

# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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**ARIES - March 21- April 19**

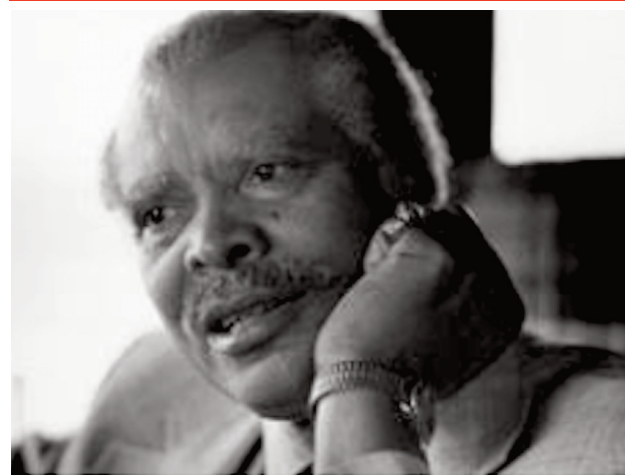


*Aries – The Daredevil*  
*Energetic, adventurous and spontaneous. Confident and enthusiastic. Fun. Loves a challenge. EXTREMELY impatient. Sometime selfish. Short fuse. (easily angered). Lively, passionate and sharp wit. Outgoing. Lose interest quickly – easily bored. Egotistical. Courageous and assertive. Tends to be physical and athletic.*

**Aquamarine is the stone for the month of March**

In legends, aquamarine has its origin in the treasure chests of the mermaid. It is thought to bring good luck and fortune to sailors. It is believed that if a person dreams of aquamarine he or she will meet new friends. According to ancient traditions aquamarine will guarantee a long and happy marriage. A symbol of youth and happiness, aquamarine derives its name from the Latin “aqua” and “mare,” meaning water and sea. Allegedly its powers one increased if the stone is soaked in water. ‘Aquamarine is reported to increase one’s psychic ability and enhance concentration; thus it is suggested that students carry the stone while studying. Roman physicians prescribed aquamarine to treat overindulgence, headaches, neck problems and water retention. In some cultures, aquamarine is believed to be the stone of a spirit who must grant the wish of any person wearing it.

**March 29**



**James Everett Chase**

*You are affectionate and love with whole-heartedness and sincerity, but should not let your heart rule your head. Cultivate a better sense of sportsmanship and justice and you will be easier to get along with.*

**1898** W.J. Ballou is awarded patent 601,422 for combined hat rack and table.

**1914** James Everett Chase, first African American mayor of Spokane, Washington is born in Wharton, TX.

**1914** Camille Howard, R&B pianist and singer is born in Galveston, TX.

**1918** Pearl Bailey, singer and actor (Carmen Jones) is born in Southampton, VA. She attended William Penn High School in Philadelphia and lived at 1946 North 23rd Street.

**1920** Marion Mann, physician, pathologist, Army Reserve Brigadier General and Dean of the College of Medicine at Howard University is born in Atlanta, GA

**1925** Emlen Lewis Tunnell, National Football League player who was the first African American to play for the New York Giants is born in Bryn Mawr, PA.

**1937** William Edward White, first African American to play major league baseball dies in Chicago, IL.

**1940** (Raymond) Ray Davis, singer with Parliament-Funkadelic and The Temptations is born in Sumter, SC.

**1945** Walter “Clyde” Frazier, National Basketball Association player is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1955** Earl Campbell, National Football League player is born in Tyler, TX.

**1964** Michael A. Jackson, Sheriff of Prince George’s County, Maryland is born in Prince George’s County, MD.

**1965** Bernard Georges, bass guitarist is born.

**1966** (William McKinley) Jazz Gillus, blues harmonica player dies in Chicago, IL.

**1966** Tyra Ferrell, actor (Jungle Fever) is born in Houston, TX.

**1967** Brian O’Neal Jordan, Major League Baseball player is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1971** (Joseph Willie) Buddy Sosthand, actor (Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End) is born in Great Falls, MT.

**1976** (Marcus Lakee Edwards) Lil Keke, hip-hop artist and original member of the Screwed Up Click is born in Houston, TX.

**1979** (Lusious) Luke Easter Major League and Negro League Baseball player dies in Euclid, OH.

**1981** (Paul J.) P.J. Morton, musician and singer (Following My First Mind) is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1981** Eric Eustace Williams, first Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago dies in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

**1982** Floyd Smith, jazz guitarist dies in Indianapolis, IN.

**1983** Justin Lee Tuck, National Football League player

is born in Kellyton, AL.

**1999** (Joseph Goreed), Joe Williams, singer (Count Basie) dies in Las Vegas, NV.

**2001** John Aaron Lewis, jazz pianist with the Modern Jazz Quartet dies in New York, NY.

**2005** Johnnie L. Cochran, lawyer dies in Los Feliz, CA.

**2007** (Bert Cooper) Calvin Lockhart, actor (Cotton Comes to Harlem) dies in Nassau Bahamas.

**March 30**



**MC Hammer**

*You are analytical and give a great deal of thought and careful consideration to a problem, before doing anything important. Trust your friends. Do not search for the motives underlying their actions, for in doing this you will bring unhappiness to yourself.*

**1886** J. Ticks is awarded patent 338,781 for horseshoe.

**1903** Mercer Cook, educator and ambassador (Gambia, Senegal and Niger) is born in Washington, DC.

**1914** (John Lee Curtis) Sonny Boy Williamson blues harmonica player (Shake the Boogie) is born in Jackson, TN.

**1922** Aubrey Eugene Robinson, Federal Judge is born in Madison, NJ.

**1931** Harold Burrage, pianist and singer (Got to Find a Way) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1937** (Charles Wesley) Chuck Leonard, radio personality is born in Chicago, IL.

