

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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LEO – THE BOSS

Very organized. Need order in their lives – like being in control. Like boundaries. Tend to take over everything. Bossy. Like to help others. Social and outgoing. Extroverted. Generous, warm-hearted. Sensitive. Creative energy. Full of themselves. Loving. Doing the right thing is important to Leos.

The peridot is the stone for the month of August

Peridot is considered by some to be a tonic for the entire body. It is said to protect the wearer from negativity and to provide stress reduction and relaxation. Pirates were said to favor peridot because, when set in gold, it would protect them from the terrors of the night. The gem known as peridot is born in fire it is found at the base of volcanoes and is the only gem known to be found in meteors that fall to the earth. Peridot is a gem variety of the mineral olivine. Popakoleas, Green Sand Beach is filled with olivine crystals a result of Hawaii's volcanic action. Peridot is said to inspire purification and encourage growth, intuition healing renewal and rebirth. Very large peridots, each more than 200 carats in size, decorate the shrine of the Three Kings at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

August 2

You are apt in handling details, have business ability, are aggressive and adapt yourself readily to the job at hand. You are buoyant, happy, and sincere and like the company of cultured and refined people. You are a good conversationalist, fond of music and art. Choose a congenial mate and you will be happy.

1619 Dutch ship unloads 20 black indentured servants in Jamestown, VA. This is the beginning of African American History in the United States.

1891 George Washington Williams, minister and historian dies in Blackpool, England.

1911, (Robert Allen) Bob Cole, actor and playwright (A Trip to Coontown) dies in The Catskills, NY.

1922 Wilmer Leon Fields, Negro League Baseball player is born in Manassas, VA.

1924 James Arthur Baldwin, author of many plays, novels and essays is born in New York, NY.

1931 Philippa Duke Schuyler, pianist, journalist and child prodigy during the 30s and 40s is born in New York, NY.

1941 Doris Kenner Jackson Coley, lead singer on This is Dedicated to the One I Love with The Shirelles is born in Passaic, NJ.

1945 Jewell Jackson McCabe, spokesperson for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's movement is born in Washington, DC.

1947 (Edwin Finley Taliaferro) Chokwe Lumumba, mayor of Jackson, Mississippi is born in Detroit, MI.

1949 Fat Larry (James), bandleader (Act Like you Know) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1949 Morris B.B. Dickerson, bassist and singer with the band War is born in Torrance, CA.

1960 Apollonia Koter, actor (Purple Rain) is born in Santa Monica, CA.

1967 (Gregory Fernan Hutchinson) Cold 187um, rap artist (Livin Like Hustlers) is born in Pomona, CA.

1970 Zelma Davis, singer with the C+C Music Factory (Gonna Make You Sweat) is born in Liberia.

1971 Schatar Sapphira, actor (High Roller: The Stu Unger Story) is born in Washington, DC.

1972 (Christopher Lamont Chris Bender, singer (Draped) is born in Brockton, MA.

1974 Kia Joy Goodwin, actor (The Object of My Affection) is born in Montclair, NJ.

1978 Natasha Williams-Blach, actor and model (Wonderbra) is born in Pontiac, IL.

1982 Grady Sizemore, III, Major League Baseball player is born in Seattle, WA

1983 James Lee Jamerson, un-credited bassist on most of the Motown Records dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1983 Angell Conwell, actor (Baby Boy) is born in Orangeburg, SC.

1991 Evander Kane, National Hockey League player is born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

1997 (Olusegun Oludotun Ransome-Kuti) Fela Kuti musician and composer dies in Lagos, Nigeria.

2001 (Ronald) Ron Townson, singer with the Fifth Dimension dies in Las Vegas, NV.

2007 Chauncey Wendell Bailey, Journalist (The Oakland Post) dies in Oakland, CA.

2010 James Edward Hunter, National Football League player dies.

2011 Leslie Esdaile Banks (Peterson) author (The Vampire Huntress Legend Series) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

August 3

You are uncommunicative, independent and have great perseverance. In a quiet modest way you carry out your plans, relying on your own good judgment. You are affectionate and demonstrative and require a steadfast love from you mate.



