

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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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.

Amethyst is the stone for the month of February

In the Middle Ages Amethyst was thought to encourage celibacy, and as a result became important in the ornamentation of churches. Amethyst, according to Leonardo Da Vinci, is able to increase intelligence and dissolve evil thoughts. Catherine the great was very fond of amethysts. They adorn the British Crown Jewels and were coveted by Egyptian royalty. Rosaries in Tibet are often made from amethyst, a gemstone considered to be sacred to Buddha. Ancient Greeks believed amethyst would protect against drunkenness (“amethystas” is a Greek word meaning “not drunken”) and therefore carved wine goblets from it. Amethyst is believed to purify the mind, increase tranquility and alleviate anxiety.

February 14

One of your outstanding characteristics is independence. There is a virtue but not to the point of selfishness. You enjoy praise when it is justly yours but like to shift the blame and responsibility when things go wrong. You are masterful and very positive with men but indifferent towards women.

1760 Richard Allen founder and first bishop of Mother Bethel Church, is born a slave in Germantown, PA.

1818 Frederick (Augustus Washington Bailey) Douglass, orator, writer and statesman, is born in Talbot County, MD.

1874 Charlotta Amanda Spears Bass, education and the first African American woman to own and operate a newspaper in the US (California Eagle), is born in Sumter, SC.

1880 Aida Overton Walker cakewalk dancer and ragtime singer, is born in New York, NY

1893 Perry Bradford songwriter (You Can't Keep A Good Man Down), is born in Montgomery, AL.

1894 Mary Cardwell Dawson, musician, teacher and founding director of the National Negro Opera Company, is born in Meridian, NC.

1901 Frank Duncan, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Kansas City, MO.

1923 Charles Henry Turner, biologist and zoologist, dies in Chicago, IL.

1926 Moneta J. Sleet, Jr., photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize for the portrait of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her daughter Beatrice at Martin Luther King, Jr. funeral, is born in Owensboro, KY.

1929 Bill Robinson, tenor jazz singer, is born in Parkersburg, WV.

1934 Meri Saunders, pianist and keyboardist, is born in San Mateo, CA.

1937 Samuel 'Magic Sam' Gene Maghett, Chicago blues musician, is born in Grenada, MS.

1938 Lee Chamberlin, actor (Uptown Saturday Night), is born in New York, NY.

1943 Maceo Parker, saxophonist with James Brown, is born in Kinston, NC.

1946 Gregory Hines, dancer and actor, is born in New York, NY.

1951 (Lawrence William) Larry Milbourne, Major League Baseball player, is born in Port Norris, NJ.

1957 (Valmore Edwin) Val James, National Hockey League player, is born in Ocala, FL.

1959 Warren 'Baby' Dodds, drummer and younger brother of Johnny Dodds, dies in Chicago, IL.

1963 D'wayne Wiggins singer and founding member of Tony, Toni, Tone (Born Not to Know), is born in Oakland, CA.

1973 (Stephen LaTreal) Steve McNair, National Football League player, is born in Mount Olive, MS.

1978 Courtney Lanair Brown, National Football League player, is born in Charleston, SC.

1978 Danai Jekesai Gurira, actor (The Walking Dead), is born in Grinnell, IA.

1978 David Douglas Garrard, National Football League player, is born in East Orange, NJ.



Richard Allen



Bruce Scott Gordon

1984 Justin Matthew Miller, National Football League player, is born in Owensboro, KY.

1989 Eddie Elder, National Football League player, is born in Sacramento, CA.

2003 Sayeed Shahidi, model and actor (The First Family), is born in Minneapolis, MN.

2003 Fritz Pollard, Jr., Olympic athletic in 1936 Berlin games, dies in Washington, DC.

Birthday: J-Dee rap artist with da Lench Mob (Guerillas in the Mist).

February 15

The satisfaction of your own whims and fancies is paramount in your life. You have talent and ability, but it will not show until some crisis brings it out. You have few outside interests, but your family is very dear to you.

1923 Charles Henry Turner, biologist, zoologist and the first African American to receive a graduate degree at the University of Cincinnati and the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1930 Jacob Hudson Carruthers, African Centered scholar, is born in Dallas, TX.

1939 Alvin Cash, singer and actor (Petey Wheatstraw), is born in St. Louis, MO.

1941 Brian Holland, record producer (Holland, Dozier, Holland), is born in Detroit, MI.

1942 Frank W. Balance, Jr., US Representative from the state of North Carolina, is born in Windsor, NC.

1944 Henry Luther Threadgill, saxophonist and flautist, is born in Chicago, IL.

1946 Cornelius Johnson, 1936 Olympic high jump champion, dies in San Francisco, CA.

1946 Bruce Scott Gordon, corporate director of CBS, Northrop Grumman and Tyco International, is born in Camden, NJ.

1950 David Brown, bass guitar play for Santana, is born in Daly City, CA.

1952 Bill T. Jones, dancer and choreographer (Fella), is born in Bunnell, FL.

1957 Herlin Riley, jazz drummer is born in New Orleans, LA.

1958 Karen Fraction, model and actor (My Brother and Me), is born in Flint, MI.

1960 Darrell Green, National Football League player, is born in Houston, TX.

1960 Mikey Craig, bassist for Culture Club, is born in Hammersmith, England.

1962 Kenny Jackson, National Football League player, is born in Neptune, NJ.

1964 Leland Devon Melvin, engineer and NASA astronaut, is born in Lynchburg, VA.

1965 (Nathaniel Adams) Nat King Cole, singer and the first African American to host a regular television program, dies in Santa Monica, CA.

