

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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**LIBRA - The Harmonizer**

*Nice to everyone they meet. Can't make up their mind. Have own unique appeal. Creative, energetic and very social. Hate to be alone. Peaceful, generous. Very loving and beautiful. Flirtatious. Give in too easily. Procrastinators. Very gullible.*

**The Opal was the stone for the month of October**

Opal has been called the Cupid stone because it reflects the complexion of Eros, the Greek god of love. In the Middle Ages, opal was thought to render the wearer invisible, thus it was recommended for thieves to wear opals. Ancient Arab culture believed opals fell from heaven, acquiring their play of color from flashes of lightning. To the Romans, the opal was the symbol of hope and purity. They called it "Cupid Paederos", a child beautiful as love. The Roman senator Nonius chose to go into exile rather than surrender an opal to Mark Anthony and most opals are 50-65 million years old, dating back to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs walked the earth.

## October 4

You are vigorous and energetic, love the out-of-doors and enjoy any athletic sport. You have perseverance, far-sightedness, and self-confidence and are meticulous in detail. You assume responsibility with ease and assurance and generally successful. Your love was deep and strong.

1921 (John Willie) Shifty Henry bass player and blues songwriter (Let Me Go Home, Whiskey), was born in Edna, TX.

1927 John William Blind Boone, pianist and composer of ragtime music, dies in Warrensburg, MO.

1927 (Cynthia Delores Nottage) C. Delores Tucker politician and civil rights activist, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1928 James Forman, Civil Rights Leader and author (The Making of a Black Revolutionary), was born in Chicago, IL.

1930 (Prince) Joe Henry, Negro League Baseball player, was born in Brooklyn, IL.

1937 Lee Patrick Brown, criminologist and the first African American mayor of Houston, Texas, was born in Wewoka, OK.

1937 (Amos) Leon Thomas, jazz singer (The Creator Has A Master Plan), was born in East St. Louis, IL.

1937 Perkle Lee Moses, singer with The El Dorados, (At My Front Door) was born.

1937 Lee Patrick Brown, first African American mayor of Houston, TX, was born in Wewoka, OK.

1940 Marie Elizabeth Dutton-Brown, founder of Elan magazine and Marie Brown Associates, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1941 Elizabeth Eckford, one of the the Little Rick Nine, was born in Little Rock, AR.

1942 Bernice Johnson Reagon, singer with Sweet Honey in the Rock and founding member of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, was born in Dougherty County, GA.

1943 (Hubert Gerold Brown) (Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin) H. Rap Brown, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (autobiography Die Nigger Die), was born in Baton Rouge, LA.

1944 Marlena Davis, singer with The Orlons (South Street), was born.

1945 Clifton Duncan Davis, actor (That's My Mama and Amen) minister and songwriter (Never Can Say Goodbye), was born in Chicago, IL.

1947 John Booker Walton, National Football League player, was born in Elizabeth City, NC.

1949 Chris Smith, performer and composer (Balin' The Jack), dies in New York, NY.

1951 (Leonard Eugene) Truck Robinson, National Basketball Association player, was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1951 (Loretta Pleasant) Henrietta Lacks, cells were cultured to create the first human immortal cell line (HeLa), dies in Baltimore, MD.

1955 Rafer Mohammed, track athlete specializing in the 400-meter relay, was born in Trinidad.

1957 Russell Wendell Simmons, entrepreneur and co-founder of Def Jam and fashion mogul (Phat Farm), was born in New York, NY.

1960 (William Augustus) Billy Hatcher, Major League Baseball player, was born in Williams, AZ.

1961 Michael Tyrone Sharperson, Major League Baseball player, was born in Orangeburg, SC.

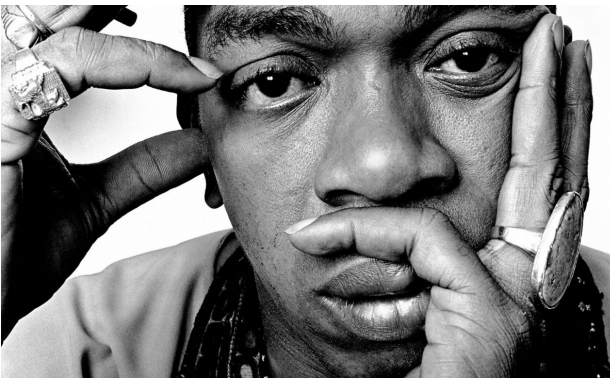
1962 Issiac Holt, III, National Football League player, was born in Birmingham, AL.