James Arthur Baldwin

1492 Pedro Alonso Nino a pilot for Christopher Columbus on the way to the new world set sail.

1872 Valena Cecelia MacArthur Jones, educator and editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate is born in Bay St, Louis, MS.

1897 C.R. Richey is awarded patent 587,657 for a railroad switch.

1897 Lloyd P. Ray is awarded patent 587,607 for the metal dustpan with wooden handle.

1907 Lawrence Brown, jazz trombonist is born in Kansas.

1908 Allen Allensworth founded Allensworth Town in Tulare County California established for former slaves.

1918 Eddie Jefferson jazz vocalist and lyricist (Moody's Mood for Love) is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1920 Henry A. Wise, Jr., physician and Tuskegee Airman fighter pilot is born in Cheriton, VA.

1937 Roland Wallace Burris, US Senator for the State of Illinois is born in Centralia, IL.

1940 Roscoe Mitchell, composer and jazz instrumentalist is born in Chicago, IL.

1941 Beverly Lee, singer with The Shirelles is born in Passaic, NJ.

1946 Nathaniel J. McFadden, member of the Maryland State Senate is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1946 Syreeta Wright, singer (I Can't Dance to That Music You're Playing) and songwriter (It's a Shame) is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1949 (Morris) B. B. Dickerson, bass player for the group War is born in Torrance, CA.

1950 Jo Marie Payton actor (Family Matters) is born in Albany, GA.

1951 Edward Payton, National Football League player is born in Columbia, MS.

1959 Antwone Quenton Fisher, film director (Antwone Fisher) and author (Finding Fish) is born in Cleveland, OH.

1963 Isaiah Washington, actor (Grey's Anatomy) is born in Houston, TX.

1964 Joan Elizabeth Higginbotham engineer and NASA astronaut is born in Chicago, IL.

1971 (Deidra Muriel Roper) DJ Spinderella, rap artist with Salt & Pepa is born in New York, NY.

1973 Michael Ealy (Brown), actor (Barbershop) is born in Silver Springs, MD.

1975 Trevor Pryce, National Football League player is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1979 Rhoda Jordan, actor (Never Die Alone) and sister of Stanley Jordan is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1986 Andrew McFarlane, model and actor (My Wife and Kids) is born in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

1990 Jourdan Dunn, first Black model to walk a Prada runway in over a decade is born in London England.

1995 (Carl Donnell) Kansas Fields, jazz drummer dies in Chicago, IL.

2011 (Charles Aaron) Bubba Smith, National Football League player and actor (Police Academy) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

August 4

Although you are positive, somewhat opinionated, willful, shrewd and intellectual, you are just and sincere and do many kind and noble deeds unknown to others. You are friendly and have many fine friendships. Your home and family ties are dear to you.

1810 Robert Purvis, African American abolitionist who organized the American Anti-Slavery Society and founded the Philadelphia Library Company for colored person is born free in South Carolina. Mr. Purvis lived at 1601 Mt. Vernon Street.

1816 (Allen Macon Bolling) Macon Bolling Allen, first African American licensed to practice law in the US is born in Indiana.

1818 Tom Molineaux, first African American bare knuckle boxing major champion dies in Galway, Ireland.

1857 George Edwin Taylor, candidate of the National

Negro Liberty Party for the office of president of the US is born in Little Rock, AR.

1885 W.C. Carter is awarded patent 323-307 for the umbrella stand.

1887 Peter Bocage, banjo and cornet jazz player is born in New Orleans, LA.

1896 A.L. Ross is awarded patent 565,301 for runner for stops

1896 W.S. Grant is award patent 565,075 for a curtain rod support.

1901 Louis Armstrong, trumpeter, bandleader and singer (What A Wonderful World) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1904 (William Johnson) Bill Coleman, jazz trumpeter is born in Paris, Kentucky.

