

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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PISCES - February 19 - March 20



Pisces – The Dreamer

Generous, kind and thoughtful. Very creative and imaginative. May become secretive and vague. Sensitive. Don't like details. Dreamy and unrealistic. Sympathetic and loving. Kind. Unselfish. Good Kisser. Beautiful.

Amethyst is the stone for the month of February

In the Middle Ages Amethyst was thought to encourage celibacy, and as a result became important in the ornamentation of churches. Amethyst, according to Leonardo Da Vinci, is able to increase intelligence and dissolve evil thoughts. Catherine the great was very fond of amethysts. They adorn the British Crown Jewels and were coveted by Egyptian royalty. Rosaries in Tibet are often made from amethyst, a gemstone considered to be sacred to Buddha. Ancient Greeks believed amethyst would protect against drunkenness (“amethystas” is a Greek word meaning “not drunken”) and therefore carved wine goblets from it. Amethyst is believed to purify the mind, increase tranquility and alleviate anxiety.

February 21

You have excellent reasoning powers but are somewhat critical in your opinions. You are studious, serious and self-contained, enjoy reading good literature and like the finer things in life. You will have a pleasant and happy home life. 1893 Ernest Whitman, actor (Road to Zanzibar) is born in Fort Smith, AR. 1899 E.P. Ray is awarded patent 620,078 for a chair-supporting device.

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1903 (Francis Hillman) Scrapper Blackwell, blues guitarist (Prison Bound Blues), is born in Syracuse, NC.

1905 Samuel Milton Nabrit, physiologist, embryologist and former president of Texas Southern University, is born in Macon, GA.

1917 (Tadley Ewing Peake) Tadd Dameron pianist, arranger and composer, is born in Cleveland, OH.

1919 William Walker Cash Negro League Baseball player is born in Round Oak, GA.

1933 (Eunice Kathleen Waymon) Nina Simone singer and composer (I Love You Porgy), is born in Tyron, NC.

1936 Barbara Jordan, educator and the first African American Woman to be elected to the Texas Senate, is born in Houston, TX.

1938 (Robert) Bobby Charles (Guidry), singer, songwriter (See You Later Alligator), is born in Abbeville, LA.

1940 John Lewis, Congressman from Georgia and founder and chairman of SNCC (Student Non-Violence Coordinating Committee), is born in Troy, AL.

1941 Walter Thomas Bailey, architect, dies in Chicago, IL.

1954 Victor L. Martinez, poet and author (Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida), is born in Fresno, CA.

1960 (Angela Veronica) Angie Paccione, Colorado legislator, is born in New York, NY.

1961 Frederick McKinley Jones, inventor, winner of the National Medal of Technology, inductee of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and cofounder of Thermo King, dies in Minneapolis, MN.

1965 **Malcolm X** is assassinated in the Audubon Ballroom New York, NY.

1968 Pellom McDaniels, III, National Football League player, is born in San Jose, CA.

1969 Corey Harris, blues and reggae musician, is born in Denver, CO.

1969 Aunjanue L. Ellis, actor (The Help), is born in San Francisco, CA.

1974 (Charles C. Scruggs) Wish Bone, rap artist (Bone Thugs-n-Harmony), is born in Cleveland, OH.

1983 Braylon Jamel Edwards, National Football League player, is born in Detroit, MI.

1986 Marcus Henry, Canadian Football League player, is born in Hinesville, GA.

1989 Darius Marshall, Indoor Football League player, is born in Milledgeville, GA.

1989 Corbin Bleu (Reivers), singer-songwriter and actor (Catch That Kid), is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1992 Eva Jessye, First African American woman to receive international distinction as a professional choral director, dies in Ann Arbor, MI.

