

FEBRUARY 2017 HISTORICAL CULTURAL CALENDAR

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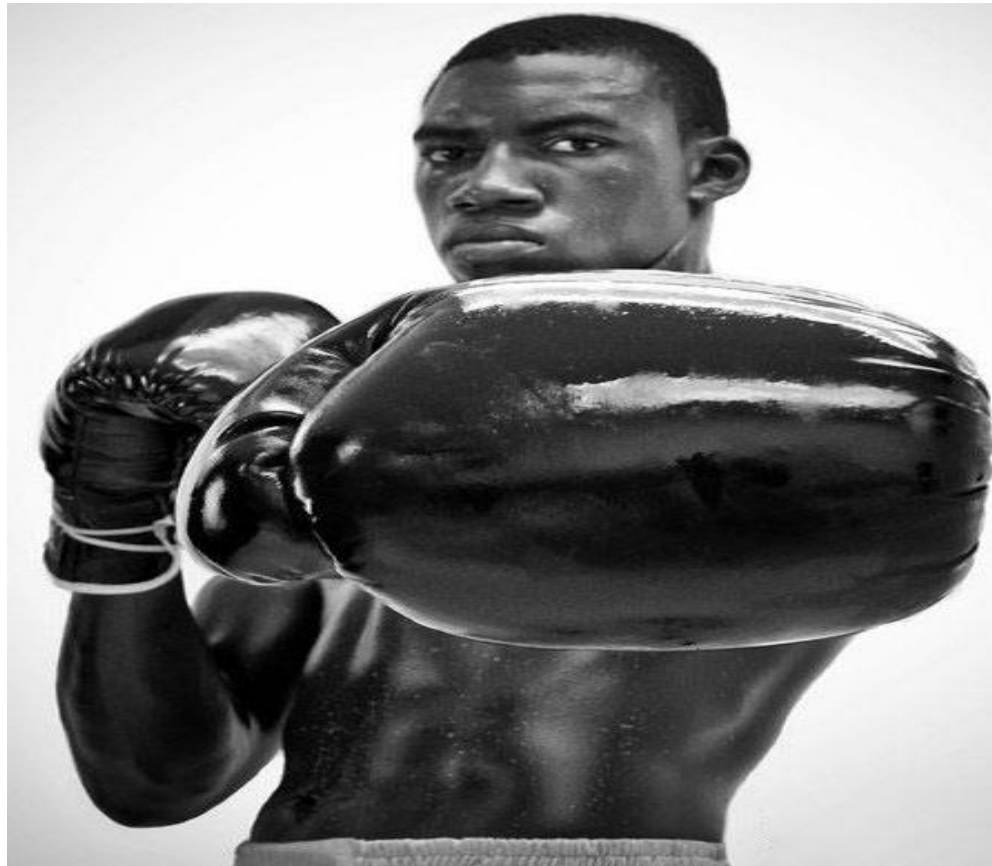
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**TODAYS PROFESSIONAL
ATHLETES REPRESENTING THE
UNITED STATES VIRGIN
ISLANDS**

Julius Jackson



Akeel Morris



Pharel Cotton



Rakeem Christmas



Clayton Laurent Jr.



Darryl Homer



February 1st :

1871: The Governor's official residence was changed from Christiansted, St. Croix to Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas



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Text & Picture(Charles W. Turnbull Manuscript)

February 2nd:

2014 : St. Croix turns out for Haiti, Bruce Wilson founder of the annual Haiti Community Support along with volunteers and helpers celebrate their 11th fundraiser at Mt. Victory Camp in St. Croix rainforest. All the money raised goes directly to the organization project in Haiti to help Haiti's children.



Courtesy of

Text: The Virgin Islands Daily New February 3, 2014 page 7

February 3rd:

2014 : The Virgin Islands Daily News announced that the V.I acquires land in northwestern St. Croix that seemed culturally significant. The forested land is considered historically, culturally and environmentally significant. Officials hope the land would become the cornerstone of a Territorial Park to honor the runaway enslaved Africans in whom the area was named.

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Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News February 3, 2014 page



February 4th:

2014: Archaeologists have been working on a Main Street excavation site in St. Thomas, Charlotte Amalie unearths 2,000-year-old trash heap. Archeologist along with volunteers work together to retrieve as much artifacts as they can before the construction on the road reopens. Thousands of fragments have been found, varying from pieces of shell, pottery, bones, to crystal beads. It's said that the pit have been more of a treasure trove than a dump.

