

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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CAPRICORN - December 22 - January 19



### CAPRICORN The Go Getter

*Patient and wise. Practical and rigid. Ambitious. Tends to be good-looking. Humorous and funny. Can be a bit shy*

*and reserved, often pessimistic. Capricorns tend to act before they think and can be unfriendly at times. Hold grudges. Like competition. Get what they want.*

### Turquoise is the stone for the month of December

In ancient Mexico, turquoise was reserved for the gods and could not be worn by mere mortals. In the 13th century, turquoise was thought to protect its wearer from falling especially from horses. Legend says tears of joy combined with rain seeped into mother earth to become sky stone or turquoise. Native Americans believe that attaching turquoise to a bow would help the arrows hit their mark. In Tibet today, turquoise is by far the most popular of all materials used for personal adornment; it also plays an important part in religious ceremonies. Turquoise was discovered by the Egyptians around 3000 B.C. and was used in their finest jewelry and ornaments.

### December 21

*You are very optimistic, original in your ideas, determined, shrewd, and persevering and usually carry out your plans to a successful completion. You have many real friends and few enemies. You are domestic, fond of children, demonstrative in your love and generally cheerful.*

**1872** Robert Scott Duncanson, landscape artist, dies in Detroit, MI.

**1890** Alexander Thomas Augusta, professor of medicine and US Army's first African American physician in the US, dies in Washington, DC.

**1897** William Washington Browne, founder of Richmond, Virginia's Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers, a fraternal organization, dies in Washington, DC.

**1902** (William) Peetie Wheatstraw, blues singer and piano player, is born in Ripley, TN

**1905** (Babe) Kyron Lemon Turner, blues musician and actor (The Blood of Jesus), is born in Hughes Springs, TX.

**1911** Josh Gibson, Negro League baseball player, is born in Buena Vista, GA.

**1919** Emmett John Rice, governor of the Federal Reserve System and economics professor, is born in Florence, SC.

**1919** George McKinley Treadwell, jazz trumpet player, is born in New Rochelle, NY.

**1920** W.H. Sammon is awarded patent 1,362,823 for a straighten comb.

**1921** (Pinckney Benton Stewart) P.B.S. Pinchback, first African American to become governor of a US state (Louisiana), dies in Washington, DC.

**1925** (William Robert) Billy 'the kid' Emerson, preacher and singer songwriter (Red Hot), is born in Tarpon Springs, FL.

**1928** Larry Darnell, singer (For You My Love), is born in Columbus, OH.

**1931** David Nathaniel Baker, Jr., symphonic jazz composer, is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1934** (Bennie Ross) Hank Crawford, alto saxophonist and songwriter, is born in Memphis, TN.

**1936** Alton R. Walldon, Jr., member of the New York State Senate and judge, is born in Lakeland, FL.

**1940** (Elrod Jerome) Ellie Hendricks, Major League Baseball player, is born in Glen Burnie, MD.

**1941** (William) Peetie Wheatstraw, blues singer and piano player, dies in St. Louis, MO.

**1942** Carla Thomas, singer (Gee Whiz) (daughter of Rufus Thomas), is born in Memphis, TN.

**1943** Frederick M. Jones is awarded patent 2,337,164 for means for automatically stopping and starting gas engines.

**1943** (Gwen Mosley) Gwen McCrae, singer (Rockin' Chair), is born in Pensacola, FL.

**1946** Harvey Johnson, Jr., mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, is born in Vicksburg, MS.

**1947** Elliott Maddox, Major League Baseball player, is born in East Orange, NJ.

**1948** Samuel Leroy Jackson, actor (Pulp Fiction, Jurassic Park, etc), is born in Washington, DC.

**1940** Thomas Isidore Noël Sankara, President of Burkina Faso is born in Yako, French West Africa.

**1949** Larry Bradford, Major League Baseball player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1953** (Bessie Regina Norris) Betty Wright, singer (Clean Up Woman), is born in Miami, FL.

