Lou Diamond Phillips (February 17, 1962 – Present)

Lou Diamond Phillips was born at the Subic Bay Naval Station in the Philippines. He was named after United State Marine Corps legend Leland “Lou” Diamond. He took his stepfather’s surname Phillips as his own after his father died. Raised in Texas, he went to the University of Texas at Arlington with a BFA in Drama. His breakthrough came when he starred as Ritchie Valens in the film La Bamba in 1987. Phillips has been in a lot of notable films including Young Guns, Young Guns II, Courage Under Fire and many more. In 1996 he made his Broadway duet in The King and I and also played a main character (Henry Standing Bear) in the television series Longmire.

Michelle Wie (1989 – present)

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii to her father Wie Byung-Wook and her mother Boe Wie. She is the only child of immigrant parents from South Korea who came to the United States in the 1980’s. Wie began playing golf at the age of four, and at the age of 10 became the youngest player ever to qualify for a USGA amateur championship. In 2003 she became the youngest-ever winner of the US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship. That same year, at the age of 13, she made her first appearance in an LPGA Major tournament. Just before her 16th birthday she turned pro in October 2005. She had already proven herself worthy of competing against both men and women on the PGA and LPGA tours. She won her first major at the 2014 U.S. Women’s Open.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (March 15, 1933 – Present)

Born in Brooklyn, New York of Nathan and Celia Bader. Her father was a Jewish immigrant and her mother was born in New York to Austrian Jewish parents. She earned her bachelor’s degree in government from Cornell University in 1954, finishing first in her class. She was one of 8 women to attend Harvard Law School becoming, becoming the first female of the prestigious Harvard Law Review. To join her husband in New York City she transferred to Columbia Law School and graduated first in her class. There she stayed until she received a Ph.D. in 1940. She moved to Chicago and became involved with tenant organizing and various socialist caus es. In 1953 she met, and later married, Jimmy Boggs, an autoworker and black activist in Detroit while working on the Socialist Workers Party newsletter. Lee became involved in the black power movement and was a founding member of Detroit’s Asian Political Alliance. Grace would continue working as a writer, speaker and civil rights activist until her death in 2015.

Emma Lazarus (1849 – 1887)

Grace Lee Boggs (1915 – 2015)

Born to an upper-class Sephardic Jewish family in New York. She was an American author of poetry, prose, and translations, as well as an activist. She wrote the sonnet “The New Colossus” in 1883, which includes “lines of world-wide welcome”. Its lines appear inscribed on a bronze plaque on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, installed in 1903, a decade and a half after Lazarus’s death. Her father supported her education and encouraged her writing. When she was 17, her father privately published a book of her poems. Shortly after Lazarus sent a copy to Ralph Waldo Emerson who soon became a trusted friend and mentor. Lazarus used her poems and essays to speak out against the persecution of Jews in Europe and the growing anti-Semitism in the United States and abroad. In addition to writing, Lazarus volunteered at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and visited Russian refugees living in poor conditions in New York City. She also helped establish the Hebrew Technical Institute in New York to provide Jewish immigrants with vocational training and in 1883 she formed the Society for the Improvement of women and working with the ACLU’s Women’s Rights Project.

Jerry Stiller (June 8, 1927 – Present)

Jerry Stiller was born in Brooklyn New York on June 8, 1927. His family is Jewish. After serving in World War II, he attended Syracuse University earning a bachelor’s degree in Speech and drama in 1950. He married Anne Meara in 1955. They started being a comedy team. The comedy team Stiller and Meara was successful in the 1960’s and 1970’s with appearances on TV, mainly on The Ed Sullivan Show. They also became the hosts of the HBO Sneak Previews and half hour show produced monthly on which they described the movies and programs to be featured in the coming month. Stiller is known for his angry, yelling acting style. Jerry Stiller is known for his roles as Frank Costanza on the NBC sitcom Seinfeld and Arthur Spooner on the CBS comedy series The King of Queens.##