

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 are 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

March 8

With your keen appreciation for good literature and music, you would make a good critic of both. Although you are, frank, straightforward, scrupulous and honest, you like personal attention and are apt to seek it. Your love is steadfast and your friendship lasting.

1825 Alexander Thomas Augusta, first African American physician to head Freedmen's Hospital is born in Norfolk, VA.

1898 P. Walker is awarded patent 600,241 for bait holder.

1902 Louise Beavers, actress (*Imitation Of Life*) is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1911 Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., lobbyist for the NAACP is born in Baltimore, MD.

1916 Harold Cruse, co-founder of Black Arts Theater in Harlem, teacher and author (*The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*) is born in Petersburg, VA.

1935 George Edward Coleman, saxophonist is born in Memphis, TN.

1937 (Raynoma Mayberry Liles Gordy) Ray Singleton, record producer (*Somebody's Watching Me*) and wife of Barry Gordy is born in Detroit, MI.

1942 (Richard Anthony) Dick Allen, Major League Baseball player is born in Wampun, PA.

1943 George Watson, recipient of the Medal of Honor dies in Porloh Harbor, New Guinea.

1943 (Sweet) Charles Sherrell, bassist who played with James Brown is born in Nashville, TN.

1951 Lloyd Tevis Miller, medical director of the Afro American Hospital in Yazoo City, Mississippi dies in Yazoo City, MS.

1953 (James Edward) Jim Rice, Major League Baseball player is born in Anderson, SC.

1954 James Edward Hunter, National Football League player is born in Silisbee, TX.

1957 Carl Brewer, first African American mayor of Wichita, Kansas is born in Wichita, KS.

1957 (William Edward) Billy Childs, pianist is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1959 Lester Don Holt, Jr. journalist and anchor of the Today Show weekend edition, NBC Nightly News and Dateline NBC is born in Marin County, CA.

1960 (Charles Linwood) Buck Williams, National Basketball Association player is born in Rocky Mount, NC.

1964 Cheryl 'Salt' James, rap artist is Salt-n-Pepa is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1965 (Kenneth) Kenny Smith, National Basketball Association player and television analyst is born in Queens, NY.

1965 (Tadley Ewing Peake) Tadd Dameron, pianist, arranger and composer (*If You Could See Me Now*) dies in New York, NY.

1969 Keithen McCant, National Football League player is born.

1970 Van Hunt, singer, multi-instrumentalist and record producer is born in Dayton, OH.

1972 Tommy Smalls, African American radio disc jockey (*Dr. Jive*) in New York dies in New York, NY.

1973 Boris Frederic Cecil Tay-Natey Ofuately Kodjoe, actor (*Soul Food*) is born in Vienna, Austria.

1976 Hines Ward, National Football League player is born in Seoul, Korea.



Louise Beavers

1988 Harold Pierce, founder of Harold's Chicken Shack restaurant chain dies in Kankakee, IL.

1993 (William Clarence) Billy Eckstine, singer and bandleader dies in Pittsburgh, PA.

2005 Ahmos Zu-Bolton, playwright and poet (*A Niggered Amen: Poems*) dies in Washington, DC.

2005 William Henry Smith is executed by the state of Ohio for rap and murder in Lucasville, OH.

March 9

Although spiritually inclined, you enjoy outside interest of the higher type. Your home life is very dear to you. You are careful and a good planner, a real leader and have the faculty of being able to interest others in the things that interest you. You would make a devoted parent.

1865 Margaret Murray Washington, educator and third wife of Booker T. Washington is born in Macon, MS.

1895 Rebecca Davis Lee Crumpler, first African American woman physician in the US dies in Hyde Park, MA.

1897 Oscar Stanton De Priest, the first African American congress elected from a northern state (Illinois) is born in Florence, AL.

1897 W. H. Jackson is awarded patent 578,641 for a railway switch.

1922 Roscoe C. Brown, Tuskegee Airman is born in Washington, DC.

1922 Floyd Bixler McKissick, the first African American to graduate from the University of North Carolina is born in Asheville, NC.

1930 (Lawrence Glenn Hope) Larry Raines, Major League Baseball player is born in St. Albans, WV.

1930 Ornette Coleman saxophonist is born in Fort Worth, TX.

1932 (Granville William) Mickey Roker, jazz drummer is born in Miami, FL.

1933 Lloyd Price, singer (*Mr. Personality*) is born in Kenner, LA.

1945 Laura Lee (Newton) soul and gospel singer (*To Win Your Heart*) is born in Chicago, IL.

1948 Jeffrey Osborne, drummer, songwriter and singer (*Every Time I Turn Around Back In Love Again*) with LTD is born in Providence, RI.