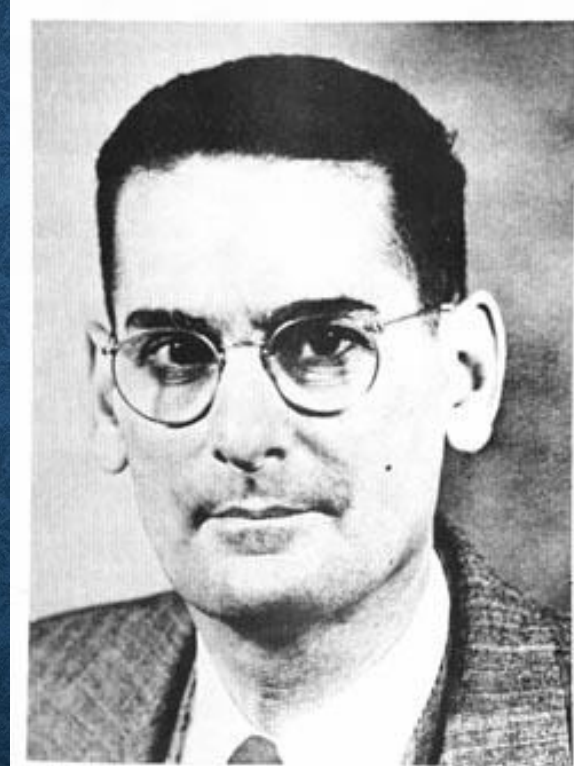


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Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News February 4, 2014

February 5th:

1902 : Morris F. De Castro, the first Virgin Islander to be named Government Secretary, Commissioner of Finance and the 5th civilian appointed governor of the Virgin Islands. By the end of his term, he had established four health centers throughout the Virgin Islands.



Morris F. De Castro
1902-1966
Governor

Courtesy of

Text: February 5, 1902 Profiles of Outstanding Virgin Islanders Ruth Moolenaar page 58 Picture:

February 6th:

2013 : Wyndham Worldwide Corporation announces that the former Renaissance Branch Beach Resort on St. Thomas will partner with Jimmy Buffet to convert the 34-acre property to Margaritaville Vacation Club timeshare resort.



Courtesy of
Text : The VI Daily News, January 7, 2014, page

February 7th:

2014: St. Thomians starring in mainland prep ranks, Malcolm Farrington despite being a eighth grader he is turning heads on the Florida high School basketball scene. Due to his successful year, Malcolm was recognized and awarded by the Miami Heat and the Miami Herald for his outstanding academic achievement and sportsmanship.



Courtesy of
Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News February 7, 2014

February 8th:

2012: The 29th Legislature votes against the lease agreement for Alpine Energy group to use government land in Bovoni for a waste-to-energy facility



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Text: The Virgin Islands News, February 9, 2012, page 3

February 9th:

2014: Ivanna Eudora Kean High School senior Emari Mills and Charlotte Amaile High School senior Jed Joseph, member of the V.I Future Stars Baseball Organization, signed letters of intent to accept a full baseball scholarships for the two-year to play at the Western Oklahoma State College.



Courtesy of

Text: The Virgin Islands Daily News February 10, 2014

February 10th:

1924 : Rothschild Francis' letter written to The New York Times was published. It denied D. Hamilton Jackson being a communist, as George Washington Williams (appointed Baltimore born Government Attorney of the VI) published in the February 1924 issue of the mainland periodical, Current History, entitled "The Virgin Islands under American Rule".

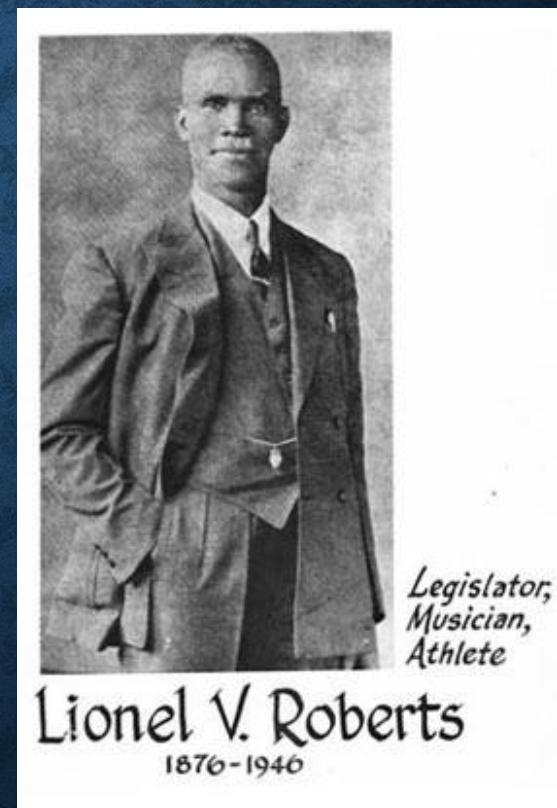
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Text: Rothschild Francis and Freedom of the Press in the USVI Islands, by William W. Boyer, page 14



