

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21



SCORPIO – The Intense One
Very energetic. Intelligent. Can be jealous and/or possessive. Hardworking. Great kisser. Can become obsessive or secretive. Holds grudges. Attractive. Determined. Loves being in long relationships. Talkative. Romantic. Can be self-centered at times. Passionate and emotional.

The Opal is 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 lighting. 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 25

Cultivate perseverance! You lose interest in what you are doing before its completion. You have great nervous energy and like a change. You are proud and always strive to appear at your best. You possess a keen sense of humor, are a pleasant conversationalist and great reader.

1903 Bobby Robinson, Negro League Baseball player, was born in Mobile, AL.

1923 John R. Hargrove, Sr., first African American to be appointed assistant US Attorney for the District of Maryland, was born in Atlantic City, NJ.

1924 Earl Cyril Palmer, rock & roll and rhythm and blues drummer, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1925 Emmett W. Chappelle, scientist who was inducted to the National Inventors Hall of Fame, was born.

1926 (James Edward) Jimmy Heath (Little Bird) saxophonist and member of the Heath Brothers (Percy and Albert), was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1934 Sam Busman Taylor, blues singer, was born in Mobile, AL.

1938 Donald Davis, record producer and guitarist (Money, That’s What I Want), was born in Detroit, MI.

1939 Zelmo ‘Big Z’ Beaty, National Basketball Association player, was born in Hillister, TX.

1939 Lou Wilson, trumpet player and singer, (Mandrill) was born in Panama.

1943 Charlie Smalls, Composer and songwriter (The Wiz), was born in Queens, NY.

1947 (Matthew) Matt Alexander, Major League Baseball player, was born in Newton, KS.

1951 (Alfred Edward) Al Cowens, Jr., Major League Baseball player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1952 Rowland Johnnie Office, Major League Baseball player, was born in Sacramento, CA.

1954 (Terry Lee) Tito Landrum, Major League Baseball player, was born in Joplin, MO.

1955 Robin Eubanks, jazz trombonist, (brother of guitarist Kevin Eubanks and trumpeter Duane Eubanks), was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 Arthur Rhames, avant-garde jazz guitarist, tenor saxophonist and pianist was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1958 Artie Matthews, songwriter pianist and ragtime composer (Pastime Rags), dies.

1959 Lynn Candance Toler, lawyer and arbitrator on the court series (Divorce Court), was born in Columbus, OH.

1964 Kevin Michael Richardson, actor (Something to Live for: The Alison Gertz Story) and voice actor (The Batman), was born in The Bronx, NY.

1964 Michael Patrick Boatman, writer and actor (China Beach), was born in Colorado Springs, CO.

1966 (Michael Anthony) Mike Harley, Major League Baseball player and coach, was born in San Diego, CA.

1968 Sean Franklin Sasser, educator, pastry chef and reality television personality (Thee Real World: San Francisco), was born in Detroit, MI.

1968 (Todd Thomas) Speech, rap artist with Arrested Development (Tennessee), was born in Milwaukee, WI.

1969 Corey Lamont Harris, National Football League player, was born in Indianapolis, IN.

1971 Lee Gissendaner, National Football League player, was born in Akron, OH.

1971 Craig Phillip Robinson, actor (The Office), was born in Chicago, IL.

1971 Pedro Jaime Martinez, Major League Baseball player, was born in Manoguayabo, Dominican Republic.

1972 Persia White, actor, (Girlfriends), was more in Miami, FL.

1980 Mehcad Jason McKinley Brooks, model and actor (Supergirl), was born in Austin, TX.

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1981 (Jerome Isaac Jones) Romeo/Young Rome, rap singer with Immature and actor, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1985 Ciara (Princess Harris) model, songwriter and singer (Goodies), was born in Austin, TX.



Florence Kasumba

1988 (Charles Lee) Boobie Clark, National Football League player, dies in Jacksonville, FL.

