

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 19

You have an artistic temperament, are intellectual and fond of music and travel. You enjoy outdoor sports. You should take great pride in your possessions and abilities and use them to your best advantage. You are sincere and will have any close friendships.

1812 (Shibodee Turrey Wurry) (Tobias) Toby Gilmore, soldier in the Continental Army during the American Revolution dies in Raynham, MA.

1841 Pierre Caliste Landry, slave and the first African American election as mayor (Donaldsonville) is born on the Prevost sugar cane plantation in Ascension Parrish, LA.

1864 (Edward Phinney) Ed Binney, colored middleweight boxing champion is born in Washington, DC.

1887 Elijah McCoy is awarded patent 361,435 for the lubricator attachment He invented 23 lubricators for different kinds of equipment.

1892 Robert Coates is awarded patent 473,295 for the overboot for horses.

1905 (Thomas P.) Tommy Benford, jazz drummer is born in Charleston, WV.

1914 Cora Mae Brown, first African American woman elected to a US state senate (Michigan) is born in Bessemer, AL.

1916 Mary Elizabeth Carnegie, educator known for preserving the history of African American nurses is born in Baltimore, MD.

1923 Una Mulzac, founder of Liberation Bookstore is born in Baltimore, MD.

1931 Etheridge Knight, poet (Poems From Prison) is born in Corinth, MS.

1936 Ruby Johnson, singer (I'll Run Your Heart Away) is born in Elizabeth City, NC.

1942 Aaron Elton Pointer, Major League Baseball player is born in Little Rock, AR.

1944 Charlotte Durante, first African American woman City Commissioner in Delray Beach, Florida is born in Forkland, AL.

1944 Jimmie Noone, jazz clarinetist dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1944 (George Bernard) Bernie Worrell, Jr. keyboardist and founding member of Parliament-Funkadelic is born in Long Branch, NJ.

1950 (Carol) Lani Guinier, first African American woman tenured professor at Harvard Law School is born in New York, NY.

1955 (Michael Leeroyall) Mike Evans, National Basketball Association player and coach is born in Goldsboro, NC.

1956 Denardo Ornette Coleman, jazz drummer (son of Ornette Coleman) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1957 (Kevin Donovan) Afrika Bambaataa, Godfather of hip-hop is born in The Bronx, NY.

1959 (Robert James) R.J. Reynolds, Major League Baseball player is born in Sacramento, CA.

1965 (Marion Knight Williams) Suge Knight, music promoter and founder of Death Row is born in Compton, CA.

1969 Maurice Crum, Sr., National Football League player is born in Florida.

1975 Desreta Jackson, actor (The Color Purple) is born in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

1975 Percy Lavon Julian, first African American chemist inducted into the National Academy of Sciences dies in Waukegan, IL.

1976 (Luis Diaz) Cipa Sounds, radio and VJ for MTV is born in The Bronx, NY.



Cora Mae Brown

1976 Eddie B. Robinson, Jr., National Basketball Association player is born in Detroit, MI.

1981 Brandon Fobbs, actor (The Wire) is born in Washington, DC.

1985 Willie James Mabon, singer, pianist and songwriter (I Don't Know) dies in Paris, France.

1986 Estelle 'Mama' Yancey, blues singer dies in Chicago, IL.

1986 Alvin Childress, actor (cab driver on Amos & Andy) dies in Inglewood, CA.

1987 Roy E. Partlow, Negro League baseball player dies in Cherry Hill, NJ.

1988 Michael Ola, National Football League player is born in Riverdale, GA.

1990 Jackie Bradley, Jr., Major League Baseball player is born in Richmond, VA.

1994 Larry Davis, blues musician and composer (Texas Flood) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2003 (Charles Sylvan) Cholly Atkins, dancer and choreographer for the Motown label dies in Las Vegas, NV.

2005 (Darnell Quincy Lindsay) Blade Icewood, rap artist (Platinum Roleez Don't Tic Toc) dies in Detroit, MI.

2010 (Keith Edward Elam) Guru, rap artist (Moment of Truth) dies in New York, NY.

April 20

Your positive and headstrong ways will carry you over many obstacles to success. You expect others to step aside or be trampled on. You are influenced by praise and flattery, rather than by direct appeal or command. You have your family's respect and devotion.

1875 David A. Fisher is awarded patent 162,281 for the joiner's clamp.

1899 Ellis Wilson, artist is born in Mayfield, KY.

1908 Lionel Hampton, drummer, piano, vocalist and one of the first vibed players in music is born in Louisville, KY.

1916 Robert Oliver Lowery, Fire Commissioner in the city of New York is born.

1921 (Anthony Antonio) Tony Jackson, pianist, singer and composer (Pretty Baby) dies in Chicago, IL.

1923 (Ernesto Antonio) Tito Puente, bandleader (The King of Latin Music) is born in New York, NY.

1926 Harriet Elizabeth Byrd, first African American elected to the Wyoming Legislature is born in Cheyenne, WY.

1940 Calvin Leavy, blues singer and guitarist (Cumins Prison Farm) is born in Scott, Pulaski County AR.

1946 Lester L. Lyles, US Air Force general, Vice Chief of Staff of the US Air Force and Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio is born in Washington, DC.

