

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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AQUARIUS - January 20 - February 18



*Aquarius – The Sweetheart
Optimistic and honest. Sweet personality. Very independent. Inventive and intelligent. Friendly and loyal. Can seem unemotional. Can be a bit rebellious. Very stubborn, but original and unique. Attractive on the inside and out. Eccentric personality.*

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 25

A born leader, you should strive to make the most of this gift. With your friendly nature you will be surrounded with congenial friends and your home life will be a constant inspiration. Take care that anger and jealousy do not get the better of your otherwise good judgment.

1917 Floyd Smith, jazz guitarist, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1929 Benny Golson, saxophonist, composer (Killer Joe), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1933 (Malcolm) Little Mack Simmons, blues harmonica player, singer and songwriter (High & Lonesome), is born in Twist, AR.

1938 (Jamesetta Hawkins) Etta James, singer (At Last), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1942 Carl Eller, National Football League player, is born in Winston-Salem, NC.

1943 Ron Van Clief, martial artist, actor and choreographer (The Last Dragon), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1949 Sheila Crump Johnson, co-founder of BET and CEO of Salamander Hotels and Resorts and first African American female billionaire, is born in McKeesport, PA.

1950 Gloria Naylor, writer (The Women of Brewster Place), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1954 Condredge Holloway, Jr., Canadian Football League player, is born in Huntsville, AL.

1959 Mark 'Super' Duper, National Football League player, is born in Moreauville, LA.

1957 Jenifer Jeanette Lewis, actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air), is born in Kinloch, MO.

1959 Donnie McClurkin, gospel music singer, is born in Louisville, MS.

1961 Roger Winston Yuan, martial arts instructor, stunt performer and actor, is born in Carbondale, IL.

1969 Kina (Casper), songwriter and singer (Girl from the Gutter), is born in Detroit, MI.

1972 Tanika Ray, television personality (Head 2 Toe), is born in Washington, DC.

1974 Nora Douglas Holt, singer, composer and music critic (Chicago Defender), is born in Kansas City, KS.

1976 Chris Kenner, singer (I Like It Like That), dies in New Orleans, LA.

1950 Jesse Miller, Jr., jazz trumpeter and bandleader, dies.

1980 Justin Fargas, National Football League player, is born in Encino, CA.

1981 (Alicia Augello Cook) Alicia Keys, singer, is born in New York, NY.

1985 (Yannique De Lisle Barker) Stack\$ hip-hop musician (CraZee & Confued), is born in Miami, FL.

1993 Bert Andrews, photographer with the Negro Ensemble Company, dies in New York, NY.

1999 (Sarah Louise) Sadie Delany, educator who, along with her sister Bessie, wrote Having Our Say, dies in Mount Vernon, NY.

2004 (James Roland) J.R. Mitchell, jazz drummer, educator and composer (Walls of Africa Suite), dies in New York, NY.

2005 James Bassett, singer with Shep & The Limelites (Daddy's Home), dies in Richmond, VA.

2006 (Doris Jean Harrell) Dee Edwards, singer (I Can Deal With That), dies in Detroit, MI.

January 26

Endowed with a great personal magnetism you will always be surrounded by many people. Enjoy them! Your affections are not very deep, except to one you will choose for your life partner. You are a true and loyal friend.

1926 John Ayers Merritt, college football head coach (Jackson State University and Tennessee State University),



Benny Golson

is born in Falmouth, KY.

1932 (Clement Seymour) Sir Coxsome Dodd, record producer influential in the development of ska and reggae, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1934 Huey Piano Smith, pianist (Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu), is born in New Orleans.

1934 The Apollo Theatre in Harlem, NY, starts its first live show.

1935 Ivan Gladstone Van Sertima, associate professor and actor (They Came Before Columbus), is born in Karina Village, British Guiana.

1942 (William Henry) Bill Francis, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Chicago.

1943 (Thomas Randolph Bell) Tom Bell, record producer is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1943 Sherian Grace Cadoria, first African American female General in the US Army, is born in Marksville, LA.



Angela Davis

1944 Angela Davis, political activist and professor, is born in Birmingham, AL.

1958 Anita Baker, singer, is born in Toledo, OH.

1963 (Trevor Beresford Romeo) Jazzie B, rap artist for Soul II Soul, is born in London, England.

1965 (Elwood) Bingo DeMoss, Negro League Baseball player and manager, dies in Chicago.

1965 (Arthur) Louis Frazier, Major League Baseball player, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1968 Eric Way Davis, National Football League player, is born in Anniston, AL.

1969 Layon Gray, writer, director of stage plays (Black Angels Over Tuskegee), is born in Alexandria, LA.

1969 Edwin T. Pratt, director of the Seattle Urban League is assassinated in Shoreline, WA.

1970 Kirk Dwayne Franklin, gospel music singer and author, is born in Fort Worth, TX.

1971 Dorian Gregory, actor and a host of Soul Train, is born in Washington, DC.

1971 (Tyrone) Tye Tribbett, gospel singer, is born in Camden, NJ.

1973 (Walter) W. Kamau Bell, standup comic and television host, is born in Palo Alto, CA.

