

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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## PISCES - February 19 - March 20



Aries – The Daredevil

Energetic, adventurous and spontaneous. Confident and enthusiastic. Fun. Loves a challenge. EXTREMELY impatient. Sometime selfish. Short fuse. (easily angered). Lively, passionate and sharp wit. Outgoing. Lose interest quickly – easily bored. Egotistical. Courageous and assertive. Tends to be physical and athletic.

### 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 27

*Originality, courage and keen sense of humor are your chief characteristics. You love good times and like to share them. You are naturally friendly and enjoy a large circle of friends.*

**1872** Cleveland Luca musician and composer (the Liberian National Anthem), dies in Liberia.

**1897 Effa Louise Manley**, co-owned the Newark Eagles baseball franchise (The Negro League), and the first woman inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1905** Leroy Carr, pianist and singer, is born in Nashville TN.

**1909** (Benjamin Francis) Ben Webster jazz saxophonist, is born in Kansas City, MO.

**1921** Harold Lloyd Nicholas, dancer (along with his brother Fayard), is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1924 Sarah Vaughn**, singer, is born in Newark, NJ.

**1934** Arthur Mitchell, dancer, choreographer and founder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, is born in New York, NY.

**1937** Johnny Copeland, Texas blues guitarist and singer, is born in Haynesville, LA.

**1940** Derrick Morgan, performer of rocksteady and skinhead reggae, is born in Clarendon, Jamaica.

**1941** (Walter) Bunny Sigler (Mr. Emotion), singer is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1942** Joe Nathan Ballard, US Army officer Chief of Engineers, is born in Oakdale, LA.

**1944** Jesse Brown, US Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is born in Detroit, MI.

**1950** Lynn Everett McGlothen, Major League Baseball player, is born in Monroe, LA.

**1950** Maria Louise Ewing, soprano and mezzo soprano opera singer, is born in Detroit, MI.

**1953** Gary Wayne Alexander, Major League Baseball player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1960** Jess Mowry, author (Way Pass Cool), is born in Starkville, MS.

**1963** Randall W. Cunningham, National Football League player, is born in Santa Barbara, CA.

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**1970** Mariah Carey, singer (Emotions), is born in Huntington, NY.

**1972** Kirby Dar Dar, National Football League player, is born in Morgan City, LA.

**1977** Lola Shirley Graham DuBois, author, composer and wife of W.E.B. DuBois, dies in Beijing, China.

**1978** (Dermal Bram) Dee Brown, Major League Baseball player, is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1979** (Kevin Jermaine) Katy-Jay Harris, National Football League player, is born in Tampa, FL.



Sarah Vaughn



Effa Louise Manley

**1980** Anthony Sherrod Davis, National Football League player, is born in Paterson, NJ.

**1981** Carey Alexander Davis, National Football League player, is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1985** Dustin Byfuglien, National Hockey League player, is born in Minneapolis, MN.

**1997** Aaron Collins, blues singer and songwriter, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**1999** (Mighty Joe) Joseph Young, blues guitarist, dies in Chicago, IL.

Birthdays: James 'Diamond' Wilson singer (Ohio Players) is born.

## March 28

*Positive and aggressive, you enjoy having people around you. The men born on this day are fortunate and successful in business. The women, good housekeepers, insofar as management of the household where family affairs are concerned but actual housework is distasteful.*

**1899** L. F. Booker is awarded patent 30,404 for a design rubber-scraping knife.

**1912** Léon-Gontran Damas (Lionel Georges André Cabassou), poet, politician and co-founder of Négritude movement, is born in Cayenne, French Guiana.

**1923** Thad Jones, jazz trumpeter, is born in Pontiac, MI.

**1928** Henry Ponder, educator and president of Talladega and Benedict Colleges and Fisk University, is born in Wevoka, OK.

**1948** Milan Williams keyboardist and founding member of the Commodores, is born in Okolona, MS.

**1949** (D'Artagnan Athos) Dee Martin, National Football League player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1952** (Leonard J.) Len Elmore, sportscaster, lawyer and National Basketball Association player, is born in New York, NY.

**1957** Oran 'Juice' Jones, second African American Brigade Commander in US Naval Academy and singer (The Rain), is born in Houston, TX.

**1958** (William Christopher) W.C. Handy, cornet player, bandleader and composer (St. Louis Blues), dies in New York NY.

**1963** Bernice Albertine King, second daughter of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1965** Crystal Bird Fauset, educator and politician first African American woman elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature, dies.

