

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21



## SAGITTARIUS – The Happy-Go-Lucky One

Good-natured optimist. Doesn't want to grow up (Peter Pan syndrome). Indulges self. Boastful. Likes luxuries and gambling. Social and outgoing. Impatient. Fun to be around. Having lots of friends. Flirtatious. Does like rules. Dislikes being confined – tight space or ever-tight clothes. Doesn't like be doubted. Beautiful inside and out.

### 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 22

*You let the wrongs of others worry you and seem to feel it was up to you to correct them. You are serious and studious; enjoy only the highest type of literature. You are always careful of appearance and are generally cautious. Your love was strong and deep.*

**1904** Horace Henderson, jazz pianist (younger brother of Fletcher Henderson), was born in Cuthbert, GA.

**1906** Trezzvant William Anderson, journalist (Pittsburgh Courier), and war correspondent, was born in Charlotte, NC.

**1916** (William J.) Bill Powell, first African American to design, construct and own a professional golf course, was born in Greenville, AL.

**1926** (Carl Vincent Canegata) Carl Lee actor (Superfly) and son of Canada Lee, was born in New York, NY.

**1936** John Robert Edward Kinard, pastor and museum director (Anacostia Museum), was born in Washington, DC.

**1936** Opal Courtney, Jr., singer with The Spaniels (Goodnight Sweetheart), was born.

**1942** Guion Steward Bluford, Jr., first African American Astronaut in space, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1942** Stephen Caldwell, singer with The Orlons (South Street), was born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1942** Eugene Williams, Sr., educator, inventor and founder and president of Academic Resources Unlimited, Inc., was born in Orange County, VA.

**1947** Valerie Wilson Wesley, author and executive editor of Essence magazine, was born in Ashford, CT.

**1949** Michael Horsey, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1949** Don Zimmerman, National Football League player, was born in Monroe, LA.

**1950** Blenda Glen Gay, National Football League player, was born in Greenville, NC.

**1950** Lyman Wesley Bostock, Jr., Major League Baseball player, was born in Birmingham, AL.

**1962** Cleo C. Fields, US Representative from Louisiana, was born in Port Allen, LA.

**1964** (Khaliloon) Khalil Kain, actor (Girlfriends), was born in New York, NY.

**1966** Michael Kenneth Williams, actor (The Wire), was born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1968** Darryl Gerrod Hardy, National Football League player, was born in Lincoln Heights, OH.

**1968** Johnny Temple, blues guitarist and singer, dies in Canton, MS.

**1971** Tyoka Jackson, National Football League player, was born in Washington, DC.

**1972** (Jason Lee) Jay Payton, Major League Baseball player, was born in Zanesville, OH.

**1972** (Dorothy Smith) Petra, reggae singer, was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

**1973** (Joseph De Lacroix Pierce) De De Pierce, jazz trumpeter and cornetist, dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1977** (Ore Magnus Lawson) Lil O, rap artist (original member of Screwed Up Click), was born in Lagos, Nigeria.

**1980** James D. Thomas, National Basketball Association player, was born in Schenectady, NY.

**1981** (Darius J. Pierce) Shangela Laquifa Wadley, African American drag queen comedian, was born in Paris, TX.

**1985** Vince Hill, Arena Football League player, was born.

**1985** DeVon Walker, National and Arena Football League player, was born in Compton, CA.

**1986** (Benjamin Sherman) Scatman Crothers, singer and actor (Chico and the Man), dies in Van Nuys, CA.

**1989** Joe Adams, National Football League player, was



Trudy Haynes

born in Little Rock, AR.

**1989** Candice Rickelle Glover, winner of the 12th season of American Idol, was born in Beaufort, SC.

**1991** Tarik Bernard Black, National Basketball Association player, was born in Memphis, TN.

**1998** Henry Hampton, founder of the film company Blackside, Inc. (Eyes on the Prize), dies in St. Louis, MO.

**2013** Wanda Coleman (Evans) the unofficial poet laureate of Los Angeles (The World Falls Away), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

## November 23

You are determined and venturesome, even to the verge of recklessness; you are so positive in your opinions that when you know a thing to be right, it was almost impossible to move you. People sometimes accuse you of being stubborn. You are just and honest and very exacting. You love with passion and vigor.

