

# 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.

## 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 1

*You have definite artistic tendencies that should be developed to your good advantage. You have faith in yourself and your ability and will be successful. You are honest, frank, good nature and sincere in your affections. You will win a deep and lasting love.*

**1841** Blanche Kelso Bruce, the second African American to be elected to Congress and the first to serve a full term is born in Farmville, VA.

**1889** Marguerite Young Alexander, one of the founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is born in Springfield, IL.

**1892** Anna M. Mangin is awarded patent for a pastry folk.

**1898** Benjamin F. Jackson is awarded patent 599,985 for a heating apparatus.

**1905** Benjamin J. Smith, jazz alto and tenor saxophonist and clarinetist is born in Memphis, TN.

**1911** Walter Davis, blues singer and pianist is born in Grenada, MS.

**1914** Ralph Waldo Ellison, author (Invisible Man) is born in Oklahoma City, OK.

**1924** Wilmer Joseph Harris, Negro League Baseball player is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1925** Homer Plessy, American plaintiff in the US Supreme Court decision in Plessy v. Ferguson dies in New Orleans, LA.

**1927** (Harold George) Harry Belafonte, Jr., actor and singer is born in New York, NY.

**1928** Willie L. Mitchell, record producer and arranger (Hi Records label) is born in Ashland, MS.

**1930** Raymond St. Jacques actor (Cotton Comes to Harlem) is born in Hartford, CT.

**1932** Oliver Sain, saxophonist, bandleader and songwriter (Don't Mess Up A Good Thing) is born in Dundee, MS.

**1939** Juan Leovigildo Brouwer Mezquida, composer and guitarist is born in Havana, Cuba.

**1939** Warren Davis singer with The Monotones (Book of Love) is born in Newark, NJ.

**1945** (Winston Rodney) Burning Spear, reggae singer and musician is born in Saint Ann, Jamaica.

**1947** Norman Connors, drummer and composer (You Are My Starship) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1948** (Winston Rodney) Burning Sphere, Reggae and Rastafari singer is born in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.

**1952** Mercedes Gilbert, novelist and actor (Moon Over Harlem) dies in New York, NY.

**1952** Steven Barnes, science fiction writer (Andromeda) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1953** Thomas 'Hollywood' Henderson, National Football League player is born in Austin, TX.

**1957** (John Cornelius) Johnny Ray, Major League Baseball player is born in Chouteau, OK.

**1965** Claude Vilgrain, National Hockey League player is born in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

**1965** (Robert Booker Tio Huffman) Booker T, professional wrestler is born in Houston, TX.

**1966** Don Lemon, journalist on CNN is born in Baton Rouge, LA.

**1968** (Richard Serrell) Richie Rich, rap artist (Don't Do It) is born in Oakland, CA.

**1970** Yolanda Evette Griffith, Women's National Basketball Association player is born in Chicago, IL.

**1970** Lucille Nelson Hegamin, blues singer dies in New York, NY.

**1972** Jimmy O'Neal Hurst, Major League Baseball player is born in Tuscaloosa, AL.

**1973** (Mayce Edward) Chris Webber, National Basketball Association player is born in Detroit, MI.



Yolanda Evette Griffith

**1974** (Robert Henry) Bobby Timmons, pianist dies in New York, NY.

**1980** Emmitt Littleton Ashford, first African American Umpire in Major League Baseball dies in Venice, CA.

**1983** Lupita Nyong'o, director and actor (12 Years a Slave) is born in Mexico City, Mexico.

**1984** Naima Mora, fashion model and the winner of cycle 4 of America's Next Top Model is born in Detroit, MI.

**1986** (Ettore Ewen) Big E Langston, professional wrestler is born in Tampa, FL.

**1987** (Frederick William) Freddie Green, jazz guitarist (Count Basie orchestra) dies.

**1989** Marcus Ryan Harris, National Football League player is born in Kirkwood, MO.

**2000** Odell Barnes, convicted murdered dies in Huntsville, TX.

**2006** Johnny Porter Jackson, drummer for The Jackson 5 dies in Gary, IN.

**2012** (Melvin Randolph) Randy Primas, Jr., first African American mayor of Camden, New Jersey dies in Chapel Hill, NC.

**2013** Gaynelle Griffin Jones, first African American woman to serve on the First Court of the Texas Courts of Appeals dies in Houston, TX.

## March 2

*Practice sincerity, patience and diligence in your ambition and everyday life. Be less skeptical. You have great self-control and psychic powers and are an excellent conversationalist. You have many friends, prefer the company of the opposite sex but are well liked by your own.*

**1906** (Theodore Roosevelt) Blind Teddy Darby, blues singer and guitarist is born in Henderson, KY.

**1921** Mitchell Higginbotham, member of the Tuskegee Airmen is born in Amherst, VA.

**1922** (Edward) Eddie 'Lockjaw' Davis, jazz tenor saxophonist is born in New York, NY.

**1928** John Thomas Chambers, Jr. first African American mayor of Annapolis, Maryland is born in Annapolis, MD.

**1932** Frank E. Petersen, Jr., first African American Marine Corp General is born in Topeka, KS.

**1934** (Douglas) Dog Watkins, jazz double bassist is born in Detroit, MI.

**1938** Lawrence Albert Payton, singer with The Four Tops, is born in Detroit, MI.

**1941** David Satcher, Surgeon General in the US is born in Anniston, AL.

**1942** (Charles Henry) Charlie Christian, jazz guitarist dies in New York, NY.

**1944** Elaine R. Jones, first female director-counsel and president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund is born in Norfolk, VA.

