

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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## PISCES - February 19 - March 20



### Pisces – The Dreamer

Generous, kind and thoughtful. Very creative and imaginative. May become secretive and vague. Sensitive. Don't like details. Dreamy and unrealistic. Sympathetic and loving. Kind. Unselfish. Good Kisser. Beautiful.

### Aquamarine is the stone for the month of March

In legends, aquamarine has its origin in the treasure chests of the mermaid. It is thought to bring good luck and fortune to sailors. It is believed that if a person dreams of aquamarine he or she will meet new friends. According to ancient traditions aquamarine will guarantee a long and happy marriage. A symbol of youth and happiness, aquamarine derives its name from the Latin "aqua" and "mare," meaning water and sea. Allegedly its powers are increased if the stone is soaked in water. 'Aquamarine is reported to increase one's psychic ability and enhance concentration; thus it is suggested that students carry the stone while studying. Roman physicians prescribed aquamarine to treat overindulgence, headaches, neck problems and water retention. In some cultures, aquamarine is believed to be the stone of a spirit who must grant the wish of any person wearing it

## March 13

Let the success of your many ambitions make you happy and forget past failures. Study yourself and develop all your latent talents. You make friends easily and have many loyal and true ones.

**1913** (Otis V. Hicks) Lightnin' Slim, blues musician, is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1918** John Rhoden, sculptor whose work is in Harlem Hospital and the African American Museum in Philadelphia, is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1923** Tommy Bell, professional boxer, is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1924** Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, publisher, journalist and editor of the first newspaper published by and for African American women (Women's Era), dies in Boston, MA

**1925** Roy Owen Haynes, drummer, is born in Boston, MA.

**1930** (Richard Allen) Blue Mitchell, trumpeter, is born in Miami, FL.

**1938** Erma Vernice Franklin, gospel singer (Piece of My Heart) (elder sister of Aretha Franklin), is born in Detroit, MI

**1939** Margie Hendricks, singer with The Cookies (In Paradise), is born.

**1939** Dorothy Brunson, first African American woman to own a radio station (Baltimore, MD) also owned WGTW channel 48 in Philadelphia, PA is born in Glensville, GA

**1941** Al Sanders, TV anchorman in Baltimore, Maryland, is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1943** Willie Frances Nero (Peak), soul and jazz singer. (Keep on Loving Me), is born in Asheville, NC.

**1957** David Peaston, R&B and gospel singer (Two Wrongs [Don't Make it Right]), is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1957** Moses Hogan, arranger of choral music (spirituals), is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1960** (Clifford Trent) Cliff Robinson, National Basketball Association player, is born in Oakland, CA.

**1961** Terence Oliver Blanchard, jazz trumpeter and film score composer for Spike Lee films, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1969** Osunlade, musician and music producer who composed music for Sesame Street, is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1971** Adina Porter, actor (True Blood), is born in New York, NY.

**1972** (Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Jr.) Common, rap artist, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1981** Toccara Jones plus size fashion model (America's Next Top Model), is born in Dayton, OH.

**1985** (Teeyon Winfree) Vado, rap artist (Gunz n' Butta), is born in Harlem, NY.

**1987** Olufela (Fela) Obafunmilayo Sowande, musician and composer (background music for educational films), dies in Ravenna, OH.

**1994** (Daniel Moses) Danny Barker, jazz banjoist, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1995** Leon Day, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Baltimore, MD.

**1998** (David Eugene) Dave Lewis, keyboardist and vocalist (Barney's Tune/How Deep is the Ocean), dies in Seattle, WA.

**2005** (Gloria Lavern) Lyn Collins, singer (Think), dies in Pasadena, CA.

**2009** Claude William Black, Jr., Baptist minister and San Antonio, Texas Mayor, dies in San Antonio, TX.

**2014** Al Harewood, jazz drummer and teacher dies.

## March 14

You are fond of society, a good conversationalist and your company is sought by all. You are energetic and a



Simone Arianne Biles

clear thinker. You should achieve great success in anything you undertake with your blessed combination of ambition and friendly disposition.

