

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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ARIES - March 21- April 19



Aries – The Daredevil

Energetic, adventurous and spontaneous. Confident and enthusiastic. Fun. Loves a challenge. EXTREMELY impatient. Sometime selfish. Short fuse. (easily angered). Lively, passionate and sharp wit. Outgoing. Lose interest quickly – easily bored. Egotistical. Courageous and assertive. Tends to be physical and athletic.

Diamond is the jewel for the month of April

The world's first known reference to the diamond comes from a Sanskrit manuscript written during the Mauryan Dynasty, around 321 BC to 185 BC. Cupid's arrow was supposedly tipped in diamonds having a magical effect of no equal. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed diamonds to be tears of the gods and the splinters from stars. A home or garden touched in each corner with a diamond was supposed to be protected from blight, lightning and storms. A diamond set in gold and worn on the left side is believed to ward off phantoms and diamonds and drive away nightmares. Diamond is derived from the Greek word 'adamas' meaning invincible. The Romans adorned themselves with diamonds for strength and courage. For hundreds of years diamonds were thought to have gender. In 1568 Francois Ruet described two diamonds producing offspring.

April 12

You are naturally very cautious and act only after due consideration. Your decision made, you will not react any part of it and carry all responsibility. You love your home and continually try to make it more pleasant and attractive.

1825 Richard Harvey Cain, minister, publisher, US Representative from South Carolina and founder of Paul Quinn College is Waco, TX is born in Greenbrier County, VA.

1882 James 'Jimmy' Winkfield, first African American to ride a winner in the Kentucky Derby is born in Chilesburg, KY.

1892 (John M.) Johnny Dodds, clarinet and alto sax player is born in Waveland, LA.

1898 Grantley Herbert Adams, first president of Barbados is born in Colliston, Government Hill, St. Michael Barbados.

1898 Hosea Hudson, labor leader and author (Black Workers in the Deep South) is born in Wilkes County, GA.

1903 Horace Revels Cayton, sociologist and author (Black Metropolis) is born in Seattle WA.

1915 (Theodore Roosevelt) Hound Dog Taylor, bluesman is born in Natchez, MS.

1925 Prentiss Barnes, blues singer is born in Magnolia, MS.

1927 (Teresa Walker) Terry Timmons, singer is born in Cleveland, OH.

1937 Asie Reed Payton, blues musician is born in Holly Ridge, MS.

1939 Barbara-Rose Collins, US representative from Michigan is born in Detroit, MI.

1940 (Herbert Jeffrey) Herbie Hancock, keyboardist and composer (Maiden Voyage) is born in Chicago, IL.

1942 Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of South Africa is born in Inkandla, South Africa.

1942 Gabrielle Kirk McDonald lawyer and jurist serving as one of three American arbitrators at the US Claims Tribunal seated in The Hague is born in Saint Paul, MN.

1942 Wade Henderson, President of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is born.

1944 (Michael Lockett) Mike Garrett, athletic director at Langston University, Heisman Trophy winner and National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1948 (Sandra Delores) Lois Reeves, singer with Martha Reeves & the Vandellas is born in Detroit, MI.

1952 Ralph Wiley, sports journalist (Sports Illustrated) is born in Memphis, TN.

1957 Harold Craig Bailey, National Football League player is born in Houston, TX.

1957 Suzzanne Douglas, actor (The Parent Hood) is born in Chicago, IL.

1963 Tracy Camilla Johns, actor (She's Gotta Have It) is born in Queens, NY.

1967 Frances Elaine McLemore Newton is executed by lethal injection in the state of Texas for the murder of her husband, son and daughter.

1967 (Ulpiano Sergio Reyes) Mellow Man Ace (Lord Sha'mel Allah), rap artist (Mentiroso) is born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

1967 (William C.) Buster Bailey, clarinet and saxophone player dies in Brooklyn, NY.

1968 (Clifford) Cliff Brantley, Major League Baseball player is born in Staten Island, NY.

1969 Michael Jackson, National Football League



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Barbara Rose Collins

player is born in Tangipahoa, LA.

1969 Charlotta Amanda Spears Bess, first African American woman to own and operate a newspaper dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 Claudia Jordan, model (Deal or No Deal) is born in Providence, RI.

1975 (Ali He'shun Forney) Luscious, transgender youth counselor and advocate of homeless is born in Charlotte, NC.

1975 Josephine Baker, singer and dancer dies in Paris, France.

1981 Joe Louis (Barrow) first African American to hold a boxing title for more than ten years, defend his title successfully more than 25 times and draw a million dollar gate dies in r

1989 Herbert Mills, singer with The Mills Brothers dies.

1989 (Walker Smith, Jr.) Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer who held the middleweight title five times dies in Culver City, CA.

1992 (Medwick N. Veasey) Joe Medwick, blues singer and songwriter (Further On Up The Road) dies in Houston, TX.

2001 Theodore A. Jones, president of a trade organization representing 48 African American owned and operated insurance companies dies in Chicago, IL.

2004 (Charles Wesley) Chuck Leonard, radio personality dies in New York, NY.

Birthday: (Francine Patience) Pattie Howard, gospel and R&B singer-songwriter is born in Cleveland, OH.

You have perseverance, are energetic and versatile.

April 13

You are easy going and when thwarted in your purpose you are resourceful in accomplishing it in other ways. You are quite and reserved. Uncommunicative and do not make friends easily, but hold the few you make. Your love is sincere and steadfast.

1891 (Nellallitea) Nerlla Marian Larsen, first African American woman recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship in creative writing (Quicksand) is born in Chicago, IL.

1913 David Donald Albritton, silver medalist in the 1936 Olympic games and the first high jumper to use the straddle technique is born in Danville, AL.

