



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 ruby is the stone for the month of July

In ancient legends, it was believed the person who wore a ruby was blessed with health, wisdom, wealth and outstanding success in affairs of the heart. Long ago it was said that rubbing your skin with a ruby would help maintain its youthful appearance. Un-flawed rubies in sizes larger than five carats are more valuable than diamonds of equal quality and size. The ruby mines of Myanmar (Burma), where Stone Age and Bronze Age mining tools have been found are older than history. Marco Polo wrote that Kublai Kahn, Mongol Emperor of China, offered an entire city for a ruby the size of a man's finger. Eastern legends maintain that the ruby contains the spark of life and is "a deep drop of the heart's blood of Mother Earth."

July 26

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.

1894 Mercedes Gilbert, actor (Body and Soul) is born in Jacksonville, FL.

1902 (Augustine) Gus Aiken, trumpet player is born in Charleston, SC.

1914 Erskine Ramsey Hawkins, trumpet player, composer (Tuxedo Junction) and bandleader is born in Birmingham, AL.

1916 Spottswood William Robinson, III, first African American appointed to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is born in Richmond, VA.

1922 Dorothea Towles Church, first successful African American fashion model in Paris is born in Texarkana, TX.

1928 (Joseph Walter) Joe Jackson, father of the Jackson family is born in Fountain Hill, AR.

1929 Shauneille Perry, one of the first African American woman to direct off-Broadway (Mau Mau Room) is born in Chicago, IL.

1933 Chino 'Fats' Williams, actor (Actor Jackson) is born in Louisiana.

1933 Charles Albert Tindley, minister and composer (I'll Overcome Someday) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1940 Dobie Gray, singer (The In Crowd) is born in Simonton, TX.

1941 Darlene Love (Wright), singer (He's A Rebel) is born in Hawthorne, CA.

1945 Betty (Mabry) Davis, singer (They Say I'm Different) and second wife of Miles Davis is born in Durham, NC.

1949 Frederick McKinley Jones is awarded patent 2,477,377 for the means of thermostatically operating gas engine.

1967 Timothy 'Headliner' Barnwell, singer with Arrested Development (Tennessee) is born in New Jersey.

1970 Cress William, actor (Prison Break) is born in Württemberg, Germany.

1979 Tamyra Gray, actor (Boston Public) and American Idol contestant is born in Takoma Park, MD.

1980 (Allen Clayton Hoskins) Farina in the Our Gang films dies in Oakland, CA.

1987 Frank Marshall Davis journalist (Atlanta Daily World) and author (Black Man's Verse) dies in Honolulu, HI.

1992 Mary Wells, singer (My Guy) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1995 Doris Mae Akers, gospel singer and composer (Sweet, Sweet Spirit) dies in Minneapolis, MN.

July 27

You concentrate your earnest efforts on all your undertakings and, with your ambition and determination; you are capable of great success and happiness. You are vivacious and loveable and your friends are true and loyal to you. You love with your whole heart and need a sincere and constant love in return.

1874 Mary Annette Anderson, first African American woman elected to Phi Beta Kappa is born in Shoreham, VT.

1880 A.P. Abourne is awarded patent 230,518 for refining coconut oil.

1898 (Audley) Queen Mother Moore, activist and founder of the republic of New Afrika is born in New Iberia, LA.

1924 Paul Owens, gospel singer (Dixie Hummingbirds) is born in Greensboro, NC.

1926 Lincoln John Ragsdale, Tuskegee Airman is born in Tulsa, OK.



Berry Mabry Davis

1929 Harvey Fuqua, singer with The Moonglows and producer (New Birth) is born in Louisville, KY.

1930 Helvecio Martins, first African American to be called a general authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1937 Woodie King, Jr., drama critic, producer, dramatist and founder of New Federal Theater is born in Baldwin Springs, AL.

1955 Roger Guenveur Smith, actor and producer (The Huey P. Newton Story) is born in Berkeley, CA.

1956 William Lacy Clay, Jr., US Representative for Missouri is born in St. Louis, MO.

1957 Floyd Kinnard Rayford, Major League Baseball player is born in Memphis, TN.

1957 James Ray, National Basketball Association player is born in New Orleans, LA.

1968 Thomas Jones Goodwin, Major League Baseball player is born in Fresno, CA.

1969 Farai Chideya multimedia journalist, radio host (Pop and Politics with Farai Chideya) and novelist (Kiss the Sky) is born in Baltimore, MD.

1972 Maya Khabira Rudolph, actor (Saturday Night Live) and daughter of Minnie Riperton is born in Gainesville, FL.

1973 Brian Hooks, actor (Eve) is born in Bakersfield, CA.

1975 (Alexander Emmanuel) Alex Rodriguez, Major League Baseball player is born in New York, NY.

1975 Annie Bethel Spencer, poet and participant in the Harlem Renaissance period dies in Lynchburg, VA.

1976 Ryan Michelle Bathe, actor (One for the Money) is born in St. Louis, MO.

1978 (Tyrone) Ty Garner, National Hockey League player is born in Stoney Creek, Ontario Canada.

1981 Paul Williams, welterweight professional boxer (the punisher) is born in Augusta, GA.

1984 (Clarence LaVaughn) C.L. Franklin, minister and father of Aretha Franklin dies in Detroit, MI.

1985 Donovan Woods, National Football League player is born in Oklahoma, City, OK.

1985 Husain Ibn Muhammed Abdullah, National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1986 Nathan Stephenson, actor (Degraasi: The Next Generation) is born in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

1987 Jordan Craig Hill, National Basketball Association player is born in Newberry, SC.

1990 (Robert James Byrd) Bobby Day, singer (Little Bitty Pretty One) dies in Culver City, CA.

