

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 15

You are persevering, patient and attentive to detail and have considerable originality. You are practical and not in the least subject to flattery. You are quiet and self-contained, enjoy the company of your own sex, like the out of doors and are the favorite in your own circle.

- 1913 Gus Johnson, jazz drummer, was born in Tyler, TX.
- 1915 Conrad O. Johnson, music educator, was born in Victoria, TX.
- 1921 Arnold Johnson, actor (Putney Swope), was born in Brooklyn, NY.
- 1921 Alexander Jefferson (Lt. Col.), Tuskegee Airman, was born in Detroit, MI.
- 1928 Vinie Burrows, Broadway actor, was born.
- 1930 Whitman Mayo, actor (Sanford & Son), was born in New York, NY.
- 1932 Clyde McPhatter, singer with The Drifters (Money Honey), was born in Durham, NC.
- 1933 Gloria Foster, actor (The Matrix), was born in Chicago, IL.
- 1937 Jimmy Ellis, singer (The Tramps), was born in Rock Hill, SC.
- 1937 Yaphet Frederick Kotto, actor (Live and Let Die), was born in New York, NY.
- 1937 (William Edward) Little Willie John, singer (Talk to Me), was born in Cullendale, AR.
- 1939 Thalmus Rasulala, actor (One Life To Live), was born in Miami, FL.
- 1940 (Isaac Thomas) Ike Lassiter, National Football League player, was born in Wilson, NC.
- 1941 (Frances Gay) Frankie Gaye, recording artist (Got To Give It Up, Pt. 1) (brother of Marvin Gaye), was born in Washington, DC.
- 1943 (Donald David DeFreeze) Cinque Mtume, leader of the Symbionese Liberation Army, was born in Cleveland, OH.
- 1945 Larry Dean Thompson, lawyer and Deputy Attorney General, was born in Hannibal, MO.
- 1947 (Robert L.) Bob Dandridge, National Basketball Association player, was born in Richmond, VA.
- 1949 Herbert Felton Mul-Key, National Football League player, was born in Atlanta, GA.
- 1953 Alexander O'Neal, singer (Never Knew Love Like This), was born in Natchez, MS.
- 1954 Elbernita 'Twinkie' Clark Terrell, gospel singer (Clark Sisters), was born in Detroit, MI.
- 1954 (Anthony T.) Tony Thompson, drummer with Chic (La Freak), was born in Queens, NY.
- 1956 Michael Hampton, guitarist with Parliament-Funkadelic, was born in Cleveland, OH.
- 1957 Kevin Tyrone Eubanks, guitarist and leader of The Tonight Show Band, was born in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1960 Karen Valencia Clark Sheard, gospel singer (Clark Sisters), was born in Detroit, MI.
- 1960 Keith Washington, singer (Kissing You) and actor (General Hospital), was born in Detroit, MI.
- 1962 (Camara DaCosta Johnson) Yaya DaCosta, model and actor (Take the Lead), was born in Harlem, NY.
- 1966 Rachel India True, fashion model and actor (Half & Half), was born in New York, NY.
- 1967 (Gregory Carlton) Greg Anthony, National Basketball Association player and television analyst (CBS Sports), was born in Las Vegas, NV.
- 1967 (Earl Stevens) E-40, rap artist and founder of Sick Wild It Records, was born in Vallejo, CA.
- 1968 (Russell Tyrone Jones) Ol' Dirty Bastard, rap artist with Wu Tang Clan, was born in Brooklyn, NY.
- 1969 (John Edward Hawkins) Big Hawk, rap artist with Screwed Up Click, was born in Houston, TX.
- 1971 Todd Anthony Stevenson, Major League Baseball player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.
- 1973 Sydney Tamiia Poitier, actor (First Years) (daughter



