

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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VIRGO The Perfectionist

Dominant in relationships. Conservative. Always wants the last word. Argumentative. Worries. Very smart. Dislikes noise and chaos. Eager. Hardworking. Loyal. Beautiful. Easy to talk to. Hard to please. Harsh. Practical and very fussy. Often shy. Pessimistic.

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 13

You are strong and robust and love all outdoor sports. You work and play with equal strength and strive to excel in whatever you do. You are amiable, gracious, discreet and have the confidence of your associates. If you marry young, you will be very happy. You are loving and sympathetic.

1848 (John Robert) J.R. Clifford, West Virginia first African American attorney is born in Williamsport, VA.

1856 Maria Louise Baldwin, educator and civic leader is born in Cambridge, MA.

1881 Latimer & Nicholas are awarded patent 247,097 for an electric lamp.

1885 Alain, Leroy Locke, philosopher, educator and the first African American Rhodes Scholar is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1898 Jones & Long are awarded patent 610,715 for caps for bottles.

1898 Elijah McCoy is awarded patent 610,634 for a lubricator.

1899 Frank 'Big Boy' Goudie, tenor sax, clarinet and trumpet player and one of the first African American jazz musician to go to Europe and is credited with helping to develop an interest in jazz on the continent is born in Royville (Youngsville), LA.

1904 Alberta Christine Williams King, mother of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is born in Atlanta, GA.

1918 (Clarence H.) Du Burns, mayor of Baltimore, Maryland is born in Baltimore, MD.

1922 Charles Brown, blues singer (Merry Christmas Baby) is born in Texas City, TX.

1926 Andrew Felton Brimmer, economist and the first African American Governor of the Federal Reserve System is born in Neweliton, LA.

1926 Clifton Reginald Wharton, chancellor of the State University of New York and the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago is born in Boston, MA.

1931 Adrienne Kennedy, playwright (Funnyhouse of a Negro) is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1932 Eddie 'Bongo' Brown, congas and bongos player for Motown Records in house Funk Brothers band is born in Clarksdale, MS.

1939 James Johnson, singer with the Vibrations (Stranded In The Jungle) is born.

1939 (Eugene Edgar) Gene Page, conductor, composer and motion picture soundtracks (Fun with Dick and Jane) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1943 Mildred DeLois Taylor, writer (Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry) is born in Jackson, MS.

1947 (Elmer Pratt) (Geronimo Ji Jaga) Geronimo Pratt, ranking member in the Panther Party falsely accused, tried and convicted of the kidnap and murder of Caroline Olsen, spent 27 years in prison including eight in solitary confinement and later freed when his conviction was vacated is born in Morgan City, LA.

1948 (Nell Ruth Hardy) Nell Carter actor (Gimme A Break) is born in Birmingham, AL.

1951 Brent Staples, editorial writer (New York Times) and author (Parallel Times: Growing Up Black and White) is born in Chester, PA.

1953 (Ronda Eva Harris) Iyania Vanzant, inspirational speaker, television personality and author (*Faith in the Valley: Lessons for Women on the Journey to Peace*) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1954 Isiah Whitlock, Jr., actor (The Wire) is born in South Bend, IN.

1957 Joni Sledge, singer with Sister Sledge (We Are Family) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1962 Anthony Hamilton Jones, National Basketball Association player is born in Washington, DC.

1964 Tavis Smiley, author and talk show host is born in



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Gulfport, MS.

1966 (Bruce Edward) Damian Broadus, one half of the singing duo Damian Dame is born.

1967 Michael Duane Johnson, Olympic sprinter who has won four gold medals and eight world championships is born in Dallas, TX.

1969 (Emmitt) Tyler Perry, actor, director, screenwriter and playwright is born in New Orleans, LA.

1973 Cedric Levon Richmond, US Representative for the state of Louisiana is born in New Orleans, LA.

1978 (Kasseem Dean) Swizz Beatz, hip-hop recording artist and record producer (#27 of the Top 50 Greatest Hip-Hop Producers) (husband of Alicia Keys) is born in The Bronx, NY.

1978 Yunoka Doyle, actor (7th Heaven) is born in Queens, NY.

1983 Rickie Darnell Weeks, Major League Baseball player is born in Altamonte Springs, FL.

1984 Darryl Anthony Tapp, National Football League player is born in Portsmouth, VA.

1996 Tupac Shakur, rap artist and actor dies in Las Vegas, NV.

2003 (Ronald E.) Ron Burton, National Football League player and first American Football League draft choice dies in Framingham, MA.

2007 Robert Terry Tobin, first African American mayor of Minden, Louisiana dies in Minden, LA.

2013 Patti Webster, founder and CEO of W&W Public Relations dies in Somerville, NJ.

September 14

You are impulsive, emotional, impatient and like to get results quickly. You have originality, are quite versatile, quick to grasp a point and have good judgment. You have a keen sense of humor, are winsome and vivacious, loving and demonstrative in your family. You home life will be a happy one.

1891 John Adams Hyman first African American representative from the State of North Carolina dies in Washington, DC.

1899 Fitz Lee, a Buffalo Soldier receives the Medal of Honor for his valor during the Spanish American War at Tayacoba, Cuba.

1914 Allen Allensworth, founder of Allensworth, California dies in Monrovia, CA.

1921 Constance Baker Motley, first African American woman to be appointed to a federal judgeship is born in New Haven, CT.