**1966** Cheryl R. 'Salt' James, actor and rap artist (Salt-n-Pepa), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1966** (Avery) Kid Howard, trumpet player, dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1969** Elliot Lamonte Perry, National Basketball Association player, is born in Memphis, TN.

**1971** (Terrance Kelly) Mr. Cheeks, rap artist with Lost Boyz, is born in Jamaica Queens, NY.

**1972** Shannon Lamont Mitchell, National Football League player, is born in Alcoa, TN.

**1972** Ledisi (Anibade Young, actor, songwriter and singer (Feeling Orange but Sometimes Blue), is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1974** Arthur 'Big Boy' Crudup, delta blues singer (That's All Right), dies in Northampton County, VA.

**1975** Russell Morgan Davis, National Football League player, is born in Fayetteville, NC.

**1979** Crystal Cox, track and field athlete and a contestant



Cheryl R. 'Salt' James



Pearl Bailey

on the 17<sup>th</sup> season of Survivor, is born in Norfolk, VA.

**1979** Donald Reche Caldwell, National Football League player, is born in Tampa, FL.

**1984** Benjamin E. Mays, minister and president of Morehouse College, dies in Atlanta, GA.

**1985** Michael Richard Wayans, actor (One Night Stand) (son of Damon Wayans), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1999** Leon Aaron Gilbert, Jr., combat veteran and a lieutenant in the all-black 24<sup>th</sup> US Infantry Regiment, dies in York, PA.

**1999** (Raymond Rogers) Freaky Tah, rap artist with Lost Boyz, dies in Jamaica, Queens NY.

**2010** (Joseph Daniel) Joe Gates, Major League Baseball player, dies in Gary, IN.

## March 29

*You are affectionate and love with whole-heartedness and sincerity, but should not let your heart rule your head. Cultivate a better sense of sportsmanship and justice and you will be easier to get along with.*

**1898** W.J. Ballow is awarded patent 601,422 for combined hat rack and table.

**1914** James Everett Chase, first African American mayor of Spokane, Washington, is born in Wharton, TX.

**1914** Camille Howard, R&B pianist and singer is born in Galveston, TX.

**1918** Pearl Bailey, singer and actor (Carmen Jones) is born in Southampton, VA. She attended William Penn High School in Philadelphia and lived at 1946 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**1920** Marion Mann, physician, pathologist, Army Reserve Brigadier General and Dean of the College of Medicine at Howard University, is born in Atlanta, GA

**1925** Emlen Lewis Tunnell, National Football League player who was the first African American to play for the New York Giants, is born in Bryn Mawr, PA.

**1937** William Edward White, first African American to play major league baseball, dies in Chicago, IL.

**1940** (Raymond) Ray Davis, singer with Parliament-Funkadelic and The Temptations, is born in Sumter, SC.

**1945** Walter "Clyde" Frazier, National Basketball Association player, is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1955** Earl Campbell, National Football League player, is born in Tyler, TX.

**1964** Michael A. Jackson, Sheriff of Prince George's County, Maryland, is born in Prince George's County, MD.

**1965** Bernard Georges, bass guitarist is born.

**1966** (William McKinley) Jazz Gillus, blues harmonica player, dies in Chicago, IL.

**1966** Tyra Ferrell, actor (Jungle Fever), is born in Houston, TX.

**1967** Brian O'Neal Jordan, Major League Baseball player, is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1971** (Joseph Willie) Buddy Sosthand, actor (Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End), is born in Great Falls, MT.

**1976** (Marcus Lakee Edwards) Lil Keke, hip-hop artist and original member of the Screwed Up Click, is born in Houston, TX.

**1979** (Lusious) Luke Easter Major League and Negro League Baseball player, dies in Euclid, OH.

**1981** (Paul J.) P.J. Morton, musician and singer (Following My First Mind), is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1981** Eric Eustace Williams, first Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago dies in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

**1982** Floyd Smith, jazz guitarist, dies in Indianapolis, IN.

**1983** Justin Lee Tuck, National Football League player, is born in Kellyton, AL.

**1999** (Joseph Goreed), Joe Williams, singer (Count Basie), dies in Las Vegas, NV.

**2001** John Aaron Lewis, jazz pianist with the Modern Jazz Quartet, dies in New York, NY.

**2005** Johnnie L. Cochran, lawyer, dies in Los Feliz, CA.

**2007** (Bert Cooper) Calvin Lockhart, actor (Cotton Comes to Harlem), dies in Nassau Bahamas.

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