1913 Robert Hayden, educator and poet (Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress) is born in Detroit, MI.

1915 (Luscious) Luke East, Negro League and Major League Baseball player is born in Jonestown, MS.

1918 (Robert Lee Maupin), Iceberg Slim, pimp and author (Pimp: The Story of My Life) is born in Chicago, IL.

1921 George Calvin Royal, microbiologist is born in Williamston, SC.

1929 Barbara Ward Cooper, member of the Tennessee House of Representatives is born in Memphis, TN.

1931 Daniel Hale Williams, first African American Cardiologist dies in Idlewild, MI.

1936 Elsbeary Hobbs, bass singer with The Drifters is born.

1938 Hayes, Wendell Jones, winner of 110 m hurdles at the 1964 Summer Olympics is born in Pontiac, MI.

1942 Cleon Joseph Jones, Major League Baseball player is born in Mobile, AL.

1948 Leonard Hamilton, men's basketball head coach (Florida State University) is born in Gastonia, NC.

1950 (Ramona Lofton) Sapphire, author (Push) is born in Fort Ord, CA.

1952 (Theodore) Teddy Roe, mob boss dies in Chicago, IL.

1958 (Gregory) Greg Foster, silver and gold medal track Olympian is born in Maywood, IL.

1961 Barack Hussein Obama, II, President of the United States is born in Honolulu, HI.

1963 Keith Maurice Ellison, US Representative for Minnesota is born in Detroit, MI.

1967 Ira Smith, first player to win two NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) batting title is born in Chestertown, MD.

1969 Troy Franklin O'Leary, Major League Baseball player is born in Compton, CA.

1970 Hakeem Sekou Jeffries, attorney and member of the US House of Representatives representing New York is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1971 (Yolanda Whittaker) Yo Yo rap artist and actor is born in Compton, CA.

1972 (Toriano Adaryll Jackson, II) Taj, son of Tito Jackson and member of the singing group the 3Ts is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1981 (Rachel) Meghan Markle spokesmodel and actor (Suits) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1981 (Thomas Eugene) Tommy Turk, jazz trombonist is born in Johnstown, PA.

1981 (Marques Barrett Houston) Batman, singer with the group Immature and actor (Sister Sister) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1992 Tiffany Evans, singer and actor (Diary of a Mad Black Woman) is born in New York, NY.

2005 (James Milton Campbell) Little Milton, guitarist and singer (Grits Ain't Groceries) dies in Memphis, TN.

August 5

You have good judgment, are quick-witted, capable and observing and always appear at your best. You have an artistic temperament, are neat and rather fastidious. You are an amusing and clever entertainer and popular among your friends. You are not demonstrative in your love, but your home life is ideal.

1879 William Bailes is awarded patent 218,154 for a ladder scaffold support.

1880 Gertrude Elzora Durden Rush, first African American woman lawyer in Iowa and co-founder of the National bar Association is born in Kansas.

1895 Theodore Flowers, middleweight professional boxing champion is born in Camilla, GA.

1900 James Augustine Healy, first African American priest in the US and the first African American Bishop in the US dies in Portland, ME.

1905 Arthur 'Big Boy' Cruduo, Delta blues singer and songwriter (That's All Right Mama) is born in Forest, MS.

1915 (William Talton) Sonny Randall, Negro League Baseball player is born in Phoebus, VA.

1921 George Calvin Royal, Jr., microbiologist and researcher (Bone Marrow Transplants) is born in Williamston, SC.

1926 Tommy Smalls, (Dr. Jive), radio disc jockey is born in Savannah, GA.

1930 Damita Jo (DeBlanc), singer (I'll Be There) is born in Austin, TX.

1934 Zakes Makgona Mokae, actor (Master Harold... and the Boys) is born in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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