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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.

Garnet is the stone for the month of January

Jewelry from Egypt dating back as far as 3100 B.C. contained garnet stones. It was believed garnet would protect its wearer from enemies and could illuminate the darkness. Noah reportedly used a garnet lantern to illuminate the ark and guide it safely through the darkness of night. According to legend, East Indians rubbed garnet on themselves to obtain glowing qualities. Garnet is to symbolize happiness and deep enduring friendships and to spark creativity. Garnet is believed to rid the body of negative energy and emotions. It is thought to stimulate the desire and fortitude that it takes to connect to decisions. Native American tribes believed garnet had medicinal powers. They also used garnet in jewelry and to decorate shields, dream catchers and many other items.

January 11

You are kind, loyal and winsome, be secretive. Once you become a friend it is for all time. However, in your fidelity you are apt to overlook serious faults in these friendships. You will find success in business, politics or teachings. You will make a happy and congenial marriage

1904 Raymond Gunn, killed by a mob in Maryville, Missouri, is born in Maryville, MO.

1924 Theophilus Gould Steward, US Army chaplain and Buffalo Soldier, dies in Wilberforce, OH.

1924 (Slim Harpo) (James Moore) Harmonica Slim, blues musician, is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

1942 Jim Vance, television news anchor (WRC-TV in Washington, DC), is born in Ardmore, PA.

1942 Clarence Anicholas Clemons, saxophonist with the E-Street Band, is born in Norfolk, VA.

1953 (Imp the Dimp) (Henry Johnson) Big Bank Hank rap artist with The Sugarhill Gang (Rapper's Delight), is born in The Bronx, NY.

1954 Eugene Kinckle Jones, one of the founders of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and first Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, dies in Flushing Queens, NY.

1957 Tony Pearson, bodybuilding champion, is born in Memphis, TN.

1957 Darryl Dawkins, National Basketball Association player, is born in Orlando, FL.

1959 Lloyd Glenn McCleendon, Major League Baseball player and manager, is born in Gary, IN.

1961 Charlotte Hawkins Brown, educator and founder of the Palmer Memorial Institute, dies in Greensboro, NC.

1962 Kim Coles, actor (Living Single) comedian and author (I'm Free but It Weill Cost You), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1965 (Belinda) Teal Marchande, actor (Keenan & Kel), is born in Lansing, MI.

1966 Vernon Ferdinand Dehmer, Sr., president of the Forest County Chapter of the NAACP whose house was firebombed, dies in Hattisburg, MS.

1969 (Charmayne) Maxee Maxwell, singer with Brownstone (When I Look Into Your Eyes), is born in Guyana.

1970 Malcolm D. Lee, actor and film director (Undercover Brother) (cousin of film director Spike Lee), is born.

1971 Mary J. Blige, vocalist and songwriter (What's the 411?), is born in The Bronx, NY.

1972 Jermaine Lamont Allensworth, Major League Baseball player, is born in Anderson, IN.

1973 Rockmond Dunbar, actor (Soul Food), is born in Berkeley, CA.

1977 Stockar McDougle, National Football League player, is born in Pompano Beach, FL.

1977 Nadia Turner, actor, songwriter and singer (fourth season of American Idol), is born in Miami, FL.

1981 Muhammed Lawal, mixed martial artist and professional wrestler, is born in Murfreesboro, TN.

1989 DeMario Davis, National Football League player, is born in Collins, MS.

1991 Davon Coleman, National Football League player, is born in Cleveland, OH.

1992 Brianna Perry, rap artist (Girl Talk), is born in Miami-Dade County, FL.

2001 Wanda Jean Allen, first African American woman to be executed in the US since 1954, dies in Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester OK.

2004 Anthony 'Tuba Fats' Lacen, jazz, tubist dies in New Orleans, LA.



Shonda Rhimes

January 12

Your originality to everything you do will, if cultivated, bring you happiness and remuneration. Your children will be mechanically inclined or artistic. You are naturally robust and strong and if you take care of yourself, you will never have any serious illness.

