

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21



SAGITTARIUS – The Happy-Go-Lucky One

Good-natured optimist. Doesn't want to grow up (Peter Pan syndrome). Indulges self. Boastful. Likes luxuries and gambling. Social and outgoing. Impatient. Fun to be around. Having lots of friends. Flirtatious. Does like rules. Dislikes being confined – tight space or ever-tight clothes. Doesn't like be doubted. Beautiful inside and out.

Turquoise was the stone for the month of December in ancient Mexico, turquoise was reserved for the gods and could not be worn by mere mortals. In the 13th century, turquoise was thought to protect its wearer from falling especially from horses. Legend says tears of joy combined with rain seeped into mother earth to become sky stone or turquoise. Native Americans believe that attaching turquoise to a bow would help the arrows hit their mark. In Tibet today, turquoise was by far the most popular of all materials used for personal adornment; it also plays an important part in religious ceremonies. Turquoise was discovered by the Egyptians around 3000 B.C. and was used in their finest jewelry and ornaments.

November 29

You would rather do things yourself than direct others in doing it. You are quick, impulsive and very energetic; shrewd and capable and have good intuitive judgment. You like the out-of-doors, travel and have many interests outside of your regular routine. You are loving and understanding.

1905 Thomas Anderson, actor (Shaft's Big Score), was born in Pasadena, CA.

1908 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., US Representative from New York City, was born in New Haven, CT.

1914 Albennie Jones, blues and jazz singer, was born in Errata, MS.

1915 (William Thomas) Billy Strayhorn, composer, (Take the A Train) pianist and arranger, was born in Dayton, OH.

1919 Pearl Primus, dancer, choreographer and anthropologist, was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

1925 (Saturnino Orestes Armas Mino Arrieta) Minnie Mino, Major League Baseball player, was born in Havana, Cuba.

1927 Rupert Crosse, first African American to be nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award (The Rivers), was born in New York, NY.

1935 Dorothy Norwood, gospel singer, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1940 (William) Billy Hart, jazz drummer and educator, was born in Washington, DC.

1941 Gwendolyn Britt member of the Maryland State Senate, was born in Washington, DC.

1950 Shirley A. Smith, member of the Ohio House of Representatives, was born in Cleveland, OH.

1950 Michael Anthony Easier, Major League Baseball player, was born in Cleveland, OH.

1951 Roger Troutman, lead singer with Zapp (More Bounce to the Ounce), was born in Hamilton, OH.

1952 (Harold Thomas Wright) Tom Wright, actor (Barbershop & Barbershop 2: Back in Business), was born in Englewood, NJ.

1954 (Ollid) Dink Johnson, pianist, clarinetist and drummer, dies in Portland, OR.

1954 Michael White, jazz historian, clarinetist and bandleader (Out New Orleans: A Benefit Album for the Gulf Coast), was born in New Orleans, LA.

1956 Dwaine P. Board, American Football League player and National Football League coach, was born in Rocky Mount, VA.

1956 Hinton Battle, actor (Tony Award for the stage version of The Wiz), was born in Neubrück, Hoppstädten Germany.

1956 Lorene Cary, author (Black Ice) and educator, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 (Petri Adonis Byrd) Petri Hawkins-Byrd, television personality (bailiff on Judge Judy), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1963 Will Downing, singer (Love's the Place to Be) was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1964 (Donald Frank) Don Cheadle, Jr. actor (Hotel Rwanda), was born in Kansas City, MO.

1965 Ellen Cleghorne, actor and comedian (Saturday Night Live), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1968 (DeCovan Kadell) Dee Brown, National Basketball Association player, was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1968 Pedro Martinez (Aquino), Major League Baseball player, was born in Villa Mella Dominican Republic.

1970 Lamar Hunter Smith, National Football League player, was born in Fort Wayne, IN.

1973 Sarah Jones, stage actor (Bridge & Tunnel), was born in Baltimore, MD.

1976 Godfrey MacArthur Cambridge, actor and comedian (Cotton Comes To Harlem) dies in Burbank, CA.

1979 (Jayceon Terrell Taylor) The Game, rap artist and member of G-Unit, was born in Los Angeles, CA.



