



DIVISION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS CULTURAL EDUCATION

APRIL 2017

HISTORICAL CULTURAL CALENDAR

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE
TO THE 65TH
CARNIVAL
CELEBRATION**



**ADULT VILLAGE,
ST. THOMAS, USVI**



**CHILDREN PARADE
ST. THOMAS, USVI**



**ADULT PARADE
ST. THOMAS, USVI**



**HORSE RACE
ST. THOMAS, USVI**



FOOD FAIR ST. THOMAS, USVI

APRIL 1st:

1961:

Emile Alphonse Griffith became World Welterweight Champion. He was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame years later.



Courtesy of:

Text: <http://www.stonewallvets.org/EmileGriffith.htm>

Picture: <http://www.stonewallvets.org/EmileGriffith.htm>

APRIL 2nd:

1964:

Act No. 1174 established a 33 member constitutional convention that met and adopted proposals that included election of governor and lieutenant governor, elected delegate to the House of Representatives and the right to amend the Organic Act.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: <http://celebratetheconstitution.blogspot.com/2009/09/rising-sun-at-constitutional-convention.html>

April 3rd:

1992:

Teachers in the territory
conducted a work slow
down.



Teachers do more than
just teach...

Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://www.squidoo.com/homemade-teachers-gifts>

April 4th:

1992:

Marcotte Anderson, a junior from Antilles School won the VI Citizen Bee.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: http://www.istockphoto.com/file_closeup/isolated-objects/isolated-background-objects/4645614-citizenship-award-metal.php?id=4645614

April 5th:

1973:

Athniel “Addie” Ottley was sworn in by Judge Eileen Petersen as the second Lt. Governor. He replaced David E. Mass who resigned from the Evans administration on February 20, 1973.



Courtesy of:

Text: St. Croix Avis April 6, 1973, pages 1 and 6

Picture: <http://www.wsta.vi/people/>

April 6th:

1982:

Jens Todman, a St. Thomian outfielder / first baseman for the local Twins, was signed by the Chicago Cubs.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://www.mycubstoday.com/2009/10/07/mlb-approves-sale-of-chicago-cubs-to-ricketts-family/>

April 7th:

1921:

Cyril E. King, senator,
Government Secretary, 2nd
elected Governor of the
United States Virgin
Islands was born on St.
Croix, USVI.



Courtesy of:

Text: Commemorative Booklet

Picture: http://www.viport.com/history_airports.html

April 8th:

1992:

Visiting Judge James T. Giles prevented the VI Government from imposing impact fees on any expanded WICO (West Indian Company) projects.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://picasaweb.google.com/1h/photo/7KBxzrcAABFuhe9z4WctOw>

April 9th:

1917:

**Rear Admiral James H.
Oliver was appointed
and took command
as the first Naval
Governor of the
Virgin Islands**



Courtesy of:

Text: The Umbilical Cord Harold W.L. Willocks Page

April 10th:

1921:

Hubert Harrison in his thesis Anti-imperialism and Internationalism, entitled the Virgin Islands: A Colonial Problem, ...a gang of marines went on a rampage for several days, shooting at defenseless citizens indiscriminately. These law breakers went through the streets the first night, assaulting civilians and badly injuring two...



Courtesy of:

Text: A Hubert Harrison Reader Jeffrey Perry, page 247

Picture: <http://www.caribbeaninspired.com/caribbean/books/caribbean-authors.htm>

April 11th:

1955:

By a vote of 5-3, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a District Court decision and struck down the VI Quickie Divorce law. It made the Territory's law invalid to grant divorces without requiring the spouse to swear that they intended to make their permanent home in the Islands.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News 40th anniversary edition, page 23

Picture: <http://www.examiner.com/legal-news-in-national/us-supreme-court>

April 12th:

1973:

The St. Croix Avis reported that on April 10, 1973, the British Virgin Islands announced it will issue its first coinage on June 30, 1973 in commemoration of 300 years of constitutional government there.

St. Croix Avis

Courtesy of:

Text: St. Croix Avis

Picture: <http://www.northshorestcroix.com/blog/>

April 13th:

1949:

Arthur Woodley, World-class Operatic singer was born in New York to Crucian parents .



Courtesy of:

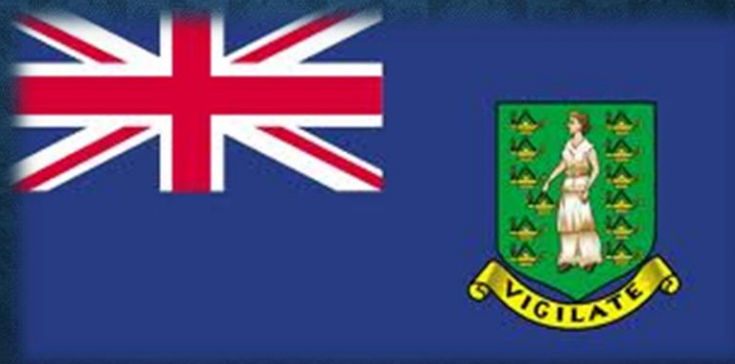
Text: Profiles of Outstanding Virgin Islanders Ruth Moolenar, page 224

Picture: http://www.seattleopera.org/bios/index.aspx?name=arthur_woodley

April 14th:

1967:

The ministerial form of government in the British Virgin Islands became effective. It allowed for residents in the U.S.V.I. to return and vote in elections there.



