

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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PISCES - February 19 - March 20

Pisces - The Dreamer



Generous, kind and thoughtful. Very creative and imaginative. May become secretive and vague. Sensitive. Don't like details. Dreamy and unrealistic. Sympathetic and loving. Kind. Unselfish. Good Kisser. Beautiful.

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 22

Cultivate self-confidence, self-esteem and a better outlook on life. You are apt to be pessimistic. You are capable of great things if you will accept the present happiness and not worry about the future. You are generous to a fault and can love deeply.

1839 Octavius Catto, educator who was killed by Irish men to prevent him from voting in Philadelphia is born in Charleston, SC.

1841 Grafton Tyler Brown, artist, lithographer and the first African American whose paintings were collected by the Oakland (CA) Museum of Art is born in Harrisburg, PA.

1881 James Reese Europe, bandleader who organized the Clef Club is born in Mobile, AL.

1888 Horace Pippin, self taught artist whose work is burned into oak panels is born in West Chester, PA.

1903 Graham W. Jackson, pianist, organist and choral director, is born in Portsmouth, VA.

1907 Rex William Stewart jazz cornetist is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1911 Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, author, poet and the first African American woman to publish a novel (Iola Leary) dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1913 (George Holmes) Buddy Tate, saxophonist is born in Sherman TX.

1922 (Joseph Benjamin) Joe Wilder, jazz trumpeter and bandleader is born in Colwyn, PA.

1928 (Clarence Edward Smith) Clarence 13X, founder of the five-Percent National is born in Danville, VA.

1928 Lawrence Joel, US Army Sergeant First Class and the first living African American to receive the Medal of Honor since the Spanish-American War is born in Winston-Salem, NC.

1930 Arthur Turner Bharucha-Reid, mathematical biologist is born in Hampton, VA.

1932 (Gilbert Edward) Gil Noble, television reporter and interviewer (Like It Is) is born Harlem, NY.

1936 John Hope, educator and political activist is born in Augusta, GA.

1936 (Ernest Kador, Jr.) Ernie K-Doe, singer (Mother-In-Law) is born in New Orleans, LA.

1938 Bobby Hendricks, lead singer with The Drifter (Drip Drop) is born in Columbus, OH.

1938 Ishmael Scott Reed, poet (Mumbo Jumbo) is born in Chattanooga, TN.

1940 (Chester) Chet Walker, National Basketball Association player is born in Benton Harbor, MI.

1942 Robert 'Big Sonny' Edwards, singer with the Intruders, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1943 Roy Roberts, blues musician, singer and songwriter is born in Livingston, TN.

1944 Tucker Smallwood, actor (The Cotton Club) is born in Washington, DC.

1947 Harvey Mason, Sr., jazz drummer is born in Atlantic City, NJ.

1950 (Julius Winfield) "Dr. J" Erving, National Basketball Association player is born in Roosevelt, NY.

1952 Kermit DeKoven Johnson, National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1952 Albert Bryant, Jr., US Army brigadier general is born in Pine Bluff, AR.

1953 Gloria Bromell Tinubu, educator and the first African American woman to earn a MS and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Clemson University is born in Georgetown County, SC.

1955 Gordon Banks, guitarist is born in Norfolk, VA.

1962 Lenda Murray, professional bodybuilding champion is born in Detroit, MI.

1963 Tracy Maxwell Heard, first African American Woman majority leader in the Ohio House of Representatives is born in Columbus, OH.

1965 Eric Girard Yelding, Major League Baseball



Tracy Maxwell Heard

player is born in Montrose, AL.

1968 Rodney Whitaker, jazz double bass player and educator is born in Detroit, MI.

1968 Jayson Williams, National Basketball Association player is born in Ritter, SC.

1971 Rico Rodrigus Mack, National Football League player is born in Statham, GA.

1976 Florence Ballard, singer with The Supremes, dies in Detroit, MI.

1977 Na Orlando Brown, National Football League player is born in Reidsville, NC.

1978 Dhani Makalani Jones, National Football League player is born in San Diego, CA.

1980 Courtney Van Buren, National Football League player is born in St. Louis, MO.

1980 Shamari Fears-DeVoe, lead singer with Blaque is born in Detroit, MI.

1982 (Floyd Nathaniel Hills) Danja, hip-hop record producer is born in Virginia Beach, VA.

1983 Kimberly Nicole Morgan, Miss Mississippi 2007 and singer is born in Oxford, MS.

2000 William (Wee Gee) Howard, singer with The Dramatics (Whatcha See is Whatcha Get) dies.

2005 (Reginald Henry) Reggie Roby, National Football League player dies in Nashville, TN.

2011 (William Hargis Bowman) Beau Dollar, vocalist and drummer dies in Cincinnati, OH.

2014 Robert C. Wright, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives dies in Thornbury Township, Delaware County Pennsylvania

February 23

You will always enjoy health and prosperity. You are far-sighted, determined and well balanced, just loving and generally well liked by all of your friends and associates. Your home is very dear to you.

1868 W(illiam) E(dward) B(urghardt) DuBois, educator, author and civil rights advocate is born in Great Barrington, MA.

1892 P.D. Smith is awarded patent 469,279 for a grain binder. He was also awarded a patent for a potato digger, which scooped the potatoes from the soil and left them exposed to be picked up.

