

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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**CANCER - June 22 - July 22**



*Cancer (The Protector)*

*Moody and emotional. May be shy. Very loving and caring. Pretty/handsome. Excellent partners for life. Protective, inventive and imaginative. Cautious. Touchy-feely kind of person. Needs love from others. Easily hurt, but sympathetic.*

## 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 5

*You profit more by experience than by foresight. You are persevering and faithful and adversity does not deter your ambition or change your plan of work. You are friendly and like attention; in love you are steadfast and devoted.*

**1878** Jesse Max Barber, journalist, teacher and dentist is born in Blackstock, SC.

**1887** Granville T. Woods is awarded patent 366,192 for the polarized relay.

**1892** Andrew Jackson Beard is awarded patent 478,271 for the rotary engine.

**1899** Anna Arnold Hedgeman the first African American woman member of the cabinet of a mayor (New York City) is born in Marshalltown, IA.

**1923** Naomi Cornelia Long Madgett, poet (Songs of a Phantom Nightingale) is born in Norfolk, VA.

**1929** Henry Lincoln Johnson, first African American soldier in World War I to receive the Croix de Guerre with star and Gold Palm from the French government dies in New Lenox, IL.

**1934** Theodore R. Newman, appellate court judge is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1941** Roy Shivers, Canadian Football League General Manager is born in Hally, AR.

**1947** (Joseph) Joe Brown, arbiter of the court show, Judge Joe Brown is born in Washington, DC.

**1948** Blu Mankuma, actor (Tin Man) is born in Seattle, WA.

**1950** William Madison McDonald (Gooseneck Bill), Republican Part of Texas state chairman dies in Fort Worth, TX.

**1950** Gary Matthews, Major League Baseball player is born in San Fernando, CA.

**1950** Ophelia Ford, member of the Tennessee Senate, younger sister of state senator John Ford and Congressman Harold Ford, Sr. is born in Memphis, TN.

**1951** Johnny Steven Rodgers, National Football and Canadian Football League player and 1972 Heisman Trophy winner is born in Omaha, NE.

**1963** Dorien Wilson, actor (The Parkers) is born in Lompoc, CA.

**1969** (Robert Fitzgerald Diggs) RAZ, rap artist with the Wu Tang Clan and actor (Repo Man) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1970** (Andre Louis Hicks) Mac Dre, rap artist (Stupid Doo Doo Dumb) is born in Oakland, CA.

**1972** (Marquis Donnell) Bo Porter, Major League Baseball player and manager is born in Newark, NJ.

**1973** (Joseph Lewis Thomas) Joe, singer and songwriter (All That I Am) is born in Columbus, GA.

**1975** Lillie (May) Mae Carroll Jackson, organizer of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) dies in Baltimore, MD.

**1983** Kevin Mark Boothe, National Football League player is born in Queens, NY.

**1989** Malcolm Xavier Smith, National Football League player is born in Woodland Hills, CA.

**2001** (Ernest Kador, Jr.) Ernie K-Doe, singer (Mother In-Law) dies in New Orleans, LA.

**2005** Shirley Mae Goodman, singer (Shirley & Lee) (Let The Good Times Roll) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

## July 6

*You are serious in everything you do, love, work or recreation. You are a great reader, a profound thinker, and an ardent student and make the most of your abilities. You enjoy culture and refinement and whatever you undertake is done to the best of your ability.*

**1854** The Republican Party is organized to oppose slavery.

**1864** John Wesley Gilbert, first African American arche-



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ologist in the US, first African American faculty member of Paine Institute in Augusta, GA and first African American to receive a master's degree at Brown University is born in Haphzibah, Richmond County, GA.

**1897** B.H. Taylor is awarded patent 585,798 for a slide valve.

**1900** Ellis O'Neal Knox, first African American to be awarded a Ph.D. on the West Coast is born in Northern CA.

**1910** Samuel Ladoke Akintola, politician, lawyer and orator is born in Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

**1922** Bessie Griffin, gospel singer is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1926** (William Lorenzo) Weepin' Willie Robinson, blues singer is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1930** Donald McKayle, choreographer (Rainbow 'Round My Shoulders) is born in New York, NY.

**1931** (Deloreese Patricia Early) Della Reese minister, singer (Don't You Know?) and actor (Touch By An Angel) is born in Detroit, MI.

**1932** (DiFosco) Big Dee T. Ervin, Jr., singer (Swinging On A Star) is born in Harlem, NY.

**1937** (Eugene Dixon) Gene Chandler, singer (The Duke of Earl) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1941** Randall Robinson, lawyer, author and activist (founder of TransAfrica) is born in Richmond, VA.

**1946** Gloria Gifford, actor (California Suite) is born.

**1946** Horace Pippin, self-taught painter dies.

**1949** Phyllis Hyman, singer and actor (Sophisticated Ladies) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1952** Prince Yormie Johnson, Liberian Senior Senator is born in Tapeta, Nimbe County Liberia.

**1954** Willie Larry Randolph, Major League Baseball player and manager is born in Holly Hill, SC.

**1954** Donnie L. Cochran, first African American aviator assigned to the US Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angeles) is born in Pelham, GA.

