

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. Likes competition. Gets 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.

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Through perseverance and adapting yourself you will gain success. You are fair-minded, just and affectionate. Your true happiness will be found in a deep and trusting love.

1881 (Edward) Ed Bolden, baseball executive and owner in the Negro Leagues, is born in Concordville, PA.

1882 Lewis Howard Latimer is awarded patent 252,386 for the Process of Manufacturing Carbons. This process improved the quality of carbon filaments used in electric lamps.

1890 Louis Santop Loftin, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Tyler, TX.

1899 Abram Lincoln Harris, anthropologist and economist, is born in Richmond, VA.

1901 (Joseph Jacob) Jake Simmons, Jr., oilman who opened up the oil fields in Liberia, Nigeria and Ghana, is born in Haskell, OK.

1910 Sidney Catlett, jazz drummer, is born in Evansville, IN.

1924 Jewel Plummer Cobb, president of California State University, Fullerton, is born in Chicago, IL.

1927 Eartha Mae Kitt, actor and singer, is born in North, SC.

1931 Lawrence Douglas "Doug" Wilder, first African American to be elected governor of Virginia, is born in Richmond, VA.

1931 James Earl Jones, actor, is born in Arkabutla, MS.

1934 Cedar Anthony Walton, Jr., jazz pianist, is born in Dallas, TX.

1940 (Kipchoge) Kip Keino, track and field athlete and Olympic gold medalist, is born in Kipsamo, Nandi District, Kenya.

1942 Muhammad Ali (Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.) boxer, is born in Louisville, KY.

1945 Preston James Pearson, National Football League player, is born in Freeport, IL.

1945 William Hart, singer with The Delfonics, is born in Washington, DC.

1953 (Michael William) Mike Hegman, National Football League player, is born in Memphis, TN.

1953 Carlos Johnson, blues guitarist and singer, is born in Chicago, IL.

1957 (Broderick Steven) Steve Harvey, actor, comedian, radio personality and entertainer, is born in Welch, WV.

1958 Sam Worthenm, National Basketball Association player and coach of the Washington Generals, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1960 (Charles Theodore) Chili Davis, Major League Baseball player, is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1961 (William) Keioth Bostic, National Football League player, is born in Ann Arbor, MI.

1961 Patrice Emery Lumumba, first Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo, dies in Elisabethville, Katango.

1962 Joseph Connor Phillips, actor (The Cosby Show and General Hospital), is born in Denver CO.

1963 Cyrus Chestnut, jazz pianist and songwriter, is born in Baltimore, MD.

1964 Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama, wife of President Barack Obama, is born in Chicago, IL.

1966 (Rexton Rawlston Fernando Gordon) Shabba Ranks reggae singer, is born in Sturgetown, St. Ann, Jamaica.

1969 Kenny Greene, singer with Intro, is born in New York, NY.

1970 Billy Stewart, singer (I Do Love You), dies in Selma, NC.

1971 (Jonathan Smith) Lil Jon, rap artist (Crunk Rock), is born in Atlanta, GA.

1973 Cassandra Louise O'Neal, musician and producer, is born in Copiague, NY.



Muhammad Ali

1976 Keith Robinson, singer and actor (Fat Albert), is born in Louisville, KY.

1981 (William Ray Norwood, Jr.) Ray J., singer, actor (One on One) and brother of Brandy, is born in McComb, MS.

1982 Dwyane Tyrone Wade, National Basketball Association player, is born in Chicago, IL.

1983 Rickey D'Shon Collins, voice actor (Recess: School's Out), is born in San Diego, CA.

1983 (Randall) Jai Miller, Major League Baseball player, is born in Selma, AL.

1985 Emmanuel 'Manny' Allen Burris, Major League Baseball player, is born in Washington, DC.

1990 Anna Arnold Hedgeman, the first African American woman to hold a mayoral cabinet position in the history of New York, dies in Harlem, NY.

1996 Caitlin Sanchez, voice over actor (Dora the Explorer), is born in Englewood, NJ.

1996 Barbara Charline Jordan, first Southern African American woman elected to the US House of Representatives, dies in Austin, TX.

1998 (David) Junior Kimbrough, blues musician (Keep Your Hands Off Her) dies in Holly Springs, MS.

2013 Claude Black, jazz pianist, dies in Detroit, MI.

Birthdays: Sheila Hutchinson, singer with The Emotions,

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You have a great deal of reserve power, which should be used more often to your better advantage. You are cautious, yet somewhat inclined toward suspicion. You want to love and be loved in return, but you seem unable to open your heart to your friends or your family.

1887 Richard Harvey Cain, minister and US Representative for South Carolina, dies in Washington, DC.

1926 (Randolph W.) Bill Bromery, Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts and member of the Tuskegee Airmen, is born in Cumberland, MD.

1938 (Curtis Charles) Curt Flood, Major League Baseball player, is born in Houston, TX.

1938 Cap B. Collins is awarded a patent for a portable electric light.

1941 David Ruffin, singer with The Temptations, is born in Whynot, MS.

1951 Elijah Eugene Cummings, US Representative for Maryland, is born in Baltimore, MD.

1955 Frankie Knuckles, record producer and DJ (The Godfather of House Music), is born in New York, NY.

1955 Angela Winbush, singer, songwriter (If Have Learned to Respect the Power of Love), is born in St. Louis, MO.

1960 Gladys Bentley, blues singer, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1964 Virgil Eugene Hill, professional light heavyweight and cruiserweight boxer, is born in Clinton, MO.

1967 (Reece) Goose Tatum, Negro League Baseball player, dies in El Paso, TX.