**1913** Florence Wysinger Allen, artists' model, is born in Oakland, CA.

**1915** Lionel J. Wilson, Mayor of Oakland, California, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1923** Lanier W. Phillips, US Navy's first African American sonar technician, is born.

**1925** (George T.) Sonny Cohn, jazz trumpeter (with Count Basie), is born in Chicago, IL.

**1926** Willye F. Clayton Dennis, Florida state legislator, is born in Jacksonville, FL.

**1933** Quincy Delight Jones, composer, producer and trumpeter, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1934** Shirley Scott, organist, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1935** Richard Berry Harrison, actor (The Green Pastures, Broadway), dies in New York, NY.

**1943** (Leroy Roosevelt) Sugarfoot Bonner, guitarist with the Ohio Players, is born in Hamilton, OH.

**1945** Carol Speed, actor (The Mack), is born in Bakersfield, CA.

**1946** (Westley Sissel) Wes Unseld, National Basketball Association player, is born in Louisville, KY.

**1947** (William Jennings) Bill Jefferson, first African American congressman elected from the State of Louisiana since 1876, is born in Lake Providence, LA.

**1949** Joseph Seamon Cotter, Sr., playwright and poet (Kentucky's first 'Negro' poet with creative ability) (The Negro's Ten Commandments), dies.

**1954** (James W.) Jim Byrd, member of the Wyoming House of Representatives, is born in Cheyenne, WY.

**1959** Tamara Renee Tunie, actor (As The World Turns), is born in McKeesport, PA.

**1960** Kirby Puckett, Major League Baseball player, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1961** Penny Johnson Jerald, actor (The Larry Sanders Show), is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1964** (Donald Douglas) Doug DuBose, National Football League player, is born in New London, CT.

**1966** Elise Neal, actor (Hustle & Flow), is born in Memphis, TN.

**1969** Michael Bland, drummer for Prince, is born in Minneapolis, MN.

**1969** Larry Demetric Johnson, National Basketball Association player, is born in Tyler, TX.

**1976** Robert Cedrick Baker, III, gridiron football player, is born in Gainesville, FL.

**1977** (Darnell Quincy Lindsay) Blade Icewood, rap artist (Platinum Roleez Don't Tic Toc), is born in Detroit, MI.

**1977** Fannie Lou (Townsend) Hammer, American voting rights activist, dies in Mound Bayou, MS.

**1985** Norma Elizabeth Boyd, founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, dies in New York, NY.

**1983** (George General Grice, Jr.) Gigi Gryce, big band bandleader, dies in Pensacola, FL.

**1988** (Wardell) Stephen 'Steph' Curry, III, National Basketball Association player, is born in Akron, OH.

**1993** (Richard L.) Dick Arrington, all American football and wrestler at Notre Dame player, dies in Roxbury, MA.

**1997** Simone Arianne Biles, first African American artistic gymnast all around champion, is born in Columbus, OH.

**2009** Altovise Davis, entertainer (Sammy Davis, Jr.'s wife), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2010** Lisle Astor Wilson, actor (That's My Mama), dies in Huntingdon Beach, CA.

**2011** Big Jack Johnson electric blues musician, dies in

Memphis, TN.

**2012** Matthew G. Carter, first African American mayor of Montclair, New Jersey, dies in Montclair, NJ.

**2013** Edward Osmund Bland, music director and composer (A Soldier's Story), dies.

**Birthdays:** Leroy 'Sugarfoot' Bonner, singer and guitarist with the Ohio Players.

## March 15

Modest and unassuming you nevertheless have a strong personality that enables you to take a leading part in all you do. You have the entire confidence of your friends and associates and your love is whole-hearted and sincere.

