

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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VIRGO The Perfectionist

Dominant in relationships. Conservative. Always wants the last word. Argumentative. Worries. Very smart. Dislikes noise and chaos. Eager. Hardworking. Loyal. Beautiful. Easy to talk to. Hard to please. Harsh. Practical and very fussy. Often shy. Pessimistic.

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.

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You have great originality and always do the unusual. You have a magnetic temperament, are brusque in your speech, intuitive in judgment and demonstrative in your love. Generous, considerate and unselfish, you receive many confidences. You home life is pleasant and harmonious.

1851 W.S. Campbell is awarded patent 246,369 for a self-setting animal trap, resetting itself after one animal is caught.

1881 S.R. Scottron is awarded patent 481,720 for the curtain rod, a long metal tube open at each end to attach curtains to a supporting wall structure.

1895 Myra Lillian Davis Hemmings, actor, teach and founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is born in Gonzales, TX.

1901 Roy Wilkins, civil rights leader and president of the NAACP is born in St Louis, MO.

1904 Michael Augustine Healy, first African American to command a ship of the US government dies in San Francisco, CA.

1917 (William) Pop Gates, National Basketball Association player is born in Decatur, AL.

1923 Joseph Lawson Howez, Roman Catholic Bishop of Biloxi, Mississippi is born in Daphne, AL.

1924 (McKinley Howard) Kenny Dorham, jazz trumpeter and composer (Blue Bossa) is born in Fairfield, TX.

1927 Buford A. Johnson, member of the Tuskegee Airmen is born in Longview, TX.

1930 Xernona Clayton Brady, first Southern African American to host a daily prime time talk show is born in Muskogee, OK.

1938 James Sylvester Scott, ragtime composer (Frog Leg Rag) dies in Kansas City, KS.

1938 Don Pedro Colley, actor (The Dukes of Hazzard) is born in Klamath Falls, OR.

1943 Altovise (Joanne Gore) Davis, Sammy Davis, Jr., third wife is born in Charlotte, NC.

1948 **Fred Hampton, activist and chairman of the Black Panther Party Chicago chapter is born in Summit, IL.**

1953 Robert Lee Parish, National Basketball Association player is born in Shreveport, LA.

1953 Robin Hughes Harris, actor and comedian (Bebe's Kids) is born in Chicago, IL.

1957 Gerald Albright, jazz saxophonist is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1966 Toney Freeman, IFBB (International Federation of Bodybuilding & Fitness) profession bodybuilder is born in South Bend, IN.

1966 Michael Michele, actor (ER) is born in Evansville, IN.

1969 (Amery Dennard) Big Herk, rap artist (Guilty As Charged) and is featured on the Rap Snacks Hot "Sauce chips bag is born in Detroit, MI.

1977 Marlon Jerrard Byrd, Major League Baseball player is born in Boynton Beach, FL.

1977 Shaun Edward Alexander National Football League player is born in Florence Kentucky.

1980 Derrick LaRon Ward, National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1981 Germán Legarreta, actor (Jail Bait) is born in San Juan Puerto Rico.

1985 Tianna Bartoletta (Madison) track and field athlete is born in Elyria, OH.

1985 (Joseph Rudolph) Philly Joe Jones, drummer dies.

1987 Wade Hampton McCree, 2nd African American Solicitor General dies in Detroit, MI.

1988 (Thomas Sylvester Allen) Papa Dee Allen, percussionist with the group War dies in Solano County, CA.

1996 Trevor Jackson, actor (Let It Shine) is born in Indianapolis, IN.



Fred Hampton

1997 Russell 'Russy' Simmons, II, reality TV (Run's House) is born in Saddle River, NY.

2002 (Andrew) Any Johnson, Harlem Globetrotter player, National Basketball Association player and Eastern

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Basketball Association player dies.

You are capable and dependable, although rather domineering. You are fond of good literature, are a fluent and intelligent talker and an amusing entertainer. You prefer the company of the opposite sex. Marry young and your home life will be congenial and happy.

1907 Augustus Freeman Hawkins, first African American elected to the House of Representatives from the State of California is born in Shreveport, LA.

1918 Kenneth S. (Kenny) 'Kingfish' Washington, one of the first African Americans to play in the National Football League is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1919 August Harvey Martin, first African American to pilot a commercial aircraft is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1935 Frank Robinson, first African American manager in the Major Baseball League is born in Beaufort, TX.

1935 Eldridge Cleaver, co-founders of the Black Panther Party and author (Soul On Ice) is born in Wabbaseka, AR.

1936 Marva Collins, educator and the focus of a TV movie The Marva Collins Story is born in Atmore AL.

1940 Wilton Lewis Felder, saxophone and bass player with the Jazz Crusaders (Street Life) is born in Houston, TX.

1943 USS Harmon, first warship named after an African American (Leonard Roy Harmon) is commissioned.

1944 Lorenzo Thomas, critic and poet (Extraordinary Measures: Afrocentric Modernism and 20th Century American Poetry) is born in the Republic of Panama.

1945 Donyale Luna, first African American model to appear on the cover of British Vogue is born in Detroit, MI.

1948 Howard Porter, National Basketball Association player is born in Stuart, FL.

1949 (Melvin Randolph) Randy Primas, Jr., first African American mayor of Camden, New Jersey is born in Camden, NJ.

1949 Stephen McKinley Henderson, actor (Everyday People) is born in Kansas City, MO.

1952 (Wallace Edgar) Mickey Johnson, National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

1954 Claudell Washington, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1955 Edwin Corley Moses, track athlete is born in Dayton, OH.

