



# **JULY 2015**

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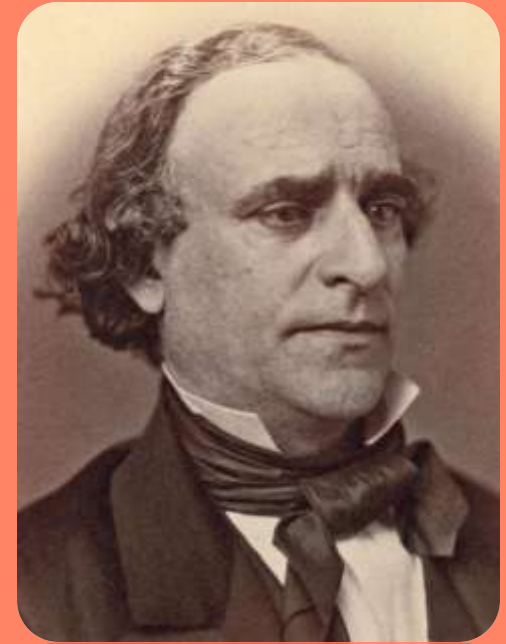
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# JULY 1<sup>st</sup>:

**1845:**

**David Levi Yulee began his almost six consecutive years serving in Congress. His most important work in the Senate was done as Chairman of Committee of Naval Affairs. He advanced the building of iron ships and the adoption of cheap ocean postal rates. Born in St. Thomas, his father made a fortune in St. Thomas in the lumber business and obtained large tracts of land in Central and East Florida.**



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

**1918:**

**With the insistence of the Naval Administration, the Colonial Council of St. Thomas / St. John passed an ordinance. It regulated the consumption of alcohol, forbade the importation, manufactured sale except for medicinal, sacramental, industrial, and scientific uses.**

## **Naval Administration**

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# JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>:

**1861:**

**World famous boxer Peter Jackson was born in Christiansted, St. Croix. In his career, he had 47 wins (32 by knockouts), 3 losses, and 4 draws. He was an Australian and British Commonwealth Heavyweight Champion.**



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Text: <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/jackson-peter-6814>

Picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter\\_Jackson\\_\(boxer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Jackson_(boxer))

# JULY 4<sup>th</sup>:

**1931:**

**Dr. Gloria Indiana George-Davis was born on St. Thomas. With her doctorate in Social Work from Columbia University, she was a professor at the graduate school of her alma mater and served as a consultant at Princeton and the University of South Carolina. She was the Director of Social Work at Harlem Hospital, the Associate Director at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, and was also central in giving definition to the Department of Social Welfare for the Virgin Islands.**



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

**2011:**

**The V.I. Tourism Department promotes the territory during a five-minute segment of NBC's "Today Show" with hosts Kathy Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb.**



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Text: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news>

Picture: Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Annual Grandparents Day Luncheon 2010

# JULY 6<sup>th</sup>:

**2011:**

**After Ronald W. Sharpe was nominated to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands by President Barack Obama, he was subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate and sworn in. Prior to his Presidential appointment, Sharpe served as the court-appointed United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, having been appointed by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Curtis V. Gomez.**



Courtesy of

Text & Picture: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/biographies/sharpe>



# JULY 7<sup>th</sup>:

**1848:**

**The Spanish troops arrived to patrol and search for rioting ex-slaves. It helped to bring control to St. Croix.**



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Picture: <http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/santiago-surrender.htm>

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

**1969:**

**Noel 'Larry' Roberts was born on St. Thomas. In his school years, he played basketball. He was the Collections Supervisor, who oversaw the branches in St. Thomas, Tortola, and St. Croix, at Banco Popular, in addition to being a skilled muffler welder. As a member of Positive Image, he managed the band.**



# JULY 9<sup>th</sup>:

**1956:**

**Verna Lady-Anne Elliott was born on Nevis, West Indies. One of her first employments was as a teacher in Nevis. As a resident of St. Thomas, she served dedicatedly and loyally as a bookkeeper, accountant, budget officer and Purchasing Supervisor. She was a Certified Government Financial Manager.**



# JULY 10<sup>th</sup>:

**1972:**

**The Legislature passed Bill #5039 to rename the park parallel with Strand Street on the east and bordered by the Fredeiksted pier on the north. It was renamed the Veterans Memorial Park in honor of all Virgin Islanders, who served in the US Armed Forces.**



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Text: Legislative Archives

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# JULY 11<sup>th</sup>:

**2004:**

**Laurance S. Rockefeller (LSR), who was instrumental in the establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park, passed away. His love of St. John, his business acumen, and his understanding of Washington ways allowed him to create the park, which saved this island from over development and preserved its unique beauty and solitude.**



Courtesy of

Text & Picture: <http://www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org/Articles/Rest-In-Peace.htm>

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

**1912:**

**John James Todman was born in Manchester, Tortola, BVI. After high school he joined the Army and Marines and served in World War II. As a skilled carpenter, he assisted in constructing many buildings to include the Old Yacht Haven, Oswald Harris Court Housing, Charlotte Amalie High School and worked at Public Works Department. He was best known as Johnny the broom-man for plaiting the local brooms from palms.**



