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5 1923: Vicente Garcia was born in Rio Piedras, PR. As a teenager, he relocated to St. Thomas and worked with his dad to build the military barracks in the Sub Base area during World War II. He later opened his own grocery store in the heart of Savan. He was fluent in English, Spanish and local dialect of French. 	6 1914: Jeanette Esmeralda Gomez Plunkett was born on St. Croix. She was a foster mother to numerous children. Determined to provide the very best care to all her children, she entered a nursing program and received a certificate of nursing from the Metropolitan School of Infant Care. 	7 1961: Joryn Mirthice Turnbull was born on Nevis, West Indies. In St. Thomas, she was first employed as salesperson at the English Shop and later with distinction as sales supervisor at Little Switzerland Gift Shop. She was the coordinator of Information at the VI Department of Tourism. 	8 1920: Walter E. Chinnery was born on Jost Van Dyke, BVI. In St. Thomas, he started several businesses. His first business was a furniture store, the island's first fried chicken restaurant, 'Snugcove', Chinnery's Meat Market, Chinnery's Steak House, three locations of Chock-Full-O-Food, and Bee-Hive. He also started the legendary all nighter, 'Squirrel Cage'. 	9 1906: Gerda Nathalia Marsh was born in the Carolina Estate Hill House in St. John. She was a noted leader and trail blazer. After teaching at several locations in St. John, she served as Social Welfare Director and Customs Officer for St. John. She was a shop owner / operator, guest house operator, avid cricket player, horseback rider, and generally a matriarchal figure in the community. 	10 1936: Mary Rose Benjamin was born in St. Thomas. She was first employed by the Fire Department and then the Department of Health at the Knud Hansen Memorial Hospital where she retired after 40 years of service. She was known as a 'pillar' of the Department of Health due to her dedication and loyalty to Commissioners Dr. Roy Anduze, Warren Smith, Dr. Roy Schneider, and Dr. Alfred O. Health, its employees and community members. 	11 1929: Isa Theolinda Stout-Frett was born in East End / Long Look (The Bay) in Tortola, BVI. As a resident of St. Thomas, her developed passion for cooking matured even more. It was with this passion that she opened and operated 'Arianne's Restaurant', a local cuisine restaurant.
12 1917: Mary Skelton Francis was born on Tortola. As a teacher, she taught at the then Commandant Gade and Lockhart Schools. At CAHS, she was known as the African History and Black Studies teacher and for starting a candy sales project that raised money for college scholarships for students. She was chosen as Teacher of the Year. She was a staunch member of the Liberal and Unity parties and was the first secretary of the Virgin Islands Democratic Party. 	13 1984: Act #4928 was approved to rename the Bungalow at St. Thomas' Rothschild Francis Square (commonly known as 'Market Square') in honor of Sanderilla Thomas. 	14 1982: A center to address homelessness of alcoholics started on St. Croix. 	15 1930: Helen Elizabeth George Vessup was born on St. Thomas. A teacher by profession, she taught at our public and private schools. She was the recipient of AARP's 2007 Andrus Award for outstanding volunteer service. She was honored to serve as the 1996 Children's Carnival Parade Marshal. 	16 1930: Rose Gladys Webster was born in Anguilla. As a resident of St. Thomas, she was an avid gardener and her culinary local delicacies satisfied many. She was a member of the STRIVE Center for Senior Citizens in St. Thomas. 	17 1963: Robert O'Neill Ventura was born. While residing in St. Croix, he worked with his father in the family business, Ventura's Electric. His talents extended into plumbing, mechanics, carpentry, and masonry and he was definitely a Master Electrician with the VI Water & Power Authority. He was a great lover of horses and the sea, and a certified scuba driver. 	18 1943: Llewellyn Adrian Sewer was born on St. John. After joining the US Army and completion of his active duty, he joined the VI National Guard where he was one of the organizers of the Guard's elite force, the 'Pathfinders'. He was the dynamic radio personality that named St. John 'Love City'. He formed his own record label 'Truckerman Records'. He was one of the driving forces behind Triland Economic Development, Inc., which helped to stimulate economic activity in the VI. He also designed the self-help program which allowed several St. Johnians to build their own homes with the assistance of Federal funds.
19 1957: Myron Nicholls was born on Nevis, West Indies. He was a Mathematics teacher at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School who was nominated as Teacher of the Year. After his retirement, he became part-time Mathematics professor at the University of the Virgin Islands. With his love for music, he was a vocalist and played The Organ. 	20 1939: Angel Luis Lebron was born on St. Thomas. Earlier in his life, he was the Chief Pharmacist at the hospital, worked at The Cathedral Pharmacy, and served as the Director at East End Health Clinic. He also served as Deputy Commissioner of Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and later as Commissioner of Conservation and Cultural Affairs. He was the owner of Nisky Pharmacy. 	21 1945: Hezekiah Rogers was born. He was a body builder and a lifeguard at John Brewers Bay. As a security officer at USVI Superior Court, he served with professionalism and exemplary service. 	22 1934: Helen Dawson Prince was born in Cane Garden Bay, Tortola BVI. With her warm compassionate personality, she was a faithful dedicated foster grandparent with the St. Thomas Human Services Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program. 	23 1991: Resolution #1447 was passed to honor and commend Eileen Huggins for her 34 years of service with the VI Government. 	24 1961: James E. Ruan, Jr. was born on St. Thomas. In his early years, he worked in the construction field. Later he became the Vice President of NR Electric, an electric company based on St. Croix. 	25 1926: The St. Thomas Roman Catholic Chapel in Mafolie, St. Thomas was named Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
26 1930: Stanley Ivan Leonard was born on Tortola. As a resident of St. Thomas, he was known as an excellent chef and baker. He was especially known as the candy man because of the Danish girl, peppermint, and other old time candies. As an avid supporter of the Carnival Food Fair and the Committee to Revive Our Culture, he would be selling his wares, saltfish cakes, pates, vienna and carrot cakes, stewed tamarind and cherry stews, and potato pudding. 	27 1917: Maria Perez was born on Santo Domingo. Known to her customers as 'Doña Maria', she was co-proprietor of Manual Rivera Groceries in Constant, St. Thomas. 	28 1982: The Government of the Virgin Islands was immobilized due to a job action when unions rejected a 5% pay increase. 	29 1949: Sandra Patricia George Faulkner was born on St. Thomas. After thirty years with the Department of Education, she retired as an Administrative Secretary of the Adult Education Program. She was a member of the Elskoe and Associates Carnival Troupe for more than 20 years. 	30 1928: Catherine Louisa Gibbs was born in Santo Domingo. She worked at the Kirwan Terrace School as a custodial worker for many years and assisted in providing school meals to many children. She was a member of the Project STRIVE Senior Center and a member of the Methodist Society and the Marthas. 	Picture Not Available St. Thomas Health Care Management, Inc. - Seaview Adolescent Program (STT) Karen Rey, Director of Nursing St. Thomas / St. John Seventh-day Adventist School (STT) Whitman Browne, Ph.D., Principal Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic High School (STT) Father Eduardo Ortiz Santiago, Principal	Picture Not Available Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic High School (STT) Father Bruce Anderson, Vice Principal School of the Good Shepherd (STX) George Franklin, Principal Susan P. Eversley-Wells, Asst. Administrator & Business Manager