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<p>SPECIAL TRIBUTE</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS</p>	 <p>Iqra Academy - STX</p>	 <p>Ivanna Eudora Kean High School - STT</p>	 <p>Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School - STT</p>	 <p>John H. Woodson Junior High School - STX</p>	<p>1 1803: The Danish Law abolishing the Transatlantic Slave Trade went into effect, but the law didn't abolish slavery. Slavery was abolished in 1848.</p> 	<p>2 1988: Ajahi Saeed Henneman was born on St. Thomas. He excelled academically and was inducted into the National Honor Society. He received his Vocational Education Certificate in the field of Plumbing. His athletic ability enabled him to travel playing baseball representing the VI. He was employed at the VI Water & Power Authority as a Meter Reader.</p> 
<p>3 1896: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire and report to the Senate whether or not the Danish West Indies could be purchased by the United States or any other nation. Rumors had circulated for decades that the Danes were willing to sell the islands to Germany.</p> 	<p>4 1954: Lorraine Theresa Rodgers was born in C'Sted, St. Croix. She was a champion gardener and tended to the animals before heading to school. Accompanying her mom, she was a pioneer with selling on the road. Her family was the owner of Rodgers Variety Store, which opened in Estate Diamond Ruby in the 80s.</p> 	<p>5 1922: Errol Olivier Sebastian was born on St. Thomas. With his Accounting degree, he worked as a Budget Analyst for the Budge Office for 34 years of hard work and dedication until his retirement. He was a member of the Tau Club. He enjoyed making macramé belts.</p> 	<p>6 1900: Carmelita Industrious George was born on Tortola, BVI. As a resident of St. Thomas, she was among the privilege teenagers to witness the 1917 transfer. An natural entrepreneur she sold many of her delicacies that were baked in a brick oven.</p> 	<p>7 1913: Cecil Leander Williams was born at Estate Annaly, St. Croix. He was a skilled craftsman who built casket, who became a master builder / contractor. Employed by the Department of Education in the Maintenance Division, he rose through the rank as supervisor.</p> 	<p>8 1871: Henry Hughes Hough, fourth Naval Governor of the US Virgin Islands, was born in the French overseas colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon, just off Newfoundland. He was the first governor of a US territory, who was not born in the US. He served from September 1922 to December 1923.</p> 	<p>9 1866: St. Thomas residents voted in favor of the Treaty of 1867. It authorized the sale of St. Thomas and St. John to the US for \$7.5 million. The treaty was approved on a vote of 1,039 in favor and 22 opposed. The sale didn't go through, due to a change in America's attitude toward expansion.</p> 
<p>10 1866: St. John residents voted unanimously with 205 votes in favor of a sale treaty between Denmark and the US. They, along with St. Thomas, approved their sale to the US for \$75 million.</p> 	<p>11 1964: Akeem Basil Newton was born in Challenger, St. Kitts. As a resident of St. Croix, he was a dedicated police officer. Recipients of his service were The American Red Cross and The Queen Louise Home. He was fond of fishing and cooking local foods, such as Fungi and fish and seafoods.</p> 	<p>12 1946: Maudlyn Veeven Frederick-Watson was born in Antigua. After migrating to St. Thomas, she worked at Crazy Cow and Sapphire Beach Resorts as a cook / chef. She purchased and operated a hot dog cart and later operated a food van for several years. She was an independent taxi owner and operator.</p> 	<p>13 1924: Clarice Veronica Warner-Violet on St. Thomas. She worked for Carib Air Airlines as a Radio Operator, where she would verify with the tower the arrival of the flights and instructed the pilots where and when to land. She was also employed with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation as an Administrative Officer.</p> 	<p>14 1974: In honor of her 100 birthday, Romalia Jeppe Heyliger was honored by the 10th Legislature with a resolution expressing gratitude for 28 years of dedicated service as an educator. Born on St. Thomas, she relocated to St. Croix. She was one of the founding members of the St. Thomas Teachers Association.</p> 	<p>15 1792: The new Lutheran Church in Frederiksted was inaugurated by Pastor Martin Peter Ohm. The church, made of stone, was built to replace the original wooden church built in 1776.</p> 	<p>16 1944: Leslie Alfred Millin was born. He was a dedicated stalwart public servant. He served as the Director of Personnel and served as GERS longest serving Administrator for 14 years. He also served as Director of Human Resources and Comptroller at the Department of Public Works.</p> 
