



# ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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**AQUARIUS - January 20 - February 18**



*Aquarius – The Sweetheart  
Optimistic and honest. Sweet personality. Very independent. Inventive and intelligent. Friendly and loyal. Can seem unemotional. Can be a bit rebellious. Very stubborn, but original and unique. Attractive on the inside and out. Eccentric personality.*

## Amethyst is the stone for the month of February

In the Middle Ages Amethyst was thought to encourage celibacy, and as a result became important in the ornamentation of churches. Amethyst, according to Leonardo Da Vinci, is able to increase intelligence and dissolve evil thoughts. Catherine the great was very fond of amethysts. They adorn the British Crown Jewels and were coveted by Egyptian royalty. Rosaries in Tibet are often made from amethyst, a gemstone considered to be sacred to Buddha. Ancient Greeks believed amethyst would protect against drunkenness (“amethystas” is a Greek word meaning “not drunken”) and therefore carved wine goblets from it. Amethyst is believed to purify the mind, increase tranquility and alleviate anxiety.

## February 15

*The satisfaction of your own whims and fancies is paramount in your life. You have talent and ability, but it will not show until some crisis brings it out. You have few outside interest but your family is very dear to you.*

**1869** Henry Sylvester Williams, lawyer and writer is born in Arouca, Trinidad.

**1898** R. Hearnish is awarded patent 598,929 for sealing attachment for bottles.

**1923** Charles Henry Turner, biologist, zoologist and the first African American to receive a graduate degree at the University of Cincinnati and the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago is born in Cincinnati, OH.

**1930** Jacob Hudson Carruthers, African Centered scholar is born in Dallas, TX.

**1939** Alvin Cash, singer and actor (Petey Wheatstraw) is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1941** Brian Holland, record producer (Holland, Dozier, Holland) is born in Detroit, MI.

**1942** Frank W. Balance, Jr., US Representative from the state of North Carolina is born in Windsor, NC.

**1944** Henry Luther Threadgill, saxophonist and flautist is born in Chicago, IL.

**1946** Cornelius Johnson, 1936 Olympic high jump champion dies in San Francisco, CA.

**1946** Bruce Scott Gordon, corporate director of CBS, Northrop Grumman and Tyco International is born in Camden, NJ.

**1950** David Brown, bass guitar play for Santana is born in Daly City, CA.

**1952** Bill T. Jones, dancer and choreographer (Fella) is born in Bunnell, FL.

**1957** Herlin Riley, jazz drummer is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1958** Karen Fraction, model and actor (My Brother and Me) is born in Flint, MI.

**1960** Darrell Green, National Football League player is born in Houston, TX.

**1960** Mikey Craig, bassist for Culture Club is born in Hammersmith, England.

**1962** Kenny Jackson, National Football League player is born in Neptune, NJ.

**1964** Leland Devon Melvin, engineer and NASA astronaut is born in Lynchburg, VA.

**1965** (Nathaniel Adams) Nat King Cole, singer and the first African American to host a regular television program, dies in Santa Monica, CA.

**1968** (Marion Walter Jacobs) Little Walter, blues harmonica player dies in Chicago, IL.

**1969** (Bryan Williams) Birdman, rap artist and co-founder of Cash Money Records is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1973** (Omaroseone Manigault Stallworth) Omarosa, two-time participant on The Apprentice is born in Youngstown, OH.

**1978** Alex Bradford, gospel composer, singer and choir director (Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope) dies in Newark, NJ.

**1978** Stefani Carter, first Republican African American woman to serve in the Texas House is born in Dallas, TX.

**1980** Charles Leroy Thomas, US Army officer who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross dies in Detroit, MI.

**1983** Selita Ebanks, Victoria Secret Angel is born in George Town, Grand Cayman Island.

**1984** Gary Clark, Jr., guitarist and actor (Honeydripper) is born in Austin, TX.

**1986** Amber Patrice Riley, actor (Glee) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1991** Paul Russell, principal dancer with the Dance Theater of Harlem dies in San Francisco, CA.

**1996** (James) Wild Jimmy Spruill, session guitarist dies



Bruce Scott Gordon

while traveling back to New York, NY.

**1999** (Lamont Coleman) Big L, rap artist (Lifestylez ov da Poor & Dangerous) dies in Harlem, NY.

## February 16

*You are a born leader; conscientious and careful in all you do. You are fond of art and the finer things of life and cherish integrity and honor. Your love is whole-hearted and enduring, for which you will be rewarded.*

**1852** William Sanders Scarborough, first African American classical scholar and president of Wilberforce University is born in Macon, GA.

**1858** Isaiah Mayes, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor is born in Carters Bridge, VA.

**1897** P. Walker is awarded a patent for machine for cleaning seed cotton.

**1897** Tregoning & Latimer are awarded patent 255,212 for globe supporter for the electric lamp.

**1904** James Baskett, actor (Uncle Remus in Song of the South) is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1912** Parnell L. Woods, Negro League Baseball player is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1916** (William Ballard) Bill Doggett, organ, piano player and arranger (Honky Tonk) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1940** Leon Ware singer, songwriter (I Want You) is born in Detroit, MI.

**1943** (Arthur Bobby Lee) Bobby Darwin, Major League Baseball player and scout is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1945** Lenny Williams, lead singer with Tower of Power (So Very Hard to Go) is born in Little Rock, AR.

**1951** (James) Super Chikan Johnson, blues musician is born in Darling, MS.

**1952** Jerry Wayne Hairston, Major League Baseball player is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1952** James Ingram, songwriter and singer (Baby, Come to Me) is born in Akron, OH.

