

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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Taurus (The Enduring One)
Charming but aggressive. Can come off as boring, but they are not hard workers. Warm-hearted. Strong, has endurance. Solid being that are stable and secure in their ways. Not looking for shortcuts. Take pride in their beauty. Patient and reliable. Make great friends and give good advice. Loving and kind. Loves hard. Passionate. Express themselves emotionally. Prone to ferocious temper-tantrums. Determined. Indulge themselves often. Very generous.

The emerald is the stone for the month of May

Archeologists have traced the history of emeralds back to 3000 BC in ancient Egypt and India. Cleopatra prized her emeralds more than any other stone. One of the world's largest emeralds dates back to 1695, weight 214.8 carats and is about 10 cm high. One side is inscribed with prayers and the other with opulent flowers. Ancient scholar Pliny writes, "Sight is refreshed by gazing upon this stone." Roman emperor Nero took his advice by wearing sunglasses made of emerald to watch the gladiators. Omar Khayyam, a Persian mathematician and philosopher, took a copy of his book, with a cover made from gold and over 1,000 emeralds and rubies aboard the Titanic. Emerald is believed to insure loyalty, improve memory, quicken intelligence and forecast upcoming events. It was once thought that if you kept an emerald under your pillow you would dream about the future.

May 10

You are persistent, mentally alert, and levelheaded and never let failure or adversity deter your effort or lessen your spirit. You are courteous, diplomatic and gracious, never knowing your true feelings unless they are pleasant.

1926 Ulysses 'Crazy Legs' Curtis, Canadian Football League player is born in Albion, MI.

1934 (Sallie Jayne Richardson) Jayne Cortez, poet (On the Imperial Highway) and wife of Ornette Coleman and co-founder of the Organization of Women Writers of African is born in Fort Huachuca, AZ.

1935 Larry Williams, singer (Short Fat Fannie) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1938 Henry Fambrough, singer with The Spinners is born in Detroit, MI.

1940 Arthur Alexander, country soul singer (You Better Move On) is born in Sheffield, AL.

1941 (Herbert Middleton, Jr.) Taurean Blacque, actor (Hill Street Blues) is born in Newark, NJ.

1943 Judith Jamison, artistic director of the Alvin Ailey Dance Center is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1945 Shirley Clarke Franklin, mayor of Atlanta, Georgia is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1947 Marion Ramsey, actor (Police Academy movies) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1950 Sarah H. Meriwether Nutter, co-founder of Alpha Kappa Alpha dies in Charleston, WV.

1951 Ron Banks, singer with The Dramatics (Whatcha See is Whatcha Get) is born in Detroit, MI.

1952 (Lowell) Sly Fillmore Dunbar, drummer with the duo Sly and Robbie is born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1953 Christopher Paul Curtis, writer of children's book (The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963) is born in Flint, MI.

1955 Larry 'Flash' Jenkins, actor (Fletch) is born in Long Island, NY.

1957 Carleen Cassandra Anderson, singer (True Spirit) is born in Houston, TX.

1957 Annie Minerva Turnbo Malone, businesswoman (cosmetics) and philanthropist dies in Chicago, IL.

1963 Suzan-Lori Parks, playwright and screenwriter (Topdog/Underdog) is born in Fort Knox, KY.

1963 (Eugene Allen) Gene Lipscomb, National Football League player dies in Baltimore, MD.

1965 Isaac Theophilus Akunna Wallace Johnson, delegate for Sierra Leone during independence talks dies in a car crash in Ghana.

1965 Darryl M Bell, actor (A Different World) is born in Chicago, IL.

1967 (Marvin Young) Young MC, songwriter (Wild Thing) and rap artist (Bust A Move) is born in South Wimbledon, London.

1968 Kimberly A. Lightford, member of the Illinois Senate is born in Chicago, IL.

1976 Rhona Bennett, model and actor (The Jamie Foxx Show) is born in Chicago, IL.

1978 Kenan Thompson, actor and comedian (Saturday Night Live) is born in Atlanta, GA.

1979 Nicole Leach (Rochelle) actor (Shining Time Station) is born in Montclair, NJ.

1980 Jason Dalyrimple, singer with Soul for Real is born in Wheatley Heights, NY.

1981 Katori Hall, playwright (The Mountaintop) is born in Memphis, TN.

1989 Woody Herman Shaw, Jr. trumpeter, flugelhorn



Christopher Paul Curtis

nist and cornetist dies in Manhattan, NY.

1997 (Delores Williams) LaVern Baker, singer (Tweedle Dee) dies in Queens, NY.

2005 Eugene Calvin Cheatham, Jr. Tuskegee Airman dies in Spring Valley, CA.

2006 Arthur C. Harmon, member of the Tuskegee Airmen dies in Marin County, CA.

2011 Mia Amber Davis, plus-size model and actor (Road Trip) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

May 11

Strong, both mentally and physically, you are versatile, energetic and artistic. You are good nature, happy in your home life, popular and accepted as a pleasant and reliable person.

1905 (Kansas) Joe McCoy, blues musician and songwriter (Why Don't You Do Right) is born in Raymond, MS.

1924 (Moses Fleetwood) Fleet Walker, first African American to play major league baseball dies in Cleveland, OH.

1933 (Louis Eugene Walcott) Louis Farrakhan minister in the nation of Islam is born in the Bronx, NY.