February 11th:

1946: Lionel Valdemar Roberts, distinguished journalist, legislator, athlete, musicians and band leader died on St. Thomas at age 70.



Courtesy of

Text: Daily News: The Times of Our Lives page 42 and Black Facts from the Facts Man, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams

February 12th:

1983: Gloria H. Canegata, the superintendent for St. Croix 's Public Schools, was honored in St. Croix for “her many accomplishments.

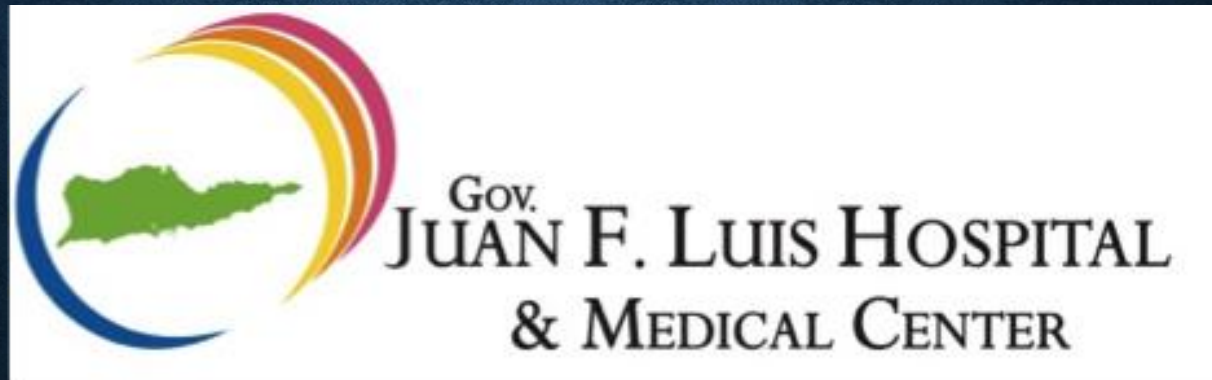


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February 13th:

2013: Juan F. Luis Hospital resists going into receivership someone who would take control and have absolute authority to hire, fire, obligate funds and change the way the hospital operates to correct the deficiencies inspectors had uncovered



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Text: The Virgin Islands News, February 13, 2013, page 4

February 14th:

2013: Luis F. Hospital 12.5% more for outpatient procedures increases during its regular board meeting on Wednesday. The board approved a contingency plan that involved eliminating certain contracts for services or reducing them to accommodate a 5% cut to its government allocations.