1972 (Christopher) Chris Tucker, actor (Rush Hour) is born in Atlanta, GA.

1976 Joan Clark is awarded a patent for a holder for bras, etc.

1976 (Sharisse) Shar Jackson, rap artist and actor (Mo'Nisha) is born in Boston, MA.

1977 George Samuel Schuyler, journalist and author (Black No More) dies in New York, NY.

1979 Timothy Raines, Jr. Major League Baseball player is born in Memphis, TN.

1980 (Joseph Anthony) Joe Budden, II, hip hop-recording artist and actor (Love & Hip Hop) is born in New York, NY.

1990 (Nathaniel) Nate 'Sweetwater' Clifton, first African American to sign a contract with the National Basketball Association dies in Chicago, IL.

1996 Nadine Lockwood, murdered by her mother in New York, NY.

2002 Lionel Leo Hampton, vibraphonist dies in New York, NY.

2012 Edward Vincent, Jr., member of the California

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State Senate dies.

You are extremely generous in thought and deed, kind-hearted and robust. You have much sentiment and are loyal to your kindred. You sometimes speak abruptly but do not

mean it unkindly. You are demonstrative and affectionate in your love and will receive the same in return.

1857 Henry Edwin Baker, Jr. third African American to enter the US Naval Academy was born in Columbia, MS.

1883 Anita Bush, founder of the All-Colored Dramatic Stock Company was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1883 Justin Elie, composer (Meringues Populaires) was born in Cap Haitian.

1912 Samuel Coleridge Taylor, composer (Hiawatha's Wedding Feast) dies in Croyden, England.

1917 Lewis Carnegie Dowdy, the sixth president and first chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University was born in Eastover Richland County, SC.

1922 Rosa Guy, author (The Friends) was born in Trinidad.

1927 Tommy Evans, singer with The Drifters (Under the Boardwalk) was born.

1933 (Eugene Haire) Gene Harris, jazz pianist (Introducing the 3 Sounds) was born in Benton Harbor, MI.

1937 Ron O'Neal, actor (Superfly) was born in Utica, NY.

1938 Alton Nehemiah Ellis 'Godfather of Rocksteady' was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1942 (Charles Brooks, Jr.) Shareef Ahmad Abdul-Rahim, first person in the US to be executed using lethal injection was born in Fort Worth, TX.

1942 Claudette Rogers-Robinson, singer with The Miracles and first wife of Smokey Robinson was born in Detroit, MI.

1943 Webster Lewis, jazz and disco keyboardist (On the Town/Saturday Night Steppin' Out/Do it With Style) was born in Baltimore, MD.

1944 (Jeffrey) Jeff Richardson, National Football League player was born in Johnstown, PA.

1944 Archie Bell singer with Archie Bell & the Drells and older brother of lead vocalist of Motown's Dazz Band, Jerry Bell, and NFL player Ricky Bell was born in Henderson, TX.

1947 (Alexander N.) Al Green, US Representative from Texas was born in New Orleans, LA.

1949 Garry Lee Maddox, Major League Baseball player was born in Cincinnati, OH.

1955 Billy Wayne Blank, exercise guru and inventor of the Tae Bo exercise program was born in Erie, PA.

1957 Nelson George, journalist and author (Where Did Our Love Go: The Rise and Fall of Motown) was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1963 Willie Harden Gillus, Canadian and National Football League player and assistant and college head coach was born in Emporia, VA.

1965 Thane Alvin Gash, National Football League player was born in Hendersonville, NC.

1966 (Timothy Duane) Tim Hardaway, Sr., National Basketball Association player was born in Chicago, IL.

1974 Jason Paul Taylor, National Football League player was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1975 Cuttino Rashawn Mobley, National Basketball Association player was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1977 Ethel Waters, singer and actor (Cabin In The Sky) dies in Chatsworth, CA.

1978 (Albert) Al Lucas, National and Arena Football League player was born in Macon, GA.

1981 Patrice Hollis, model (Playboy Playmate September 2007) was born.

1981 Clinton Earl Portis, National Football League player was born in Laurel, MS.

1983 Adam Bernard Jones, National Football League player was born in Atlanta, GA.

1984 Orde Musgrave Coombs, co-host (Black Conversations) dies in New York, NY.

1985 (Vincent Edward) Vince Redd, National and German Football League player was born in Elizabethton, TN.

1986 Calais Malik Campbell, National Football League player was born in Denver, CO.

1986 Earl B. Dickerson, first African American to earn a doctorate of law degree from the University of Chicago dies in Chicago, IL.

1987 Trayvon Andrew Dwayne Robinson, Major League Baseball player was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1989 Daniel Andre Sturridge, professional footballer was born in Birmingham, England.

1991 (Dayario Jamal) D.J. Swearinger, National Football League player was born in Greenwood, SC.

1994 Robert 'Yummy' Sandifer, member of the street gang the Black Disciples was murdered by fellow gang members.

2001 James Lopez Watson, judge (US Court of International Trade) dies in New York, NY.

2004 Raful Neal, blues singer, harmonicist and songwriter (I Been Mistreated) dies in Baton Rouge, LA.

2005 (Robert Lee) R.L. Burnside, blues singer and guitarist (A Ass Pocket of Whiskey) dies in Memphis, TN.

2007 John T. Scott, sculptor, painter and printmaker (Circle Dance) dies in Houston, TX.

2009 John Milton Stephens, National Football League player dies in Keithville, LA.

Birthday: D.J. Spigg Nice, rap artist with Lost Boyz (Lifestyles of the Rich and Shameless) was born in Jamaica, Queens 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.