**1903** Mark Hanna Watkins, linguist and anthropologist, was born in Huntsville, TX.

**1909** Ida Goodson, blues and jazz singer and pianist, was born in Pensacola, FL.

**1910** (William) Tyree Glenn, trombone player, was born in Corsicana, TX.

**1911** Catalina Berroa Ojea, pianist and classical composer, dies in Cuba.

**1914** Emmett Littleton Ashford, first African American umpire in Major League Baseball, was born in Los Angeles CA.

**1919** Alfonza W. Davis, first African American aviator from North Omaha, Nebraska and a Tuskegee Airman, was born in North Omaha, NB.

**1926** (Robert Lee) R.L. Burnside, blues singer, songwriter and guitarist was born in Harmontown, Lafayette County MS.

**1926** Trudy Haynes, first African American poster model for Lucky Strike cigarettes and first African American television reporter, was born in New York, NY.

**1929** (Laurdine Kenneth) Pat Patrick, jazz saxophonist (40 year association with Sun Ra), was born in East Moline, IL.

**1937** Wlody Wilberforce Walker, second African American to play Major League Baseball, dies in Steubenville, OH.

**1939** Betty Everett, singer (The Snoop Snoop Song), was born in Greenwood, MS.

**1941** Henrietta Vinton Davis, dramatist and impersonator, dies in Washington, DC.

**1944** (Annie Lee Morgan) Jean Bell, first African American Playboy playmate of the month (January 1970), was born in St. Louis, MO.

**1946** Bobby Lee Rush, US Representative from Illinois and former Black Panther, was born in Albany, GA.

**1947** Dwain Cleaven Anderson, Major League Baseball player, was born in Oakland, CA.

**1949** Gayl Jones, writer (Eva's Man), was born in Lexington, KY.

**1949** (Thomas) Tom Joyner, radio host, was born in Tuskegee, AL.

**1953** Dan Crawford, National Basketball Association referee, was born in Chicago, IL.

**1954** Broderick Phillip Perkins, Major League Baseball player, was born in Pittsburg, CA.

**1958** Johnnie Earl Cooks, National Football League player, was born in Leland, MS.

**1960** Robin René Roberts, anchor (Good Morning America), was born in Pass Christian, MS.

**1960** John Henton, actor and comedian (Living Single), was born in Cleveland, OH.

**1962** (Antonio Carlos Santos de Freitas) Carlinhos Brown, tropicalia, reggae and Brazilian percussion, was born in Salvador, Bahia Brazil.

**1963** (Robert) Scoop Jackson, sports journalist (ESPN The Magazine), was born in Chicago, IL.

**1964** John L. Williams, National Football League player, was born in Palatka, FL.

**1967** Salli Elise Richardson-Whitfield, actor (A Low Down Dirty Shame), was born in Chicago, IL.

**1970** Stephen Henderson, journalist (Detroit Free Press) and Pulitzer Prize for commentary, was born in Detroit, MI.

**1971** John Craighead, National Hockey League player, was born in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada.

**1972** (Ricardo Emmanuel Brown) Kuruft, actor, rap artist and Executive Vice President of Death Row Records, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1976** Sedrick Demon Curry, Canadian Football League player was born in Houston, TX.

**1977** George Whitfield, Jr., Arena Football League player was born in Wichita, KS.

**1983** Thomas Armon Pridgen, drummer, was born in Alameda County, CA.

**1983** Terrance Sanders, Arena Football League player, was born in Bradenton, FL.

**1987** Alton Augustus Adams, Sr., first African American bandmaster in the US Navy, dies in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, US Virgin Island.