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# JULY 13<sup>th</sup>:

**1923:**

**Thomas A. Blyden was born on Tortola, BVI. His occupational skills included farming, fishing, and carpentry. He was employed as a cabinet maker with the Housing Authority in St. Thomas. In his workshop, he made ironing boards, cabinets, and dress tables. He was a gifted guitar and mandolin player.**



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

**1935:**

**Eugene Boyd Berg was born on St. Thomas. Active in sports, he played outfielder on the Giants baseball team. He was a graduate in the first graduation class in 1955 from Charlotte Amalie High School at its present location. As a gifted electrician, he first co-partnered in Twin Electric and later owned and operated EbbElectric.**





# JULY 15<sup>th</sup>:

**1949:**

**Frederick “Chop Chop” Stephens was born. He was the District Coordinator of Roads and Highways and chairman of Governor Charles W. Turnbull’s highly successful Abandoned Vehicle and Beautification Task Force. He loved raising pit bulls, gardening, and horse racing. Serving with distinguished service in the Virgin Islands National Guard, he prepared meals for the President’s executive staff at Camp David.**



# JULY 16<sup>th</sup>:

**2010:**

**As the lionfish, a striped fish with venomous spines, invaded the waters of Virgin Islands National Park, NOAA divers identified and killed a 6-inch (15-centimeter)-long lionfish in Fish Bay along the southern coast. This marked the fourth lionfish captured and killed in the park's waters.**



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Text & Picture: <http://www.livescience.com/8447-invasive-lionfish-captured-virgin-islands-national-park.html>

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

**1906:**

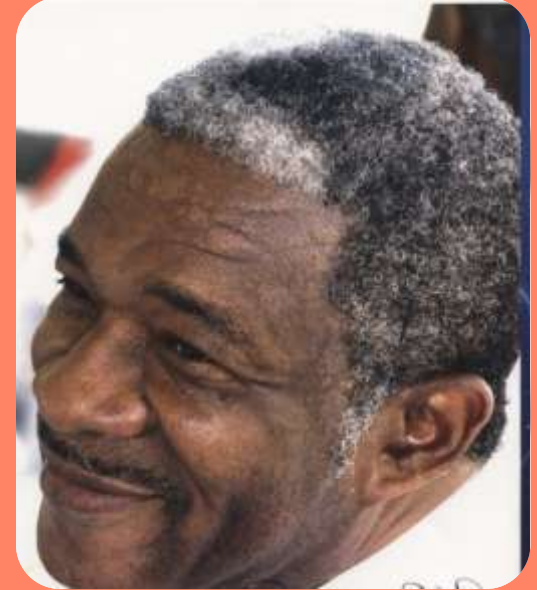
**Emelphine V. Plaskett Gottlieb was born on St. Thomas. She was a skilled cook and baker. She, along with her husband Christian Gerard Gottlieb, opened a gas station, Gottlieb's Quickway, which remains a family-run business on Veterans Drive in St. Thomas.**



# JULY 18<sup>th</sup>:

**1941:**

**Kenneth Christopher was born on St. Thomas. As an avid athlete, he boxed, ran track, played volleyball and tennis, as well as he was an excellent swimmer. He worked at the Home Journal as the offset printer, photographer, production manager, and subsequently became the owner. He also worked at Virgin Islands Daily News and St. Croix Avis and was an entrepreneur of The Picture Place on St. Croix. He taught inmates photography and offset printing at the Bureau of Corrections.**



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# JULY 19<sup>th</sup>:

**1918:**

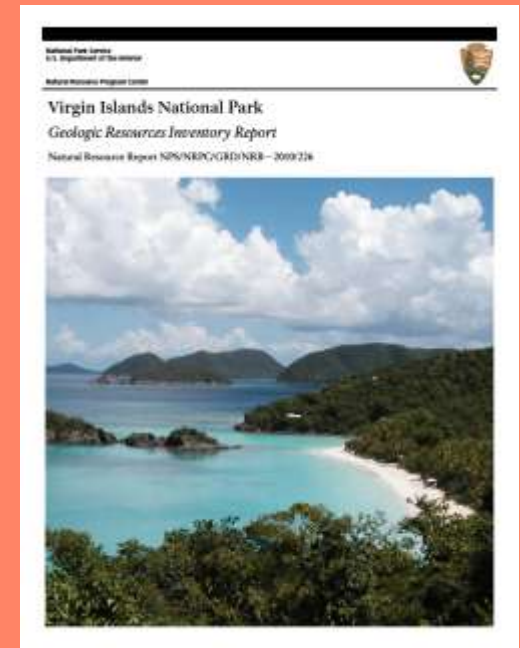
**Sylvia Boynes Frett Anderson was born on St. Croix. She was one of the founders of the East End Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tortola. She along with her husband operated a bread business in St. Thomas.**



