

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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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 Topaz is the stone for the month of November

In the 19th century topaz was discovered in Russia. It was so coveted that only the Czar, his family and the persons he gave it to could possess it. Rubbing or gently heating topaz electrifies it, causing it to attract small particles like bits of hair or paper. It was believed that if you wore topaz on your left arm or hung it around your neck it could break all enchantments that may have been cast upon you. Topaz is rumored to improve vision give life security, protect one from poverty and remove adversity, misfortune and melancholy. The Egyptians believed topaz was colored by the golden glow of the sun god Ra; thus it was used as a powerful amulet to protect them from harm. When Thomas Jefferson heard of the marriage of William Clark (of Lewis and Clark), he sent the bride a necklace, two bracelets, earrings, a pin and a ring, all made of pearls and topaz

November 1

You are a great reader, an interesting conversationalist and always appear at ease. You are adaptable to environment and circumstances, quick-witted and capable and trustworthy to the minutest detail. You are loving and lovable, very fond of your home life and enjoy entertaining.

1912 Franz Jackson, jazz saxophonist and clarinetist of the Chicago jazz school, was born.

1915 Margaret Taylor-Burroughs, visual artist, writer, educator and co-founder of the Ebony Museum of Chicago (DuSable Museum of African American History), was born in St. Rose, LA.

1923 Hanna Diggs Atkins, first African American woman elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, was born in Winston-Salem, NC.

1926 Lou Donaldson, jazz saxophonist, was born in Badin, NC.

1927 (Florence Winfrey) Florence Mills, cabaret singer "Queen of Happiness" dies, in New York, NY.

1933 (David S.) Davey Moore, professional boxer (one of two men to box professionally under the same name), was born in Lexington, KY.

1936 (Zephire) Andre Williams, songwriter and co-author of (Shake a Tail Feather), was born in Bessemer, AL.

1937 William Melvin Kelley, novelist and short-story writer (A Different Drummer), was born in New York, NY.

1938 Herb Boyd, author (African History for Beginners) and journalist (New York Amsterdam News), was born in Birmingham, AL.

1940 (Ivan Joseph Jones) Boogaloo Joe, blues guitarist, was born.

1943 Phillip 'Phil' Terry, singer with The Intruders (I'll Always Love My Mama), was born.

1946 Nancy Alene Hicks Maynard, former owner of The Oakland Tribune, was born in Harlem, NY.

1948 Barry C. Black, first African American and first Seventh-day Adventist to hold the office of Chaplain of the US Senate, was born in Baltimore, MD.

1950 (David) Corky Calhoun, National Basketball Association player, was born in Waukegan, IL.

1950 Roselyn Elaine Williams, mathematician, was born in Tallahassee, FL.

1951 (Ronald Nathan Bell) Khalis Bayyan, saxophonist, composer, songwriter, arranger producer, singer and a founding member of Kool & the Gang, was born in Youngstown, OH.

1953 Charles Warner Cansler, educator and author (Three Generations: The Story of a Colored Family in Eastern Tennessee), dies in Knoxville, TN.

1956 Tommy Johnson, delta blues musician, dies in Crystal Springs, MS.

1956 (Tim Varley) Gary Eugene Redus, Major League Baseball player, was born in Athens, AL.

1966 (William James Dennis) Willie D member of Geto Boys (Grip It! On That Other Level), was born in Houston, TX.

1969 Karen Carter Peterson, first female to serve as chair of Louisiana's Democratic Party, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1976 (Michael Kenneth) Mookie Moore, National Football League player, was born in Fayette, AL.

1976 Grace Nail Johnson, civil rights activist (wife of writer James Weldon Johnson), dies in Great Barrington, MA.

1979 (Covelli Loyce) Coco Crisp, Major League Baseball player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1981 LaTavia Marie Roberson, contralto singer-songwriter and original Destiny's Child singer, was born in Houston, TX.

