

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 20

You are studious, intellectual and a logical thinker. You are fond of travel and gaiety and your retrospective tendency makes your pleasures and observations permanent. You will love deeply, work diligently and play with child-like abandon.

1910 David Welford Williams, the first African American judge West of the Mississippi, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1915 (Rosetta Nubin) Sister Rosetta Tharpe the first African American to take gospel music into a secular setting, is born in Cotton Plant, AR.

1921 (James R. West) Jimmy Coe, jazz saxophonist, is born in Tompkinsville, KY.

1926 Andrew Billingsley, educator and author (*Mighty Like a River: The Black Church and Social Reform*), is born.

1928 Jerome Cousins Biffle, gold medalist in the 1952 Olympics (long jump), is born in Denver, CO.

1931 Norman Christopher Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, is born in Lafayette, LA.

1932 Thomas Covington Dent, author (*Magnolia Street*), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1933 George Lee Altman, Major League Baseball player, is born in Goldsboro, NC.

1934 Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco, California, is born in Mineola, TX.

1935 Sam Lay, drummer and vocalist (*Howlin' Wolf Tribute*), is born in Birmingham, AL.

1936 (Rainford Hugh) Lee 'Scratch' Perry, reggae producer, is born in Kendal, Jamaica.

1936 Harold Mabern pianist, is born in Chicago, IL.

1951 Joyce Ann Elliott, member of the Arkansas Senate, is born in Willisville, AR.

1951 Peter Charles Bernard Bynoe, attorney first African American to buy a part of the National Basketball Association (Denver Nuggets), is born in Boston, MA.

1957 Vanessa Bell Calloway, actor (*What's Love Got to Do with It*), is born in Cleveland, OH.

1957 (Shelton) Spike Lee, filmmaker and director, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1960 (Steven Douglas) Steve Brown, National Football League player, is born in Sacramento, CA.

1960 (Michael Darren) Mike Young, Major League Baseball player, is born in Oakland, CA.

1960 Ossian Sweet, physician notable for his self-defense of his home in a white neighborhood in Detroit, Michigan dies in Detroit, MI.

1968 (Havre de Grace) Ultra Naté, house and dance pop musician (*Free*), is born in Maryland.

1969 (Byron O. Thomas) Mannie Fresh, rap artist, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1971 (Touré Neblet) Touré, writer, music journalist and co host of *The Cycle*, is born in Boston, MA.

1973 Cedric Yarbrough, actor (*Reno 911*) is born in Brunsville, MN.

1979 Bianca Lawson, actor (*Saved by the Bell: The New Class*), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1987 Normal Harris, founding member of MFSB (Mother, Father, Sister, Brother) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1993 Sloane Stephens, professional tennis player is born in Coral Springs, FL.

2007 Gilbert Earl Patterson, Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) dies in Memphis, TN.

2010 (Florence Anthony) Ai Ogawa, National Book Award for Poetry winner dies in Stillwater, OK.

March 21

You are impetuous, persistent and somewhat stubborn. You are kind and loving in your marital relations and, if



Florence Anthony

you cause any unhappiness by your impatience, you are quick to make amends. You are a leader, sincere in all things and with people.

1902 (Eddie James) Son House, Jr., bluesman, is born in Riverton, MS.

1911 Edward Craig Mazique, physician, internist and president of the National Medical Association, is born in Natchez, MS.

1911 Walter Lincoln Hawkins, chemist and engineer (research of plastics for telecommunication [Bell Telephone]), is born in Washington, DC.

1918 Charles Phillip Thompson, swing and bebop pianist and organist is born in Springfield, OH.

1926 (Lula Marietta McClelland) Lula Reed, gospel and R&B singer (*I'll Drown in My Own Tears*), is born in Port Clinton, Ottawa County, OH.

1929 Bert Andrews, photographer of Broadway and Off Broadway plays, is born in Chicago, IL.

1934 (Albert Cornelius) Al Freeman, Jr., actor (*One Life To Live*) is born in San Antonio, TX.

1938 Lois Jean Barron White, first African American President of the National Parent Teacher Association, (PTA) is born in Nashville, TN.

1939 (Herman Thomas) Tommy Davis, Major League Baseball player, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1940 Solomon Burke, singer (*Got To Get You Off On My Mind*), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1941 Richard 'Dimples' Fields, singer (*If It Ain't One Thing, It's Another*), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1942 Amina Claudine Myers, jazz pianist, organist and vocalist (*Poems for Piano: The Piano Music of Marion Brown*), is born in Blackwell, AR.

1944 Gaye (Todd) Adegbalola, blues singer and guitarist, is born in Fredericksburg, VA.

1945 (Charles) Charlie Edward Greene, track and field sprinter (winner of the gold medal in the 1968 Olympics), is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1945 (Rosemary Stewart) Rosie Stone, singer and keyboardist with Sly & the Family Stone is born in Vallejo, CA.

