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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 28

You are blithe, poetic and sometime volatile. You love with ardor and sincerity and though you are changeable in other things, your love is steadfast. You are a true and loyal friend and make many willing sacrifices on behalf of others you love.

1830 David Walker son for a free mother and a slave father and author of Walker's Appeal dies in Boston, MA.

1884 (Etheldred Jones) Lamina Sankoh founder of the Sierra Leone People's Party is born in Freetown Sierra Leona.

1890 Howard Drew, track and field athlete who competed in the 1912 Summer Olympics is born in Lexington, VA.

1900 (Harriet E.) Hattie Wilson (Adams), first female African American novelist (Our Nig) dies in Quincy, MA.

1903 (Malcolm Ivan Meredith Nurse) George Padmore, journalist and author (How Britain Rules Africa) is born in Arouca District, Tacarigua, Trinidad.

1905 Zelda Wynn Valdes, fashion designer and costumer is born.

1907 Jimmy Mundy, jazz tenor saxophonist is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1915 (David) Honeyboy Edwards, blues guitarist and singer is born in Shaw, MS.

1920 Marian Alexander Spencer, first African American woman elected to Cincinnati, Ohio City Council is born in Gallipolis, OH.

1924 Thomas Kendall Minter, District Superintendent at the School District of Philadelphia is born in The Bronx, NY.

1936 Major Robert Odell Owens, Congressman who replaced Shirley Chisholm in New York is born in Collierville, TN.

1941 (Alphonso Erwin) Al Downing, Major League Baseball player is born in Trenton, NJ.

1944 Barbara Johnson Tucker, Christian music recording artist is born in Conroe, TX.

1947 Mark Clark, member of the Black Panther Party who was killed with Fred Hampton is born in Peoria, IL.

1949 (Donald Edward) Don Baylor, Major League Baseball player and coach is born in Austin, TX.

1955 John Curry Spikes, jazz musician and entrepreneur dies.

1958 Donna F. Edwards, US Representative for Maryland is born in Yanceyville, NC.

1969 Larron Demetris Tate, actor (Across the Tracks) and older brother of Larenz Tate and Lahmard J. Tate is born in Chicago, IL.

1971 Tichina Rolanda Arnold, actor (Everyone Hates Chris) is born in Queens, NY.

1974 (Sharmon Shah) (Karim Abdul-Jabbar) Abdul-Karim al-Jabbar, National Football League Player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1980 Byron Kenneth Armstrong, founder of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1981 Brandon Emil Phillips, Major League Baseball player is born in Raleigh, NC.

1982 George Matthews, jazz trombonist dies in New York, NY.

1982 Cedric Leonard Houston, National Football League player is born in Little Rock, AR.

1982 (Fredrick Tipton) Freddie Gibbs, rap artist (Grand Theft Auto V soundtrack) is born in Gary, IN.

1982 (British Alexander Mitchell) Brisco, rap artist (I'm into Dat) is born in Opa-locka, FL.

1982 Harry Mills, baritone singer with The Mills Brothers dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1985 Rae' Ven Larrymore Kelly, actor (What's Love Got to Do with it) is born in Fairfax, VA.

1994 (Fredericka Carolyn) Fredi Washington, actor (Imitation Of Life) dies in Stamford, CT.



Donna F. Edwards

2008 Douglas Dollarhide, first African American mayor of a metropolitan city in California (Compton) dies in Northridge, CA.

2012 Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly, Bishop of the United Methodist Church dies in Oakland, CA.

2014 Meshach Taylor, actor (Designing Women) dies in Altadena, CA.

Birthdays: Tomi Jenkins, singer with Cameo (Word Up) and Jonathan 'John John' Rasboro, singer with Silk (Freak Me).

June 29

You have an alert mind and think deeply. You are forceful, determined and have good sound judgment. You are uncommunicative but have a quick and violent temper and love with the same impulsiveness and intensity. You need someone to whom you can lavish your affections to be completely happy.

1886 James Van der Zee, photographer published a record of African Americans in Harlem is born in Lenox, MA.

1910 Avery Caesar Alexander, civil right leader and politician (Louisiana House of Representative) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1917 Sylvia Olden Lee, first African American to be employed by the Metropolitan Opera is born in Meridian, MS.

1919 Lloyd George Richards, the first African American to director of a Broadway play (A Raisin in the Sun) is born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1925 Hale Smith, educator, pianist and composer (Blood Wedding) is born in Cleveland, OH.

1926 Julius Wesley Becton, Jr., Lieutenant General (Army) and director of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is born in Bryn Mawr, PA.

1926 R. B. Spikes is awarded patent 1,590,557 for a combination mile bottle opener and bottle cover.

1936 Leonard Lee, singer (Shirley & Lee Let the Good Times Roll) is born.

1938 Shirley L. Huntley, New York State Senator is born.

1939 Fate Leonard Echols, National Football League player is born in Union Springs, AL.

1941 (Stokley Carmichael) Kwame Toure, activist is born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

1945 (Eva Narcissus Boyd) Little Eva, singer (The Locomotion) is born in Bellhaven, NC.

1947 Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1948 Benny L. Johnson, National Football League player is born in Fort Valley, GA.