1963 A.C. Green, Jr., National Basketball Association player, was born in Portland, OR.

1964 Mark Tremell McLemore, Major League Baseball player, was born in San Diego, CA.

1967 Vicky Andrea Bullett, Women's National Basketball Association player and head coach (West Virginia Wesleyan College), was born in Martinsburg, WV.

1970 Geoffrey Shawn Fletcher, film director and screen-



**Geoffrey Lamont Holder**

writer (Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire), was born in New London, CT.

1972 Kurt Vincent Thomas, National Basketball Association player, was born in Dallas, TX.

1977 Bobby Leon Scales, Major League Baseball player, was born in Southfield, MI.

1977 (Jeffrey Ray Grigsby) J-Bo, rap artist with Sean P, was born in Decatur, GA.

1978 Ken-Yon Rambo, Canadian Football League player, was born in Long Beach, CA.

1978 Telisha Shaw, dancer and actor (Step Up 2: The Streets), was born in Memphis, TN.

1978 Dana Davis, actor (10 Things I Hate About You), was born in Davenport, IA.

1979 (Woodrow) Woody Dantzler, III, National Football League player, was born in Orangeburg SC.

1979 Jason Goss, Canadian Football League player, was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1980 James Andrew Jones, National Basketball Association player, was born in Miami, FL.

1980 Me'Lisa and Mikele Ronisse 'Miki' Barber, track and field sprint athlete, was born in Livingston, NJ.

1982 Liam McGeary, mixed martial artist, was born in King's Lynn, Norfolk, England.

1982 (Anthony Keith) Tony Gwynn, Jr. Major League Baseball player, was born in Long Beach, CA.

1985 Shontelle (Layne) singer (Shontelligence), was born in Saint James, Barbados.

1986 Kali Hawk, actor (Fifty Shades of Black), was born in New York, NY.

1987 Justin Marrow, professional soccer player, was born in Cleveland, OH.

1987 Daniel Anthony, actor (Dr. Who), was born in Birmingham, England.

1988 Derrick Martell Rose, National Basketball Association player, was born in Chicago, IL.

1989 (Dequantes Devontay Lamar) Rich Homie Quan, rap artist (Rich as in Spirit), was born in Atlanta, GA.

1989 (Niattia Jessica Kirkland) Lil Mama, rap artist (Voice of the Young People), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1990 (Diana Danelys de Los Santos) Amara La Negra, rap artist and reality star (Love & Hip Hop: Miami), was born in Miami, FL.

1990 (Henry Oliver) Ollie Jones, singer (The Ravens), dies.

1991 Eric D. Hill, Jr., actor (Brotherly Love), was born in New York, NY.

1993 Varetta Dillard, blues singer (Mercy, Mr. Percy), dies in Brooklyn, NY.

1994 Michael K. Williams, National Football League player, was born in Vance, SC.

1996 Antonio Blakeney, National Basketball Association player, was born in Sarasota, FL.

1996 Ella Balinska, actor (Charlie's Angels franchise), was born in London, England.

1999 (Arthur Stewart) Art Farmer, trumpet player with The Jazztet (Killer Joe), dies in New York, NY.

2012 Zwelakhe Sisulu, black journalist, editor and newspaper founder dies in Johannesburg, South Africa.

2014 Jewel Joseph Newman, Louisiana State Representative, dies in Baton Rouge, LA.

2015 J(erome) Wyatt Mondesire, owner of the Philadelphia Sun newspaper and president of the Philadelphia branch of the NAACP, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

2018 Kevin Marcus Ellison, National Football League player, dies in San Fernando Valley, CA.

2018 Hamiet Bluiett, jazz saxophonist, clarinetist (with Charles Mingus), dies in St. Louis, MO.

## October 5

*You are impulsive, changeable, and quick tempered, but you have nevertheless a strong character, forceful and compelling. You love nature, especially water sports. You are fortunate in having many dear friends and will have a very pleasant home life.*

1918 James Blanton, jazz double bassist, was born in Chattanooga, TN.

1921 (William Karnet) Bill Willis, National Football League player, was born in Columbus, OH.

1929 Autherine Juanita Lucy Foster, first African American to enroll in the University of Alabama, was born in Shiloh, AL.

1932 Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, first African American woman congresswoman from California, was born in Los

Angeles, CA.