1983 Maurice Woods, actor (Trading Places), dies in New York, NY.

1986 (Beulah Thomas) Sippie Wallace, blues singer and



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songwriter, dies in Detroit, MI.

1989 Kameisha Jerae Hodge, poet (The Poetry of War and Peace), was born in Washington, DC.

1989 Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, first African American woman to receive a Ph.D. in the US and the first to receive a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1990 Xavier Proctor, National and Arena Football League player, was born in Morgantown, WV.

1992 Semaj Christon, National Basketball Association player, was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1999 Walter Jerry Payton, National Football League player, dies in Barrington, IL.

2004 (Andre Louis Hicks) Mac Dre, rap artist and founder of Thizz Entertainment, dies in Kansas City, MO.

November 2

You are bold and ambitious and have high ideals. You are very positive in your ideas and make an enemy rather than make any compromise. You are critical and very relentless in your punishment of wrong. Your mate will have to be tactful and have great understanding to make your home happy.

1927 Paul Robeson, Jr., historian, author (Paul Robeson, Jr. Speaks to America: The Politics of Multiculturalism), was born in New York, NY.

1935 Raven Wilkinson, first African American woman to dance for a major classical ballet company (Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo), was born in New York, NY.

1937 Earl 'Speedoo' Carroll, singer with The Cadillacs and The Coasters, was born in New York, NY.

1939 John Roy Lynch, first African American Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, dies in Chicago, IL.

1946 Michelle Cliff, author (No Telephone to Heaven), was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1948 Mandy Carter, black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activist and co-founder of S.O.N.G. (Southerners On New Ground), was born in Albany, NY.

1952 Maxine Nightingale, singer (Right Back Where We Started From), was born in Wembley, London, England.

1957 Carter Anthony Beauford, drummer, percussionist and founding member of Dave Matthews Band, was born in Charlottesville, VA.

1958 Willie Dean McGee, Major League Baseball player, was born in San Francisco, CA.

1963 (Samuel Lee) Sam Horn, Major League Baseball player and anchor for New England Sports Network, was born in Dallas, TX.

1966 (Beverly) Bevy Smith, television personality and co-host (Fashion Queens), was born in Harlem, NY.

1966 Mississippi John Hurt, country blues singer and guitarist, dies in Grenada, MS.

1964 Lauren Valez, actor (New York Undercover), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

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1967 Alvin Vinnie Chea, bass singer with Take 6, was born in San Francisco, CA.

1969 Gervase Peterson, contestant on Survivor: Borneo, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1970 Marcus Braymont Moore, Major League Baseball player, was born in Oakland, CA.

1970 Jeanette Jo Epps, CIA Intelligence Officer and NASA astronaut, was born in Syracuse, NY.

1970 Sharmell (Sullivan-Huffman), professional wrestling valet and occasional wrestler, (wife of Booker T.) was born in Gary, IN.

1974 (Cornell Iral Haynes, Jr.) Nelly, rap artist and actor (The Longest Yard), was born in Austin, TX.

1977 Deantoni Parks songwriter, drummer and actor (Sympathy for Delicious), was born in Newnan, GA.

1979 Rachel Aba Yankey, professional footballer, was born in London, England.

1981 (Sharod Lamor) Roddy White, National Football League player, was born in Charleston, SC.

1983 Jason Sidney Arthur Davis, National Football League player, was born in St. Louis, MO.

1985 Daryl Marcus Thompson, Major League Baseball player, was born in La Plata, MD.

1988 (Mustapha Farrakhan, Jr.) Lil Mu, National Basketball Association player, was born in Harvey, IL.

1990 Jesse Williams 'Tha Monstar', National Football League player was born in Thursday Island, Australia

1991 Reece Brown, professional footballer, was born in Manchester, England.

1996 (Marcenia Lyle Alberga) Toni Stone, first of three women to play in the Negro Baseball League, dies in Alameda, CA.

1999 (William J.) Billy Nicks, historical black college coach dies in Houston, TX.

2012 Robert Morton Duncan, first African American elected to judicial office in Franklin County, Ohio dies in Urbana, Ohio.