**1958** Harry (The Black Panther) Wills, boxer, dies in New York, NY.



Ora Mae Washington

**1959** (Florence Delorez Griffith) Florence Griffith Joyner track and field athlete, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1963** Clifford 'Grandpappy' Gibson, blues singer and guitarist (Hard Headed Blues), dies in St. Louis, MO.

**1966** Harvey Walden, IV, Marine drill instructor actor and television celebrity (Celebrity Fit Club), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1971** Charlie Fugua, guitarist with The Ink Spots, dies in New Haven, CT.

**1971** Ora Mae Washington, professional tennis player 'Queen of Tennis' is born in Germantown, Philadelphia PA.

**1972** LaTroy Hawkins, Major League Baseball player, is born in Gary, IN.

**1972** Horace Mann Bond, historian, college administrator and father of Julian Bond, dies in Atlanta, GA.

**1979** Arthur McDuffie, killed as a result of injuries suffered at the hands of the Miami-Dade police.

**1981** John Francis Spence, founding member of the Ska band No Doubt, dies in Anaheim, CA.

**1983** John Claiborn Mayberry, Jr. Major League Baseball player, is born in Kansas City, MO.

**1989** Mark Ingram, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Hackensack, NJ.

**1992** Alex Quaison-Sackey, first African to serve as president of the United Nations General Assembly, dies in Accra, Ghana.

**1992** Albert King blues guitarist and singer (Born Under a Bad Sign), dies in Memphis, TN.

**1997** Johnny Coles, jazz trumpeter, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

**2000** (Florynce Rae) Flo Kennedy, lawyer and actor (The Landlord) and author (Color Me Flo: My Hard Life and Good Times), dies.

### December 22

*A keen sense of humor is your chief characteristic. You are generous, kind-hearted, affectionate and careful to never hurt another's feelings. You are sociable vivacious and energetic, independent and commanding. Through your efforts you will have a happy home life.*

**1921** Pierre Caliste Landry, slave, attorney and Methodist Episcopal minister (first African American to be elected as mayor of Donaldsonville) and member of the Louisiana State Senate, dies in Louisiana.

**1924** Arthur Fletcher, "father of affirmative action," is born in Phoenix, AZ.

**1934** Wallace Henry Thurman, author (The Blacker The Berry), dies in New York, NY.

**1939** (Gertrude Pridgett) Ma Rainey, blues singer, dies in Rome, GA.

**1939** Jerry Pinkney, illustrator of children's book and the African American US postage series, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1940** Janet Langhart, model, television journalist and author (Anne and Emmett) is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1940** (Elrod Jerome) Ellie Hendricks, Major League Baseball player, is born in Charlotte Amalie, US Virgin Islands.

**1946** (Donald Weems) Kuwasi Balagoon, member of the Black Liberation Army, is born.

**1948** (Cherlynnne Theresa) Lynne Thigpen, actor (Carmen Sandiego), is born in Joliet, IL.

**1951** Crystal Davis peoples-Stokes, member of the New York State Assembly, is born in Buffalo, NY.

**1951** (Jacob Daniel) Dan 'Jake' Martin, actor (Malcolm in the Middle), is born.

**1953** Bern Nadette Stanis (Stanislaus), actor (Good Times), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1954** (Kenneth Francis) Ken Landreaux, Major League Baseball player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1955** Lonnie Smith, Major League Baseball player, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1956** Percival Everett, novelist (The Weather and Women Treat Me Fair: Stories), is born in Fort Gordon, GA.

**1958** George DeWitt Wright, Major League Baseball player, is born in Oklahoma City, OK.

**1960** Tyrell Biggs, professional heavyweight boxer, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1960** Jean-Michel Basquiat, graffiti artist, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1960** (Luther R. Campbell) Luke Skywalker, actor and rap artist with 2 Live Crew (As Nasty As We Wanna Be), is born in Miami, FL.

