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CAPRICORN - December 22 - January 19



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 28

You are energetic, shrewd and diplomatic, courteous and obliging, make friends easily and are generally well liked. You are sincere and frank and do not stoop to gain a point. You are gentle and patient in your home and endeavor to make it happy and pleasant.

1903 Earl 'Fatha' Hines, pianist, composer and considered the "Father of Modern Jazz Piano," is born in Duquesne, PA.

1910 Billy Williams, singer (I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter), is born in Waco, TX.

1914 (Roebuck) Pop Staples, singer, guitarist and father to the Staple Singers, is born in Winona, MS.

1918 George Henry White, US Congressman from North Carolina, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1921 (Ioannis Alexandros Veliotes) Johnny Otis, singer and songwriter (Every Beat of My Heart), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1925 Apolo Milton Obote, socialist and Prime Minister who led Uganda towards independence from the British colonial administration, is born in Apac District, Uganda.

1926 Donna Lubbertha Hightower, singer (This World Today is a Mess), is born in Caruthersville, MO.

1932 (Grace Dell) Nichelle Nichols, actress (Uhura on Star Trek), is born in Robbins, IL.

1938 (Frank Isaac Robinson) Sugar Chile Robinson blues and boogie-woogie pianist and singer, is born in Detroit, MI.

1938 Charles Neville, singer and saxophonist with the group The Neville Brothers, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1940 Alvin Singleton, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra resident composer, is born in New York, NY.

1940 Lonnie Liston Smith, keyboardist, is born in Richmond, VA.

1949 Ivie Anderson, big band vocalist, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1949 John David Milner, Major League Baseball player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1953 Martha Wash, singer as Two Tons of Fun later renamed The Weather Girls (It's Raining Men), is born in San Francisco, CA.

1954 Denzel Washington, actor, is born in Mount Vernon, NY.

1954 Gayle King, co-anchor of CBS This Morning and editor-at-large for The Oprah Magazine, is born in Chevy Chase, MD.

1958 James Brooks, National Football League player, is born in Warner Robins, GA.

1966 John Lewis Harvey, National Football League player, is born in Spring Valley, NY.

1970 James S. Jett, National Football League player, is born in Charles Town, WV.

1973 Shawn Harrison, actor (Family Matters), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1976 (Frederick Christian) Freddie King, blues guitarist and singer, dies in Dallas, TX.

1978 John Legend, singer and actor, is born in Springfield, OH.

1979 (William Leonard) Bill Hall, Major League Baseball player, is born in Nettleton, MS.

1982 Cedric Myron Benson, National Football League player, is born in Midland, TX.

1984 Eddie 'Bongo' Brown, musician in the Motown house band, dies in Los Angeles, CA.



Gayle King

1999 Roy E. Galpion, Jr., President of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club and Councilperson, dies in New Orleans, LA.

2000 Dannieball Hall, gospel singer (Take Me Back), dies.

2006 Dinerral 'Dick' Shavers, jazz drummer, educator and founding member of the Hot 8 Brass Band, dies in New Orleans, LA.

2012 Jayne Cortez, small press publisher and poet (Daughters of Africa), dies in New York, NY.

2012 Martin G. 'Marty' Barnes, first African American Mayor of Paterson, New Jersey, dies in Pennsylvania.

2013 (Etta Drucille) Sheila Guyse, singer and actor (Sepia Cinderella), dies in New York, NY.

2013 (Glenn Thomas) Doe B, rap artist (Trap Life), dies in Montgomery, AL.

December 29

You are resourceful, original and courageous; competent in handling details and have considerable executive ability. You love good literature, music and art and are an interesting and amusing entertainer. Your love is strong and constant.

1900 Willie James Humphrey, jazz clarinetist, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1905 (Lawrence Leo) Snub Mosley, trombonist, is born in Little Rock, AR.

1913 Anderson Ruffin Abbott, first African American Canadian to be licensed as a physician, dies in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1917 Tom Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, California, is born in Calvert, TX.

1929 Susie Garrett, actor (Punky Brewster), is born in Detroit, MI.

1930 Walter L. Cohen, Sr., Republican politician and businessman, dies in New Orleans, LA.

1935 Margaret L. Carter, member of the Oregon Legislative Assembly, is born in Shreveport, LA.

1937 (Bertha Bowman) Thea Bowman, Roman Catholic Franciscan nun and public speaker, is born in Yazoo City, MS.

1939 Kelly Miller, mathematician, sociologist and newspaper columnist and the first African American student to be admitted to Johns Hopkins University, dies in Washington, DC.

1941 Willie Albert Williams, National Football League player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1944 Bobby William Austin, sociologist and writer (Wake Up and Start to Live: An Analysis of a Gallop Poll and a Statistical Profile of African American Men, 1990-2000), is born in Bowling Green, KY.

1948 (Jacqueline Cullum) Jacky Cullum Chisholm, gospel singer, is born in Detroit, MI.

1950 (Joseph Wiley) Joe Gilliam, National Football League player, is born in Charleston, WV.