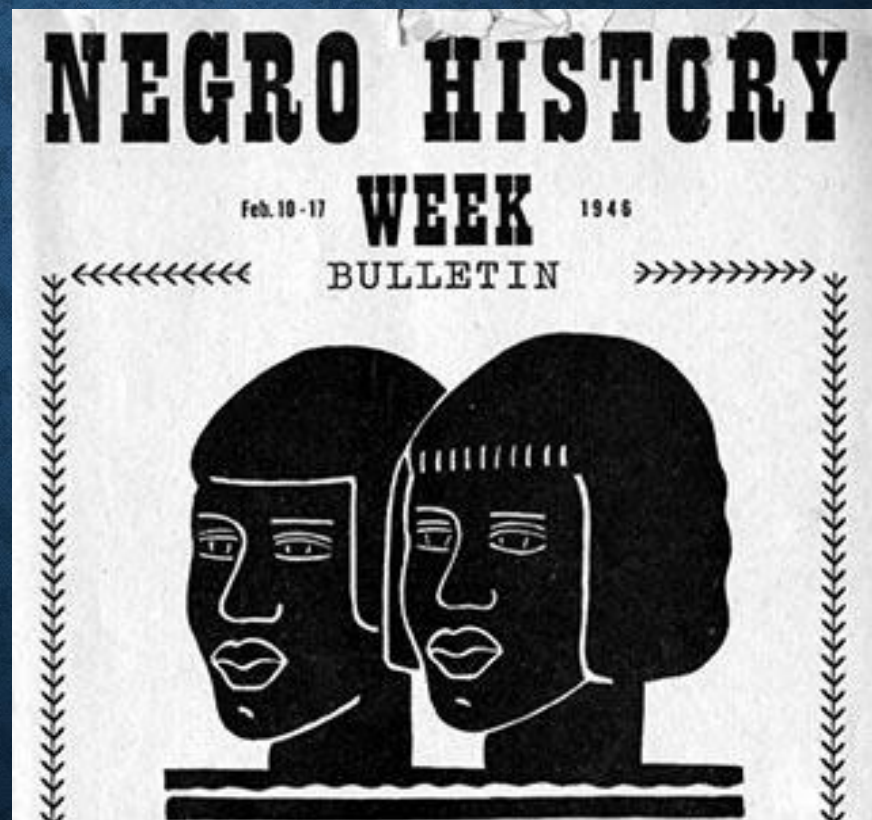


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Text: The Virgin Islands News, February 14, 2013, page 2

February 15th:

1945: A Daily News editorial stressed the value and importance of Negro History scheduled for February 13-19 throughout the nation.

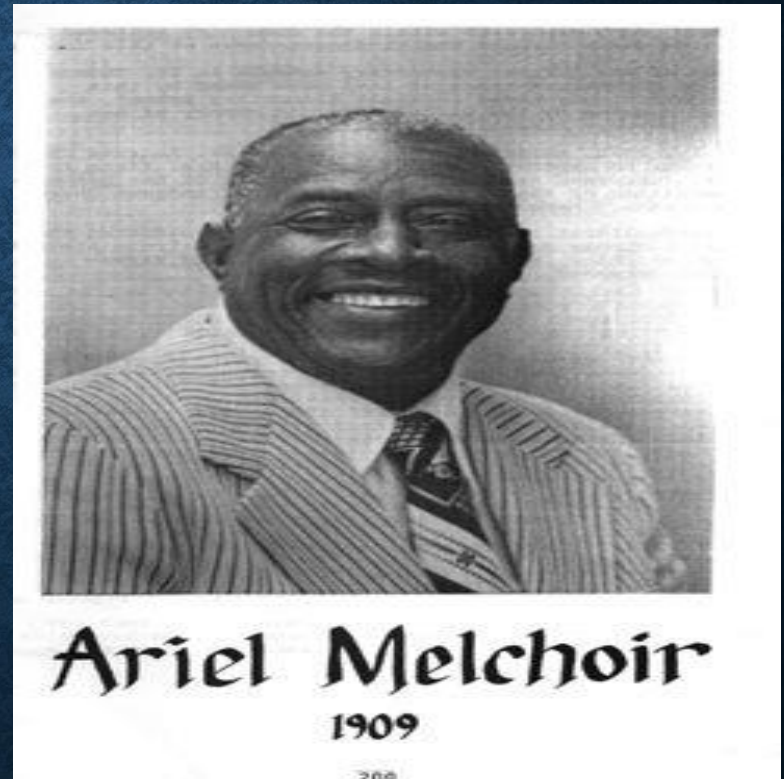


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February 16th:

1977: Ariel Melchoir, Sr. reflected on legislation introduced in the Virgin Islands to give STT/STJ and STX eight senators or go back to the old “colonial councils” separate “legislature” from STT/STJ and STX.



Courtesy of

Text: Picture: <http://www.causecast.com/blog/bid/257455/Celebrating-Martin-Luther-King-Jr-A-Day-of-Community-Service>

February 17th:

1916: President Theodore Roosevelt and first lady arrived in St. Thomas aboard the SS Guiana. He referred to St. Thomas as a “pretty little island.”



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Text: Picture: <http://wheresmymidwife.org/category/uncategorized/>

February 18th:

2012: Grantley Samuel is named the Agrifest 2012 Crop farmer of the year. Romeo Bergan is named livestock farmer of the year.



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Text: Picture: <http://ajgpr.com/parenting/virgin-islands-daily-news-reviews-dr-shapiros-new-book-take-a-deep-breath/>

February 19th:

2013: Government house issued a press release saying that HOVENSA had agreed to put the refinery up for sale.