1904 (Mississippi) Fred McDowell, blues singer and guitarist, is born in Rossville, TN.

1916 Jay McShann, bandleader, pianist and singer, is born in Muskogee, OK.

1920 James L. Farmer, activist and founder of Congress of racial Equality (C.O.R.E.), is born in Marshall, TX.

1928 Ruth Brown, singer (Mama, He Treats Your Daughter Mean) and actress, is born in Portsmouth, VA.

1929 Willie Francis, first recipient of a failed execution by electrocution, is born in St. Martinville, LA.

1931 Raymond Gunn is killed by a mob in Maryville, Missouri, dies in Maryville, MO.

1931 (Roland) Rolando Alphonso, tenor saxophonist and founding member of The Skatalites, is born in Havana, Cuba.

1941 (Charles) Olu Dara (Jones), cornet play, guitarist, playwright and actor (Blues Rooms) and father of rap artist Naz, is born in Natchez, MS.

1944 Joe Frazier, professional heavyweight boxer, is born in Beauford, SC.

1946 André De Shields, singer, choreographer and actor (The Me Nobody Knows), is born in Baltimore, MD.

1946 Cynthia Robinson, trumpeter with Sly & the Family Stone, is born in Sacramento, CA.

1946 George Duke, singer, composer and pianist, is born in San Rafael, CA.

1950 Sheila Jackson Lee, US Representative from Texas, is born in Jamaica, Queens NY.

1951 Bill 'Mad Dog' Madlock, Jr., Major League Baseball player, is born in Memphis, TN.

1952 Walter Ellis Mosley, novelist (Devil In A Blue Dress), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1953 Terry Bertland Whitfield, Major League Baseball player, is born in Blythe, CA.

1954 Francis Cecil Sumner, first African American to receive a Ph.D. in psychology, dies in Washington, DC.

1956 (Samuel) Sam E. Langford, professional boxer, dies in Cambridge, MA.

1960 (Marcelino Manuel de Graca) (Charles Manuel) Sweet Daddy Grace, founder and first bishop of the United House of Prayer for all People, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1960 (Jacques) Dominique Wilkins, Women National Basketball Association player, is born in Paris, France.

1965 Lorraine Hansberry, author and playwright (A Raisin In The Sun), dies in New York, NY.

1966 Gene Lake, drummer, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1970 (Corey Woods) Raekwon, rap artist with Wu Tang Clan, is born in New York, NY.

1971 Vernon 'The Viper' Forrest, professional welterweight boxer, is born in Augusta, GA.

1973 (Zuwena) ZZ Packer, author (Drinking Coffee Elsewhere), is born in Chicago, IL.

1977 (Reginald Tremain) Reggie Taylor, Major League Baseball player, is born in Newberry, SC.

1978 Clara E. Beverly, first African American nurse to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from The Catholic University of America, dies.

1979 Jarvis Green, National Football League player, is born in Thibodaux, LA.

1980 (Mi Marie Rogers) Amerie recording artist (1 Thing) and actor (First Daughter), is born in Washington, DC.

1982 Dontrelle Wayne Willis (The D-Train), Major League Baseball player, is born in Oakland, CA.

1984 Chaunté Lowe (Howard), athlete who competes in the high jump in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics, is born in Templeton, CA.

1986 (Robert Garnell) Bob Kaufman, surrealist and poet (All Those Ships that Never Sailed) (coined the term 'beatnik'), dies.

1986 Eddie Solomon Jr., Major League Baseball player, dies in Macon, GA.

1987 Hamady Barro N'Diaye, National Basketball Association player, is born in Dakar, Senegal.

1996 Thomas Anderson, actor (The Learning Tree), dies in Englewood, NJ.

2000 Richard 'Dimples' Fields, singer (If it Ain't One Things, It's Another), dies in Novato, CA.

2003 Clarence H. 'Du' Burns, first African American mayor of Baltimore, Maryland, dies in Baltimore, MD.

2007 Alice Coltrane (McLeod), jazz pianist, organist and harpist and wife of John Coltrane, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2008 Betty McGlown-Travis, singer with The Primettes, later known as The Supremes, dies in Royal Oak, Oakland County MI.