**1987** Uhunoma Naomi Osazuwa, track and field athlete (2012 Summer Olympics), was born in Oakland, CA.

**1990** Gennifer Diane Brandon, Women's National Basketball Association player, was born in Lynwood, CA.

**1990** Jonathan Stewart, National Football League player, was born in Memphis, TN.

**1995** (Autry DeWalt Mixon, Jr.) Junior Walker of Junior Walker & the All Stars (I'm A Road Runner), dies in Battle Creek, MI.

**2000** (Robert Joseph) Bobby Sheen, rhythm and blues singer (Bob B. Soxx & the Blue Jeans) (Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2001** (Ocie Lee) O. C. Smith, singer (Little Green Apples), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2006** (Guglielmo Papaleo) Willie Pep, professional featherweight boxing champion, dies in Rock Hill, CT.

**2006** Gerald Michael Boyd, first African American metropolitan editor and managing editor at The New York Times, dies in New York, NY.

**2012** Lawrence Guyot, Jr. director of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, dies in Mount Rainier, MD.

**2014** Marion Shepilov Barry, Jr., Mayor of the District of Columbia, dies in Washington, DC.

## November 24

*You are very conceited, have good self-control, are ambitious and idealistic, but lack perseverance and quite often fall short of attaining your goal. You are musical and artistic, steadfast in your love, loyal to your friends and loving in your home.*

**1912** (Theodore Shaw) Teddy Wilson, pianist, was born in Austin, TX.

**1914** Bessie Blount Griffin, inventor of an apparatus to help amputees feed themselves, was born in Hickory, VA.

**1916** (Marie Frankie Muse) Frankie Muse Freeman, attorney and the first woman to be appointed to the US Commission on Civil Rights, was born in Danville, VA.

**1918** (William Stretchen) Wild Bill Davis pianist and organist, was born in Glasgow, MO.

**1920** Mary Zoner Hurston Barksdale Lawes, nurse, businesswoman and owner and administrator of the Hurstdale Rest Home in Massachusetts, was born in Georgia.

**1920** Percy Ellis Sutton, lawyer, Manhattan borough president and president of Inner City Broadcasting, was born in San Antonio, TX.

**1924** Leroy Looper, community organizer and founder of several low income housing facilities, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1926** James W. Holley, III, dental surgeon and mayor of Portsmouth, Virginia, was born in Portsmouth, VA.

**1929** John Henry Johnson, National Football League player, was born in Waterproof, LA.

**1935** (Ronald Vernie) Ron Dellums, US Representative from California, was born in Oakland, CA.

**1936** Dorothy Butler Gilliam, first African American female reporter a The Washington Post, was born in Memphis, TN.

**1938** Oscar Palmer Robertson, National Basketball Association player "The Big O", was born in Charlotte, TN.

**1941** Dick Wilson, jazz tenor saxophonist, dies.

**1943** (Doris) Dorie Miller, cook and the first African American to be awarded the Navy Cross, dies at Gilbert Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

**1943** (David) Dave Bing, National Basketball Association player and mayor of Detroit, MI, was born in Washington, DC.

**1945** Carl Anthony Fisher, first African American Roman Catholic Bishop in western US, was born in Pascagoula, MS.

**1946** James E. Collins, college basketball coach (University of Illinois at Chicago), was born in Syracuse, NY.

**1948** Julia Evangeline Brooks, incorporator of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., dies in Washington, DC.

**1949** (Charles) Henry Bibby, National Basketball Association player, was born in Franklinton, NC.

**1949** Damon Evans, actor (The Jeffersons), was born in Baltimore, MD.

**1952** Andrea Joan Caron Lynch, track and field sprinter, was born in Barbados.

**1955** Alvaleta Guess, state/musical theatre actor (Swinging on a Star), was born in Kansas City, MO.

**1956** Star Parker, syndicated columnist and author was born in Moses Lake, WA.

**1956** Ruben Santiago-Hudson, playwright and actor (Castle), was born in Lackawanna, NY.

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