

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 Sapphire is the stone for the month of September

An ancient Persian legend states that the earth rests on a large sapphire and the blue of the sky comes from the gem's reflection. Medieval priests and monks wore sapphire believing they would prevent evil impulses and thoughts. It was once thought that, if a poisonous snake were put into a container with a sapphire the rays from the gem would kill it. Sapphire was believed to turn evil sorcery and negative spells back against the sender and provide advance warning of hidden dangers. Ancient writers claimed the Ten Commandments were written on sapphire, making this gem most sacred. Sapphire has long symbolized truth sincerity and faithfulness. If its luster dulled when worn by a spouse, it was believed that person had been unfaithful.

September 27

Do not let petty annoyances worry you. Cultivate cheerfulness and meet these troubles with that spirit and you will find they are not so bad. You are kind, generous and sympathetic and will select a loving and understanding mate. Marry early in life!

1796 David Walker, abolitionist and author of An Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World was born in Cape Fear, NC.

1826 Hiram Rhodes Revels, US Representative from Mississippi, was born in Fayetteville, NC.

1892 A.L. Lewis was awarded patent 483,359 for window cleaner.

1895 (Floyd) Jelly Roll Gardner, Negro League Baseball player, was born in Russellville, AR.

1905 (Harold Willard) Hal Bradley, Sr., National Football League player (second African American lineman in the history of the NFL), was born in Coffeyville, KS.

1924 Bud Powell, jazz pianist, was born in New York, NY.

1934 John Angelo Lester, physician, professor of physiology and an executive officer in the National Medical Association, dies in Nashville, TN.

1934 Greg Morris actor (Mission Impossible), was born in Cleveland, OH.

1935 Mamie 'Peanut' Johnson, first female pitcher to play in Negro League Baseball, was born in Ridgeway, SC.

1936 Don Cornelius, VJ and producer of Soul Train, was born in Chicago, IL.

1947 (Kenneth Alfonso) Ken Ellis, National Football League player, was born in Woodbine, GA.

1947 Kathleen McCree Lewis, lawyer named one of Michigan's two 10, was born in Boston, MA.

1950 (Edward) Ed Bolden, baseball executive and owner in the Negro League, dies in Darby, PA.

1953 Diane Julie Abbott, British Labor party politician and Member of Parliament, was born in Paddington, London England.

1954 Sylvester Turner, member of the Texas House of Representatives, was born in Houston, TX.

1954 Keith Errol Barrow, singer and songwriter (Teach Me [It's Something About Love]), was born in Chicago, IL.

1954 Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College, was born.

1959 Emmanuel Gyimah Labi, composer, conductor and music professor, was born in Accra, Ghana.

1961 Norris James Coleman, National Basketball Association player, was born in Jacksonville, FL.

1963 (Ronald A.) Ron Burke, anchor/reporter (Comcast SportsNet), was born in Richmond, VA.

1966 **Stephanie Wilson**, engineer and NASA astronaut, was born in Boston, MA.

1968 Robert Sean Moore, National Football League player, was born in Hempstead NY.

1971 Jarvis D. Johnson, member of the Texas House of Representatives, was born in Houston, TX.

1973 (Maurice Samuel Young) Trick Daddy, rap artist (Nann Nigga), was born in Liberty City, Miami, FL.

1973 Rudy Rush, comedian and host of Showtime at the Apollo, was born.

1974 Edward Tervin Thomas, National Football League player, was born in Thomasville, GA.

1979 Phil Bogle, Arena and National Football League player, was born in Spring Valley, NY.

1979 La'Myia Good, singer, actor and voice work (PlayStation 3 Killzone 3), was born in Panorama City, CA.

1981 Ida Ljungqvist, first African born Playboy's Playmate of the Month (March 2008), was born in Tanzania.

1982 Dwayne Michael Carter, Jr.) Lil Wayne, singer, rap artist, actor (Growing Up Hip Hop: Atlanta), was born in New Orleans, LA.



Stephanie Wilson

1982 Darrent Demarcus Williams, National Football League player, was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1984 Angela Haynes, professional tennis player was born in Belflower, CA.

1985 Anthony Jarrad Morrow, National Basketball Association player, was born in Charlotte, NC.

1988 Marc Tyler, National Football League player, was born in Yorba Linda, CA.

1988 (James Charles) J.C. Heard, swing, bop and blues drummer, dies in Royal Oak, MI.

1993 Brandon Alexander, Canadian Football League player, was born in Orlando, FL.

1996 (Brian Vaughn Bradley, Jr.) Astro, rap artist (contestant on the first season of The X Factor USA), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

2000 Frank Wills, security guard that led to the Watergate Scandal, dies in Augusta, GA.

2004 (Louis Edward Satterfield) Lui Lui, bass and trombone session musician, dies in Chicago, IL.

2012 Frank Edward Wilson, songwriter, record producer for Motown and author (The Master Degree-Majoring in Your Marriage and Unmasking the Lone Ranger), dies in Duarte, CA.

2013 (William James) Gates Brown, Major League Baseball player, dies in Detroit, MI.

2015 Wilton Lewis Felder, saxophone and bass player and a founding member of The Jazz Drusaders, dies in Whittier, CA.

Birthday: Mark Colderon, singer with the group Color Me Badd

September 28



Gloria Naylor

Learn to assert yourself and be more aggressive! You are self-reliant and ambitious but very modest, you could achieve much more if you let yourself. You are musical and literary and love with your whole heart.