1915 Francine (Williamson) Everett, actor (Paradise in Harlem) is born in Louisburg, NC.

1922 Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Tanzanian politician who served as the leader of Tanzania and previously Tanganyika is born in Butiama, Tanganyika.

1934 Horace Kay, singer with The Tams (Hey Girl Don't Bother Me) is born in Atlanta, GA.

1937 (James Roland) J.R. Mitchell, jazz drummer and educator is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1938 (Olaqale Gladstone Emmanuel Rotimi) Ola Rotimi playwright (To Stir the God of Iron) and theatre director is born in Llesha, Osum State Nigeria.

1939 Barbara-Rose Collins, US Representative from the state of Michigan is born in Detroit, MI.

1940 Lester Chambers, singer with the Chamber Brothers (Time Has Come Today) is born in Flora, MS.

1942 Juma Sultan, musician with Sankofa is born in Monrovia, CA.

1946 (Albert) Al Green minister, songwriter and vocalist (I'm Still in Love With You) is born in Forrest City, AR.

1947 Deborah A. Batts, US Federal Judge (Southern District of New York) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1951 (Robert) Peabo Bryson, singer is born in Greenville, SC.

1955 Louis Johnson, bass player with The Brothers Johnson (Get The Funk Out Of My Face) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1957 Wayne Lewis, keyboardist and singer with Atlantic Starr (Secret Lovers) is born in White Plains, NY.

1961 John Arthur Bennett, US Army soldier convicted and executed (the last person to have been executed by the US military) for the rape and attempted murder of

an Austrian girl dies in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

1960 Rena L. Moran, member of the Minnesota House of Representatives is born in Chicago, IL.

1966 (Wesley Polk) Wes Chamberlain, Major League Baseball player is born in Chicago, IL.

1973 (William Rogers Campbell) Sonny Clay, jazz pianist, drummer and bandleader dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 Bokeem Woodbine, actor (Crooklyn) is born in Harlem, NY.

1978 DeVon Franklin, author (Produce by Faith) and senior Vice President of Production at Columbia Pictures is born.

1981 Moushaumi Robinson, track and field athlete in the 2004 Summer Olympics is born in Hattiesburg, MS.

1985 (Tyrone Griffin) Ty Dolla Sign, rap artist (My Cabana) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1986 (Dorothy Jeanne Thompson) Dorothy Ashby, jazz harpist and composer dies in Santa Monica, CA.

1986 Lorenzo Lamar Cain, Major League Baseball player is born in Vaidosta, GA.

1996 (Charles Alfred) Chief Anderson, Sr., aviator (The Father of Black Aviation) dies in Tuskegee, AL.

2000 Cleveland Horne, singer with Fantastic Four (The Whole World is a Stage) dies.

2001 Josephine Premice, stage actor (Bubbling Brown Sugar) dies in New York, NY.

2003 (Ferdinand A.) Fred Facey, radio and television announcer (The Today Show) dies in New York, NY.

2005 Johnnie Johnson, pianist for Chuck Berry dies in St. Louis, MO.

April 14

You have a strong keen mind, a gentle and kindly disposition and a good intuitive judgment. You have good and practical ideas. Your love is generous and something extravagant.

1887 Flournoy Earkin Miller, actor, author (co-wrote the book Shuffle Along) is born in Nashville, TN.

1891 W.B. Abrams is awarded patent 450,550 for the Hame attachment.

1896 A.J. Polk is awarded patent 558, 103 for a bicycle support.

1919 McCants Stewart, first African American lawyer in the state of Oregon dies in San Francisco, CA.

1925 Bill Harris, instrumental accompaniment with The Clovers (Ting-A-Ling) is born in Nashville, NC.

1925 (Eugene) Gene 'Jug' Ammons, saxophonist is born.

1929 Inez Andrews, gospel singer (Mary Don't You Weep) is born in Birmingham, AL.

1931 Hardy Williams, member of the Pennsylvania State Senate is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1938 Gloria Randle Scott (Dean), first African American to head the Girl Scouts of the USA is born in Houston, TX.

1939 Kittie Doswell, singer (Need Your Love So Bad) is born in Houston, TX.

1955 (Cleveland Leigh) Cleve Abbott, football player, coach and educator (Tuskegee, Alabama) dies at Tuskegee, AL.

1962 Laura Richardson, US Representative from California is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1963 Cynthia Lynne Cooper-Dyke, Women's National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

1966 David Christopher Justice, Major League Baseball player is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1974 (Shawntae Harris) Da Brat, rap artist (Funkdified) is born in Chicago, IL.

1975 Antwon Tanner, actor, (One Tree Hill) is born in Chicago, IL.

1976 William Henry Hastie, first African American appointed to the federal bench dies in East Norriton, PA.

1977 Cleavant Derricks, pastor, choir director and composer (Just a Little Talk with Jesus) dies in Knoxville, TN.

1987 Dominique Harris, National Football League player is born in Washington, DC.

1990 Thurston Harris, singer (Little Bitty Pretty One) dies in Pomona CA.

1992 (Samuel Blythe) Sammy Price, pianist and bandleader dies in New York, NY.

2003 Earnest James Ujaama (Thompson), author (Coming Up Ain't What It's All Cracked Up to Be, for a Young Black Man Straight Up; And, in America It Ain't All Straight. Solution: Each One, Teach One) is born in Denver, CO.

2010 (William Horn, Jr.) Mississippi Slim, blues singer (Crying in the Arms of Another Love) dies in Mississippi.

2011 Isaiah Edward Robinson, Jr., first African American president of the New York City Board of Education dies in Birmingham, AL.

2013 George Henry Jackson, songwriter (Down Home Blues) dies in Ridgeland, MS.

2014 Percy Tyrone Sledge, singer (When a Man Loves a Woman) dies in Baton Rouge, LA.

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