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<p>1 1836: St. Croix born Johan-nes Sobotker began his second term as Governor of St. Thomas and St. John. He served for twelve years.</p> 	<p>2 1687: A Danish Commission returned a verdict of not guilty against Governor Adolph Esmit, although a number of minor irregularities in accounts were found and evidence of tampering was clear.</p> 	<p>3 1970: A runoff was held after none of the candidates - Dr. Melvin Evans, Cyril E. King, and Senator Alexander A. Farrelly, Esq - received the necessary 50% +1 votes in the general election.</p> 	<p>4 1692: A French privateer named Legendre robbed the Brandenburg of \$24,000.00 Rigsdalers and its director general and other employees of all their possessions.</p> 	<p>5 1971: Eileen Ramona Petersen of St. Croix became the first woman named to the judicial bench in the US Virgin Islands. She remained on the bench for twenty-one years before retiring. She was also the first woman to serve on the Virgin Islands Boy Scouts Council and the organization's Northeast Region. She was the first chairperson of the VI Casino Control Commission.</p> 	<p>6 1951: Grafton Theodore "Randy" Venner was born in St. Vincent. With his great love for the beautiful sound of steel pan, he was a member of the Rising Sun Steel Band. As a resident of St. Croix, he worked as a skillful mason. He also worked at HOVENSA Refinery.</p> 	<p>7 1978: Juan F. Luis / Henry Millin beat the Ron de Lugo / Eric E. Dawson team in the gubernatorial election. The Democrats also won twelve of fifteen seats.</p> 
<p>8 1912: Valeria Augustina Powell was born on St. John. In her younger years, she supported her family by washing and ironing for various individuals. Her local culinary delicacies - red peas soup, saltfish and dumpling, dumb bread, kallaloo, sweet bread, sugar cake, and maubito - satisfied many.</p> 	<p>9 1799: Denmark Vesey, known as Telemague, won \$1,500.00 in the city lottery in Charleston, South Carolina. Coming from St. Thomas, as a slave in the household of Captain Joseph Vesey, he purchased his freedom and worked as a carpenter. He then went on to become one of the heroes of America's Abolitionist Movement.</p> 	<p>10 1925: Adele Maria Derricks was born on St. Croix. Her culinary arts and baking talents were nurtured at the Conservation Camp at Hotel on the Cay. She later worked at Unitime Watch Factory as a cosmetologist and then as a paraprofessional at Evelyn Williams Elementary School.</p> 	<p>11 2010: After the local Elskoe family acquires 50% of Tramcon Inc. from Peter White in 2008, the remainder of Tramcon Inc. was sold to the Elskoes.</p> 	<p>12 1927: Julia Theresa Hansen Jones was born in Christiansted, St. Croix. Upon graduation from high school, she worked in the clerical field at the VI Water and Power Authority. Her special native dishes included red beans soup with cornmeal dumplings.</p> 	<p>13 1948: Faye Cecilia Elskoe-Liburd was born on St. Thomas. She was employed at the then Territorial Court of the VI. Later she became the Assistant Administrator for St. Thomas during Governor Schneider's Administration. Culturally she was involved in carnival over five decades. She was a member of the Elskoe and Roebuck Carnival Floupe, where she captured the first Queen of the Band title.</p> 	<p>14 1927: Zephenol Ralph was born in Antigua. He was employed as a barber, gardener, and mason. As a resident of St. Croix, he was a dedicated employee at Harbor View Project, Hess, Bay Garden, Bay Court, Sunny Isles Shopping Center and Human Services (SCEP)</p> 
<p>15 1970: One of the biggest celebrations ever was held on St. Croix when the Sunny Isle Shopping Center commemorated its official opening as the largest shopping center in the Virgin Islands. The music of the steel bands, scratch bands and calypso singers was in the air. There was give-aways and notables speeches from the Governors of the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.</p> 	<p>16 1923: Angel Manuel Morales was born in Comerio, Puerto Rico. He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corp. (CCC) laboring in the construction of the infrastructure of St. Croix. He was a distributor of the Royal Crown, Nehi soft drinks, and Criolla Beer. He was a Mariner Boats representative, car rental agent, and a promoter of artistic and entertainment events. After serving in the US Army, he opened Chico's Bar, known today as Villa Morales Restaurant and Guest House.</p> 	<p>17 1917: Charles A. Jones was born in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. He worked as a tailor, teacher, stock clerk, and musician. In the 1960s he worked as a cook at the former Oasis Beach Club on Lindberg Bay. A few years later he and his wife opened C & M Fashions as master seamstress and tailor on Seventh-day Adventist Street. This business lasted about 40 years.