1933 Bennie Smith, blues guitarist, was born in St. Louis, MO.

1938 (John Arlington) Dizzy Moore, Jamaican trumpet player, was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1940 Acel Moore, journalist at The Inquirer and co-founder of the National Association of Black Journalist, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1941 Arlene Smith, singer with The Chantels (Maybe), was born in The Bronx, NY.

1942 Richard Street, singer with The Temptations, was born in Detroit, MI.

1943 Ruth Elizabeth Jones McClendon, member of the Texas House of Representatives, was born in Houston, TX.

1944 Leon Bibb, first African American primetime news anchor in Ohio, was born in Butler, AL.

1946 James Tim Brymn, jazz musician, dies in New York, NY.

1947 Linda Washington Cropp, first woman to serve as the elected Council Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1948 (Carter Cornelius) Prince Gideon Israel, singer with Cornelius Brothers (Treat Her Like A Lady), was born in Dania Beach, FL.

1948 (Lucius) Tarl Ross, guitarist with Funkadelic, was born in Wagram, NC.

1948 Delroy George Wilson, aka, rocksteady and reggae singer (I Shall Not Remove), was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1953 (Sandra) Puma Jones, singer with Black Uhuru, was born in Columbia, SC.

1954 Oscar McKinley Charleston, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 Clifton Anderson, jazz trombone player, was born in Harlem, NY.

1957 (Bernard Jeffrey McCullough) Bernie Mac, actor and comedian, was born in Chicago, IL.

1958 Neil deGrasse Tyson, and, astrophysicist and science communicator, was born in The Bronx, NY.

1959 (Roderick Bernet) Ron Allen, Major League Baseball player, coach and analyst, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1961 Booker Little, jazz trumpeter and composer, dies in New York, NY.

1962 (Michael Alex) Mike Conley, Sr., track and field athlete, was born in Chicago, IL.

1964 Korina Maria Sanchez-Roxxes, broadcast journalist was born in Hong Kong.

1964 Denean Elizabeth Howard-Hill, Olympic track athlete competing in the 400 meters, was born in San Bernardino, CA.

1972 Marcus Haley, IFBB (International Federation of Body Building & Fitness) bodybuilder, was born in Las Vegas, NV.

1972 Grant Henry Hill, National Basketball Association player and host (NBS Inside Stuff), was born in Dallas TX.

1973 John C. Bowers, entrepreneur, organist and founding member of the first Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1974 Heather Headley, singer and stage actor (The Lion King) was born in Barataria, Trinidad and Tobago.

1981 Isaiah Afamefuna Ekejiuba, National Football League player, was born in Nigeria.

1982 Trent James Cole, Jr., National Football League player, was born in Xenia, OH.

1984 Naima Adedapo, singer (10th season of American Idol), was born in Maywood, IL.

1984 (Kanasha Nichole Brookes) Brooke Valentine, actor and singer (Girlfight) was born in Houston, TX.

1987 Brandon Keith Wright, National Basketball Association player, was born in Nashville, TN.

1987 Brandon Tate, National Football League player, was born in Burlington, NC.

1988 (Gregory M.) Greg Jones, Canadian and National Football League player, was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1988 Kevin Olusola, cellist, rap artist and beat box for vocal band Pentatonix, was born in Owensboro, KY.

1990 Taylour Paige, dancer and actor (Hit the Floor), was born in Santa Monica, CA.

1991 Knile Rashead Davis, National Football League player, was born in Missouri City, TX.

1992 Eddie James Kendricks, singer with The Temptations (Just My Imagination), dies in Birmingham, AL.

2001 (Frederick Lee) Fred Shuttlesworth, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, dies in Birmingham, AL.

2007 George Malone, singer with the Monotones (Book of Love), dies.

2011 (Frederick Lee Robinson) Fred Shuttlesworth, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference dies, in Birmingham, AL.

2011 Derrick Albert Bell, Jr. first tenured African American Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, dies in New York, NY.

2012 James W. Holley, III, dental surgeon and mayor of Portsmouth, Virginia, dies in Portsmouth, VA.

2013 (Edward) Butch Warren jazz double bassist (Wattermelon Man), dies in Washington, DC.

2014 Ike Jones, actor and the first African American graduate of UCLA Film School dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2014 Geoffrey Lamont Holder, choreographer and actor (Live and Let Die), dies in New York, NY.

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