**1963** Roy Palmer, jazz trombonist, dies in Chicago, IL.

**1964** (Michael Ray) Mike Jackson, Major League Baseball player, is born in Houston, TX.

**1969** Michelle Thomas, actor (The Cosby Show and Family Matters), dies in New York, NY.

**1970** Grady Brewer, Light Middleweight professional boxer, is born in Lawton, OK.

**1972** Darian 'Big Tigger' Morgan, television and radio personality (106 & Park), is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1973** Stanley Jerome Pritchett, National Football League player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1986** Jeffery Wood, rap artist and actor (In The House), is born in San Diego, CA.

**1986** Hulan Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, dies in New York, NY.

**1989** (Maniche Gauthier) Ma'Niche, singer (Glasses Up), is born in New York, NY.

**1989** Jordin Brianna Sparks, singer and winner of American Idol, is born in Phoenix, AZ.

**1995** (Thelma) Butterfly McQueen, actor (Gone with the Wind), dies in Augusta, GA.

**2008** (Kofi Ghanaba) Guy Warren of Ghana, inventor of Afro jazz, is born in Greater Accra, Ghana.

**2008** (Lander McCoy) Coy Bacon, National Football League player, dies in Ironton, OH.

**2012** Marva (Ann Manning) Whitney, funk singer (It's My Thing, You Can't Tell Me Who to Sock It To), dies in Kansas City, KS.

### December 23

*You are blessed with a keen insight. You are capable and have much ability, generous in your judgment and always willing to help someone. You are alert, cautious, confident and successful in all your undertakings. You have many proven friends. You will not fall in love at first sight.*

**1919** (Joseph Woodman) Joe Lutcher, saxophonist and bandleader (Shuffle Woogie), is born in Lake Charles, LA.

**1925** George Edwin Taylor, candidate of the National Negro Liberty Party for the office of president of the US, dies in Jacksonville, FL.

**1929** (Isaac Lolette) Ike Jones, first African American graduate of UCLA Film School and first African American producer of a major motion picture (A Man Called Adam), is born in Santa Monica, CA.

**1935** (Esther Mae Jones) Little Esther Phillips blues singer (Release Me), is born in Galveston, TX.

**1936** (William Vernell) Willie Wood, National Football League player, is born in Washington, DC.

**1940** Eugene Record, lead singer with The Chi-Lites (Have You Seen Her), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1943** (Ronald Frederick) Ron Allen, Major League Baseball player, is born in Wampum, PA.

**1943** (David LaFrance) Dave May, Major League Baseball player, is born in New Castle, DE.

**1953** Jerry Manuel 'The Sage' Major League Baseball manager, is born in Hahira, GA.

**1963** Milton J. Barney, National Football League and Arena Football League player, is born in Gulfport, MS.

**1963** Terry Wayne Weeks, singer with The Temptations, is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1976** Blenda Glen Bay, National Football League player, dies in Camden, NJ.

**1976** Joanna Dove Hayes, gold medal winner in the 100 metres hurdles at the 2004 Summer Olympics, is born in Williamsport, PA.

**1977** Shawn Anthony Chacon, Major league Baseball player, is born in Anchorage, AK.

**1978** Victor Jesus Martinez, Major League Baseball player, is born in Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela.

**1981** Maritza Correia, Olympic swimmer, is born in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**1983** Paul Irons, National Football League player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1990** Wendell Scott, stock car racer who was the first African American driver to win a NASCAR Winston Cup, dies in Danville, VA.

**1992** (Edward Earl) Eddie Hazel, guitarist with Parliament-Funk, dies in Plainfield, NJ.

**1996** Gabrielle Faith Andrews, professional tennis player, is born in West Covina, CA.

**1997** Jackie Laundry Jackson, singer with The Chantels (Maybe), dies in New York, NY.

**2004** Wilmer Joseph Harris, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

**2005** Truman Kella Gibson, lawyer and member of the Black Cabinet, dies in Chicago, IL.

**2007** Oscar Emmanuel Peterson, jazz pianist and composer, dies in Mississauga, Ontario Canada.

**2013** (William Emanuel Huddleston) Yusef Abdul Lateef, jazz multi-instrumentalist, dies in Shutesbury, MA.

**Birthdays:** Alvin Darling, gospel singer and Montsho Eshe, singer with Arrested Development.

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