**1956** Billy Taylor, National Football League player is born in San Antonio, TX.

**1957** (F Laonte-Smith) Sherrick, musician and singer (Baby I'm for Real) is born in Sacramento, CA.

**1960** Valerie Ann Brisco-Hooks, 1964 Olympic gold medalist in 200 and 400-meter races is born in Greenwood, MS.

**1963** (Kenneth) Lance Johnson, Major League Baseball Player is born in Cincinnati, OH.

**1964** Lillie Mae Leatherwood (King), 1984 Olympic gold medalist is born in Ralph, AL.

**1970** (Jason Hunter) Inspectah Deck, rap artist and member of Wu Tang Clan is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1971** (Daniel) Louis Armstrong, singer, composer and the first African American to preside over the New Orleans, LA first African American Mardi Gras dies in New York, NY.

**1972** Dennis Leonard Lundy, National Football League player is born in Tampa, FL.

**1973** (Charles Hicks) Charizma MC is born in Milpitas, CA.

**1975** (Curtis James Jackson) 50 Cent, actor and rap artist (Get Rich Or Die Trying) is born in Jamaica, Queens NY.

**1976** Kevin Hart, actor (Think Like a Man) and stand-up comedian is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1977** (Che Smith) Rhymefest, rap artist (Blue Collar) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1978** Tia Dashon Mowry Hardrict, actor (The Game) and Tamera Darvette Mowry, actor (Roommates) is born in Geinhausen, Germany. Both were in Sister, Sister. 1984

**1979** Van Allen Clinton McCoy, record producer, band-leader and songwriter (The Hustle) dies in Englewood, NJ.

**1981** Nnamdi Asomugha, National Football League player is born in Lafayette, LA.

**1982** Brandon Christopher Jacobs, National Football League player is born in Houma, LA.

**1984** Shenay Perry, professional tennis player is born in Washington, DC.

**1985** (Wanita Woodgett) D. Woods, singer and founder

and CEO of Woodgrane Entertainment is born in Anaheim, CA.

**1989** (Adrian Jarrell) A.J. Davis, National Football League player is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1995** (Hellene) Helen Johnson, poet (Bottled) dies in New York, NY.

**1999** Sherley Anne Williams, poet (The Peacock Poems) and novelist (Dessa Rose) dies.

**2000** Fred Brown Lane, Jr., National Football League player is shot to death in Mecklenburg, NC.

**2004** Syreeta Wright, singer (Surrender) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2010** Harvey Fuqua, singer, songwriter and founder of the Moonglows dies in Detroit, MI.

**2011** John Mackey, National Football League player dies in Baltimore, MD.

**2012** (James) Jim Ruffin McKinley, coach at historically black colleges and universities and formulated the idea of the Heritage Bowl dies in Tamarac, FL.

## July 7

*Sometimes you are domineering and not always considerate, but you are usually kind, rather generous and sympathetic. You are quick, energetic and alert and can generally succeed in getting your own way by your shrewd scheming. You have an interesting personality and will be happily married.*

**1884** Joanna Mary Berry Shields co-founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is born in Catharpin, VA.

**1906** (Helene) Helen Johnson, poet (Bottled) is born in Boston, MA.

**1906** Leroy Robert 'Satchel' Paige, first African American to pitch in a world series is born in Mobile, AL.

**1913** (Joseph William) Pinetop Perkins, blues pianist is born in Belzoni, MS.

**1915** Margaret Abigail Walker Alexander, educator and author (For My People) is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1916** Lloyd 'Tiny' Grimes, guitarist and vocalist who is prominent during the period of bop's inception is born in Newport News, VA.

**1920** William Thaddeus Coleman, Jr., US Secretary of Transportation is born in Philadelphia, PA

**1921** Ezzard 'Quiet Tiger' Charles, professional boxer is born in Lawrenceville, GA.

**1930** (Henry) Hank Mobley, jazz tenor saxophonist is born in Eastman, GA.

**1944** Emanuel Steward, boxer trainer and commentator for HBO Boxing is born in Bottom Creek, WV.

**1949** (William Gary) Bunk Johnson, trumpet and cornet player dies in New Iberia, LA.

**1950** (Theodore) Fats Navarro, jazz trumpet player dies in New York, NY.

**1951** (Rosalyn Bowen) Roz Ryan, actor (Amen) is born in Detroit, MI

**1958** Bobby Norfleet, racecar driver is born in Philadelphia, PA

**1960** Ralph Lee Simpson, National Basketball Association player is born in Harrisonburg, VA.

**1961** Eric Jerome Dickey, author of African American life is born in Memphis, TN.

**1965** Karen Malina White, actor (Lean on Me) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1967** (Jacqueline) Jackie Neal, blues singer (Right Thang, Wrong Man, The Way We Roll) is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

**1967** (Clarence Wesley) Cap Wigington, architect the US first African American municipal architect dies in Kansas City, MO.

**1968** (Ellsworth Raymond) Bumpy Johnson, mob boss and bookmaker is born in Charleston, SC.

**1970** Cree Summer (Franks), actor (It's A Different World) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1972** Lisa Deshaun Leslie-Lockwood, Women's National Basketball Association player is born in Gardena, CA.

**1975** Rumun Ndur, National Hockey League player is born in Zaria, Nigeria.

**1988** Shana Woods, track and field athlete is born in Beliflower, CA.

**1989** Keenan Robinson, National Football League player is born in Omaha, NE.

**1992** Juanita Elizabeth Jackson Mitchell, first African American woman to practice law in Maryland dies in Baltimore, MD.

**2006** Dorothea Towles Church, first successful African American fashion model in Paris, France dies in New York, NY.

**2010** Harvey Fuqua, singer with The Moonglows (The Ten Commandments of Love) dies in Detroit, MI.

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