1989 Loren Jordan, cast member of the Bad Girls Club, was born in Mobile, AL.

1989 Delvin Lionel Breaux, Canadian Football League player, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1990 Asha Solette Philip, sprinter and gymnast, was born in London, England.

1994 Lillian Irene Hayman, actor and singer (The Night They Raided Minsky’s), dies in Hollis, Queens New York.

2000 Jeanne Lee, poet, composer and jazz singer, dies in Tijuana, Mexico.

2006 Dallas Young, actor (Cousins for Life), was born.

2010 Gregory Anthony Isaacs, reggae singer (My Only Lover), dies in London, England.

2012 Emanuel Steward, professional boxer and trainer, dies in Chicago, IL.

October 26

Your home was your castle and there are but few things outside of it that interest you. You are intellectual, conservative, and artistic, enjoy reading and have considerable literary ability. You have a magnetic personality, enjoy the admiration of your friends and have no real enemies.

1910 Ruth Wright Hayre, first African American high school teacher in Philadelphia, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1911 Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1914 Claude A. Jeter, gospel singer (The Dixie Hummingbirds), was born in Montgomery, AL.

1916 (Solomon Charles) Crown Prince Waterford, jazz and blues singer (All Over But the Shoutin’), was born in Jonesboro, AR.

1919 Edward William Brooke, III, former US Senator, was born in Washington, DC.

1926 (Robert) Bob ‘The grinder’ Baker, heavyweight professional boxer, was born in Canonsburg, PA.

1935 Gloria Conyers Hewitt, third African American woman to receive a doctorate degree in mathematics, was born in Sumpter, SC.

1938 John ‘Jabo’ Starks, funk and blues drummer with James Brown (Sex Machine), was born.

1944 Emanuel Cleaver, II, US Representative from Missouri, was born in Waxahachie, TX.

1951 (William Earl) Bootsy Collins, bassist, singer, songwriter and member of Parliament-Funkadelic, was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1952 Hattie McDaniel, first African American actress to win an Academy Award, dies in Woodland Hill, CA.

1954 Stephen L. Carter, law professor, novelist (The Emperor of Ocean Park), was born.

1954 James Pickens, Jr., actor (Grey’s Anatomy), was born in Cleveland, OH.

1954 Stephen L. Carter, law professor and writer (The Emperor of Ocean Park), was born in New York, NY.

1956 Vincent Hughes, member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1956 Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General of the US, was born in Mobile, AL.

1959 Brian Bovell, actor (Babylon), was born in London, England.

1961 Uhuru Muigal Kenyetta, president of the Republic of Kenya, was born in Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

1961 (Howard O’Neal) Hi-C Carter, National Basketball Association player, was born in Baton Rouge, LA.

1962 Louise Beavers, actress, (Imitation of Life), dies in Hollywood, CA.

1963 Troy Anthony ‘C’ Carter, member of the New Orleans, Louisiana City Council, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1969 P. David Soares, Albany County, New York District Attorney, was born in Brava, Cape Verde.

1971 Pedro Jaime Matinez, Major League Baseball player was born in Manoguayabo, Dominican Republic.

1975 (Elbridge) Al Bryant, singer and one of the founding member of The Temptations, dies in Orange County, FL.

1976 **Florence Kasumba**, actor (Black Panther), was born in Kampala, Uganda.

1976 Leonard Lee singer (Shirley & Lee Let’s the Good Times Roll), dies in New Orleans, LA.

1977 Chaz Lamar Shepard, singer and actor (The

Game), was born in Philadelphia, PA

1978 Mendecees Harris, reality star (Live & Hip Hop: New York), was born in New York, NY.

1978 Marcellus Rivers, National Football League player, was born in Oklahoma City, OK.

1978 Antonio Durran Pierce, National Football League player, was born in Ontario, CA.

1979 Angela Rye, attorney and political commentator on CNN and NRP, was born in Seattle, WA.

1979 Jonathan Chase, actor (One On One), was born in Boca Raton, FL.

1981 Jarren Giovanni Bantor, rap artist (My Grandma’s Basement), was born in Decatur, GA.

1982 (Tiffany) Monie Cashette, reality star (Little Women: Atlanta), was born in Houston, TX.