Kevin Tyrone Eubanks

- of Sidney Poitier), was born in Los Angeles, CA.
- 1974 Reuben Renwick Rogers, jazz bassist, was born in Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands.
- 1977 Deveron Alfredo Harper, National Football League player, was born in Orangeburg, SC.
- 1979 (Carlton Williams Bongo Juma) K-rupt, rap artist, was born in Kenya, Africa.
- 1980 Shanell (Lynn Woodgett), singer and songwriter, was born in Anaheim, CA.
- 1982 (Roger A.) Rocky McIntosh, Jr., National Football League player, was born in Roosevelt, NY.
- 1982 (Camara DaCosta Johnson) Yaya DaCosta, actor and fashion model (runner up cycle 3 on America's Next Top Model), was born in Harlem, NY.
- 1984 Jermareo Davidson, professional basketball player (Saudi Premier League), was born in Atlanta, GA.
- 1987 Isaiah George Osbourne, professional footballer, was born in Birmingham, England.
- 1988 (Bobby Ray Simmons) BoB, rap artist, was born in Winston-Salem, NC.
- 1990 Bradley 'Scottish Thunder' McDougaid, National Football League player, was born in Dublin, OH.
- 1998 (Stokely Carmichael) Kwame Ture leader of the SNCC, dies in Conakry, Guinea
- 2014 Bunny Briggs, tap dancer, dies in Las Vegas, NV.

November 16

You are intellectual, capable and discerning, fond of good literature and are a convincing and fluent talker. You have a deep and spiritual nature, are orthodox in your views and spend little time in unknown fields. Your love was strong and deep and you will receive a true devotion in return.

- 1901 Jesse Stone, rhythm and blues musician and songwriter (Money Honey), was born in Atchison, KS.
- 1904 (Benjamin) Nnamdi Azikiwe, first president of Nigeria, was born in Zungeru, Nigeria.
- 1915 Alphonse 'Bois Sec' Ardoin, accordionist specializing in Cajun music, was born in Evangeline Parrish, New Orleans.
- 1924 Israel Meyer Augustine, Jr., first African American district judge in Louisiana, was born in New Orleans, LA.
- 1930 (Albert) Chinualumogu Chinua Achebe, novelist (Things Fall Apart), was born in Ogifi, Nigeria Protectorate.
- 1931 Hubert Charles Sumlinm guitarist and singer as a member of Howlin' Wolf's band, was born in Greenwood, MS.
- 1933 Garnet Mimms, singer (Cry Baby), was born in Ashland, WV.
- 1940 John Ryanes, singer with The Monotones (The Book Of Love), was born in Newark, NJ.
- 1943 Winfred "Blue" Lovett, singer and composer of the opening rap in the song Kiss and Say Goodbye, with The Manhattans, was born.
- 1950 Harvey Banks Martin, National Football League player, was born in Dallas, TX.
- 1951 (Herbert Lee) Herb Washington, Major League Baseball player and owner/operator of numerous McDonald's restaurants and minor league professional hockey franchise, was born in Belzoni, MS.
- 1952 Glenn Lawrence Burke, Major League Baseball player, was born in Oakland, CA.
- 1956 (Artis) Wayne Cooper, National Basketball Association player, was born in Milan, GA.
- 1956 (Mabon Lewis) Teenie Hodges, rhythm and lead guitarist and songwriter (Love and Happiness), was born in Germantown, TN.
- 1947 Darine Stern, first African American model featured on the cover of Playboy magazine alone (1971), was born.
- 1950 Harvey Banks Martin, National Football League player, was born in Dallas, TX.
- 1952 Glenn Lawrence Burke, Major League Baseball player, was born in Oakland, CA.
- 1959 Vernon B. Parker, mayor of Paradise Valley, Arizona, was born in Houston, TX.
- 1963 Zina Lynna Garrison, professional tennis player, was born in Houston, TX.
- 1963 Bernard Wright, funk and jazz keyboardist and

singer, was born in Jamaica, Queens NY.