**1957** Hansen Clarke, US Representative from Michigan is born in Detroit, MI.

**1957** Mark E. Dean, computer engineer and inventor of the first one-gigahertz computer processor chip is born in Jefferson City, TN.

**1960** (Michael Cary) Mike Woodard, Major League Baseball player is born in Melrose Park, IL.

**1960** (Roy Donahue) R. Don Peebles, real estate entrepreneur and author (The Pebles Principles: Tales and Tactics from an Entrepreneur's Life of Winning Deals, Succeeding in Business and Creating a Fortune from Scratch) is born in Washington, DC.

**1962** (Scott) LaRock Sterling, DJ and co-founder of Boogie Down Productions is born in South Ozone Park, Queens, NY.

**1963** Suzette Charles (DeGeatano) singer and Miss America is born in Mays Landing, NJ.

**1965** (Ronald Edwin) Ron Gant, television host (Good Day Atlanta) is born in Victoria, TX.

**1974** Anthony Marcus Sanders, Major League Baseball player is born in Tucson, AZ.

**1976** Jazmin Lewis, actor (Traci Townsend) is born in Cleveland, OH.

**1982** Sharon Carpenter, broadcast journalist and television host (BET) is born in England.

**1985** (Reginald Alfred) Reggie Bush, Jr., National Football League player is born in Spring Valley, CA.

**1991** (Lemuel) Lem Tucker, first African American to work as a television network reporter dies.

**1993** B. Doyle Mitchell, chairman and president of the fourth largest minority owned bank dies in Washington, DC.

**1994** Kofi Siriboe, actor (The Longshots) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1994** Cornelius Robinson Coffee, first African American to hold both a pilot's and mechanic's license and the first to establish an aeronautical school in the US dies in Chicago, IL.

**2003** (John Henry Kendricks) Hank Ballard, singer and songwriter (The Twist) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

**2001** Jessie M. Rattley, first African American and first woman mayor of Newport News, Virginia dies in Newport News, VA.

## February 24

*You have a magnetic personality and should take care that this gift does not lead you into difficulties. You are passionate and your emotions sometimes overpower you but your love, though fervent, is constant. You like and appreciate music and have some musical ability.*

**1900** Ruby Dandridge, actor (A Hold in the Head) and mother of Dorothy Dandridge is born in Wichita, KS.

**1905** Ariel Williams Holloway, poet of the Harlem Renaissance (Shape Them Into Dreams) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1906** (Albany Leon) Barney Bigard, clarinet and tenor sax player is born in New Orleans, LA.

**1907** (Leonard Lionel Cornelius Canegata) Canada Lee, actor (Native Son) is born in New York, NY.

**1911** Elmer 'Kid Violent' Ray, professional heavy-weight boxer is born in Federal Point, FL.

**1913** Margaret Allison (Richardson) Bonds, composer ((The Negro Speaks of Rivers) and pianist is born in Chicago, IL.

**1929** (William) Billy Anderson, National Football League player is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1940** Willie Chambers, singer with the Chambers Brothers is born in Lee County, MS.

**1945** Hattie Winston, actor (Becker) is born in Lexington, MS.

**1949** Jesse Harrison Jefferson, Major League Baseball player is born in Midlothian, VA.

**1949** Gloria Hendry, actor (For the Love of Ivy) is born in Winter Haven, FL.

**1950** Randall Pinkston, correspondent for CBS news is born in Yazoo County, MS.

**1951** Benny Jewell Barnes, National Football League player is born in Lufkin, TX.

**1951** Johnny Porter Jackson, drummer for The Jackson 5 is born in Gary, IN.

**1954** Robert Gossett, actor (The Closer) is born in The Bronx, NY.

**1955** Darnell Williams, actor (All My Children) is born in London, England.

**1960** Paul Anthony (George), actor (House Party) and rap artist with Full Force is born in Brooklyn, NY.

**1962** Jackie Joyner-Kersey, heptagonal Olympic gold medalist is born in East St. Louis, MO.

**1962** Herschel Walker, National Football League player is born in Wrightsville, GA.

**1963** Jessie Loftin Britt, Jr., National Football League player is born in Suffolk, VA.

**1966** (Anthony Terrell Smith) Tone Loc, rap artist (Wild Thing) and actor is born in Los Angeles, CA.

**1970** (James Edgar) Jimmy Claxton, first African American to play organized whit baseball in the twentieth century dies in Tacoma, WA.

**1970** Angela McGlowan, political commentator and CEO of Political Strategies & Insights (PSI) is born in Oxford, MS.

**1970** Audrey Puente, meteorologist for WWOR-TV in New York (daughter of Tito Puente) is born in New York, NY.

**1981** (Wesley Eric Weston, Jr.) Lil Flip, rap artist (U Gota Feel Me) is born in Houston, TX.

**1984** Santonio Holmes, National Football League player is born in Belle Glade, FL.

**1986** Eric Michael-Jay Farris, Major League Baseball player is born in Sacramento, CA.

**1987** Rosina Harvey Corrothers-Tucker, leader of the local Women's Economic Councils, forerunner of the International Ladies auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters dies in Washington, DC.

**1988** Jason Adjepong Worlids, National Football League player is born in Rahway, NJ.

**1989** Haley Marie Norman, actor and model on NBC's game show Deal or No Deal is born in Agoura Hills, CA.

**1991** Rodney Glen King is beaten by the Los Angeles Police Department.

**2005** Dorris Henderson, folk music singer and Auto-harp player dies in the United Kingdom

**2013** (Robert Edward) Bobby Rogers, singer with the Miracles dies in Southfield, MI.

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