1983 Antonia ‘Toya’ Wright (nee Johnson previously Carter), reality television personality (ex-wife of Lil Wayne), was born in New Orleans, LA.

1989 Mable Hampton, dancer, dies in New York, NY.

1990 (Fredrick Amoako Bonah) B4bonah, rap artist (Dear God), was born in Tema, Ghana.

1991 Vivian Alferetta Dandridge, singer, actor and dancer (older sister of Dorothy Dandridge), dies in Seattle, WA.

1992 Melvin Dixon, professor of literature and author (Trouble the Water), dies.

1994 Yewande Biala, reality star (Love Island), was born in Ireland.

1994 Wilbert Harrison, singer (Going to Kansas City), dies in Spencer, NC.

1995 Hamilton E. Holmes, orthopedic physician and one of the first two African Americans to attend University of George and the first African American to Attend the Emory University School of Medicine, dies in Atlanta, GA.

2001 Eugene W. Jackson, II, child actor in the Out Gang short series, dies in Compton, CA.

2005 David Townsend, guitarist for the R&B band Surface dies in New Jersey.

2010 James Phelps, gospel singer and cofounder of the Clefs of Cavalry, dies in New York, NY.

2012 Natina Tiawana Reed, singer with Blaque and actor (Bring It On), dies in Duluth GA.

2015 (Samuel Osel) Sam Sarpong, Jr. model, musician and actor (Love Don’t Cost a Thing), dies in Pasadena, CA.

October 27

You are emotional, tempestuous, lose your temper quickly and just as quickly regain control of yourself. You are inclined toward nervousness and like to keep busy all the time. You are affectionate, demonstrative and impulsive I your love and require a steadfast love in return. You should marry young.

1922 Ruby (Ann Wallace) Dee (Davis), actress was born in Cleveland, OH.

1931 Richard B. Spikes was awarded patent 1,828,753 for a method and apparatus for obtaining average samples and temperature of tank liquids.

1933 (Elijah Jerry) Pumpsie Green, Major League Baseball player, was born in Boley, OK.

1937 Rene C. Metoyer, attorney and first African American notary public, in Louisiana dies in New Orleans, LA.

1940 Julius Eastman, composer, pianist and dance minimalist (Evil Nigger), was born in Ithica, NY.

1941 Ernest Everett Just, biologist whose recognition of the fundamental role of the cell surface in the development of organisms and co-founder of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. dies in Washington, DC.

1943 (Weldon Jonathan Irvine, Jr.) Master Well, pianist, and composer (To Be Young, Gifted and Black), was born in Hampton, VA.

1943 (George Maurice Hopkins) Africa Cain, author (Blueschild Baby), was born in New York, NY.

1944 Blondell Cummings, choreographer and dancer (Free to Dance: The African American Presence in Modern Dance), was born in Florence, SC.

1944 Joseph Samuel Clark, president of Southern university, dies in New Orleans, LA.

1946 Nathan Francis Mossell, first African American graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1951 (Jayne Harrison) Jayne Kennedy, actress, model and sportscaster, was born in Washington, DC.

1953 U.L. Washington, Major League Baseball player, was born in Stringtown, OK.

1956 Charles Spurgeon Johnson, first African American president of Fisk University, dies in Nashville, TN.

1958 Judy A. Smith, founder, president and CEO of a crisis management firm (Smith & Company) whose work was the inspiration for the television program (Scandal) was born in Washington, DC.

1960 Ron Wayne Shepherd, Major League Baseball player, was born in Longview, TX.

1963 Bruce Edward McCray, National Football League player, was born in Wichita, KS.

1963 Olivia Larkins Howard, co-founder of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (nursing sorority), dies.

1963 (Leon Joseph) Bip Roberts, Major League Baseball player. was born in Berkeley, CA.

1966 Ray Lathon, professional boxer. was born in St. Louis, MO.

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