1946 Pal Theodis Gipson, National Football League player is born in Jacksonville, TX.

1951 Russell Allen Thompkins, Jr. singer with The Stylistics, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1953 Rickey Anderson, National Football League player is born in Kingsland, GA.

1954 Harry Lawrence Freeman, opera composer, conductor and the first African American to write an opera (*Epthalia 1891*) that was successfully produced, dies in New York, NY.

1955 Kevin Von Miller, National Football League player, is born in Weirton, WV.

1955 Walter Francis White, NAACP chairman and author, dies in New York, NY.

1958 Nate Miller, National Football League and Arena Football League player, is born.

1958 Sabrina Le Beauf, actor (*The Cosby Show*), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1963 Shawon Donnell Dunston, Major League Baseball player, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1966 (Christopher Edward Martin) DJ Premier rap artist with Gang Starr, is born in Houston, TX.

1968 Scott Christopher Williams, National Basketball Association player, is born in Hacienda Heights, CA.

1971 Roy Glenn, actor (*Guess Who's Coming To Dinner*) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 (William Paul Mitchell) Large Professor rap artist and record producer, is born in Queens, NY.

1978 (Chastity Daniels) LaChat, rap artist (*Chickenhead*), is born in Memphis, TN.

1981 (Brandon Scott Sessoms) B. Scott, television personality, radio show host and contributing editor to The Glam Network and *Ebony Magazine*, is born in Franklin, VA.

1981 Michael Donald, is murdered by two Ku Klux Klan members in Mobile, AL.

1981 (Clarence Beeks) King Pleasure, vocalese (*Moody's Mood for Love*), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1985 Ahsa Rolle, professional tennis player, is born in



Amina Claudine Myers

Miami Shores, FL.

1985 Sonequa Martin-Green, actor (*The Good Wife*) is born in Russellville, AL.

1991 Walter McCollough, bishop at the United House of Prayer, dies.

1992 Asante Cleveland, National Football League player, is born in Sacramento, CA.

1995 (Daniel Dwayne Simmons, III) Diggy Simmons, rap artist (*The First Flight*) and son of Rev. Run Simmons, is born in Queens, NY.

2005 (Robert Waltrip) Bobby Short, American cabaret singer, dies in New York, NY.

2006 Johnny Parker, jazz trumpet player, dies in New York, NY.

2008 Roy Foster, Major League Baseball player, dies in Tulsa, OK.

2011 (Joseph William) Pinetop Perkins, blues piano musician, dies in Austin, TX.

2011 Loleatta Holloway, singer (*Love Sensation*), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

March 22

You have a very friendly disposition and are liked by everyone. You are happy and fond of pleasure but when working you concentrate all your efforts and turn out a job well done. You are sincere and generous in you love.

1921 George Daniel Crowe, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Whiteland, IN.

1930 Willie Lee Thrower, first African American to appear at the quarterback position in the National Football League player (Chicago Bears), is born in New Kensington, PA.

1932 (Weldon H. Philip) Juke Boy Bonner, blues singer and harmonica player (*Going Back to the Country*), is born in Bellville, TX.

1940 George Edward Alcorn, Jr., physicist who invented a method of fabricating an imaging X-ray spectrometer is born in Miami, FL.

1941 (Joseph) J. Paul Reason, first African American officer in the US Navy to become a four-star admiral is born in Washington, DC.

1943 George Benson, guitarist and singer, is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1943 Houston Alfred Baker, educator specializing in African American literature, is born in Louisville, KY.

1946 (Gerald Stenhouse) Jerry Jemmott, bass guitarist (*New York View*), is born in New York, NY.

1951 Barney Lewis Chavous, National Football League player, is born in Aiken, SC.

1957 Stephanie Dortha Mills, singer and actor (stage production, *The Wiz*), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1965 Glenallen Hill, Major League Baseball player, is born in Santa Cruz, CA.

1972 Houston Alexander, professional mixed martial artist, is born in East St. Louis, IL.

1974 Kidada Ann Jones, actor and fashion designer (for Walt Disney Company), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1975 Kelvin Underwood, musician specializing in the drum set and taiko (Japanese drumming), is born in Fayetteville, NC.

1976 Jazmin Lewis, actor (*Traci Townsend*), is born in Cleveland, OH.

1976 Kellie Shanygne Williams (Jackson), actor (*Family Matters*), is born in Washington, DC.

1978 Cainon Renard Lamb, record producer (*Free Yourself*), is born in Miami, FL.

1986 Dexter Fowler, Major League Baseball player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

1988 (Christopher Lee) Chris Ivory, National Football League player, is born in Longview, TX.

1993 Franklin Delano Williams, music director of The Mississippi Mass Choir singer, dies in Savannah, GA.

1994 Joshua Rogers, first male and youngest winner of BET's *Sunday Best* (gospel music), is born in Greeleyville, SC.

2001 Earl Beal singer The Silhouettes (*Get A Job*) dies.

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