1969 Jesse Lamont Martin (Watkins) actor (Law & Order), is born in Rocky Mount, VA.

1969 Roberta Martin, gospel singer and composer (God Is Still on the Throne), dies in Chicago, IL.

1970 (David Marvin Blake) DJ Quik, actor and rap artist (Quik Is the Name), is born in Compton, CA.

1970 Ernest T. Jones, running backs coach at the University of Connecticut, is born.

1973 Shoshana Nyree Johnson, first African American female prisoner of war, is born in Pedro Miguel, Panama.

1973 Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and chief executive office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is born in Pacific Grove, CA.

1980 Estelle (Fanta Swaray) singer (American Boy), is born in Hammersmith, London England.

1981 Olivia (Theresa Longoff), singer and cast member in the first three seasons of Love & Hip Hop, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1986 McKinley Mitchell, gospel and blues singer (The Town I Live In), dies in Chicago Heights, IL.

2000 Jester Joseph Hairston, music arranger (Amen) actor (Amos n' Andy and Amen), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2002 Quincy O. 'Q' Smith, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Terre Haute, IN.

2008 John H. Stroger, Jr. president of Cook County, Illinois board of Commissioners, dies in Chicago, IL.

2011 George Daniel Crowe, Major League Baseball player, dies in Rancho Cordova, CA.

Birthdays: Janice Marie Johnson, bass player with Taste of Honey and Jonathan A. Rodgers, president and CEO of TV One.

January 19

Diplomats, writers, teachers and lovers of the fine arts are born on this day. You have a kindly disposition, consideration and a desire to help others. Poetical, artistic and affectionate, you are capable of entering into almost any profession or field and being successful.

1905 John Preston Davis, lawyer and founder of Our World magazine, is born in Washington, DC.

1918 John Harold Johnson, publisher and editor (Ebony - Jet - Negro Digest & Tan), is born in Arkansas City, AR.

1920 Raymond V. Haysbert, Sr., a Tuskegee Airman and CEO of Parks Sausage Company, is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1925 Henry Gray, blues piano player and singer, is born in Kenner, LA.

1926 Hans-Jürgen Massaquoi, journalist and author (Destined to Witness) is born in Hamburg, Germany.

1931 Carl Maxie Brashear, first African American to become a US Navy Master Diver, is born in Toniaeville, KY.

1937 Bobby Starr, singer with The Intruders, is born in Baltimore, MD.

1937 Leonard Jeffries, Jr., professor of Black Studies, is born in Newark, NJ.

1948 James Alexander, bass guitarist with The Bar-Kays and the bass player on the song Shaft, is born.

1950 Harry Gilberry singer (The Temptations), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1951 Gerald Alexander Tinker, gold medal winner in the 1972 Summer Olympics and National Football League player, is born in Miami, FL.

1952 (Theodore Lewis) Ted Bachman, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Pensacola, FL.

1954 Frederick McKinley Jones is awarded patent 2,666,298 for methods and means of defrosting a cold defuser.

1955 Paul Rodriguez, comedian and actor (Born in East L.A.), is born in Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico.

1956 Kerney Thomas Jr., televangelist, is born in Houston, TX.

1957 (Ottis Jerome) O.J. Anderson, National Football League player, is born in West Palm Beach, FL.

1957 Victor Lonell Hicks, National Football League player, is born in Lubbock, TX.

1959 Jesse Ernest Wilkins, Sr., lawyer and undersecretary in the Eisenhower administration, dies in Washington, DC.

1963 Caron Wheeler, singer and writer for Soul II Soul (Keep On Moving), is born.

1964 (James Samuel) Jimmy Morris, Jr., Major League Baseball player, is born in Brownwood, TX.

1966 Anthony Wayne Young, Major League Baseball player, is born in Houston, TX.

1969 Edwidge Danticat, author (Breath, Eyes Memory), is born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

1969 Alcide 'Slow Drag' Pavageau, double bassist, dies in New Orleans, LA.

1971 Shawn Mathis Wayans, actor, producer writer and comedian (The Wayans Brothers), is born in New York, NY.

1974 Walter Jones, Jr., National Football League player, is born in Aliceville, AL.

1974 Shavonda E. Sumter, politician who served in the New Jersey General Assembly, is born in Paterson, NJ.

1975 Maurice Anderson, Arena Football League player, is born in Nottoway County, VA.

1976 (Michael Allen) VL Mike, rap artist (We Got This), is born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

1977 (Joseph Wayne McVey) Z-Ro, rap artist (Look What You Did to Me), is born in Houston, TX.

1979 Coral Jeanne Smith, reality television personality (The Real World: Back to New York), is born in San Francisco, CA.

1980 Lawrence Flugence, National Football League player, is born in Houston, TX.

1982 Denise Boutte, actor (Meet the Browns)m is born in Maurice, LA.

1982 Sean McMorrow, National Hockey League player, is born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

1984 (Darryl Kevin Richardson, II) Lil Scrappy, rap artist (Head Bussa), is born in Atlanta, GA.

1993 Reginald F. Lewis, owner of Beatrice International Foods (first African owned company to have more than \$1 billion in annual sales) and author (Why Should White Guys Have All The Fund), dies in Paris, France.

2006 (The Wicked) Wilson Pickett, singer (Mustang Sally), dies in Reston, VA.

2008 Eugene Sawyer, mayor of Chicago, Illinois, is born in Greensboro, AL.

2013 Hans-Jürgen Massaquoi, author and journalist and managing editor of Ebony magazine, dies in Chicago, IL.

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