1996 Alice Hawthorne is killed at the Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, GA.

2005 (Arthur) Art Eeele, lawyer and head of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration dies in Miami, FL.

2010 (Willie Albert) Al Goodman, singer with Ray, Goodman & Brown and the Moments (Love on a Two Way Street) dies in Englewood, NJ.

July 28

You have a keen, alert and active mind. You are energetic and, when working under any strain you are nervous and somewhat petulant, although charming and happy when your mind is free. You enjoy culture and refinement, love children and will be happy in your own home.

1931 George Wells Parker, political activist, writer, one of the first African American to graduate from Harvard University and co-founder of the Hamitic League of the World dies.

1932 Aubrey Lyles, vaudeville performer and author (Shuffle Along) dies in New York, NY.

1932 Norma Holloway Johnson, first African American woman to serve as a US District Court Chief Judge is born in Lake Charles, LA.

1934 Howard Nathaniel Lee, first African American mayor of Chapel Hill, NC is born in Georgia.

1935 Horace Clarence Boyer, scholar in gospel music is

born in Winter Park, FL.

1943 (Richard Charles) Dick Simpson, Major League Baseball player is born in Washington, DC.

1945 LeAnna M. Washington, member of the Pennsylvania State Senate is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1949 Vida Blue, Major League Baseball player is born in Mansfield, LA.

1951 (Anthony Allen) Tony Williams, mayor of Washington, DC is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1954 Nnenna Freelon, jazz singer is born in Cambridge, MA.

1958 Joseph Edison Walker, founder of the Universal Life Insurance Company and Tri State bank dies in Memphis, TN.

1963 Shane Diesel, pornographic actor (Blackzilla) is born in Las Vegas, NV.

1965 Delfeayo Marsalis, trombonist and member of the Marsalis family of musicians is born in New Orleans, LA.

1974 (Joseph Edgar Foreman) Afroman, rap artist (Because I Got High) is born in East Side Palmdale, CA.

1974 Nicole Narain, model, actor and Playboy Playmate January 2002 is born in Chicago, IL.

1982 (Jermaine Preyan) Mack Maine, rap artist (Maine 4 President) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1983 Maxime Fortunus, National Hockey League player is born in La Prairie, Quebec Canada

1990 (DeAndre Cortez Way) Soulja Boy, rap artist (Crank That) is born in Chicago, IL.

1998 James J. Andrews, professor of mathematics who specialized in knot theory, topology and group theory dies in Tallahassee, FL.

2004 George Reginald Williams, lead singer with The Tymes (So Much In Love) dies in Maple Shade, NJ.

2009 (Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter, III) Reverend Ike, minister dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2013 George Charles Scotty, Jr., Major League Baseball player dies in Greenville, MS.

2013 Lois Marie DeBerry, member of the Tennessee House of Representatives dies in Memphis, TN.

July 29

You have a keen sense of humor, a quick wit, like excitement and gaiety and are generally well liked. You are energetic, idealistic, imaginative, fond of art and music, altruistic (interest in the welfare of others) and generous to a fault. You are affectionate and domestic.

1900 Donald 'Don' Matthew Redman, alto and soprano sax, multi-instrumentalist, vocals, arranger and composer who provided many arrangements include the song Deep Purple is born in Piedmont, WV.

1909 Chester Himes, author (If He Hollers, Let Him Go, Come Back Charleston Blue and Cotton Comes To Harlem) is born in Jefferson City, MO.

1916 Charles 'Charlie' Christian, jazz guitarist, is born in Bonham, TX.

1920 Marion Cuyjet, pioneer dance teacher is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1940 Bernard Lafayette, civil rights activist is born in Tampa, FL.

1945 Roy Foster, Major League Baseball player is born in Bixby, OK.

1951 (Daniel) Dan Driessen, Major League Baseball player is born in Hilton Head Island, SC.

1959 Dirk Milton Graham, National Hockey League player is born in Regina, Saskatchewan Canada

1963 Damon Allen, Canadian Football League player is born in San Diego, CA.

1968 Rodney Allen Rippey, child actor who appeared in the ad for Jack in the Box in the early 70s is born in Shelby, NC.

1971 Monica Calhoun, actor (Bagdad Café) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1971 Johnny Renando Ruffin, Major League Baseball player is born in Butler, AL.

1973 Victor Martinez, International Federation of Body Builders professional is born in San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic.

1973 (Wanya Jermaine) Squirt Morris, singer with Bozy II Men is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1974 Aisha N. Braveboy, member of the Maryland House of Delegates is born in Washington, DC.

1976 Abiola Wednesday Abrams, TV host, motivational speaker and author (Behind the Bedroom Door) is born

1977 Rodney 'Darkchild' Jerkins, songwriter and record producer (The Boy Is Mine) is born in Pleasantville, NJ.

1978 Keeth Thomas Smart, first American to gain #1 in the sport of sabre fencer is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1978 Glen Lamont Goins, singer and guitarist with Parliament-Funkadalic dies.

1989 Jake Smollett, actor (Hangin' with Mr. Cooper) is born in New York, NY.

1991 Maestro Harrell, singer and actor (The Wire) is born in Chicago, IL

2005 Al McKibbin, jazz double bassist dies.

2007 (William Henry) Bill Robinson, Jr., Major League Baseball Player dies in Las Vegas, NV.

2008 Edie Huggins, television reporter dies in Philadelphia, PA.

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