1924 (Robert Waltrip) Bobby Short pianist is born in Danville, IL.

1934 (Melvin Gray) Bob Perry, Major League Baseball player is born in New Bern, NC.

1942 Oliver Lake, jazz saxophonist, flutist, composer and poet is born in Marianna, AR.

1950 John Steptoe, author of children's books (Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1955 Nelson Blake Ainsworth Bascome, Jr., Minister of Health in Bermuda is born in Bermuda.

1963 (Sandra Lee) Sandi Jackson (Stevens), member of the Chicago, Illinois City Council, and wife of Jesse Jackson, Jr. is born in Kittery, ME.

1969 (Emmitt Perry, Jr.) Tyler Perry, actor, producer (Mabel Madea Simmons) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1970 Chryste Dionne Gaines, track and field athlete is born in Lawton, OK.

1972 (Rosemarie Alicia) Rose Jackson (Moye) actor (Hangin' with the Homeboys) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1973 (Nasir bin Olu Dara Jones) Nas, rap artist (Illmatic) is born in Long Island City, Queens NY.

1975 George Paul Lombard, Major League Baseball

player is born in Atlanta, GA.

1978 Tanisha Lynn (Eanes) actor (All My Children) is born in Houston, TX.

1980 Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee, physician and activist is born in Norfolk, VA.

1981 (Walter E.) Furry Lewis, songwriter and blues guitarist dies in Memphis, TN.

1985 Delmon Damarcus Young, Major League Baseball player is born in Montgomery, AL.

1985 Shannon Kane, actor (Hollywood Heights) is born in Portage, MI.

1985 Julia Pace Mitchell, actor (The Young and the Restless) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1986 Reggie Williams, National Basketball Association player is born in Prince George, Virgin Islands.

2000 (Beulah Elizabeth Richardson) Beah Richards, actor (Guess Who's Coming to Dinner) dies in Vicksburg, MS.

2002 (Beulah Richardson) Beah Richards, actor (Guess Who's Coming To Dinner) dies in Vicksburg, MS.

2002 (Alberta Peal) LaWanda Page, actor (Sanford & Son) dies in Hollywood, CA.

2003 Yetunde Hawanya Tara Price, half sister of tennis players Venus and Serena Williams is shot in a drive by in Compton, California.

2005 Frances Elaine McLemore Newton is executed by lethal injection in the state of Texas.

September 15

You are exceedingly honest and frank; are determined and energetic, but you are apt to use your energy in the wrong direction. You are cheerful and witty, good company and a general favorite. You love your family and are dearly loved by them.

1852 Edward Alexander Bouchet, physicist and the first African American to graduate from Yale is born in New Haven, CT.

1852 Jan E. Matzeliger, inventor who revolutionized the shoe making industry is born in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana (now Suriname).

1890 (Claudius Festus) Claude McKay, poet (Home to Harlem) is born in James Hill, Clarendon, Jamaica.

1902 Theodore Ward, dramatist and author (Big White Fog) is born in Thibodaux, LA.

1905 James E. O'Hara, US Representative from North Carolina dies in Bern, NC.

1907 Alvin Childress, actor (Amos 'n Andy) is born in Meridian, MS.

1908 (George Colar) Kid Sheik, jazz trumpeter is born in New Orleans, LA.

1918 (Julius) Nipsey Russell, comedian and actor (The Wiz) is born in Atlanta, GA.

1921 (James Edward) Snooky Pryor, blues harmonica player is born in Lambert, MS.

1928 (Julian Edwin) Cannonball Adderley, saxophonist and composer (Mercy, Mercy, Mercy) is born in Tampa, FL.

1935 (William) Bill Pinkney, first African American to circumnavigate the globe alone by boat is born in Chicago, IL.

1935 (Eugene) Gene Pearson, singer with the Cleftones and the Drifters is born in New York, NY.

1940 Anne Moody, author (Coming of Age in Mississippi) is born in Centreville, Mississippi.

1943 Stephen Burrows, fashion designer, is born in Newark, NJ

1945 Jessye Norman, dramatic soprano is born in Augusta, GA.

1948 David Joseph Watson, executed by the US Federal Government in Florida for a murder committed on the High Seas.

1950 Anthony 'Tuba Fats' Lacen, tubist and bandleader is born in New Orleans, LA.

1960 Mike Davis, head coach at Texas Southern University is born in Fayette, AL.

1960 Daniel Whyte, III, minister and president of Gospel Light Society International and Torch Ministries International is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1963 Addie Mae Collins Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley are killed in a bomb blast of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL.

1968 Susan Patterson Dalian, voice actor (Wolverine) is born in Baltimore, MD.

1969 (Kier Gist) DJ Kee Gee, rap artist and member of Naughty by Nature is born in East Orange, NJ.

1970 Rodney Perry, comedian and actor (The Mo'Nique Shoe) is born in Chicago, IL.

1977 (Elmon Mickle) Drifftin' Slim, blues singer, guitarist and harmonica player is born in Keo, AR.

1980 Hale Aspacio Woodruff, mural artist (The Art of the Negro) is born in New York, NY.

1983 Johnny Maurice Hartman, singer on the soundtrack for the movie (Bridges of Madison County) dies.

1983 (William Correa) Willie Bobo, percussionist and vocalist dies.

1985 (Charles Melvin) Cootie Williams, trumpeter dies in New York, NY.

1997 Edna Mae Harris, actor (The Green Pastures) dies in New York, NY.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from,