Lorene Cary

1982 Chaka Fattah, Jr., entrepreneur, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1987 Adrian Hamilton, Arena Football League player, was born in Dallas, TX.

1988 Russell Carrington Wilson, National Football League player, was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1989 Mable Keaton Staupers, advocate for racial equality in the nursing profession, dies in New York, NY.

1990 Devon Walker, National Football League player was born in New Orleans, LA.

1992 George Henry Atkinson, III, National Football League player, was born in Oakland, CA.

1997 Coleman Young, first African American mayor of Detroit, dies in Detroit, MI.

2000 Marvel Jackson Cooke, first African American woman to work at a mainstream newspaper (The Daily Compass) dies in New York, NY.

2001 Gertrude DeWitt Nelson, American Red Cross nurse dies in Pineville, Rapides Parish LA.

2011 Patrice Lumumba Malcolm O'Neal, Jr., comedian, radio personality and actor dies in Englewood, NJ.

2014 Bernardo Fernandez, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Las Vegas, NV.

Birthdays: Gregory McCoy, saxophonist with Mass Production (Firecracker) and Claude Brooks, actor in the sitcom Hitz.

November 30

You are conscientious and thorough in all you do and have the confidence and respect of your friends. You are positive, quick-tempered and impulsive; have a keen sense of humor, a clear mind and good judgment. Marry early in life and your home life will be happy and pleasant.

1912 Gordon Roger Alexander Buchanan Parks, photographer (Life Magazine), poet, novelist, journalist and film director, (Shaft) was born in Fort Scott, KS.

1915 (Walter Brown) Brownie McGhee, blues singer and guitarist, was born in Knoxville, TN.

1924 Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm first African American woman elected to US Congress, was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1927 (Robert Peter Williams) Robert Guillaume, actor (Benson), was born in St. Louis, MS.

1933 Sam Gilliam, artist noted for suspended paintings, was born in Tupelo, MS.

1937 Luther Thomas Ingram, singer (If Loving You Is Wrong I Don't Want To Be Right) and songwriter, was born in Jackson, TN.

1941 (Oliver Wendel) Ollie Dobbs, National Football League player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1942 Thomas Cleveland Holt, author (The Problem of Freedom Race, Labor and Politics in Jamaica and Britain), was born in Danville, VA.

1949 James Bennet Chones, National Basketball Association player and radio analyst, was born in Racine, WI.

1950 Larry Hoover, leader of the Chicago street gang Gangster Disciples, was born in Jackson, MS.

1950 Roland Daniels (Leroy Brown) (Elijah Akeem), professional wrestler, was born in Savannah, GA.

1953 David Sancious, musician (E Street Band), was born in Asbury Park, NJ.

1953 (Alphonso Michael) Mike Espy, member of the US House of Representatives from Mississippi, was born in Yazoo City, MS.

1953 June Antoinette Pointer-Whitmore, singer with the Pointer Sisters, was born in Oakland, CA.

1953 (Johnny Alexander Veliotes, Jr.) Shuggie Otis, singer songwriter (Strawberry Letter 23), was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1955 (William Ray) Willie Norwood, Sr., Gospel singer, was born in McComb, MS.

1958 (John Willie) Shifty Henry, bass and bass guitar player, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1960 Darren Keefe Daye, National Football League player, was born in Des Moines, IA.

1962 (Vincent Edward) Bo Jackson, Major League Baseball and National League Football player was born in Bessemer, AL.

1963 Bruce Bolden, National Basketball Association player, was born in Jackson, MS.

1963 Jalil Hutchins, rap artist with Whodini, was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1964 (Donald Matthew) Don Redman, musician, arranger (music director for Pearl Bailey), and bandleader, dies in New York, NY.

1968 Darwin Todd Hobbs, gospel music singer (Everyday), was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1968 (Desiree Annette Weeks) Des'Ree singer (You Gotta Be), was born in London, England.