<p>17 1917: The United States and Denmark exchanged treaties ratifying the sale of the Danish West Indies. The exchange took place in Washington, DC and ended almost fifty years of negotiations for the sale of the islands. The formal transfer took place two and a half months later.</p> 	<p>18 1972: The 92nd Congress of the US voted to approve a seat for non-voting delegates from Guam and the US Virgin Islands. Since then, the VI has had five representatives to Congress, namely Ron DeLugo, Melvin H. Evans, Victor O. Frazer, Donna Christian Christensen, and Stacey Plaskett.</p> 	<p>19 1941: Roy Ellington Hodge, Jr. was born on St. Thomas. He was one of the most outstanding and dedicated police officers in the history of the VI Police Department. He received many certificates of achievement to include Certified Firearms Instructor, Police Instructor, and Open Water Diver, and Medal of Merit. He rose from being police officer to Police Chief.</p> 	<p>20 1937: Richard P. Spencer was born in Antigua. As a resident of the Virgin Islands, he was a cargo officer for LIAT, BWIA, BOAC, Eastern and American. He later became the assistant manager for LIAT, supervisor for Pan American Airways, and subsequently manager for Primair Airways. He was best known as the owner and managing director of World Tours Travel Agency, Inc.</p> 	<p>21 1927: Beryl Eldra Hill was born. Professionally known as Calypso Bombshell and referred to as the original Market Woman of the stage, she had the natural ability to sing and compose songs. In her market dance, she would have a handbag on the head carrying a fruit laden tray, supported by a catta, and held the tray with one hand for added balanced.</p> 	<p>22 1916: US Secretary of State Robert Lansing transmitted an appropriation request to President Woodrow Wilson for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. Lansing noted the territory's military, commercial, and political value to the US, and urged that the \$25 million figure be paid before April 17th.</p> 	<p>23 1917: The Injunction of Secrecy on the convention and report on purchase of the Danish West Indies was lifted. Entered into confidentially in the fall of 1915, the negotiations were possibly one of the worst kept secrets in international circles. This was reported kept a secret to preserve Danish neutrality.</p> 
<p>24 1961: Beverly Esterline Thomas was born on Antigua. She worked in the hospitality industry at the front desk at Bluebeard's Castle and before at Castle Trading for many years. She was a lover of Carnival and would participate in the Enchantments of Jam Band Troupe, Mystique, and Hugga Bunch Carnival Troupes.</p> 	<p>25 1625: All charges against Governor Adolph Esmit were dropped. Under his term, St. Thomas has known as a safe haven for privates. He particularly enjoyed capturing and looting British ships, which led to a strained relationship between Denmark and Great Britain. Included in the many charges was his offer to the Swedish Ambassador for a non-violent overthrow of St. Thomas.</p> 	<p>26 1929: Ida Fahie was born on Tortola, BVI. After relocating to St. Thomas, she worked as a chef at restaurants like Palm Passage and Sebastian's on the Waterfront. In her carnival booths, she would prepare tarts, breads, cakes and delicious foods. She was also employed at the Department of Health and Human Services.</p> 	<p>27 1915: Iris Elaine Samuel was born on St. John. She was a home maker and had a passion for cooking, baking and sewing. She worked for the Department of Health for many years. After her retirement she became a member of the Senior Citizens Center of Anna's Retreat.</p> 	<p>28 1950: Donald 'Boysie' Stanley George was born on Tortola, BVI. He worked at Public Works as a Trader Helper (plumber) before he was transferred to the VI Water & Power Authority where he worked in Water Distribution, Avid Carnival supporter, he assisted the Rising Stars and gave freely of his time to the Carnival Committee.</p> 	<p>29 1933: St. Johnian Coolridge Stanford Dalmida was born. After his honorable discharge from the Armed Forces, he worked at the VI National Park Services in the Maintenance Division. He served as chairman and a member of many committees for the mission of the VI National Park Services. He was an active Architectural Draftsman and a member of the St. John Dancers and the Mungo Miles Cultural Dancers.</p> 	<p>30 1917: Valdrena Malvena Fraser was born in Hope Estate, Tortola, BVI. As a resident of St. Thomas, she became known as the lady with the cart who traveled up and down the hillsides wherever construction sites were to sell her pates, fry fish, johnny cakes, and drinks. She was later employed as a custodial worker and then as a paraprofessional with Special Education with the Department of Education.</p> 
<p>31 1922: Rupert Waldemar Benjamin Ross was born in F'Sted, St. Croix. After graduating from high school, he was employed as an Office Clerk at Rueben Neizer's Trucking & Hardware Store, and later at the Rum Distillery of the Virgin Islands Company. After holding several other jobs, he was drafted in to the US Army. After being honorably discharged, he returned to VI Corporation in Bethlehem Sugarcane Factory as a personnel officer. The company was purchased and subsequently changed its name to Martin Marietta Alumina, where he retired as a Personnel Representative. He was a member of the Rotary Club of St. Croix West, Paul Harris Fellow, Bromley Berkeley American Lion Post 33, and the Aldersville Senior Citizens Club.</p> 	 <p>Joseph A. Gomez Elementary School - STT</p>	 <p>Juanita Gardine Elementary School - STX</p>	 <p>Julius E. Sprauve School - STJ</p>	 <p>Lew Muckle Elementary School - STX</p>	 <p>Lockhart Elementary School - STT</p>	 <p>Moravian School - STT</p>