1975 (Hilton Edward) Eddie Booker, professional boxer, dies.

1977 (Vincent Lamar) Vince Carter, National Basketball Association player, is born in Daytona Beach, FL.

1977 Quentin Hugh Harris, National Football League player, is born in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

1981 Ronald Edmund Dupree, Jr., National Basketball Association player, is born in Biloxi, MS.

1982 (Reginald Aaron) Reggie Hodges, National Football League player, is born in Champagne, IL.

1986 Donnie Elbert, singer (What Can I Do) and later A&R director for Polygram Record Canadian division, dies in Philadelphia.

1987 Jemile Weeks, Major League Baseball player, is born in Orlando, FL.

1988 Da'Sean Butler, professional basketball player, is

born in Newark, NJ.

1989 Jerron 'Blind Boy' Paxton, blues musician and vocalist, is born in Los Angeles.

1989 (Gabrielle Montoya) Gabby Mayo, springer specializing in the 100 meters, is born in Raleigh, NC.

1990 Christopher Michael Massey, actor (Zoey 101), is born in Nashville, TN.

1991 Tyler Patmon, National Football League player, is born in Round Rock, TX.

1996 Henry Jay Lewis, double bassist and orchestral conductor, dies in Echo Park, CA.

1998 Leeah Deneen Jackson, actor (The Shield), is born in St. Louis, MO.

2009 John Isaacs, professional basketball player (New York Renaissance), dies in New York City.

2011 Gladys Catherine Horton, singer with The Marvelettes, dies in Sherman Oaks, CA.

2013 (Leroy Roosevelt) Sugarfoot Bonner, guitarist and vocalist with The Ohio Players, dies in Trotwood

January 27

You may have great ambition and desires and they will take you far. If you accept the help of others as you go along, instead of trampling them under foot. Accept love as it comes to you even when you think it retards you upward struggle.

1851 John James Audubon, ornithologist and painter, dies in New York, NY.

1866 Clarence 'Waxey' Williams, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Harrisburg, PA.

1869 Will Marion Cook, composer (In Dahomey), is born in Washington, DC.

1894 (Frederick Douglass) Fritz Pollard first African American football coach in the National Football League, is born in Chicago.

1901 William Michael Bright, zoologist, biologist and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy, Meharry Medical College, is born in Elizabeth City, NC.

1910 Charlie Holmes, jazz clarinet and symphony oboe player, is born.

1914 Jack Chase, profession middleweight boxer, is born in Sherman, TX.

1918 Elmore James, blues singer (Shake Your Money Maker), is born in Richland, Holmes County MS.

1930 Bobby 'Blue' Bland, 'The Lion of the Blues', is born in Rosemark, TN.

1937 Bruce Tate, baritone singer with The Penguins (Earth Angel), is born.

1939 Julius Lester, author (To Be a Slave), is born in St. Louis, MO.

1941 Bobby Hutcherson, vibraphonist, is born in Los Angeles.

1942 John Witherspoon, actor (Friday), is born in Detroit, MI.

1946 Nedra Talley, singer with the Ronettes, is born in New York City.

1952 (Ronald E.) Ron Richardson, actor and operatic baritone (Big River), is born in Philadelphia.

1953 Celso Machado, African Brazilian singer and composer (The Magic Circle: Music for Two Guitars), is born in Ribeiro Preto, San Paulo, Brazil.

1955 Pheeroan akLaff, jazz drummer, is born in Detroit, MI.

1955 Wesley Cox, National Basketball Association player, is born in Louisville, KY.

1957 Harry A. Davis, National Basketball Association player, is born in Cleveland, OH.

1958 James Broad, professional heavyweight boxer (Broad Axe), is born.

1971 (Jonathan Mortimer Day) Lil Jon, rap artist, is born in Atlanta.

1971 (Elmer) Simms Campbell, the first African American cartoonist to work for nation publications, (New Yorker, Esquire, i.e.), dies in White Plains, NY.

1972 Aaron Sparrow, Arena Football League player, is born in Portsmouth, VA.

1972 Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, dies in Evergreen Park, IL.

1973 (Yewande) Andi Osho, standup comedian and actor (EastEnders), is born in Plaistow, London, England.

1976 (Frederick Antwon) Fred Taylor, National Football League player, is born in Pahokee, FL.

1981 Julius Cheeks, gospel singer, with the Nightingales dies.

1984 Devetta Sherwood, actor (The Young and the Restless), is born in Mount Vernon, NY.

1990 (Timothy Lamar) Tim Beckham, Major League Baseball player, is born in Griffin, GA.

1992 William Franklin Walker actor (To Kill a Mockingbird), dies in Woodland Hills, CA.

2005 Eddie Burks, blues harmonica player and singer, dies in Miller, IN.

2006 Gene MacFadden, singer with Mac Fadden and Whitehead (Ain't No Stopping Us Now), dies in Philadelphia.

2008 Alan Greg Rogers, gay ordained pastor, US Army Major and intelligence officer, dies in by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq.

2010 Lee Andrew Archer, Jr., a Tuskegee Airman, dies in New York City.

2012 (Katherine McDonald Wimp) Kay Davis, jazz singer with Duke Ellington, dies in Florida.

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