

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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Smart and witty. Outgoing, very chatty. Lively, energetic. Adaptable but needs to express themselves. Argumentative and outspoken. Like change. Versatile. Busy, sometimes nervous and tense. Gossips. May seem superficial or inconsistent. Beautiful physically and mentally.

The Pearl is the stone for the month of June

Pearls are symbolic of modesty and purity; they inspire honesty, innocence and love. Pearls were often thought to bring martial bliss to their wearers. The oldest known pearl necklace is more than 4,000 years old; it was found in the sarcophagus of a Persian princess who died in 520 BC. An old legend says pearls were formed when dew-drops filled with moonlight fell into the ocean and were swallowed by oysters. It is said that pearls can help one gain self-knowledge and feelings of self-worth and enable one to accept love. In the Hindu religion, the presentation of an undrilled pearl has become part of the marriage ceremony. Until the beginning of the 19th century pearls were extremely rare. It was considered to be a good harvest if, out of 100 oysters, one pearl was found.

June 14

You are generous, kind and considerate. You are capable and reliable and have a keen, active mind, are diplomatic and aggressive. You make friends easily and are fortunate in having a congenial trend of common interests. You are usually happy and contented and require love to keep your happiness.

1893 Richard D. Maurice, founder of the Maurice Film Company in Detroit (Nobody's Children) is born in Matanzas, Cuba.

1908 Thomas "Blind Tom" (Wiggins) Bethune, musical prodigy and pianist dies in Hoboken, NJ.

1918 Leroy T. Walker, first African American president of the US Olympic Committee is born in Durham, NC.

1918 John Simmons, bassist is born in Haskell, OK.

1926 (Eugene) Gene Derricotte, one of the first African American athletes when NCAA Division college football (University of Michigan) and a Tuskegee Airman is born in Fostoria, OH.

1926 Don Newcombe, Major League Baseball player who won 20 games in his rookie year is born in Madison, NJ.

1931 (Margaret Theresa Bradley) Marla Gibbs, actor (*The Jeffersons*) is born in Chicago, IL.

1931 (Austry DeWalt) Milton, Jr. Walker, lead musician with The All Stars (Shotgun) is born in Blytheville, AR.

1932 Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, classical music composer (For Bird, With Love) is born in New York, NY.

1936 (Renaldo) Obie Benson, singer with The Four Tops and co-writer of the song (What's Going On) with Marvin Gay is born in Detroit, MI.

1941 John Edgar Wideman, author (Philadelphia Fire) is born in Washington, DC.

1942 (Garfield Green, Jr.) Garland Green, singer (Jealous Kind of Fella) is born in Dunleith, MS.

1943 Harold Wheeler, first African American music director for a pop act (Burt Bacharach) and orchestrator (Hairspray) is born in St. Louis, MO.

1952 (Clifton) Cliff Brown, Sr., National Football League player is born in Middletown, PA.

1952 John Kirby, bassist, tuba and trombonist dies in Hollywood, CA.

1955 Vincent Tobias Evans, National Football League player is born in Greensboro, NC.

1958 Rick U. Parros, National Football League player is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1959 (William Henry) Marcus Miller, Jr., multi-instrumentalist is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1961 Samuel Perkins, National Basketball Association player and gold medalist in the 1984 Olympics is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1964 Jamie Donnell Dukes, National Football League player is born in Schenectady, NY.

1968 Faizon Love, actor (Friday) is born in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

1969 Wynonie Harris, blues shouter and singer (Hurry Hurry) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1969 (Lorenzo Jerald) Patterson) MC Ren rap artist with N.W.A. is born in Compton, CA.

1972 Harold Eban Brown, singer with The Stylistics is born in Newark, NJ.

1973 Carl Edward Kidd, National Football League player is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1974 (Freeman Davis) Brother Bones whistling (Sweet Georgia Brown) dies in Long Beach, CA.

1974 Kimberly Osorio, hip-hop music journalist, Juris Doctorate and reality star (The Gossip Game) is born in



(Margaret Theresa Bradley) Marla Gibbs

The Bronx, NY.

1974 Rod Payne, National Football League player is born in Miami, FL.

1977 (Dexter Raymond Mills, Jr.) Consequence, rap artist (Don't Quit Your Day Job!) is born in Queens, NY.

1977 De'Adre Danielle Aziza, singer and actor (Broadway Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown) is born in Teaneck, NJ.

1980 Anthony Herrera, National Football League player is born in Trinidad and Tobago.

1980 Charles Miller, saxophonist with the group War is murdered in Los Angeles, CA.

1982 (Fredrick Tipton) Freddie Gibbs, rap artist (Baby Face Killa) is born in Gary, IN.

1982 Lawrence Saint-Victor, actor (Guiding Light) is born in Rockland County, NY.

1984 Lorenzo Adaryll Booker, National Football League player is born in Oxnard, CA.

1988 Dayo Okeniyi, actor (The Hunger Games) is born in Lagos, Nigeria.

2001 Jay D. Scott, murderer is executed in Lucasville, OH.

2000 Paul Griffin, session musician and pianist dies in New York, NY.

2002 June Millicent Jordan, journalist, dramatist and novelist (Some Of Us Did Not Die) dies in Berkley, CA.

2012 Yvette Renee Wilson, comedienne and actor (Moesha and The Parkers) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

June 15

You are quick witted, intellectual, serious and diligent in all you do. You enjoy reading and have considerable critical ability. You have many friends and are popular among them. Your home is dear to you and you will have a happy married life.