**1953** George Dwight Martin, National Football League player is born in Greenville, SC.

**1954** Hastings Arthur Wise, US mass murder is born in South Carolina.

**1957** Willie Logan, member of the Florida House of Representatives is born in Miami-Dade County.

**1957** (Levardis Robert Martyn) LaVar Burton, Jr., actor, director, producer and author is born in Landstuhl, Germany.

**1958** (Tracy Morrow) Ice-T, rap artist and actor (Law & Order: Special Victims Unit) is born in Newark, NJ.

**1959** (Michael) Mike Harden, National Football League player is born in Memphis, TN.

**1960** Eric Gerald Bullock, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1974** Mahershalalhashbaz Ali (Gilmore), actor (The Hunger Games: Mockingjay-Part 1) is born in Oakland, CA.

**1974** Anita Bush, actor and producer (Crimson Skull) dies in New York, NY.

**1977** Ahman Rashad Green, National Football League player is born in Omaha, NB.

**1981** Jerry Lee Owens, Major League Baseball player is born in Hollywood, CA.

**1982** (Gregory) Toe Nash, Major League Baseball player is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

**1982** (Wasalu Muhammad Jaco) Lupe Fiasco, rap artist (Superstar) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1988** Noel Devine, National Football League player is born in Fort Myers, FL.

**1996** (Walter Brown) Brownie McGhee, blues singer and guitarist dies in Oakland, CA.

**2002** (Robert L. Williams) Billy Ward, singer with the Dominoes (Sixty Minute Man), dies in Inglewood, CA.

**2004** Doris Troy (Higginson), singer (Just One Look) dies in Las Vegas, NV.

**2004** Ella (Mae Jackson) Johnson, vocalist (Please Mr. Johnson) dies in New York, NY.

**2010** (James Blair) Jim Bibby, Major League Baseball

player dies in Lynchburg, VA.

**2010** (Bonita Demetrious) Bo Griffin, television and radio personality dies in Greenville, SC.

**2012** Dick Anthony Williams, actor (The Mack) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

## February 17

*You are fortunate to be born in this month. You have exceptional opportunities in love business, or a career and can rise to the top. You are most considerate to those dear to you. You love with vigor and your home life should be ideal.*

**1880** S. R. Scottron is awarded patent 224,732 for adjustable window cornice.

**1885** G.T. Sampson is awarded patent 312,388 for a sled propeller.

**1891** Albert C. Richardson is awarded patent 446,470 of a churn.

**1900** Benjamin Singleton, a former slave known for his role in establishing African American settlements in Kansas dies in Kansas City, MO.

**1902** Orville 'Hoppy' Jones, singer with The Ink Spots, (If I Didn't Care) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1918** Charles Arthur Hayes, US Representative who succeeded Harold Washington in congress is born in Cairo, IL.

**1922** Tommy Edwards singer (It's All In The Game) is born in Richmond, VA.

**1924** Edsel Albert Ammons, Bishop of the United Methodist Church is born in Chicago, IL.

**1926** Isaiah Edward Robinson, Jr., first African American president of the New York City Board of Education is born in Birmingham, AL.

**1933** Bobby Lewis, singer (Tossin and Turnin) is born in Indianapolis, IN.

**1936** (James Nathaniel) Jim Brown, National Football League player (the first African American Athlete to win the Jim Thorpe Trophy) and actor is born in St. Simons Island, GA.

**1937** (Michael) Mickey McGill, singer with The Dells (Stay In My Corner) is born in Chicago, IL.

**1938** Mary Frances Berry, educator who became the first woman of any race to serve as Chancellor of a major research university (University of Colorado) is born in Nashville, TN.

**1941** Wellington Edward Webb, first African American mayor of Denver, Colorado is born in Chicago, IL.

**1942** Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party is born Monrovia, LA.

**1943** (Armand John) A.J. Piron, jazz violinist and composer (I Wish That I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate) dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1945** Les Brown, motivational speaker and author (former husband of Gladys Knight) is born in Miami, FL.

**1947** Miki Garcia, Playmate of the Month (January 1973) is born in Kingman, AZ.

**1949** Dennis Green, National Football League player and coach is born in Harrisburg, PA.

**1950** Lynne Moody, actor (That's My Mama) is born in Detroit, MI.

**1957** David Keith Stewart, Major League Baseball player is born in Oakland, CA.

**1958** Alan Anthony Wiggins, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1961** Guy Maurice McIntyre, National Football League player is born in Thomasville, GA.

**1963** Michael Jeffrey Jordan, National Basketball Association player is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1967** Joe Greene, long jump bronze medal winner in the 1992 Summer Olympics is born at Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, OH.

**1967** Chante Torrane Moore, singer (Chanté's Got a Man) is born in San Francisco, CA.

**1969** (Adolphe) Paul Barbarin drummer dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1972** Nathan Lafayette, National Hockey League player is born in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

**1973** (Payton Cole Hedgeman) Palmer C Hayden, painter who depicted African American life dies.

**1980** DeJuan Anthony Groce, National Football League player is born in Garfield Heights, OH.

**1982** Thelonious Sphere Monk, jazz pianist (Straight, No Chaser) dies in Englewood, NJ.

**1983** Barbara Watson, first African American woman Assistant Secretary of State dies in Washington, DC.

**1985** Zelda Harris, actor (Crooklyn) is born in New York, NY.

**2006** Harold Atkins Hunter, professional skateboarder and actor (Kids) dies in New York, NY.

**2012** Clarence Dart, Tuskegee Airman dies in Saratoga Springs, NY.

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

