

# 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 21

*You are mechanically inclined and it shows in your choice of work and recreation. A pleasant and congenial disposition, kindly, slow to anger and quick to forgive and forget. You enjoy and seek the society of witty people and are quick an amusing in comeback. You will marry young and be very happy.*

**1832** Joseph Haynes Rainey, first African American to serve in the US House of Representatives is born in Georgetown, SC.

**1859** Henry Ossawa Tanner, the first African American artist to be elected full membership in the National Academy of design is born in Pittsburgh, PA. He lived at 2908 Diamond Street, Philadelphia.

**1893** Winona Cargile Alexander, founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is born in Columbus, GA.

**1913** Charles Edmund Nash, US Representative from Louisiana dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1921** John William Mosley, first African American college football player in the Mountain States Conference and a Tuskegee Airman is born in Colorado.

**1927** Carl Burton Stokes, first African American mayor of Cleveland, OH is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1931** (Medwick N Veasey) Joe Medwick, blues singer and songwriter (Further On Up the Road) is born in Houston, TX.

**1932** (Marshall Walter) Major Taylor, bicycle racer and first African American winner of the 1st one-mile track cycling and first African American to achieve the level of world champion dies in Chicago, IL.

**1932** (Ocie Lee) O.C. Smith, singer (Little Green Apples) is born in Mansfield, LA.

**1942** Togo Dennis West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs is born in Winston-Salem, NC.

**1946** Brenda Holloway, singer (Every Little Bit Hurts) and songwriter (You've Made Me So Very Happy) is born in Atascadero, CA.

**1956** Bernie Saunders, National Hockey League player is born in Montreal, Canada.

**1964** James Vincent Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, civil rights workers are abducted and shot at point-blank range in Philadelphia, MS.

**1966** Stacy Adams, first African American head coach at Valparaiso University is born in Gary, IN.

**1968** Demetrius Edward Flenory, founder of the Black Mafia Family in Detroit, Michigan is born in Detroit, MI.

**1969** Lloyd Avery, III, actor (Boyz n the Hood) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1970** (Peter Phillips) Pete Rock, DJ and rap artist is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1983** Owen Dodson, poet (The Harlem Book of the Dead), novelist (Boy at the Window) and playwright (Divine Comedy) dies.

**1984** Jessica White, actor and runway model (Victoria's "Secret Fashion Show) is born in Buffalo, NY.

**1989** Jascha Akili Washington, actor (Enemy of the State) is born in Kings, CA.

**1992** Thomas Whitfield, gospel singer and composer (Hallelujah Anyhow) dies in Detroit, MI.

**1995** Larry Griffin, murderer in a drive by shooting dies in St. Louis, MO.

**2001** John Lee Hooker, blues singer and guitarist dies in Los Altos, CA.

**2008** (Lula Marietta McClelland) Lulu Reed, Gospel and soul singer (I'll Drown in My Own Tears) dies.

**2013** (Mary Ann Varney) Mary Love, Gospel singer and evangelist dies



Togo Dennis West, Jr.,

## June 22

*You are sensitive, retiring, interested in the lovelier things, an ardent reader and an amusing and interesting conversationalist. You love to travel and will and enjoy outdoor sports. You will be a loving parent and a devoted mate.*

**1866** William Madison McDonald, politician businessman and founder of Fort Worth's the first African American owned bank is born in College Mound, TX.

**1886** Clara Byrd Baker, educator, suffragette and the first woman to vote in Williamsburg, Virginia is born in Williamsburg, VA.

**1887** William Barry is awarded patent for a post-marking and cancelling machine.

**1891** Earl B. Dickerdson, attorney who successfully argued before the US Supreme County is born in Canton, MS.

**1909** (Garlington Jerome) G. J. Sutton, first African American official elected from San Antonio, Texas and brother of Percy Sutton is born in Bexar County, TX.

**1909** Katherine Dunham, the first African American choreographer to work at the Metropolitan Opera House is born in Glen Ellyn, IL.

**1919** Ella Mae Jackson, blues vocalist is born in Darlington, SC.

**1931** Ruby Garrard Woodson, educator, chemistry teacher, founder of the Cromwell Academy in Washington, DC and founder of the Florida Academy of African American Culture in Sarasota, Florida is born in Houston County, AL.

**1936** Verne Alison, singer with The Dells is born in Chicago, IL.

**1941** Ed Rudolph Bradley, co-anchor on 60 Minutes news program is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1947** Octavia Estelle Butler, science fiction writer (Bloodchild) is born in Pasadena, CA.

**1954** Derwin Brown, police captain and sheriff-elect who was assassinated in DeKalb County, Georgia is born in Fort Knox, KY.

**1956** (Timothy Darrell) Tim Russ, actor (Star Trek: Voyager) is born in Washington, DC.

**1962** Joie Susannah Lee, actor (School Daze) (sister of Spike Lee) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1962** (Clyde Austin) "Clyde the Glide" Drexler, National Basketball Association player is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1966** Camille Benjamin, professional tennis player is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1966** (James B. Weaver, Jr.) Schoolly D, rap artist (Am I Black Enough For You) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1968** (Eric Snead) Kevin Aviance, female impressionist, club/dance musician and fashion designer is born in Richmond, VA.