- 1964 Harry Joseph Lennix, actor (The Five Heartbeats), was born in Chicago, IL.
- 1964 Dwight Eugene Gooden, Major League Baseball player, was born in Tampa, FL.
- 1967 Craig Marcus Watkins, first African American district attorney in Texas, was born in Dallas, TX.
- 1967 Lisa (Michelle) Bonet (Lilakoi Moon), actor (The Cosby Show), was born in San Francisco, CA.
- 1969 Chenoa Maxwell, actor (Hav Plenty) and photographer (Introspection: India), was born in New Rochelle, NY.
- 1969 Bryan Abrams, singer with Color Me Badd, was born in Oklahoma City, OK.
- 1972 Olanda Anderson, Light Heavyweight boxer on the 2000 Olympic Team, was born in Sumter, SC.
- 1976 Egypt Sherrod, HGTV host (Property Virgins), was born in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1977 José Acosta, Negro and Major League Baseball player, dies in Havana, Cuba.
- 1978 Daniel Lawrence Graham, National Football League player, was born in Torrance, CA.
- 1978 Orshawante Bryant, Arena Football League player, was born in Riverside, CA.
- 1980 (Overton Vertis) O.V. Wright, singer (That's How Strong My love Is) dies in mobile, AL.
- 1982 Amar'e Carsares Stoudemire, National Basketball Association player, was born in Lake Wales, FL.
- 1987 Derek Newton, National Football League player, was born in Utica, MS.
- 1988 William Coleman, professional basketball player (Basketball Bundesliga), was born in Columbus, GA.
- 1995 Cliff Alexander, National Basketball Association player, was born in Chicago, IL.
- 1995 Charles Edward Gordone (Fleming), actor and playwright and the first African American to receive a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, dies in College Station, TX.
- 1995 Noah Gray Cabey, actor (My Wife and Kids), was born in Chicago, IL.
- 1996 Benjamin Arthur Quarles, historian, educator and author (The Negro in the American Revolution), dies in Baltimore, MD.
- 2000 (Robert Earl Davis, Jr.) D.J. Screw, creator of the screwed and chopped deejay technique, dies in Houston, TX.
- 2000 Hosea Lorenzo Williams, minister, scientist and politician (member of the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle), dies in Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 Albert 'Diz' Russell, singer with The Orioles (It's Too Soon To Know), dies.

November 17

You have good judgment, are a careful manager and a shrewd manipulator. Your ideas are practical and you consider all details before entering into any undertaking. You are affectionate, tender and dependable. Your friends rely on your judgment and have absolute faith in you.

- 1904 Jack Owens, Delta blues singer and guitarist, was born in Bentonia, MS.
- 1904 William Henry Hastie, judge and first African American to serve as Governor of the US Virgin Island, was born in Knoxville, TN.
- 1932 Charles Waddell Chesnutt, lawyer and author (The Conjure Woman), dies in Cleveland, OH.
- 1943 (Morten Avery) Specs Clark, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Los Angeles, CA.
- 1944 Samuel Younge, Jr., first African American college student to be killed as a result of his involvement in the civil right movement, was born in Tuskegee, AL.
- 1945 Elvin Ernest Hayes, National Basketball Association player, was born in Rayville, LA.
- 1949 (Thomas Lionel) Tom Hill, athlete (110 metre hurdles), was born in New Orleans, LA.
- 1949 Gladys Ashe Robinson, State Senator, Guilford County, North Carolina, was born.
- 1955 (James Price) Jimmy Johnson, jazz and ragtime pianist and composer (Charleston), dies in Jamaica, Queens NY.
- 1955 Yolanda King, first born child of Dr. Martin Luther King, was born in Montgomery, AL.
- 1960 (Andre Charles) RuPaul, actor drag queen, model, author and singer-songwriter, was born in San Diego, CA.
- 1961 (Charles Harrison) C.H. Mason, Pentecostal Holiness and denominational leader of the Church of God in Christ, dies in Detroit, MI.
- 1962 Ray Chadwick, Major League Baseball player, was born in Durham, NC.
- 1963 Adrian Francis Branch, National Basketball Association player, was born in Washington, DC.
- 1964 Susan Elizabeth Rice, US National Security Advisor, was born in Washington, DC.
- 1967 Howard Griffith, National Football League player, was born in Chicago, IL.
- 1967 (Ronald Boyd) Ronnie DeVoe, Jr. singer with New Edition and Bell, Biv, DeVoe, was born in Roxbury, MA.
- 1969 Rebecca Walker (Leventhal) (daughter of Alice Walker), writer (To Be Real: Telling the Truth and Changing the Face of Feminism), was born in Jackson, MS.
- 1971 David Ramsey, actor (Dexter), was born in Detroit, MI.

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