1945 Floyd Adams, Jr. mayor of Savannah, Georgia is born in Savannah, GA.

1949 Janice Rogers Brown, federal judge on the US Court of Appeals is born in Greenville, AL

1961 Kimberly LaGayle McCarthy, death row inmate is born in Greenville, TX.

1963 Jeff R. Sanchez, National Football League player is born.

1964 Floyd Everett Youmans, Major League Baseball player is born in Tampa, FL.

1966 (Trent) Trinidad Aviel Hubbard, Major League Baseball player is born in Chicago, IL.

1969 Amy Ashwood Garvey, first wife of Marcus Garvey dies.

1970 Harold Eugene Ford, Jr. Congressman from Tennessee is born in Memphis, TN.

1970 (John Cornelius) Johnny Hodges, sax player with Duke Ellington died in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1970 Hilly Hicks, Jr., playwright (The Breeze, The Gust, The Gale and The Wind) is born in Los Angeles, CA

1981 Hoyt W. Fuller, journalist and creator of the Organization of Black American Culture in Chicago, Illinois dies in Atlanta, GA.

1981 (Robert) Bob Nester Marley, reggae singer dies in Miami, FL.

1986 (Frederick Douglass) Fritz Pollard, first African American head coach in the National Football League dies in Silver Spring, MD.

1988 (Antoine McColister) Ace Hood, rap artist (Cash Flow) is born in Port St. Lucie, FL.

1989 (Cameron Jerrell) Cam Newton, National Football League player is born in Atlanta, GA.

1993 Minnie Gentry, actor (School Daze) (great grand-mother of actor Terrence Howard) dies in New York, NY.

1996 (Benjamin) Nnamdi Azikiwe, first president of Nigeria dies in Enugu, Nigeria.

1997 (Ernest Lawrence) Ernie Fields, trombonist, pianist and bandleader dies in Tulsa, OK.

2003 Sakia Gunn, 15-year old lesbian is murdered in a hate crime in Newark, NJ.

2004 John Whitehead, singer McFadden & Whitehead (Ain't No Stopping Us Now) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

2006 Floyd Patterson, professional heavyweight boxer dies in New Paltz, NY.

2011 Henry G. Marsh, Mayor of Saginaw Michigan

dies in Saginaw, MI.

May 12

You are a clear thinker and logical in your reasoning. You are ambitious to learn and better yourself. You enjoy good literature and music and like artistic surroundings. You need an unusual amount of love and understanding and are demonstrative in your love.

1875 Elijah McCoy is awarded patent 150,876 for ironing table.

1882 Ludovic Lamothe, composer and virtuoso pianist is born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

1883 Hazel Harrison, concert pianist is born in La Porte, IN.

1896 Charles B. Brooks is awarded patent 560,154 for the street sweeper.

1916 Albert L. Murray, author and co-founder of Jazz at Lincoln Center is born in Nokomis, AL.

1926 Nathaniel Raphael Jones, judge in the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is born in Youngstown, OH.

1926 Mervyn Dymally, first African American Lieutenant Governor of California is born in Cedros, Trinidad.

1928 (Henry R.) Hank Cosby, songwriter and record producer for Motown is born in Detroit, MI.

1940 Norman Whitfield, songwriter and producer at Motown is born in Harlem, NY.

1941 Jayotis Washington, singer with The Persuasions (We Still Ain't Got No Band) is born in Detroit, MI.

1944 James Purify, singer (I'm Your Puppet) is born in Pensacola, FL.

1947 Charles W. Sanders, vice mayor and then mayor of Harveysburg Village, OH.

1947 Dorothy J. Tillman, Chicago, Illinois alderman is born in Montgomery, AL.

1950 Ronnie Foster, funk and jazz organist is born in Buffalo, NY.

1951 Oscar DePriest the first African American Congressman from a northern state dies in Chicago, IL.

1952 Guy Davis, blues guitarist and banjo player (son of Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis) is born in New York, NY.

1953 Eddie Lee Long, pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church is born in Huntersville, NC.

1953 Donald Kinsey, guitarist with Bob Marley & The Wailers is born in Gary, IN.

1954 Marvin Wayne 'Shot Doctor' Harvey, college basketball shooting instructor and coach is born in Kansas City, MO.

1957 René Blount, professional tennis player is born in Washington, DC.

1957 Louis Rodman Whitaker, Major League Baseball player is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1959 Kevin Charles Bass, Major League Baseball player is born in Redwood City, CA.

1959 (Irving Rameses) Ving Rhames actor (Only In America: The Don King Story) is born in New York, NY.

1962 April Grace actor (I Am Legend) is born in Lakeland, FL.

1963 Charles Pettigrew, singer (Would I Lie To You) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1963 (Joe) Joker Phillips, Jr., National Football League coach and player is born in Franklin, KY.

1963 Vanessa A. Williams, actor (Soul Food) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1964 Carla Hall, chef and co-host of The Chew is born in Nashville, TN.

1967 Gregory Richard Paterra, National Football League player is born in McKeesport, PA.

1967 Benjamin Brown, truck driver and civil rights worker is killed when police fired on demonstrators in Jackson, MS.

1969 Kim Victoria Fields, actor (The Facts Of Life and Living Single) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1970 Henry Dorsett Marrow, Jr., is beaten and killed outside a local store in Oxford, NC.

1972 Jason Jackson, writer and sportscaster (NBA 2Night) is born.

1975 Lawrence Lamond Phillips, National Football and Canadian Football League player is born in Little Rock, AR.

1978 Chrys Chukwuma, National Football League player is born in Montgomery, AL.

1979 (Stevonne Latrall) Steve Smith, Sr., National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1979 (Rubin) André Carter, National Football League player is born in Denver, CO.

1981 Andre D. Brown, National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

1992 Malcolm David Kelley, actor (You Got Served) is born in Bel Air, 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.