

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.

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 24

Although you are good-natured, fair and truthful, you are slightly inclined toward selfishness. You should marry early in life and choose a mate born in May, July or November and one spiritually inclined.

1811 Daniel A. Payne, founder of the African Methodist Church, is born free in Columbus, OH.

1874 Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, bibliophile journalist, and collector of books on African American culture and history, is born in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1885 Martin R. Delaney, ethnologist and public official who was instrumental in wiping out a cholera epidemic, dies in Xenia, OH.

1918 Lewis Howard Latimer becomes one of the 28 members who founded the Edison Pioneers in New York, NY.

1920 Jimmy Forrest, jazz tenor saxophone player (Night Train), is born in St. Louis, MO.

1924 (Calvin Collidge Lytle) Bert Lytell (Chocolate Kid), professional middleweight boxer, is born in Victoria, TX.

1933 Ezikial Carey, singer with The Flamingos, is born in Bluefield, VA.

1937 (Harold) Sonny Hopson, DJ (The Mighty Burner), is born in Abington, PA.

1938 Julius Arthur Hemphill, jazz composer and saxophone player, is born in Fort Worth, TX.

1939 D. Howard is awarded a patent for his invention of an optical apparatus for indicating the position of a tool.

1941 Aaron Neville, singer with the Neville Brothers, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1946 Clarence 'Tex' Walker, lead singer with the original Drifters and The Coasters, is born in Winston-Salem, NC.

1953 René Amore, founder and president of The Amore Group, Inc., is born in Bryn Mawr, PA.

1953 Benjamin Harrison Taylor, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Baltimore, MD.

1957 Vivian Davis Figures, member of the Alabama Senate, is born in Mobile, AL.

1961 (Theopolis Peoples, III) Theo Peoples singer with The 'new' Temptations, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1970 James 'Shep' Sheppard, singer with Shep and the Limelites (Daddy's Home), dies in New York, NY.

1970 (Patrick) Sleepy Brown, singer and songwriter (Waterfalls), is born in Savannah, GA.

1971 Kenya Moore, model and actor (Deliver Us From Eva), is born in Detroit, MI.

1974 (Tshimanga) Tim Biakabutuka, National Football League player, is born in Kinshasa, Republic of Zaire.

1982 Keyaron James Fox, National Football League player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1986 (Flora Jean) Fly Hyman, Olympic silver medalist, in volleyball dies in Japan.

1993 Thurgood Marshall, lawyer and the first African American Supreme Court Justice, dies in Bethesda, MD.

1995 David Bryon Cole, producer and one half of the dance music duo C+C Music Factory (Gonna Make You Sweat), dies in New York, NY.

2003 Lucien Edward Blackwell US Congressman from Pennsylvania, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

2005 ZerNona Black, instructor at Langston University and wife of the Rev. Claude Black, dies in San Antonio, TX.

2006 Fayard Antonio Nicholas, tap dancer along with his brother Harold, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2011 Barrie Lee Hall, Jr., trumpeter player and band-leader of the Duke Ellington Small Band dies.

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 in-



Sonny Hopson

spiration. Take care that anger and jealousy do not get the better of your otherwise good judgment.

1863 Georg Freeman Bragg, Jr., Episcopal clergyman and founder of The Lancet magazine, is born in Warrenton, NC.

1881 (Charles Manuel) Sweet Daddy Grace (Marcelino Manuel da Graca) founder and first bishop of the United House of Prayer for all People, is born in Brava, Cape Verde Islands.

1891 Wellman Braud, jazz upright bassist, is born in St. James Parish, LA.

1896 Florence Mills (Winfrey), singer, dancer and the first African American entertainer to become and international, star is born in Washington, DC.

1899 (John Adam) Sleepy John Estes, blues guitarist, is born in Nutbush, TN.

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 (Cosper), 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 & Confused), 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 af-



Congressman Lucien Blackwell

fections are not very deep, except to one you will choose for your life partner. You are a true and loyal friend.

1892 Zara Cully (Brown) actor, (Mother Jefferson on The Jeffersons), is born in Worcester, MA.

1893 Bessie Coleman, first and the only African American woman to qualify as a pilot, is born in Atlanta, TX.

1899 May Miller, poet and playwright (The Bog Guild), is born in Washington, DC.

1904 Arthur Crawford Wethington, saxophonist, is born in Chicago, IL.

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

1932 George Harold Clements, first Roman Catholic priest to adopt a child, is born in Chicago, IL.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

1985 (Kenneth Spearman 'Klook' Clarke (Liaqat Ali Salaam) Kenny Clarke, drummer with the Modern Jazz Quartet, dies in Montreuil, France.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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, OH.

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