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 <p><i>Wilfred "Junie Bomba" Allick, Jr.</i></p>	 <p><i>Stanley Jacobs</i></p>	 <p><i>Ira "Dr. Sax" Meyers</i></p>	 <p><i>Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering</i></p>	<p>1 1908: Myrah A. Keating Smith was born on St. John. She was a nurse and midwife and devoted 45 years to the profession mostly on St. John.</p> 	<p>2 1935: Irvin Delano "Brownie" Brown was born in Savan, St. Thomas. He is a world class drummer and percussionist in classical, Samba, Latin, Calypso, Blues and Jazz for almost 60 years. He is a renowned MC and radio personality for over 43 years promoting VI culture, values and traditions.</p> 	<p>3 1970: The Department of Commerce prepared for the loss of Tourism Chief, Mr. Harry Goeggel. His planned retirement was after 21 years in the industry.</p> 
<p>4 1839: A Royal Ordinance was issued requiring free and compulsory education for all free colored and some slaves in the Danish West Indies.</p> 	<p>5 1925: After much preparation, the St. Thomas Community Band made its debut at the Apollo Theater in St. Thomas.</p> 	<p>6 1924: Rufus Alphonso Graham was born to James and Lolita Graham nee Mars on St. Thomas. He is the first Black stenographer at the United Nations—1947 to 1960.</p> 	<p>7 1957: An editorial headline, "A Good Record", observed that the Second Legislature conducted the first session in a way that all residents could feel a sense of pride in its accomplishments. It was undoubtedly the most fruitful session held since the old Colonial Law was abolished in 1936.</p> 	<p>8 1967: As the Elective Governor Bill made its way through US congressional committees, the Daily News warned the residents that the bill was no panacea for the territory.</p> 	<p>9 1874: A public meeting of the planters was held at Estate Castle Burke on the matter of establishing a credit association and central factories on St. Croix.</p> 	<p>10 1961: The Daily News chastised the Legislature for not addressing major issues such as zoning and subdivision law for the islands, along with a compulsory automobile insurance bill. The editorial concluded that "the accomplishment of the Legislature could not even fit on the back of a stamp".</p> 
<p>11 1967: Dion Parson, world renowned drummer, band leader for 21st Century Band, drum/percussion, jazz instructor and recording artist, was born on St. Thomas.</p> 	<p>12 1917: Writer, teacher, orator, editor, union leader, Hubert H. Harrison called a mass meeting of 2,000 strong Negro American Liberty League at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in NY. He endorsed and introduced his mentee Marcus Garvey, which launched one of the largest African movements of the 20th century, the United Negro Improvement Association.</p> 	<p>13 1945: The Photo News endorsed a Progressive Guide publication article, which called for the need to provide readjustment services to returning servicemen with health problems, disabled, unemployed, and otherwise needy.</p> 	<p>14 1954: Cyril E. King cabled the Legislative Assembly asking that they annul their agreement with Irwin Silvermann's Law Firm due to the attorney's attack on the NAACP, who zealously supported the Revised Organic Act.</p> 	<p>15 1863: The steamship, Mars arrived on St. Croix from Calcutta with 318 East Indian workers to supplement the plantation labor force.</p> 	<p>16 1879: The Landsting passed a bill into law to help the destitute in Frederiksted. It particularly helped the laborers, since they were not eligible for the loans and grants made available to the planters.</p> 	<p>17 1946: Richard Nicholas Callwood, a highly commended and decorated police officer was born in Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, BVI. The police precinct is named in his honor.</p> 
<p>18 1934: Elmira Agatha Thomas Farrell was born on St. Thomas. She is noted as a traditional games expert, medicinal leaves and herbs specialist, senior citizen advocate, cultural specialist, auxiliary officer, cultural dance performer and entertainer.</p> 	<p>19 1920: After the co-founding of the Liberty Party, a "Negro" political body, Hubert Harrison expressed in the Negro World, the ideas of a Negro Party in American politics, and a Negro candidate for the US presidency of America. Eighty-eight years later, Barack Obama achieved that goal.</p> 	<p>20 1918: By insistence of the Naval Administration, the Colonial Council of St. Croix passed an ordinance regulating alcohol consumption and forbade its importation, manufacture, and sale except for medicinal, sacramental, industrial, and scientific uses.</p> 	<p>21 1923: Marcus M. Garvey, protégée of Hubert H. Harrison and President—General of UNIA was found guilty of mail fraud and sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$1,000.00, and the cost of the lawsuit.</p> 	<p>22 1954: The House of Representatives adopted its own version of the Revised Organic Act of 1954.</p> 	<p>23 1941: Carlos A. Cooks founded the African Nationalist Pioneer Movement. Many Virgin Islanders played pivotal roles and promoted African nationalism through race pride, economic, educational, and social uplift, self reliance and protection and guardians of Africa's legacy. It was an outgrowth of Marcus Garvey's United Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) endorsed by Virgin Islander, Hubert H. Harrison.</p> 	<p>24 1954: The US Navy began diving and underwater explosives training on St. Thomas. The maneuvers were scheduled to end on June 30th</p> 
<p>25 1954: The Daily News questioned Governor Paiewonsky's selling of over a thousand acres of land "to the highest bidder" on St. Croix. The selling of this land eliminated the prospect of developing a citrus farming project.</p> 	<p>26 1916: Magnus O. "Mungo" Niles, musician, performer, dancer, choreographer, cultural production expert, talent agent, and tradition bearer, was born on St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.</p> 	<p>27 1945: A horse racing card for July 1st at Sugar Estate Race Track was announced with a Governor's Cup purse of \$77.00 for first place and \$23.00 for second.</p> 	<p>28 1896: Medora Jackson was born on St. Croix. She was an educator and educational administrator for 45 years, who taught governors, judges and teachers in whose honor monuments were named.</p> 	<p>29 his team met with the St. Thomas Development Authority Board on the Department of Interior's transfer of property at Bournefield and Submarine Base to the VICorporation. It terminated a lease without giving the Municipality the required 60 days notice. Governor Alexander let the Board know it had no recourse.</p> 	<p>30 1974: Guy Benjamin retired from public service. He was a teacher, educational administrator, and author.</p> 	