1955 Matthew Alexander Henson, the first man to reach the North Pole dies in The Bronx, NY.

1956 Amanda Christina Elizabeth Aldridge (*Montague Ring*), opera singer dies.

1961 Darrell Walker, National Association Basketball player and coach is born in Chicago, IL.

1961 Wilbur Sweatman, ragtime and Dixieland jazz composer dies in New York, NY.

1969 (Chris Wayne Jackson) Mahmoud Abdul-Raul, National Basketball Association player is born in Gulfport, MS.

1971 Emmanuel Lewis, actor (*Webster*) is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1971 (Corey Miller) C-Murder, rap artist is born in New Orleans, LA.

1974 (Harris) Harry Womack (brother of Bobby Womack), singer dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1980 (Howard Bailey, Jr) Chingy, rap artist (*Right Thurr*) and actor (*Yo Momma*) is born in St. Louis, MO.

1985 (Robert Alexander) Bumps Blackwell, bandleader, songwriter, arranger and record producer dies in Hacienda Heights, Whittier CA.

1985 Selwyn Birchwood, blues guitarist and vocalist

(*Don't Call No Ambulance*) is born in Orlando, FL.

1987 (Shad Gregory Moss) Bow Wow, rap artist (*Beware of Dog*) is born in Columbus, OH.

1997 (Christopher George Latore Wallace) The Notorious B.I.G., rap artist, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

2004 Coleridge Taylor Perkinson, composer (*For Birds With Love*) dies in Chicago, IL.

2005 George Scott, singer (*The Blind Boys Of Alabama*) dies.

2010 William Henry Davis, Major League Baseball player dies in Burbank, CA.

2012 Willye F. Clayton Dennis, founder of 'Fam-Co Learning and Development Center and 'Florida state legislator dies.

March 10

With a quick perception and a keen understanding of human nature, you are led by suggestions rather than by force. The love and friendship you inspire are true and lasting and you have no real enemies. You are observing, like to travel and will do so extensively.

1845 Hallie Quinn Brown author (*Homespun Heroines and Other Women of Distinction*) is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1856 Augustus Walley, Buffalo Soldier and recipient of the Medal of Honor is born in Reistertown, MD.

1866 Amanda Christina Elizabeth Aldridge, opera singer is born in Upper Norwood, London England.

1896 D. N. Roster is awarded patent 556,166 for a feather curler.

1907 (Ella Victoria Smith) Victoria Earle Matthews, newspaperwoman and author (*Aunt Lindy*) dies in New York, NY.

1908 Vernon Dahmer, president of the Forrest County chapter of the NAACP is born in Forrest County, MS.

1913 Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and Underground Railroad leader dies in Auburn, NY.

1935 Dexter Tisby, second tenor singer with The Penguins (*Earth Angel*) is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1937 Victor Emilio Dreke Cruz, leader in the Cuban revolutionary armed forces is born in Sagua La Grande, Cuba.

1950 Aloma Wright, actor (*Scrubs*) is born in New York, NY.

1951 Calvert McNair, gospel singer (*The Sensational Nightingales*) is born.

1961 Andray Johnson, actor (*Blade*) is born in Chicago, IL.

1961 (Pamela Donielle) Pam Oliver, sportscaster known for her work on the sidelines of various National Basketball Association and National Football League games is born in Dallas, TX.

1964 Jasmine Guy, actor (*A Different World*) is born in Boston, MA.

1966 Flora Hyacinth, track and field athlete is born in the Virgin Islands.

1972 (Timothy Zachery Mosley) Timbaland, rap artist and producer is born in Norfolk, VA.

1977 (Julian Jawonn) Tike Redman, Major League Baseball player is born in Tuscaloosa, AL.

1979 Edi Gathegi, actor (*House*) is born in Nairobi, Kenya.

1982 Keke Wyatt, singer (*Soul Sista*) is born in Indianapolis, IN.

1983 Lashinda Demus, 400-meter hurler is born in Inglewood, CA.

1987 Martellus Demond Bennett, National Football League player is born in Houston, TX.

1987 (Adele) Emeli Sande (*Gouraguine*) singer (*Never Be Your Woman*) is born in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear England.

1990 Greg Childs, National Football League player is born in Warren, AR.

1991 Etheridge Knight, poet (*Poems From Prison*) dies in Indianapolis, IN.

1993 Camille Howard, pianist and singer (*X Tempore Boogie*) dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1997 (Dolores) Lavern Baker, singer (*Tweedlee Dee*) dies in Queens, NY.

2002 Shirley Scott, organist dies in Philadelphia, PA.

2005 (Jacqueline) Jackie Neal, blues singer (*Right Thang, Wrong Man, The Way We Roll*) is shot in Baton Rouge, LA.

2011 Emmett John Rice, second African American to serve on the Federal Reserve Board (father of Susan Rice) dies in Camas, WA.

2013 Robert Chrisman, poet, scholar and founding editor and publisher of *The Black Scholar* dies in San Francisco, 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.