1755 John Marrant, one of the first African America preacher, missionary and author (The Lord's Wonderful Dealings) is born in New York, NY.

1789 Josiah Henson former slave who was the model for Uncle Tom's Cabin is born in Charles County, MD.

1838 John Chavis, educator and minister dies in Raleigh, NC.

1897 C.V. Richey is awarded patent 584,650 for a car coupling.

1897 Richard A. Butler is awarded patent 584,540 for a train alarm.

1905 Joseph Johnny Lillard, Jr., football, baseball and basketball player is born Tulsa, OK

1921 Erroll Garner, pianist and songwriter (Misty) is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1937 John B. Sample, National Football League player is born in Cape Charles, VA.

1938 Billy Williams, Major League Baseball player is born in Whistler, AL.

1942 Judy Lenten Pace, actor (Cotton Comes To Harlem) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1944 Eddie Hinton, songwriter and session musician at Muscle Shoals is born in Tuscaloosa, AL.

1944 Clayborne Carson, professor of history (Stanford University) is born in Buffalo, NY.

1945 Amos Claudius Sawyer, president of Liberia is born.

1949 (Johnny B.) Dusty Baker, Major League Baseball player is born in Riverside, CA.

1968 (John Leslie) Wes Montgomery, guitarist dies in Indianapolis, IN.

1969 (O'Shea Jackson) Ice Cube, actor, producer and rap artist is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1972 Carl Thomas, singer (I Wish) is born in Aurora, IL.

1972 Sandy McCarthy, National Hockey League player is born in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

1981 Saleem Rasheed, National and Canadian Football League player is born in Birmingham, AL.

1983 Bobby Harris, National Football and Canadian Football League player is born in Richmond, VA.

1983 (Michael) Mike Harris, National Basketball Association player is born in Hillsboro, TX.

1989 (William Julius) Judy Johnson, Negro League baseball player dies in Wilmington, DE.

1990 (John Gibbs) St. Clair Draks, sociologist and anthropologist who established some of the first Black Studies programs in America dies in Palo Alto, CA.

1990 Denzel Dominique Whitaker, actor (The Great Debaters) is born in Torrance, CA.

1991 William Arthur Lewis, economist well known for his contributions in the field of economic development dies in St. Michael, Barbados.

1995 Robert Anderson, gospel singer (Prayer Changes Things) dies in Hazel Crest, IL

1996 Ella Fitzgerald, "The First Lady Of Song" dies in Beverly Hills, CA.

2012 (Capitola Leodra) Cappie Dickerson, piano instructor dies in Summit, NJ.

Birthdays: Joi Marshall, singer with Jade.

June 16

Although changeable and restless, you do your task faithfully and to your best ability, even though it is irksome to you. You are led by your inward desires rather than by outside influence. You are affectionate and sincere and will not fall in love at first sight. You are sometimes obstinate and like to have your own way.

1792 (Francis) Frank Johnson, composer is born in Martinique, West Indies.

1885 Elijah J. McCoy is awarded patent 320,379 and 320,354 for a steam dome and lubricator.

1899 (Marieta) Marita Bonner essayist and playwright (On Being Young, a Woman and Colored) is born in Boston, MA.

1924 (Eli) Lucky Thompson, jazz tenor and soprano saxophonist is born in Columbia, SC.

1930 Thyrsa Frazier Snyder, mathematician is born in Ohio.

1934 (Wilbert) Bill Cobb, actor (The Body Guard) is born in Cleveland, OH.

1939 (William Henry) Chick Webb, drummer and bandleader dies in Baltimore, MD.

1941 Lamont Herbert Dozier, part of the writing and record-producing team of Holland-Dozier-Holland is born in Detroit, MI.

1942 (Edward) Eddie Levert, lead singer with The Ojays is born in Bessemer, AL.

1947 (Allen G.) Al Cowlings, National Football League player and O.J. Simpson's friend is born in San Francisco, CA.

1950 James Smith, singer with The Stylistics is born in New York, NY.

1951 Denise Lynn Nappier, first African American woman elected to a statewide office in Connecticut (State Treasurer) is born in Hartford, CT.

1951 Roberto Duran, professional boxer is born in Chorillo, Panama.

1959 Desiree Glapion Rogers, CEO of Johnson Publications and President Barack Obama's social secretary is born in New Orleans, LA.

1970 (Alonzo) Lonnie Johnson, singer and guitarist dies in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

1971 (Lesane Parish Crooks) Tupac Amaru Shakur, rap artist and actor is born in Harlem, NY.

1974 LeVelle Moton, college basketball head coach (North Carolina Central University) is born in Boston, MA.

1982 Warren Ryanes, singer with the Monotones (The Book of Love) dies.

1985 Jade Yorker, actor (He Got Game) is born in Manalapan, NJ.

1988 Keshia Chanté (Harper), singer songwriter (Bad Boy) is born in Ottawa, Ontario Canada.

2010 Gary Marshall Shider, director of the P-Funk All Stars (Diaper Man) dies in Upper Marlboro, MD.

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