2008 Gwendolyn T. Britt, member of the Maryland State Senate, dies in Washington, DC.

Birthday: Robert 'Lurch' Jackson, trumpet player with New Birth (Its Been A Long Time)

January 13

You are usually energetic, independent, ambitious and pre-serving. Unless working for themselves people of this nature gain nothing when tied to others. By gaining poise and control of your temper you will be happier and more successful in your business and social life.

1919 Milton Pitts Crenshaw, aviator who was successfully trained by the federal government as a civilian licensed pilot, is born in Little Rock, AR.

1923 Pinkie Gordon Lane, poet (first African American Louisiana State Poet Laureate) and author (Wind Thoughts), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1926 Melba Doretta Liston, first woman jazz trombonist to play in big bands, is born in Kansas City, MO.

1930 Bobby Lester, singer with The Moonglows (Sincerely), is born in Louisville, KY.

1935 Allister Bain, theatre playwright, screenwriter and actor (Doctor Who), is born in Grenada.

1942 Bobby Jones, author (A Joyful Passion for Teaching) and first African American to earn tenure at Mercer University, is born.

1943 Willie 'Loco' Alexander, singer and keyboardist (The Velvet Underground), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1943 Boris Gardiner, singer, songwriter and bass guitarist, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1946 Etta McDaniel, actor (King Kong), and sister of Hattie McDaniel dies.

1952 Geoffrey Canada, education and president and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, is born in The Bronx, NY.

1953 Odell Jones, Major League Baseball player, is born in Tulare, CA.

1953 Christopher Edley, Jr., Dean of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, is born in Boston, MA.

1956 Janet Louise Hubert-Whitten, actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air), is born in Chicago.

1958 (Michael Anthony) Mike Madden, Major League Baseball player, is born in Denver, CO.

1961 Kevin Hales, professional footballer player and coach, is born in Dartford, England.

1962 Kevin Darnell Mitchell, Major League Baseball player, is born in San Diego.

1963 (Conrad Yeatis) Sonny Clark, jazz pianist, dies in New York City.

1970 Shonda Rhimes, screenwriter, director and executive producer (Grey's Anatomy), is born in Chicago.

1971 (William T.) Willie Lewis, jazz clarinetist and bandleader, dies in New York City.

1972 (Byron) Bam Morris, National Football League player, is born in Cooper, TX.

1972 (Brandt Jones) B-Legit, rap artist ("Aint Hard 2 Find), is born in Vallejo, CA.

1972 Christopher 'Big Black' Boykin, entertainer and musician (Rob & Big), is born in Wiggins, MS.

1976 (Robert) Rob Redding, Jr., radio talk show host, author and journalist (Redding News Review), is born in Atlanta.

1978 Jwaundace 'JC' Candece *Belcher), professional wrestler, stuntwoman and actor (Resurrection), is born in Birmingham, AL.

1979 Donny Hathaway, composer, singer and pianist, dies in New York City.

1980 LaKisha Ann Jones, singer (sixth season of American Idol), is born in Flint, MI.

1985 Jerome Heartwell 'Brod' Holland, first African American to play football at Cornell University, dies in New York City.

1988 Delano Johnson, Canadian Football League player, is born in Baltimore.

1988 (Joshua Tyler) Josh Freeman, National Football League player, is born in Kansas City, MO.

1989 Sterling Allen Brown, author of folklore and poet (Southern Road), dies in Washington, DC.

1992 (William Lamont) Will Smith, Canadian Football League player, is born in Riverside, CA.

1995 Qaasim Asani Malik Seawright-Middleton, actor (The Naked Brothers), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

2002 Charity Edna Adams Earley, first African American woman to be an officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp (WACS), dies in Dayton, OH.

2006 Mary Beatrice Davidson Kenner, inventor (patent # 4,354,643 sanitary belt) dies.

Birthdays: Leslie Pace, gospel singer with the Pace Sisters and Linda James, singer with Love Unlimited.

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