1796 David Walker, abolitionist and author (An Appeal to the Coloured Citizens of the World), was born in Wilmington, NC.

1821 Jonathan Clarkson Gibbs, II, Presbyterian minister and first African American Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction of Florida, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1883 Lemuel Haynes, minuteman during the American Revolution, dies in South Granville, NY.

1897 J. H. Haines was awarded patent 590,833 for the portable basin.

1914 Christian Abraham Fleetwood, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions during the Civil War, dies in Washington, DC.

1918 Freddie Stowers, Medal of Honor recipient for his actions in World War I, dies in Ardeuil-et-Montfauxelles, Ardennes France.

1922 William Joseph Seymour, holiness preacher who initiated the Azusa Street Revival, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1928 (Cora Walton) KoKo Taylor, blues singer (Wang Dang Doodle), was born in Shelby County, TN.

1931 John Gilmore, jazz saxophonist, was born in Sum-

mit, MS.

1938 (Benjamin Earl) Ben E. King, singer (Stand By Me), was born in Henderson, NC.

1939 Rudolph Malcolm Walker, actor, first Black actor to appear in a major British TV series (Love Thy Neighbour), was born in San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago.

1939 Charles David Brooks, III, actor (Black Sister's Revenge), was born in New York, NY.

1939 (Elbridge) Al Bryant, singer and one of the founding members of The Temptations, was born in Thomasville, GA.

1941 Mims Hackett, member of the New Jersey General Assembly, was born in Birmingham, AL.

1941 (Charles Robert) Charlie Taylor, National Football League player, was born in Grand Prairie, TX.

1942 Grant Dwight Jackson, Major League Baseball player, was born in Fostoria, OH.

1946 Herbert Jefferson, Jr., actor (Battlestar Galactica), was born in Sandersville, GA.

1947 Harold Dow, journalist and investigative reporter for CBS, was born in Hackensack, NJ.

1948 JoAnn Haysbert (Wright), first African American female president of any institution of higher learning in the state of Oklahoma (Langston University), was born in Kingstree, SC.

1950 Pauletta Washington, actor (wife of Denzel Washington), was born in North Carolina.

1955 (Kenneth David) Kenny Kirkland, pianist/key-boardist, was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1961 (Wesley Carl) Wes Hopkins, National Football League player, was born in Birmingham, AL.

1962 Irving Dale Fryar, Sr., National Football League player, was born in Mount Holly Township, NJ.

1962 Anne Marie Fox, Playboy magazine's Playmate of the Month for February 1982, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1963 Johnny Earl Dawkins, Jr. National Basketball Association player, was born in Washington, DC.

1964 David Dwayne Fulcher, National Football League player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1965 (Joseph Pierre) Joe Torry, comedian and actor (Getting Played), was born in St. Louis, MO.

1966 Bellina Logan, actor (Interview with the Vampire), was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1966 (Lucius Venable) Lucky Millinder, bandleader, dies in New York, NY.

1967 (Bill) Billy Bass, one of the first African Americans to break the color barrier in Canadian football, was born in Greensboro, NC.

1967 Keiffer Jackson Mitchell, Jr., member of the Maryland House of Delegates, was born in Baltimore, MD.

1968 Sean Levert singer (Put Your Body Where Your Mouth Is), was born in Cleveland, OH.

1969 Karen Fairchild, singer with Little Big Town, was born.

1970 Bruce Williamson, Jr., singer with The Temptations, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 Mantan Moreland, actor (Charlie Chan series), dies in Hollywood, CA.

1975 Karan Ashley Jackson, actor (Mighty Morphin Power Rangers), was born in Odessa, TX.

1977 (Jay Wayne Jenkins) Jeezy, rap artist (Let's Get It: Thug Motivation 101), was born in Columbia, SC.

1979 Mara Schavocampo, journalist for ABC News, was born in Silver Spring, MD.

1982 (Chukwuemeka Nnubuisi) Emeka Okafor, National Basketball Association player was born in Houston, TX.

1982 (Raymond Robert) Ray Emery, National Hockey League player, was born in Hamilton, Ontario Canada.

1983 Gerald Antonio Riggs, Jr., Canadian Football League player, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1984 Robert Emery Meachem, National Football League player, was born in Tulsa, OK.

1984 Melody Thornton, singer with the Pussycat Dolls, was born in Phoenix, AZ.

1988 (Nathan Everhart) Jason Jordan, professional wrestler, was born in Tinley Park, IL.

1990 Marvin Mychal-Christopher Kendricks, National Football League player, was born in Fresno, CA.

1990 (Davon Wilson) Jasper Dolphin, rap artist, actor, comedian and founding member of the Los Angeles hip hop collective Odd Future, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1990 Tyler Thomas, Canadian Football League player, was born in Jackson, MI.

1991 Miles Dewey Davis jazz trumpeter, dies in Santa Monica, CA.

1995 Albert Louis Johanneson, professional footballer and the first high-profile Black man to play to-flight football, dies in Leeds, England.

2003 Althea Gibson, first African American woman to be a competitor tennis player, dies in East Orange, NJ.

2004 Jaden Piner, actor (Moonlight), was born.

2005 Constance Baker Motley, judge, state senator (New York) and President of Manhattan borough, dies in New York, NY.

2010 Dolores Mae Wilson, coloratura soprano, dies in Englewood, NJ.

2016 **Gloria Naylor**, Novelist (The Women of Brewster Place), dies in Christiansted, US Virgin Islands.

2018 (Wesley Carl) Wes Hopkins, National Football League player, 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.