</p> 	<p>18 1872: Dr. Irvin G. Bough was born on St. Croix, Danish West Indies. In 1892 he left St. Croix to complete his education in Boston, Massachusetts. After earning his medical degree he joined a missionary group bound for The Philippines. He settled in Carigara Leyte, The Philippines. Although he never returned to his native St. Croix, he kept up constant communication. In 1944 he passed away in Leyte, The Philippines at the age of 72.</p> 	<p>19 1917: A training school was organized under the auspices of the US Navy. It was operated by naval doctors and nursing personnel.</p> 	<p>20 1930: Vincent Hoover Adams Gordon, Sr. was born on St. Croix. In addition to his active ministry for 51 years, he taught at the Insular Training School, the Slob Rural School, Charles H. Emmanuel, Juanita Gardine, and Christiansted High Schools. He was a founding member of the St. Croix Federation of Teachers, Local Union 1826.</p> 	<p>21 1919: Victor William Sewer was born on St. John. His earlier employments included the Civilian Conservation Camp, St. Thomas-St. John Cooperative Extension Service as a Basket Weaving Instructor, Department of Public Work as a truck driver, and Caneel Bay Plantation Motor Vessel Captain. After being with the St. John Development Corp., he and Captain Loredon Boynes offered improved services between St. Thomas and St. John. He initiated the first regular boat service between Cruz Bay and Tortola and was the first Port Authority's Harbormaster on St. John. He and his wife opened St. John's first Night Club, 'Vic's Rendezvous', as well as owned and operated Huldah Sewer's Guest House.</p> 
<p>22 1776: After more than 105 years in business, the Danish West Indian Company liquidated its assets, twenty-two years after it sold the islands to the Danish crown. Over its existence, the company settled and developed both St. Thomas and St. John. It also purchased St. Croix from the French and introduced the slave trade to the islands as a viable source of income.</p> 	<p>23 1826: Local rabbis sent a letter to the St. Thomas Tidende declaring the marriage of Frederick Pissarro and Rachel Manzana Pommit Petit took place. It was without the knowledge of the rulers and wardens of the synagogue, nor was the marriage performed according to the usual custom. They were the parents of famous painter, Camille Pissarro.</p> 	<p>24 1926: Elisa Maria Smith was born in the Christiansted Hospital on St. Croix. In her late teens, she worked at Rasmussen Groceries. Later she was employed as a Nursing Aid at the Old Christiansted, Charles Harwood Memorial, and the Juan F. Luis Hospitals. Patriotic Crucian, she gleaned in the celebration for all holidays and enjoyed cooking and baking local dishes.</p> 	<p>25 1936: Doris L. Williams-Joseph was born. On St. Croix, she worked at the Department of Health in the Division of Maternity Child Health (MCH) and Crippled Children (CC) Services. Her fine local cuisine of the Red Peas Soup was a prize winner.</p> 	<p>26 1959: Accomplished organist, poet, cultural historian and health administrator Cyril Felix Williams Creque passed away. To commemorate the observance of the centennial of the abolition of slavery in the Danish West Indies, he composed From Mark of The York. He was listed in the Who's Who in American Poetry.</p> 	<p>27 1848: Frederick Von Oxholm's term as Acting Governor ended. He replaced Peter Von Scholten and served only four months. He was succeeded by Peder Hansen.</p> 	<p>28 1674: King Christian V of Denmark issued an edict allowing the Danish West India Company to trade on the Guinea Coast.</p> 
<p>29 1917: Joseph Andrews Nibbs was born on Tortola, BVI. In St. Thomas, he worked with Mr. George Conrad at the Criterion Store and later the Scandinavian Center. Due to his outstanding skills and honesty, he became the Operations Manager for the Conrad Enterprise, one of the most successful entrepreneurship in the VI at the time, and continued there for forty years.</p> 	<p>30 2013: The VI Port Authority was in charge of the Cruz Bay ferry dock. This was after the Superior Court had recently ruled that the St. John Taxi Association could no longer operate the taxi stand on what is now a month-to-month lease from the local government.</p> 	<p>SPECIAL TRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS</p>	 <p>Eulalie R. Rivera Elementary School - STX</p>	 <p>Faith Alive Christian Academy - STT</p>	 <p>Free Will Baptist Christian School - STX</p>	 <p>George's Christian Academy Happy Children Preschool & Daycare - STX</p>