1969 Larry Brown, Jr., National Football League player, was born in Miami, FL.

1970 Walter Emanuel Jones, martial artist, dances and actor (Mighty Morphin Power Rangers), was born in Detroit, MI.

1970 (Richard) Ricky Powers, National Football League player, was born in Akron, OH.

1970 Tayari Jones, author (Leaving Atlanta), was born in Atlanta, GA.

1971 Ray Durham, Major League Baseball player, was born in Charlotte, NC.

1975 Hurley Tarver, National Football League player, was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1976 Dee Rees, screenwriter and director (Pariah), was born in Nashville, TN.

1976 (Barret Powell) Louisville Sluggah, rap artist (Dinner Time), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1978 Nelsan Ellis, playwright and actor (True Blood), was born in Harvey, IL.

1983 (Abdul Sallam) "Tone Truump, rap artist (Trump Life), in born in Philadelphia, PA.

1985 Shannon Brown, National Basketball Association player, was born in Maywood, IL.

1987 Christel Adnana Khalil, actor (The Young and the Restless), was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1988 (Oluroimi Akinosho) Rotimi, singer, songwriter, actor (Boss) and founder and chief executive officer of FrontRoSeat Productions, was born in Maplewood, NJ.

1995 (Randy Walker) Stretch, rap artist and actor (Juice), dies in Queens Village, NY.

1998 Margaret Abigail Walker-Alexander, poet and writer (For My People), dies in Chicago, IL.

2003 Jerome Albert Evans, Sr. singer with The Cyclones, The Furys, The Lions, The Centennials, The Coasters, The Drifters and Vernon Green & Medallions, dies in Lancaster, CA.

December 1

You are self-confident, reliable and determined, rather quiet and reserved but fun-loving. You have a keen and alert mind and much executive ability. You are gentle and affectionate in your home and always strive to add to the happiness of your loved ones.

1921 Frank Evans, Negro League Baseball player, was born in Linden, AL.

1925 James R. Ford, educator and the first African American mayor of Tallahassee, Florida, was born in Leon County, FL.

1931 Jimmy Lyons, jazz alto saxophone player, was born in Jersey City, NJ.

1933 Lou Rawls, actor and singer (Love was a Hurting Thing), was born in Chicago, IL.

1934 (Arthur) Blind Blake, blues and ragtime singer and guitarist, dies in Milwaukee, WI.

1934 (Paul Williams) Billy Paul singer (Me and Mrs. Jones), was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1940 (Gerald Anderson) Jerry Lawson, computer engineer (Fairchild Channel F video game console), was born.

1940 Richard Franklin Lennox Thomas Pryor, II comedian, actor and writer, was born in Peoria, IL.

1946 (James) Jimmy McMillan, III, founder of the Rent Was Too Damn High Party, was born in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

1948 George Arthur Foster, Major League Baseball player, was born in Tuscaloosa, AL.

1949 Kurt Lidell Schmoke, first African American mayor of Baltimore, Maryland, was born in Baltimore, MD.

1951 Obba Babatundé, actor (Half and Half), was born in Queens, NY.

1957 Roynell Young, National Football League player, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1957 (Mary) Vesta Williams, singer (Congratulations), was born in Coshocton, OH.

1961 (Herman Son) Herm Winningham, Major League Baseball player, was born in Orangeburg, SC.

1967 (Reginald Laverne) Reggie Sanders, Major League Baseball player, was born in Florence, SC.

1969 Samuel 'Magic Sam' Gene Maghett, blues guitarist, dies in Chicago, IL.

1970 Golden Ameda Brlocks, actor (Girlfriends), was born in San Francisco, CA.

1970 Tisha Felice Waller, high jump athlete who participated in the 1996 Summer Olympics, was born in South Boston, VA.

1974 (Isaiah Randolph) Ikey Owens, keyboardist, was born in Long Beach, CA.

1974 Stephen Spottswood, head of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, dies.

1979 Maurie Autors Morris, National Football League player, was born in Chester, SC.

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