Courtesy of:

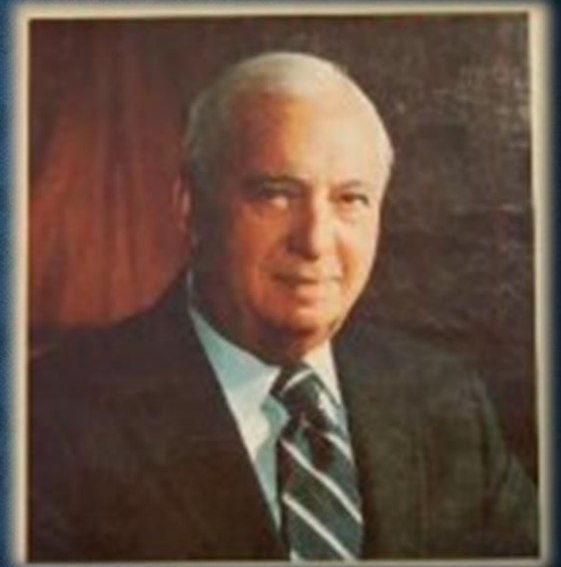
Text: St. Croix Avis April 9, 1973, page 3

Picture: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/vi.html>

April 15th:

1961:

Ralph M. Paiewonsky was inaugurated Governor of the United States Virgin Islands.



Courtesy:

Text:

Picture: <http://www.amazon.com/Memoirs-Governor-Ralph-M-Paiewonsky/dp/0814766137>

April 16th:

1982:

Cynthia Clendinen, a 7th grader of All Saints School, won the Territorial Spelling Bee title.



Courtesy:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://good-times.webshots.com/photo/2226696440080592287KDZSKL>

April 17th:

1982:

Dr. Hollis Urban
Liverpool known, as
Chalkdust, the Mighty
Chalkdust or Chalkie
defended his title as
Calypso King on St.
Thomas.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://repeatingislands.com/2009/09/24/dr-hollis-%E2%80%9Cchalkdust%E2%80%9D-liverpool-lectures-on-the-influence-of-music-in-caribbean-society/>

April 18th:

1977:

U.S. Navy Seaman Charles Roy McCloskey, Jr. received severe burns of most his body while smothering flames on a lady. He died one week later at the burn center in Houston.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture:

April 19th:

1968:

WAPA offered for public sale Electric System Bond Anticipation Notes and accepted a low bid from Chase Manhattan Bank at an annual interest rate of 420%. The new notes will mature on April 15, 1969.



Courtesy of:

Text: 1968 Annual Report Governor Paiewonsky, page 21

Picture: <https://www.customerservice.viwapa.vi/Click2GovCXP/Index.jsp>

April 20th:

1992:

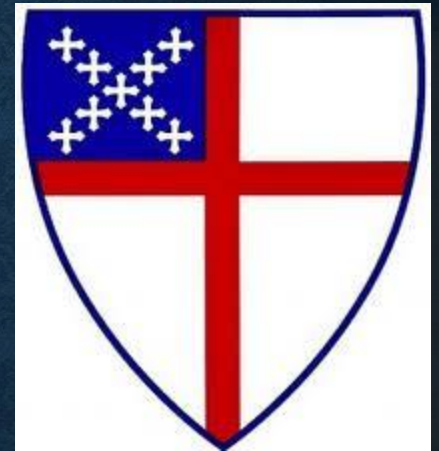
**Former Assistant Commissioner of
Public Safety and businessman,
Jens Hendricks died.**

**Courtesy of:
Text: Daily News
Picture:**

April 21st:

1992:

Ionie Baird, a founding member of St. Peter Anglican Church, was honored for her efforts to unify the church and through such actions became a role model.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://www.ststephensorinda.org/>

April 22nd:

1953:

Governor Morris F. de Castro unveiled a master plan on WSTA Radio that called for a study of residential areas, school buildings, sewage disposal, recreational areas, commercial and industrial areas...



Courtesy of:

Text: Thoughts Along the Way Ariel Melchoir page 2

Picture: http://webpac.uvi.edu/imls/pi_uvi/profiles1976/Governors/DeCastro_MF/pic.shtml

April 23rd:

**1982:
Nadir Race Track
opened.**



Courtesy:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://usa.indettaglio.it/eng/78/030/1993785.html>

April 24th:

1948:

The Virgin Islands Legislative Council petitioned Congress for \$500,000 to meet a financial deficit.



Courtesy of:

Text:

Picture: <http://www.caribbeaninspired.com/caribbean/destination/imgs/legislature500.jpg>

April 25th:

1967:

Emile Alphonse
Griffith became World
Middleweight
Champion.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: <http://www.antekprizering.com/griffithcurvis4086.html>

April 26th:

1921:

The concept or idea of a US Virgin Islands flag began with the administration of Rear Admiral Summer Ely Whitmore Kittle. He was sworn in as governor of the Islands.



Courtesy of:

Text: Wikipedia

Picture: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_United_States_Virgin_Islands

April 27th:

1977:

The Virgin Islands Medal of Honor was conferred on Terrence A. Todman for his unparalleled achievements as a United States Diplomat.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: Division of Virgin Islands Cultural Education Archives

March 28th:

1982:

Antonio Hansby of St. Thomas recorded his 2nd mainland victory as a jockey.



Courtesy of:

Text: Daily News

Picture: <http://www.ifahr.net/arabian-horse-racing.php?nr=102793>

April 29th:

1780:

After the To The Holy Cross Masonic Lodge was founded on St. Croix, King Christian VII “signed a prescript to the leaders of Freemasons, directing them that never and nowhere in any Danish land or possession should they recognize a foreign Prince of Royal Blood as Grand Master.”



Courtesy of:

Text: www.harmoniclodge.com/a_short_history_of_the_harmonic_.htm

Picture: <http://media.photobucket.com/image/free+mason+symbol+/hustlerholly/Masonic-symbol-white.png>

April 30th:

1986:

Information on the role of the Sparks family in the design of the V.I. flag was entered into the Congressional Record in Washington, D.C.



Courtesy of:

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Picture: s



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