1952 (Ervin Spencer) Don Carlos, reggae singer and composer (Harvest Time) is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1969 Shorty Long, mc for the Motown Review Shows dies in Detroit, MI.

1975 Nakia Antwan Jenkins, National Football League player is born in Alta Loma, CA.

1977 Shannon Boxx, National Women's Soccer League player is born in Fontana, CA.

1978 (Weldon H. Philip Bonner) Juke Boy Bonner blues singer, harmonica player and guitarist dies in Houston, TX.

1978 Nicole (Prescova Elikolani Valiente) Scherzinger, singer with the Pussycat Dolls is born in Honolulu, HI.

1980 (Lenard McKelvey) Charlamagne Tha God, television and radio personality (The Breakfast Club) is born in Moncks Corner, SC.

1982 Andre Frazier, National Football League player is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1983 Joe Alton Delaney, National Football League player dies in Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA.

1985 Quintin Lamon Demps, National Football League player is born in San Antonio, TX.

1987 (Elizabeth) Libba Cotton blues and folk musician, singer and songwriter (Freight Train) dies in Syracuse, NY.

1988 Motown Records is sold.

1991 Richard 'Groove' Holmes, organist dies in St. Louis, MO.

2006 Lloyd George Richards, Dean of the Yale School of Drama dies in New York, NY.

June 30

You are self reliant and indifferent to the opinions of others, thereby sometimes annoying your friends and associates. You are very interested in and sensitive to art and artistic surroundings. You acquire knowledge easily and can impart it to others, a rare gift. You would make an excellent teacher.

1874 H. Pickett is awarded patent 152,511 for a scaffold.

1892 Alice Burton Russell, actor and wife of director Oscar Micheaux is born in Maxton, NC.

1893 (Armenter) Bo Carter (Chatmon), blues musician is born in Bolton, MS.

1908 (Arthur Bernard Leaner) Al Benson, radio dj and record label owner is born in Jackson, MS.

1917 Lena Mary Calhoun Horne, singer and actor is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1930 Thomas Sowell, syndicated columnist, academic economist and author (Black Rednecks and White Liberals) is born in Gastonia, NC.

1931 Andrew Hill, jazz pianist and first person to receive a posthumous honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music is born in Chicago, IL.

1933 (David Leonard) Dave Roberts, Major League Baseball player is born in Panama City, Panama.

1934 (Theodore) Ted Ross Roberts, actor (the lion in The Wiz) is born in Zanesville, OH.

1940 John T. Scott sculptor (Art Of Black America in Japan) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1941 Betty McGlowin (Travis), singer with The Supremes is born in Detroit, MI.

1941 Micki Grant, singer and actor (Having Our Say) Broadway is born in Chicago, IL.

1943 Florence Ballard, one of the original members of The Supreme is born in Detroit, MI.

1946 William Billy Brown, singer with The Moments and Ray Goodman & Brown (Special Lady) is born in Perth Amboy, NJ.

1949 Barrie Lee Hall, Jr., trumpeter, music director and bandleader of the Duke Ellington Small Band is born in Mansfield, LA.

1951 Stanley Clarke, bassist is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 Roy Calvin Green, National Football League player is born in Magnolia, AR.

1958 Lauren Susan Green, Chief Religion Correspondent for the Fox News Channel is born in Minneapolis, MN.

1958 David Alan Grier, actor (In Living Color) is born in Detroit, MI.

1960 (Albert Dwayne) Al Newman, Major League Baseball player is born in Kansas City, MO.

1960 Clarence Cameron White, concert violinist and composer (A Night in Sans Souci) dies in New Orleans, LA.

1964 Chuck Treece, session musician and professional skateboarder is born in Newark, DE.

1966 Julia Davis, actor and comedian (Nighty Night) is born in Bath, Somerset England.

1966 (Michael Gerard) Mike Tyson, professional heavyweight boxer is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1966 Wendy Davis, actor (Army Wives) is born in Joppatowne, MD.

1967 Sheila Hudson, winner of a silver medal in triple jump at the 1994 IAAF World Cub is born in Kitzingen, Germany.

1972 Garret Joseph Anderson, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 William Robert Ming, Jr., attorney with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) dies in Chicago, IL.

1974 Alberta Christine Williams King, mother of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is slain by Marcus Chenault in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.

1976 (William) Waring Cuney, poet (No Images) dies.

1982 Delwyn Rudy Young, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1982 (Ashley Anthony Walters) Asher D, rap artist and actor (Get Rich or Die Trying) is born in Peckham, London England.

1983 Marlin Tyrell Jackson, National Football League player is born in Sharon, PA.

1984 Fantasia (Monique Barrino), singer (Bittersweet) and winner on American Idol is born in High Point, NC.

1985 (John Nyathi) Poks Pokela, South African Chairman of the Pan Africanist Congress dies in Zimbabwe.

1986 (Victoria Elizabeth Crawford) Alicia Fox, model and professional wrestler is born in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

1990 Chris Gragg, National Football League player is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1995 Phyllis Hyman, singer and actor (Sophisticated Ladies) dies in New York, NY.

2001 Joe Henderson, jazz tenor saxophonist dies in San Francisco, CA.

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