# JULY 20<sup>th</sup>:

**2002:**

**National Parks Services Director Mainella stated before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands that the monument (Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument) should “provide for a recovery of coral reefs and associated habitats, facilitate an increase in the abundance of reef fish, sustain traditional cultural fishing practices in surrounding waters, enhance the quality of the visitor experience to the Virgin Islands, and contribute to economic growth from tourism”. This was after President Clinton proclaimed Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument to protect and preserve the delicate coral resources. The monument encompasses submerged lands adjacent to St. John, including Hurricane Hole, a well-developed tropical marine ecosystem.**



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Text & Picture:**

[http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/publications/reports/viis\\_gri\\_rpt\\_body\\_print.pdf](http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/publications/reports/viis_gri_rpt_body_print.pdf)

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

**1973:**

**The US Coast Guard was notified that the Nicole Robin, a recently purchased ferry boat by Transportation Services, on its departure from Key West, Florida was missing. The vessel was seized by Cuban patrol boats and it and its crew was held for 19 days and released after negotiations with the US State Department. Captain of the ferry was Loredon Lorence Boynes, Sr. of St. John.**



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# JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**1954:**

**Wilbur Francis was born on St. Croix. He was a highly regarded police officer. The Frederiksted Police Station was renamed the Patrolman Wilbur H. Francis Police Station by Act #4335 in his honor.**



Courtesy of

Text: Legislative Archives

Picture: [http://www.vipd.gov.vi/about\\_us/Contact\\_Us/Office\\_Locations.aspx](http://www.vipd.gov.vi/about_us/Contact_Us/Office_Locations.aspx)



# JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>:

**2013:**

**Former welterweight boxing champion and VI native boxing legend, Emile Griffith passed away at his nursing home residence in Hempstead, NY at age 75 after suffering from Parkinson's and dementia puglistica. His boxing career spanned more than 16 years and he was inducted into the VI Sports of Fame in 2001.**



**Courtesy of**

**Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, July 24, 2013, page 3**

**Picture: <http://www.boxenews.com/index.php?mylang=english>**

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

**1949:**

**Patricia Eugenie Francis was born in Savan, St. Thomas. The granddaughter of Rothschild Francis opened The Caribe Charm School, where under her guidance, it became the franchise holder for the Miss Universe Pageant in the VI. She worked in the airline, banking, public relations, and hospitality industry. She was the first Virgin Islander of the Stouffers Grand Beach Resort named as Sales Manager. She was one of the official Ambassadors of her Virgin Islands as the Assistant Director of Tourism.**



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# JULY 25<sup>th</sup>:

**1915:**

**Enid Ines Rosa Frett was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. As a resident of the Virgin Islands, she was a cook at the former Thomas Jefferson School, her husband's restaurant and the former Pilgrim's Terrace. She was one of the owners of the first Carnival Village. She was industrious in making tea bread, dumb bread, maubi and cake for sale.**



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

**1940:**

**Marlene Petersen Boschulte was born on St. Thomas. The New York Telephone Company, VITELCO, VI Department of Law, Office of Senator Lorraine L. Berry, and the VI Lottery Board of Drawing have been the recipient of her years of service. She is a former member of Renowned Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers, member of the St. Thomas Friends of Denmark Society and the reigning 2002 Ms. VI Senior America.**



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Text & Picture: Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Annual Grandparents Day Luncheon 2010



# JULY 27<sup>th</sup>:

**2013:**

**The first Virgin Islands Fresh Value Added Market Day was held at Rudolph Schulerbrandt Agriculture Complex on St. Croix. It showcased vendors, who used locally grown food in their products.**



Courtesy of

Text: Virgin Islands Daily News, July 29, 2013, page 5

Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/event-showcases-locally-grown-produce-locally-made-products-1.1721111>

# JULY 28<sup>th</sup>:

**1920:**

**Olencia Hodge was born on St. John. After relocating to St. Thomas, she was gainfully employed and became a hard worker in house, hotel, and public work. She had a knack for gardening and was a gifted talented poet.**



# JULY 29<sup>th</sup>:

**2013:**

**The Virgin Islands Daily News announced that local Boy Scout Matthew Edwards recently earned the highest advancement of becoming an Eagle Scout award that the Boy Scouts of America offers. He is the 11<sup>th</sup> scout to become an Eagle Scout in Troop 227, which was chartered by Country Day School.**



**Courtesy of**

**Text: VI Daily News, July 29, 2013, page 2**

**Picture: <http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/matthew-edwards-achieves-scouting-s-highest-rank-1.1527520>**

# JULY 30<sup>th</sup>:

**2007:**

**After the Human Resources Department and the University Compensation Committee developed a formal Performance Incentive Awards Program that was documented, it was presented and approved by the Executive Committee of the Boards of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands.**



Courtesy of

Text: University of the Virgin Islands 2006-2007 President's Report, page 8

Picture: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University\\_of\\_the\\_Virgin\\_Islands](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_the_Virgin_Islands)



# JULY 31<sup>st</sup>:

**1935:**

**Julien Phillips was born on St. Thomas. As a musician from an early age, he played the steel pan and saxophone with bands such as Gabo and the Caribbean Special, Milo and the Kings, the Trends and the Harry Lang Combo and is one of the founders of Modern Moods in 1957. His athletic abilities have allowed him to be involved in paddle ball, tennis, softball, volleyball and basketball with the Dukes Team.**



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