**1905** Bertha 'Chippie' Hill, blues singer, is born in Charleston, SC.

**1910** Nick Stewart, actor (Amos and Andy), is born in New York, NY.

**1912** (Sam John) Lightnin' Hopkins, blues guitarist, is born in Centerville, TX.

**1915** Richard Ward, actor (Black Like Me), is born in Glenside, PA.

**1918** José Silvestre White Lafitte, violinist and composer (La Bella Cubana), dies in Paris France.

**1929** (Clarence) Pinetop Smith, boogie-woogie and blues pianist, dies in Chicago, IL.

**1937** Ward Pinkett, jazz trumpeter, dies in New York, NY.

**1938** Charles Lloyd, jazz saxophonist, is born in Memphis, TN.

**1940** (Alvertis Isbell) Al Bell, record producer and executive and co-owner of Stax Records, is born in Brinkley, AR.

**1943** (Sylvester Steward) Sly Stone, singer, keyboardist and guitarist, is born in Denton, TX.

**1946** Howard E. Scott, singer and guitar player with War is born in San Pedro, CA.

**1946** Bobby Lee Bonds Major League Baseball player, is born in Riverside, CA.

**1947** (Sarah Jean Perkins) Jean Carne, singer (Infant Eyes), is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1948** Melvin L. Stukes, member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Legislative Black Caucus in Maryland, is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1948** Nia H. Gill, New Jersey State Senator, is born in Glen Ridge, NJ.

**1948** (Martin G.) Marty Barnes, first African American mayor of Patterson, New Jersey, is born in Patterson, NJ.

**1953** Loaird Arthur McCreary, National Football League player, is born in Crawfordville, GA.

**1955** (Etterlene) Bunny DeBarge, singer with the family group DeBarge, is born in Detroit, MI.

**1956** John Mr. Magic Rivas, Hip-Hop radio DJ, is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1959** Harold Douglas Baines, Major League Baseball player, is born in St. Michael, MD.

**1959** (Lester Willis) Prez Young, saxophonist, dies in New York, NY.

**1961** (Robert Terrell) Terry Cummings, National Basketball Association player, is born in Chicago, IL.

**1962** (Sananda Francesco Maitreya) Terence Trent D'Arby singer and songwriter (Wishing Well), is born in New York, NY.

**1964** (Kenneth Gordy) Rockwell, singer (Somebody's Watching Me), is born in Detroit, MI.

**1965** Michael Watson, MBE, professional boxer is born in Hackney, London England.

**1968** (Kimothy Emil) Kim Batiste, Major League Baseball player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1969** Sean James, National Football League player, is born in Meridian, MS.

**1970** (Christopher L.) Chris Smith, member of the Florida Senatge, is born in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**1972** (Michael) Mike Tomlin, National Football League coach, is born in Hampton, VA.

**1975** (William James Adams, Jr.) Will I Am, singer with the Black Eye Peas, is born in Inglewood, CA.

**1978** Rufus French, National Football League player, is born.

**1980** Freddie Lee Bynum, Jr., Major League Baseball player, is born in Wilson, NC.

**1981** (David Darnell Brown) Young Buck, rap artist with G-Unit, is born in Nashville, TN.

**1987** Taiwan Le Roi Brown De Jean, MTV U video jockey and television personality, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1987** Svante Myrick, mayor of Ithaca, New York, is born in Earlville, NY.

**1990** Keshawn Charles Martin, National Football League player, is born in Inkster, MI.

**1994** Ginger Howard, youngest African American in the world professional golfer to turn and win her debut tournament, is born.

**1994** Lucius D. Amerson, sheriff and author (Great Courage: The First Black Sheriff Elected in the South Since Reconstruction), dies in Tuskegee, AL.

**2011** (Nathaniel Dwayne Hale) Nate Dogg, rap artist (Music and Me), dies in Long Beach, CA.

**2013** (Robert) Bobby Smith, lead singer (The Spinners (That's What Girls are Made For)), dies in Orlando, FL.

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