2015 (Edward James) Eddie Milner, Jr., Major League Baseball player, dies in Cincinnati, OH.

Birthday: Melvin Edmonds (brother of Babyface) singer with After 7 and (Christopher James) Chris Williams, actor, voice actor and comedian (younger brother of actor Vanessa Williams) was born in Tarrytown, NY.

Impulsive and subjective to moods, you will love with strength and ardor and demand the same from your mate.

November 3

You love travel and change of scene and can readily adapt yourself to any environment. You are generous and kind. It gives you a great deal of real pleasure to help others.

1904 Frederick Jeremiah Loudin, leader of the Loudin Jubilee Singers, dies in Ravenna, OH.

1905 Lois Mailou Jones, artist, was born in Boston, MA.

1907 Joseph Turner, stride pianist, was born in Baltimore, MD.

1915 (Harold Baron) Hal Jackson, disc jockey and radio personality, was born as Charleston, SC.

1930 Mable John, blues singer and the first female signed by Motown's Tamla label was born in Bastrop, LA.

1933 Louis Wade Sullivan, physician, businessman and Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1935 Henry Grimes, jazz double bassist, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1949 Larry Holmes, professional boxer 'The Easton Assassin', was born in Cuthbert, GA.

1949 Mike (Jonas) Evans noted actor for was role as the first 'Lionel' on the sitcom The Jeffersons, was born in Salisbury, NC.

1950 Gene C. McKinney, first African American Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA), was born in Monticello, FL.

1953 Larry Darnell Herndon, Major League Baseball player, was born in Sunflower, MS.

1955 Jeffrey Banks, fashion designer and author (Perry Ellis: An American original), was born in Washington, DC.

1962 Donna Richardson Joyner, fitness, television sports commentator, producer and host (Donna Richardson: Mind, Body & Spirit), was born in Silver Spring, MD.

1963 Howard Louis Ballard, National Football League player, was born in Ashland, AL.

1964 Garland A. Rivers, National Football League player, was born in Canton, OH.

1964 Marjean Holden, actor (Hostage), was born in Minneapolis, MN.

1965 William Leo Hansberry, author (The Rise and Decline of the Ethiopian Empire) (uncle of Lorraine Hansberry), dies in Chicago, IL.

1966 Devika Parikh, actor (Beauty Shop), was born in Gaithersburg, MD.

1967 Antonio Pettigrew, sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters, was born in Macon, GA.

1968 Fernandus Lamar Vinson, National Football League player, was born in Montgomery, AL.

1971 (Matthew) Matt Lawton, Major League Baseball player, was born in Gulfport, MS.

1972 Bryan Pierce, gospel singer with Men of Standard, was born in New Orleans, LA.

1973 (Kirk Jones) Sticky Fingaz, rap artist and actor (The Shield), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1975 Demetrius Alexander, professional basketball player (Latvian, Japan, Ukrainian French Super Leagues), was born in St. Louis, MO.

1975 Darren Mallory Sharper, National Football League player, was born in Richmond, VA.

1976 Adam Berry Jeffries, actor (True Colors), was born in Tuskegee, AL.

1976 (Charles) Dean Dixon, conductor dies in Zurich, Switzerland.

1978 (Cynthia Loving) Lil Mo, radio personality and singer (Superwoman Pt. II), was born in Long Island, NY.

1981 Karlos Montez Dansby, National Football League player, was born in Birmingham, AL.

1983 Bryan Andrew Wilson, gospel musician, was born in Danville, IL.

1983 Randi Miller, wrestler and mixed martial arts competitor, was born in Arlington, TX.

1986 Antonia Laure Thomas, actor (The Good Doctor), was born in London, England.

1986 (Edward) Eddie 'Lockjaw' Davis, jazz tenor saxophonist, dies in Culver City, CA.

1987 Colin Rand Kaepernick, National Football League player who knelt on one knee rather than stand during the national anthem, was born in Turlock, CA.

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