**1937** Lewis W. Chubb is awarded a patent for a signaling system.

**1948** Naomi Ruth Sims, first African American supermodel is born in Oxford, MS.

**1962** (Stanley Kirk Burrell) MC Hammer, actor and rap artist (U Can’t Touch This) is born in Oakland, CA.

**1964** (Neliialitea Walke) Nella Larsen, nurse and novelist (Quicksand) dies in Brooklyn, NY.

**1964** Tracy Chapman, folk singer and songwriter (Fast Car) is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1967** (Nathan Eugene Pinchback) Jean Toomer, poet and novelist (Cane) dies in Doylestown, PA.

**1971** Yaphett El-Amin, member of the Missouri House of Representatives is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1975** Kwame Jackson, investment manager (The Apprentice) is born in New York, NY.

**1978** (Larry Young) Khalid Yasin (Abdul Aziz), jazz organist (Bitches Brew) dies in New York, NY.

**1981** Edith Wilson (Gloodall), blues singer, vaudeville performer and the fae of Aunt Jemima pancake mix dies in Chicago, IL.

**1990** (Bertha Bowman) Sister Thea Bowman, motivational speaker dies in Canton, MS.

**2008** Sean Lavert, singer (Put Your Body Where Your Mouth Is) dies in Cuyahoga County, OH.

**March 31**

*You are intelligent, kind-hearted and loving. You enjoy music and have quite an artistic temperament. Women born on this day make devoted wives, excellent mothers and are the very nucleus of the home.*

**1797** (Olaudah Equiano) Gustavus Vassa, abolitionist and author (The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano) dies in London, England.

**1876** Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield, concert singer who was born a slave dies in Philadelphia, PA. She lived at 1013 Rodman Street.

**1878** (John Author) Jack Johnson, professional boxer is born in Galveston, TX.

**1879** Joseph Edison Walker, founder of Universal Life Insurance Company and Tri-State Bank in Memphis, TN is born Tillman, MS.

**1882** Scott Hayden, composer of ragtime music (Sunflower Slow Drag) is born in Sedalia, MO.

**1895** (Elizabeth Mary Landreaux) Lizzie Miles, blues



**Etta Baker**

singer is born in Faubourg Marigny, LA.

**1900** (George) Mule Suttles, Negro League Baseball player is born in Bocton, AL.

**1905** (Major) (Big) Maeo Merriweather, blues pianist and singer is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1906** Brent Woods, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor dies in Nancy, KY.

**1911** (Frederick William) Freddie Greene, jazz guitarist (with Count Basie) is born in Charleston, SC.

**1913** Etta Baker, blues guitarist and singer is born in Caldwell County, NC.

**1921** Lowell Fulson, blues guitarist and songwriter (Tramp) is born in Tulsa, OK.

**1923** Marcus Allen Foster, principal of Simon Gratz High School and first African American superintendent of Oakland, California School District is born in Athens, GA.

**1925** Daniel Alexander Payne Murray, assistant librarian at the Library of Congress, first African American member of the Washington Board of Trade and author (Historical and Biographical Encyclopedia of the Colored Race) dies in Washington, DC.

**1936** Walter E. Williams, syndicated columnist is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1938** Nathaniel Taylor, actor (Rollo in Sanford & Son) is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1943** (Willie Albert) Al Goodman singer (Ray, Goodman & Brown) is born in Jackson, MS.

**1947** Clifford Lee Stanley, US Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness is born in Washington, DC.

**1950** Ada Scott Brown, actor (Stormy Weather) died in Kansas City, KS.

**1956** Charmaine Neville, singer (daughter of Charles Neville of the Neville Brothers) is born in New Orleans, LA

**1958** John Washington Rogers, founder of Ariel Capitol Management (largest minority run mutual funds firm) is born in Chicago, IL

**1958** (Joseph Anthony) Tony Cox, actor (Bad Santa) is born in New York, NY.

**1962** Steven Fletcher, National Hockey League player is born in Montreal, Quebec Canada.

**1964** Paul Clinton Harris, first African American Republican elected to the House of Delegates in Virginia since Reconstruction is born in Charlottesville, VA.

**1976** Tyrone M. Carter, National Football League player is born in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**1976** (Carlos Walker) Shawty Lo, hip-hop artist and founding member of D4L is born in Atlanta, GA.

**1980** (James Cleveland) Jessie Owens, Olympic track gold medalist dies in Tucson, AZ.

**1983** Christian Scott, jazz trumpeter (Rewind That) is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1984** (Edward Abraham) Eddie Johnson, Major League Soccer player is born in Bunnell, FL.

**1984** James DeAndre Jones, National Football League player is born in San Jose, CA.

**1985** Jessica Szohr, actor (Gossip Girl) is born in Menomonee Falls, WI.

**1986** (O’Kelly) Kelly Isley, singer with the Isley Brothers dies in Alpine, NJ.

**1994** William Henry Hence, soldier who murdered four women in and around military bases is executed by electric chair in the state of Georgia.

**1997** Arthur Cunningham, composer (Night Song) dies in Nyack, NY.

**2006** (John Lenwood) Jackie McLean, jazz alto saxophonist dies in Hartford, CT.

**2006** George Leslie Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Colorado dies in Washington, DC.

**2010** Eugene Allen, waiter and butler who worked for the White House for 34 years (The Butler) dies in Takoma Park, MD.

**2014** (Francis Warren Nicholls, Jr.) Frankie Knuckles, DJ dies in Chicago, IL.

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