2011 Dwayne Glenn McDuffie, writer of comic books and television (Static Shock), dies in Burbank, CA.

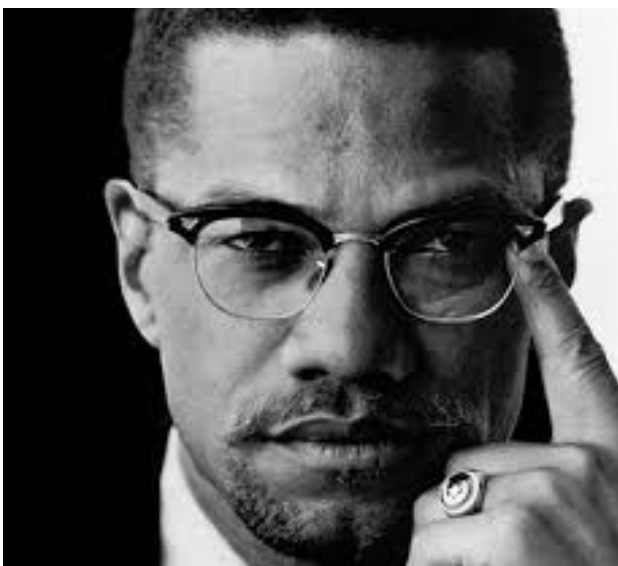
2013 Cleotha Staples, singer with The Staple Singers (Respect Yourself), dies in Chicago, IL.

2013 (Morris Holt) Magic Slim, blues singer and guitar-

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ist (Scufflin) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

Cultivate self-confidence, self-esteem and a better out-



Malcolm X

look on life. You are apt to be pessimistic. You are capable of great things if you will accept the present happiness and not worry about the future. You are generous to a fault and can love deeply.

1839 Octavius Catto, educator who was killed by Irish men to prevent him from voting in Philadelphia is born in Charleston, SC.

1841 Grafton Tyler Brown, artist, lithographer and the first African American whose paintings were collected by the Oakland (CA) Museum of Art, is born in Harrisburg, PA.

1881 James Reese Europe, bandleader who organized the Clef Club, is born in Mobile, AL.

1888 Horace Pippin, self taught artist whose work is burned into oak panels, is born in West Chester, PA.

1903 Graham W. Jackson, pianist, organist and choral director, is born in Portsmouth, VA.

1907 Rex William Stewart jazz cornetist, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1911 Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, author, poet and the first African American woman to publish a novel (Iola Leary), dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1913 (George Holmes) Buddy Tate, saxophonist is born in Sherman TX.

1922 (Joseph Benjamin) Joe Wilder, jazz trumpeter and bandleader, is born in Colwyn, PA.

1928 (Clarence Edward Smith) Clarence 13X, founder of the five-Percent National, is born in Danville, VA.

1928 Lawrence Joel, US Army Sergeant First Class and the first living African American to receive the Medal of Honor since the Spanish-American War is born in Winston-Salem, NC.

1930 Arthur Turner Bharucha-Reid, mathematical biologist, is born in Hampton, VA.

1932 (Gilbert Edward) Gil Noble, television reporter and interviewer (Like It Is), is born Harlem, NY.

1936 John Hope, educator and political activist, is born in Augusta, GA.

1936 (Ernest Kador, Jr.) Ernie K-Doe, singer (Mother-In-Law), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1938 Bobby Hendricks, lead singer with The Drifters (Drip Drop), is born in Columbus, OH.

1938 Ishmael Scott Reed, poet (Mumbo Jumbo), is born in Chattanooga, TN.

1940 (Chester) Chet Walker, National Basketball Association player, is born in Benton Harbor, MI.

1942 Robert ‘Big Sonny’ Edwards, singer with The Intruders, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1943 Roy Roberts, blues musician, singer and songwriter, is born in Livingston, TN.

1944 Tucker Smallwood, actor (The Cotton Club), is born in Washington, DC.

1947 Harvey Mason, Sr., jazz drummer, is born in Atlantic City, NJ.

1950 (Julius Winfield) “Dr. J” Erving, National Basketball Association player, is born in Roosevelt, NY.

1952 Kermit DeKoven Johnson, National Football League player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1952 Albert Bryant, Jr., US Army brigadier general, is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1953 Gloria Bromell Tinubu, educator and the first African American woman to earn a MS and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Clemson University, is born in Georgetown County, SC.

1955 Gordon Banks, guitarist is born in Norfolk, VA.

1962 Lenda Murray, professional bodybuilding champion, is born in Detroit, MI.

1963 Tracy Maxwell Heard, first African American Woman majority leader in the Ohio House of Representatives, is born in Columbus, OH.

1965 Eric Girard Yelding, Major League Baseball player, is born in Montrose, AL.

1968 Rodney Whitaker, jazz double bass player and educator, is born in Detroit, MI.

1968 Jayson Williams, National Basketball Association player, is born in Ritter, SC.

1971 Rico Rodrigus Mack, National Football League player, is born in Statham, GA.

1976 Florence Ballard, singer with The Supremes, dies

in Detroit, MI.