1968 (Marion Walter Jacobs) Little Walter, blues harmonica player, dies in Chicago, IL.

1969 (Bryan Williams) Birdman, rap artist and co-founder of Cash Money Records, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1973 (Omaroseone Manigault Stallworth) Omarosa, two-time participant on The Apprentice, is born in Youngstown, OH.

1978 Alex Bradford, gospel composer, singer and choir director (Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope), dies in Newark, NJ.

1978 Stefani Carter, first Republican African American woman to serve in the Texas House, is born in Dallas, TX.

1980 Charles Leroy Thomas, US Army officer who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, dies in Detroit, MI.

1983 Selita Ebanks, Victoria Secret Angel, is born in George Town, Grand Cayman Island.

1984 Gary Clark, Jr., guitarist and actor (Honeydripper), is born in Austin, TX.

1986 Amber Patrice Riley, actor (Glee), is born in Los



(Tracy Morrow) Ice-T

Angeles, CA.

1991 Paul Russell, principal dancer with the Dance Theater of Harlem, dies in San Francisco, CA.

1996 (James) Wild Jimmy Spruill, session guitarist, dies while traveling back to New York, NY.

1999 (Lamont Coleman) Big L, rap artist (Lifestylez ov da Poor & Dangerous), dies in Harlem, NY.

February 16

You are a born leader; conscientious and careful in all you do. You are fond of art and the finer things of life and cherish integrity and honor. Your love is wholehearted and enduring, for which you will be rewarded.

1852 William Sanders Scarborough, first African American classical scholar and president of Wilberforce University, is born in Macon, GA.

1858 Isaiah Mayes, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor, is born in Carters Bridge, VA.

1904 James Baskett, actor (Uncle Remus in Song of the South), is born in Indianapolis, IN.

1912 Parnell L. Woods, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Birmingham, AL.

1916 (William Ballard) Bill Doggett, organ, piano player and arranger (Honky Tonk), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1940 Leon Ware singer, songwriter (I Want You), is born in Detroit, MI.

1943 (Arthur Bobby Lee) Bobby Darwin, Major League Baseball player and scout, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1945 Lenny Williams, lead singer with Tower of Power (So Very Hard to Go), is born in Little Rock, AR.

1951 (James) Super Chikan Johnson, blues musician, is born in Darling, MS.

1952 Jerry Wayne Hairston, Major League Baseball player, is born in Birmingham, AL.

1952 James Ingram, songwriter and singer (Baby, Come to Me), is born in Akron, OH.

1953 George Dwight Martin, National Football League player, is born in Greenville, SC.

1957 Willie Logan, member of the Florida House of Representatives, is born in Miami-Dade County.

1957 (Levaris Robert Martyn) LaVar Burton, Jr., actor, director, producer and author, is born in Landstuhl, Germany.

1958 (Tracy Morrow) Ice-T, rap artist and actor (Law & Order: Special Victims Unit), is born in Newark, NJ.

1959 (Michael) Mike Harden, National Football League player, is born in Memphis, TN.

1960 Eric Gerald Bullock, Major League Baseball player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1974 Mahershalalhashbaz Ali (Gilmore), actor (The Hunger Games: Mockingjay-Part 1), is born in Oakland, CA.

1974 Anita Bush, actor and producer (Crimson Skull), dies in New York, NY.

1977 Ahman Rashad Green, National Football League player, is born in Omaha, NB.

1981 Jerry Lee Owens, Major League Baseball player, is born in Hollywood, CA.

1982 (Gregory) Toe Nash, Major League Baseball player, is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

1982 (Wasalu Muhammad Jaco) Lupe Fiasco, rap artist (Superstar), is born in Chicago, IL.

1988 Noel Devine, National Football League player, is born in Fort Myers, FL.

1996 (Walter Brown) Brownie McGhee, blues singer and guitarist, dies in Oakland, CA.

2002 (Robert L. Williams) Billy Ward, singer with the Dominoes (Sixty Minute Man), dies in Inglewood, CA.

2004 Doris Troy (Higginson), singer (Just One Look), dies in Las Vegas, NV.

2004 Ella (Mae Jackson) Johnson, vocalist (Please Mr. Johnson), dies in New York, NY.

2010 (James Blair) Jim Bibby, Major League Baseball player, dies in Lynchburg, VA.

2010 (Bonita Demetrious) Bo Griffin, television and radio personality, dies in Greenville, SC.

2012 Dick Anthony Williams, actor (The Mack), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

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