1951 Yvonne Marianne Elliman, singer (If I Can't Have You) and actor (Jesus Christ Superstar) is born in Honolulu, HI.

1952 (James) Fletcher (Hamilton) Henderson, jazz bandleader dies in New York, NY.

1953 (Jo Anne Hart) Mother Love, television host (Forgive or Forget), is born in Cleveland, OH.

1953 Charlaime 'Charlayne' Woodard, actor and playwright (In Real Life), is born in Albany, NY.

1953 Stanley 'Tookie' Williams, co-founder of the Crips, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1959 Mervyn 'Swervin Mervyn' Fernandez, National and Canadian Football League player, is born in Merced, CA.

1962 (Devon Markes White) (Whyte) Devo, Major League Baseball player, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1964 Kimberly Russell, actor (Head of the Class), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1967 (Anthony Lewis) Tony Tolbert, National Foot-

ball League player, is born in Tuskegee, AL.

1968 William Thomas Valerio Fontaine, philosopher and teacher at University of Pennsylvania, dies.

1968 (Derek Murphy) Sadat X, rap artist with Brand Nubian, is born in The Bronx, NY.

1970 Dallas L. Austin, songwriter, record producer and musician, is born in Columbus, GA.

1973 Tomas Orlando Perez, Major League Baseball player, is born in Barquisimeto, Lara State Venezuela.

1974 Emil Quincy Brown, Major League Baseball player, is born in Chicago, IL.

1974 Mekhi Thira Phifer, actor (ER), is born in Harlem, NY.

1977 Laveranues Leon Coles, National Football League player, is born in Jacksonville, FL.

1978 LaToya Renee London, actor and singer (third season of American Idol), is born in San Francisco, CA.

1981 Ericka Dunlap, first African America to be crowned Miss Florida and Miss American 2004, is born in Orlando, FL.

1984 Alan Keith Branch, National Football League player, is born in Rio Rancho, NM.

1987 Major Culbert, Canadian Football League player, is born in Harbor City, CA.

1987 Ulysses Kae Williams, deejay, theater and night club critic and manager dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1990 Goree Carter, singer and guitarist (Rock Awhile) dies in Houston, TX.

2008 Freddie Hubbard, trumpeter, dies in Sherman Oaks, CA.

2011 Robert Lee Dickey, singing due with James Purify (I'm Your Puppet), dies in Tallahassee, FL.

Birthdays: Gwen Dickey, singer with Rose Royce is born in Biloxi, MS and Emanuel LeBlanc, singer with GQ.

December 30

You are studious, intellectual, cautious, and discreet and have a keen and alert mind. You are considerate of others, shrewd and honest, love travel and out-of-door sports. Your home is dear to you and your love is strong and ardent.

1928 (Ellas Otha Bates) Bo Diddley, guitarist and songwriter, is born in McComb, MS.

1939 Kim Weston, singer (Take Me In Your Arms - Rock Me a Little While), is born in Detroit, MI.

1956 Sheryl Lee Ralph, actor (Mo'Nique), is born in Waterbury, CT.

1951 Chris H. Jasper, keyboards and Moog synthesizer with the Isley Brothers, is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1952 Willie Lee Brown, blues guitar player and vocalist, dies in Tunica, MS.

1957 Harlan Huckleby, National Football League player, is born in Detroit, MI.

1959 Paul Milton Jackson, Jr., guitarist and session musician, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1962 Roosevelt Graves, blues guitarist and singer (Crazy About My Baby), dies in Gulfport, MS.

1970 Mark 'Traa' Daniels, bass guitarist (P.O.D.), is born in Cleveland, OH.

1971 Daniel Sunjata (Condon) actor (Rescue Me), is born in Evanston, IL.

1977 Laila Amaria "She Bee Stingin" Ali, boxer and daughter of Muhammad Ali, is born in Miami Beach, FL.

1978 Tyrese (Darnell Gibson) singer and actor (Baby Boy), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1982 Monica Hargrove, track and field athlete specializing in the 200- and 400- meter dash, is born in New Haven, CT.

1983 Cedrick Holt, National Football League player, is born in Wadesboro, NC.

1984 LaBron Raymone James, National Basketball Association player, is born in Akron, OH.

1986 Era Bell Thompson, editor of Ebony magazine dies in Chicago, IL.

1992 John Orozco, Gymnast is born in The Bronx, NY.

1995 Clarence 'Satch' Satchell, saxophone/guitar with The Ohio Players (Fire) dies.

1998 (John Alfred Moore) Johnny Moore, singer with The Drifters dies in London, England.

2001 (Frances Gay) Frankie Gaye, singer (Extraordinary Girl) (brother of Marvin Gaye) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2003 Samuel M. Nabrit, first African American appointed to the US Atomic Energy Commission dies in Provident, RI.

2008 Bernie Hamilton, actor (One Potato, Two Potato) (brother of Chico Hamilton) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2009 Bessie Virginia Blount Griffin, inventor, forensic scientist and the first African American woman to work at Scotland Yard is born in Hickory, VA.

2012 Arthur J. Bond, founding member of the National Society of Black Engineers dies.

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