding member of Outlawz, is born in Montclair, NJ.

**2002** Johnny Griffith, musician (piano and keyboards for Motown), dies in Detroit, MI.

**2006** Benny Andrews, painter and creator of collages, dies in Brooklyn, NY.

**2006** (Jammie Terrel Bolden) Gerald Levert, singer (Casanova), dies in Newbury, OH.

**2007** Augustus Freeman 'Gus' Hawkins, one of the first African American to serve in Congress from California, dies in Bethesda, MD.

**2008** (Zenzile) Mariam Makeba, South African singer (Pata Pata) dies in Castel Volturno, Italy.

**2011** Winston Churchill Doby, vice chancellor of University of California (Los Angeles), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2015** Allen Toussaint, musician, arranger, record producer and songwriter (I Like It Like That), dies in Madrid, Spain.

### November 11

*You are shrewd, determined, and argumentative and take a stand against opposition when you think you are in the right. You do not like to be driven, but for love, you will do a great deal. You have many friends and are generally happy and entertaining.*

**1831** Nat Turner, leader of the first slave revolt, is hung in Jerusalem (Courtland), VA.

**1910** Edwin C. Berry, first president of Portland, Oregon's Urban League, is born in Oberlin, OH.

**1911** Dick Wilson, jazz tenor saxophonist, is born.

**1912** Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., father of Muhammad Ali, is born in Jefferson County, KY.

**1917** (Lydia Lili'u Loloku Waleana Wewehe Kamaka'eha) Liliuokalani, last monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii, dies in Honolulu, Oahu Kingdom of Hawaii.

**1928** Arthur Cunningham, composer (His Natural Grace), is born in Piermont, NY.

**1928** Ernestine Anderson, singer, is born in Houston, TX.

**1929** (Delores) LaVern Baker, singer (I Cried A Tear), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1946** Corrine Brown, US Representative from Florida, is born in Jacksonville, FL.

**1948** (Marvin Peterson) Hannibal Lokumbe, jazz trumpeter and composer (African Portraits), is born in Smithville, TX.

**1949** Denise Gordy, actor (Black Fist) (niece of Barry Gordy, Jr.), is born in Detroit, MI.

**1959** Lee Haney, IFBB (International Federation of Body Building & Fitness) professional bodybuilder, is born in Fairburn, GA.

**1960** Gary Wayne Jones, Major League Baseball coach and Minor League manager, is born in Henderson, TX.

**1961** Ricky Cardell Hunley, National Football League player, is born in Petersburg, VA.

**1963** Jevetta Steele, gospel music singer, is born in Gary, IN.

**1969** Jacinto Damion Easley, Major League Baseball player, is born in New York, NY.

**1971** (Lana Michelle Moorero) MC Lyte, rap artist (Lyte As A Rock), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1973** Guy Levis Grant, founder of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., dies in Indianapolis, IN.

**1974** (Courtney Harris) Gangsta Blac, rap artist (Breakin Da Law), is born in Memphis, TN.

**1974** (Stephen Ellis Garrett) Static Major, rap artist, record producer and member of Playa (Cheers 2 U), is born in Louisville, KY.

**1980** Willie Everette Parker, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Clinton, NC.

**1982** Rudy Ivan, singer with The Drifters, dies in Fargo, ND.

**1983** James Sanders, National Football League player, is born in Porterville, CA.

**1983** Barrington Antonio Irving, first African American to pilot a plane around the world solo, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

**1984** Martin Luther King, Sr., father of Martin Luther King Jr., dies in Atlanta, GA.

**1986** Victor Michael Cruz, National Football League player, is born in Paterson, NJ.

**1987** Channing E. Phillips, first African American placed in nomination for President by a major political party, dies in New York, NY.

**1993** Erskine Ramsey Hawkins, trumpet player and band-leader, dies in Willingboro, NJ

**2014** (Henry Lee Jackson) Big Bank Hank, old school rapper (The Sugar Hill Gang), dies in Englewood, NJ.

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