Courtesy of

Text: Picture: <http://www.zeitgeistafrika.com/general/all-hail-the-african-diaspora-awards/>

February 20th:

2010: The 24th Annual water Island Auction for benefit of water Island Civic Association was held from 1:00pm—4:30pm and it was a huge success.



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Text: Picture: <http://www.onespace.org.uk/your-roots/west-indian-culture>

February 21st:

2013: Elena Christian Jr. High School won the 2013 St. Croix Math Counts competition.



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Text: Picture: <http://www.panoramio.com/photo/86389877?tag=St.%20Thomas>

February 22nd:

1855: The Ordinance Concerning Medical attention in the landed estates in the Island of STX and STJ received royal assent. A physician was appointed in the permanent residence in the Islands. The plantation and not the laborers were to defray the expenses incurred by the medical services.



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Text: Picture: http://www.seestjohn.com/places_annaberg_school.html

February 23rd:

**2012: Country Day School wins the 2012 St. Croix District Math counts competition
Antilles schools wins St. Thomas-St. John.**



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Text: The Virgin Islands News, February 23, 2012, page 4

February 24th:

2012: Senator Russell cancels press conference during which he originally planned to reveal the names of senators implicated in a joint federal and local audit of the 26th, 27th, and 28th legislatures that found \$6.9 million in lost revenues, unnecessary expenses and unsupported costs.

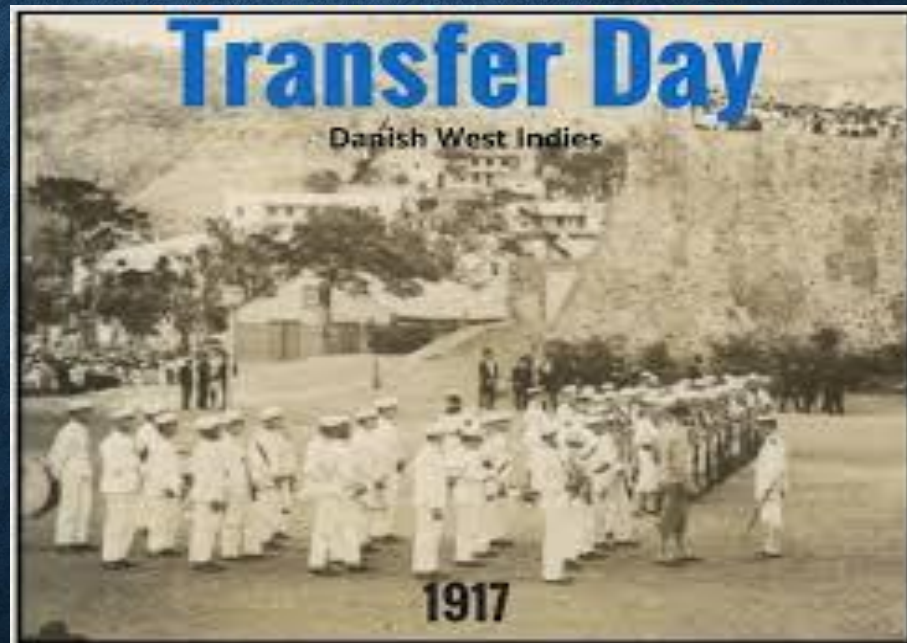


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Text: The Virgin Islands News, February 24, 2012, page 4

February 25th:

1927: A Congressional Act is approved to confer US citizenship on Virgin Islanders ten years after the transfer of the islands from the Kingdom of Denmark.



Courtesy

Text: A Virgin Islands History Guide 1665- 2005

February 26th:

1942, Paul Gordon Manager of Civilian Food Reserves of the Department of interior arrived in the V.I. to discuss the vital question of food supplies with local officials and merchants, as the U.S. joined the allied cause in World War II.



Courtesy

Text: (Daily News February 26, 1977 page 16)

February 27th:

1931, President Herbert Hoover issued an Executive Order ending Naval Rule and placing the Virgin Islands under civilian rule within the Department of the Interior.



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February 28th:

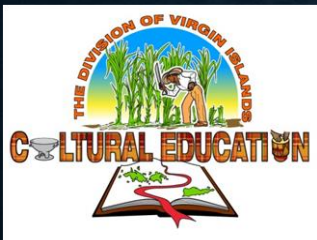
1917:

D. Hamilton Jackson was sentenced for libel, making a total—within a year after the labor agreement - of ten times he had been sentenced and fined a total of 6,090 francs.



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