1977 Na Orlando Brown, National Football League player, is born in Reidsville, NC.

1978 Dhani Makalani Jones, National Football League player, is born in San Diego, CA.

1980 Courtney Van Buren, National Football League player, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1980 Shamari Fears-DeVoe, lead singer with Blaque, is born in Detroit, MI.

1982 (Floyd Nathaniel Hills) Danja, hip-hop record producer, is born in Virginia Beach, VA.

1983 Kimberly Nicole Morgan, Miss Mississippi 2007 and singer, is born in Oxford, MS.

2000 William (Wee Gee) Howard, singer with The Dramatics (Whatcha See is Whatcha Get), dies.

2005 (Reginald Henry) Reggie Roby, National Football League player, dies in Nashville, TN.

2011 (William Hargis Bowman) Beau Dollar, vocalist and drummer, dies in Cincinnati, OH.

2014 Robert C. Wright, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, dies in Thornbury Township,

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Delaware County Pennsylvania

You will always enjoy health and prosperity. You are far-sighted, determined and well balanced, just loving and generally well liked by all of your friends and associates. Your home is very dear to you.

1868 W(illiam) E(dward) B(urghardt) DuBois, educator, author and civil rights advocate, is born in Great Barrington, MA.

1892 Henry A. Bowman inventor who was awarded patent 469,395 for a new method of making flags is born in Worcester, MA.

1908 Ray Brown, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Alger, OH.

1915 Robert Smalls, US representative from South Carolina, dies in Beaufort, SC.

1923 Lucille Dixon Robertson, jazz double-bassist is born in Harlem, NY.

1923 Louis Stokes, US Congressman from Ohio and brother of Carl Stokes, is born in Cleveland, OH.

1927 (James E.) Billy McKinney, US Representative from the state of Georgia, is born in Abbeville, Wilcox County, GA.

1929 Elston Gene Howard, first African American Major League Baseball player on the New York Yankees roster, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1939 Claude Brown, Author (Manchild in the Promise Land), is born in New York, NY.

1942 (Don Luther Lee) Haki R. Madhubuti, literary critic, author and founder of Third World Press, is born in Little Rock, AR.

1951 Ed ‘Too Tall’ Jones, National Football League player, is born in Jackson, TN.

1953 Big Maceo (Merriweather), blues pianist and singer (Worried Life Blues), dies in Chicago, IL.

1954 Phyllis Thede, member of the Iowa House of Representatives, is born in Chicago, IL.

1955 Rodney E. Slater, US Secretary of Transportation, is born in Marianna, AR.

1958 John T. Shelby, Major League Baseball player, is born in Lexington, KY.

1960 Frederick McKinley Jones is awarded patent 2,926,005 for a thermostat and temperature control system.

1963 (Roberto Martin Antonio) Bobby Bonilla, Major League Baseball player, is born in The Bronx, NY.

1965 John Kitzmiller, actor (Dr. No), dies.

1966 (William Osborne) Billy Kyle, pianist dies.

1969 Daymond Garfield, Johnson, founder, president and CEO of FUBU, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1970 (Carol Denise Ensley) Niecy Nash, comedian actor and host (Clean House), is born in Palmdale, CA.

1972 Carlena Beard, actor (Our Gang) (sister of Matthew ‘Stymie’ Beard), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1972 Rondell Bernard White, Major League Baseball player, is born in Milledgeville, GA.

1984 Andre Ward, boxer, is born in Hayward, CA.

1985 Belford Vance Lawson, Jr., first African American to win a case before the Supreme Court and the first African American president of the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), dies in Washington, DC.

1986 Jerod Mayo, National Football League player, is born in Hampton, VA.

1987 (Herbert Anthony Stevens, IV) Ab Soul hip-hop recording artist (Longterm Mentality), is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1995 (David) Melvin Franklin, singer with The Temptations, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1997 Tony Williams, jazz drummer (with Miles Davis), dies in San Francisco, CA.

1998 Lionel J. Wilson, first African American mayor of Oakland, California, dies in Oakland, CA.

1998 Augusta Braxton Baker, librarian and storyteller dies in Columbia, SC.

1999 Hughie Lee-Smith, artist dies in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2004 Carl Anderson, singer and film and theatre actor (Jesus Christ Superstar), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

Birthday: Taji (Taj Mahal) Goodman, rap artist with Da

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