

# **DIVISION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS CULTURAL EDUCATION**

## **APRIL 2017**

### **HISTORICAL CULTURAL CALENDAR**

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE  
TO THE 65<sup>TH</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>:

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 3<sup>rd</sup>:

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 4<sup>th</sup>:

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



# April 5<sup>th</sup>:

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 6<sup>th</sup>:

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 7<sup>th</sup>:

1921:

Cyril E. King, senator,  
Government Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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](http://www.viport.com/history_airports.html)



# April 8<sup>th</sup>:

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 9<sup>th</sup>:

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 10<sup>th</sup>:

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 11<sup>th</sup>:

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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, page 23

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



# April 12<sup>th</sup>:

**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

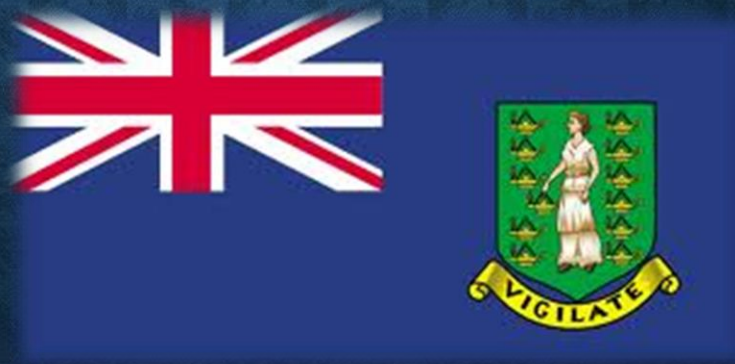
Picture: [http://www.seattleopera.org/bios/index.aspx?name=arthur\\_woodley](http://www.seattleopera.org/bios/index.aspx?name=arthur_woodley)



# April 14<sup>th</sup>:

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 15<sup>th</sup>:

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 16<sup>th</sup>:

1982:

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



Courtesy:

Text: Daily News

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



# April 17<sup>th</sup>:

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 18<sup>th</sup>:**

**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 19<sup>th</sup>:

**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 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**1992:**

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

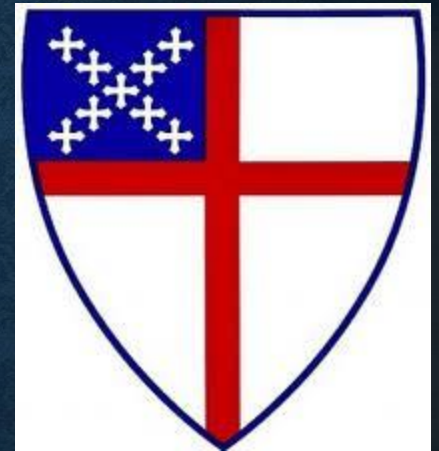
**Courtesy of:  
Text: Daily News  
Picture:**



# April 21<sup>st</sup>:

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>:

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](http://webpac.uvi.edu/imls/pi_uvi/profiles1976/Governors/DeCastro_MF/pic.shtml)

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**1982:  
Nadir Race Track  
opened.**



**Courtesy:**

**Text: Daily News**

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



# April 24<sup>th</sup>:

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 25<sup>th</sup>:

1967:

Emile Alphonse  
Griffith became World  
Middleweight  
Champion.



Courtesy of:

Text: Legislative Archives

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



# April 26<sup>th</sup>:

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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_United_States_Virgin_Islands)

**April 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**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 28<sup>th</sup>:

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 29<sup>th</sup>:

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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>:

1986:

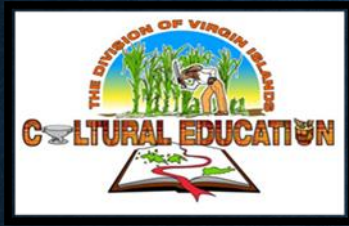
Information on the role of the Sparks family in the design of the V.I. flag was entered into the Congressional Record in Washington, D.C.



Courtesy of:

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