**1968** (Sonia Clark) Sonique, singer (I Feel So Good) is born in Crouch End, North London, England.

**1972** Jehmu Greene, political commentator and social justice organizer is born in Washington, DC.

**1974** Bryan Keith Robinson, National Football League player is born in Toledo, OH.

**1974** Donald Adeosun Faison, actor (Scrubs) is born in New York, NY.

**1976** (Garlington Jerome) G. J. Sutton, first African American official elected from San Antonio, Texas and brother of Percy Sutton dies in San Antonio, TX

**1978** William Charles Harris, Major League Baseball player is born in Cairo, GA.

**1978** (Roland) Champ Bailey, Jr., National Football League player is born in Folkston, GA.

**1981** Porsha Williams, model, singer and television personality (The Real Housewives of Atlanta) is born

in Atlanta, GA.

**1982** Johnathon Maurice Banks, professional cruiserweight boxer is born.

**1984** Chris Beckford-Tseu, National Hockey League player is born in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

**1984** Jerome Everton Taylor, cricketer is born in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica.

**1987** Robert Nelson Cornelius Nix, Sr., first African American Congressman from Pennsylvania dies in Philadelphia, PA.

**1989** Jeshua Anderson, sprinter who specializes in the 400 meters and 400eters hurdles is born in Woodland, Hills, CA.

**1990** Quinton Kyle Coples, National Football League player is born in Kinston, NC.

**2000** (Gary Lee Graham) Shaka Sankofa, murderer is executed in Huntsville, TX.

**2009** Betty Allen, operatic mezzo-soprano dies in Valhalla, NY.

**2014** (Mabon Lewis) Teenie Hodges, rhythm and lead guitarist (Take Me To the River) dies in Dallas, TX.

## June 23

*You enter with an abundance of enthusiasm at the beginning of an overtaking but soon tire and want to change. You conceive and plan good ideas but cannot carry them out. You let pleasures interfere with business. You are domestic, loving and kind and will make a happy marriage.*

**1895** Thomas Shaw, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor dies in Carrizo Canyon, New Mexico.

**1904** Willie Mae Ford Smith, gospel singer is born in Rolling Fork, MS.

**1909** Katherine Henderson, blues singer is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1910** (Milton John) Milt Hinton, jazz bass player and photographer is born in Vicksburg, MS.

**1921** Theodore Taylor, author of fiction and non-fiction young adult books is born in Statesville, NC.

**1924** C. Eric Lincoln, minister and author (The Avenue, Clayton City) is born in Athens, AL.

**1925** (Edmund Gregory) Sahib Shihab, jazz saxophonist and flautist is born in Savannah, GA.

**1929** Gerald Eustis Thomas, Rear Admiral, and Ambassador to Guyana and Kenya is born in Natick, MA.

**1934** Edward Vincent, Jr., mayor of Inglewood, California is born in Steubenville, OH.

**1934** Jesse Clark White, first African American Secretary of State of Illinois is born in Alton, IL.

**1934** Marino H. 'The Godfather' Casem, head football coach (Alabama State University, Alcorn State University and Southern University) is born in Memphis, TN.

**1940** Wilma Glodean Rudolph, the first African American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at the summer Olympics is born in Bethlehem, TN.

**1941** Deacon John (Moore), musician, bandleader and actor (Angel Heart) is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1942** Sherman Andrus, first African American lead singer of a mainstream Christian music group (The Imperials) is born in Mermentau, LA.

**1944** Rosetta Hightower, singer with The Orlons (South Street) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1948** Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice on the Supreme Court is born in Pinpoint, GA.

**1956** (Randall Darius) Randy Jackson, bassist, singer and judge on American Idol is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

**1960** John Andrew Rabb, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1960** Donald Harrison, Jr., jazz saxophonist is born in New Orleans, LA. 1963 (Erik Ki) Eriq LaSalle, director and actor (Coming To America) is born in Hartford, CT.

**1966** (Jonathan Arthur) Chico Debarge, singer with the Debarge family is born in Detroit, MI.

**1975** Kevin Tyree Dyson, National Football League player is born in Logan UT. 1976 (William) DeHart Hubbard, track and field Athlete dies in Cleveland, OH.

**1979** LaDainian Tramayne Tomlinson, National Football League player is born in Rosebud, TX.

**1987** Chris Smith, National and Arena Football League player is born in Bradenton, FL.

**1997** Betty (Dean Sanders) Shabazz, wife of Malcolm X dies in The Bronx, NY.

**2003** Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., mayor of Atlanta, Georgia dies in Arlington, VA.

**2003** (Maxwell Cornelius) Max Manning, Negro League baseball player dies in Pleasantville, NJ.

**2013** (Little) Willie Littlefield, pianist and singer (Kansas City) dies in Voorthuizen, The Netherlands.

**Birthdays:** Jermaine Mickey singer with II D Extreme (Cry No More).

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