1892 Henry A. Bowman inventor who was awarded patent 469,395 for a new method of making flags is born in Worcester, MA.

1908 Ray Brown, Negro League Baseball player is born in Alger, OH.

1915 Robert Smalls, US representative from South Carolina dies in Beaufort, SC.

1923 Lucille Dixon Robertson, jazz double-bassist is born in Harlem, NY.

1923 Louis Stokes, US Congressman from Ohio and brother of Carl Stokes is born in Cleveland, OH.

1927 (James E.) Billy McKinney, US Representative from the state of Georgia is born in Abbeville, Wilcox County, GA.

1929 Elston Gene Howard, first African American Major League Baseball player on the New York Yankees roster is born in St. Louis, MO.

1939 Claude Brown, Author (Manchild in the Promise Land) is born in New York, NY.

1942 (Don Luther Lee) Haki R. Madhubuti, literary critic, author and founder of Third World Press is born in Little Rock, AR.

1951 Ed 'Too Tall' Jones, National Football League player is born in Jackson, TN.

1953 Big Maceo (Merriweather), blues pianist and singer (Worried Life Blues) dies in Chicago, IL.

1954 Phyllis Thede, member of the Iowa House of Representatives is born in Chicago, IL.

1955 Rodney E. Slater, US Secretary of Transportation is born in Marianna, AR.

1958 John T. Shelby, Major League Baseball player is born in Lexington, KY.

1960 Frederick McKinley Jones is awarded patent 2,926,005 for a thermostat and temperature control sys-

tem.

1963 (Roberto Martin Antonio) Bobby Bonilla, Major League Baseball player is born in The Bronx, NY.

1965 John Kitzmiller, actor (Dr. No) dies.

1966 (William Osborne) Billy Kyle, pianist dies.

1969 Daymond Garfield, Johnson, founder, president and CEO of FUBU is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1970 (Carol Denise Ensley) Niecy Nash, comedian actor and host (Clean House) is born in Palmdale, CA.

1972 Carlena Beard, actor (Our Gang) (sister of Matthew 'Stymie' Beard) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1972 Rondell Bernard White, Major League Baseball player is born in Milledgeville, GA.

1984 Andre Ward, boxer is born in Hayward, CA.

1985 Belford Vance Lawson, Jr., first African American to win a case before the Supreme Court and the first African American president of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) dies in Washington, DC.

1986 Jerod Mayo, National Football League player is born in Hampton, VA.

1987 (Herbert Anthony Stevens, IV) Ab Soul hip-hop recording artist (Longterm Mentality) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1995 (David) Melvin Franklin, singer with The Temptations, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1997 Tony Williams, jazz drummer (with Miles Davis) dies in San Francisco, CA.

1998 Lionel J. Wilson, first African American mayor of Oakland, California dies in Oakland, CA.

1998 Augusta Braxton Baker, librarian and storyteller dies in Columbia, SC.

1999 Hughie Lee-Smith, artist dies in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2004 Carl Anderson, singer and film and theatre actor (Jesus Christ Superstar) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

Birthday: Taji (Taj Mahal) Goodman, rap artist with Da Youngstas.

February 24

You are sweet tempered, kindly, acquiescent and retiring. You should choose a mate who is of strong character and robust to complement your quiet temperament. You enjoy serenity and like to be surrounded with luxury.

1811 Daniel Alexander Payne, founder of Wilberforce University is born in Charleston, SC.

1876 Joseph Jenkins Roberts, President of Liberia dies in Monrovia, Liberia.

1900 (James) Jimmy Bertrand, jazz and blues drummer is born in Biloxi, MS.

1915 Amanda Berry Smith, minister who was born a slave but became an inspiration to all women dies in Sebring, FL.

1919 (Elmon Mickle) Driftin' Slim, blues singer, guitarist and harmonica player is born in Keo, AR.

1933 David 'Fathead' Newman, saxophonist is born in Corsicana, TX.

1939 (Fred Leroy Robinson) Abu Talib, blues guitarist and singer is born in Memphis, TN.

1940 (James Albert) Jimmy Ellis, professional heavy-weight boxer is born in Louisville, KY.

1952 (Frederick Rudolph) Fred Dean, National Football League player is born in Arcadia, LA.

1954 (David Leonard) Dave Edwards, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1955 (Edward Lee) Fast Eddie Johnson, Jr., National Basketball Association player is born in Ocala, FL.

1956 (Eddie Clarence) 'Steady Eddie' Murray, Major League Baseball player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1961 (Karen Lemmons) Kasi Lemmons, director and actor (Talk to Me) is born in St. Louis, MO.

1966 (Troy Lane Birklett) Lil Troy, rap artist (Wanna Be a Baller) is born in Houston, TX.

1975 David Henry, professional International Federation of Body Builders is born in Denver, CO.

1977 Thomas Edgar Shaw, blues singer and guitarist dies in Brenham, TX.

1977 (Floyd Sinclair) Floyd Joy Mayweather, Jr., boxer is born in Grand Rapids, MI.

1978 (Larry) DeWayne Wise, Major League Baseball player is born in Chapin, SC.

1979 Marcus Strickland, saxophonist is born in Gainesville, FL.

1982 (Benjamin Franklin) Reb Spikes, jazz saxophonist dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1988 (John Len Chatman) Memphis Slim, pianist and songwriter (Every Day I Have the Blues) dies in Paris, France.

2002 (Melvin) Mel Stewart, actor (Henry Jefferson on All in the Family), dies in Pacifico, CA.

2006 Octavia Estelle Butler, science fiction writer (Devil Girl from Mars) dies in Lake Forest, WA.

2007 Lamar J. Lundy, Jr., National Football League player dies in Richmond, IN.

2007 Leroy Jenkins, jazz violist and violist and composer (The Mother of Three Sons) dies.

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