1947 Karyn Calabrese, raw foodist and restaurateur is born in Chicago, IL.

1947 William Thaddeus Coleman, III, lawyer and General Counsel of the Army is born in Boston, MA.

1951 Luther Vandross, singer and songwriter is born in New York, NY.

1954 Myles Munroe, evangelist and ordained Pentecostal minister and founder of the Bahamas Faith Ministries International is born in Grand Bahama, Bahamas.

1965 (Leonardo Roman) Wise, rap artist with Stetsasonic is born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

1965 Paul Jerrard, National Hockey League player is born in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.

1969 (William) Benny Benjamin, drummer for Motown studio (The Funk Brothers) dies in Detroit, MI.

1970 Shemar Moore, actor and model is born in Oakland, CA.

1970 Perry 'Mule' Bradford, singer, songwriter (You Can't Keep A Good Man Down) dies in New York, NY.

1971 Allan Wade Houston, National Basketball Association player is born in Louisville, KY.

1977 Desmond Darice Clark, National Football League player is born in Bartow, FL.

1983 Tavares Washington, National Football League player is born in Greenville, MS.

1984 Mabel Mercer, international cabaret singer dies in Pittsfield, MA.

1992 (John Ned) Johnny Shines, blues singer and guitarist dies in Tuscaloosa, AL.

1999 Isaiah Shoel, student killed at Columbine High School in Columbine, CO.

2001 Richard H. Austin, first African American to hold a state wide elected position in Michigan dies in Michigan.

2007 Andrew Hill, jazz pianist, composer and the first person to receive a posthumous honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music dies in Jersey City, NJ.

2008 (Michael Allen) VL Mike, rap artist (Chopper City Boyz, We Got This) dies in New Orleans, LA.

2010 Dorothy Irene Height, educator and founder of the National Council of Negro Women, dies in Washington, DC.

2010 Purvis Young, artist dies in Miami, FL.

2014 Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter, professional middleweight boxer dies in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

April 21

You are kind-hearted, generous, ambitious and easily influenced by the opinion of others. You enjoy culture and refinement and should find success and happiness in the fine arts. You should take great care in selecting your life partner; a mate who does not have the same interest will bring unhappiness.

1855 Theophilus Augustus Thompson, chess expert and author: (Chess Problems: Either to Play and Mate) is born a slave in Frederick, MD.

1883 Clarence Wesley 'Cap' Wigington, first African American municipal architect (St. Paul, Minnesota) is born in Lawrence, KS.

1896 Thomas Boyne, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor dies in Washington, DC.

1921 Linda Marie White, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha is born in Cleveland, OH.

1924 Clara Ward, gospel singer (Surely God is Able) with The Ward Singers is born.

1925 Harrison B. Wilson, educator, college basketball coach and president of Norfolk State University is born in Amsterdam, NY.

1926 George Washington Murray, Congressman from South Carolina, dies in Chicago, IL.

1938 Wallace Houston Terry, journalist and author (Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War) is born in New York, NY.

1941 (William Hargis Bowman, Jr.) Beau Dollar, singer and drummer is born in Hamilton, OH.

1941 (Alfred) Pee Wee Ellis, saxophonist, arranger and composer (Say It Loud – I'm Black and I'm Proud) with the James Brown Band is born in Bradenton, FL.

1942 Bobby McClure, singer (Don't Mess Up a Good Thing) is born in Chicago, IL.

1946 Le Tari, actor (Brotherhood of Death) is born in Ohio.

1947 Alonza Benjamin Bumbry, Major League Baseball player is born in Fredericksburg, VA.

1948 Sharon Mills Draper, children's book author (Darkness Before Dawn) and educator, (National Teacher of the Year 1997) is born in Cleveland, OH.

1952 Gerald Lyn Early, essayist, professor and culture critic is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 Dorsey Wright, actor (The Warriors) is born in The Bronx, NY.

1962 Craig Robinson, college basketball coach (Oregon State University) and brother of Michelle Obama is born in Chicago, IL.

1968 Leslie Silva, actor (Odyssey 5) is born in Schenectady, NY.

1970 Earl Zebedee Hooker, blues guitarist dies in Chicago, IL.

1975 Brian Joseph White, football player, dancer and actor (The Parkers) is born in Boston, MA.

1978 Thomas Wyatt Turner, organizer of the Federation of Colored Catholics, dies in Washington, DC.

1982 Khalif Ehmadi Barnes, National Football League player is born in San Diego, CA.

1982 (Terrence Jenkins) Terrence J host of 106 & Park and actor (The Game) is born in Queens, NY.

1983 Tarvaris D. Jackson, National Football League player is born in Montgomery, AL.

1987 Hildrus Augustus Poindexter, bacteriologist and head of the medical college at Howard University dies.

2003 (Eunice Kathleen Waymon) Nina Simone, singer dies in Carry-le-Rouet, Bouches-du-Rhone, France.

2008 (Allen LaMar) Al Wilson, singer (Show and Tell) dies in Fontana, 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.