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 <p><b>Mary-Alice Prosper</b> 2017 Carnival Queen St. Thomas, USVI</p>	<p><b>1</b> St. Johnian Karen A. Sewer – Buggs was born in Brooklyn, New York. She became a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in 1985. Shortly after, she returned home and in a family established business operated the very first native-owned Mortuary service, Creque's Funeral Home, on the island of St. Thomas.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 1905: Distinguished Clinician, William Osler in a tribute expressed deep admiration for St. Thomas born Jacob M. DaCosta, who was a physician of national renowned. He stated in his tribute, "to make of myself a good clinical physician, to be ranked with the men who have done so much for the profession ... Bigelow, Metcalf... Da Costa and others ... These great men whose names we all revere ..."</p> 	<p><b>3</b> 1989: WBS Middleweight Champion Julian Jackson defeated Knox Brown at the Forum in Englewood, California.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> 1738: The 1<sup>st</sup> interracial marriage in the Moravian Mission took place on St. Thomas between slave born, Rebekka and Mattheus Freundlich, a missionary from Herrnhut, Germany. She headed a day school to promote literacy and Christian belief. She migrated with her husband to Herrnhut where he died. Her second husband, Christian Protten took her to Africa where they established a school.</p> 	<p><b>5</b> 2010: The first art career showcase was hosted at Sunshine Mall to introduce junior and senior high school students to the career opportunities and vocational options that exist on St. Croix. The careers ranged from fashion and jewelry to photography, interior design and culinary. First-hand experience was provided by many businesses to the youth.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> 2007: The first ever Quilbe festival was held at Island Center, St. Croix with performances by over 100 students from schools throughout the Territory. Adult bands and quadrille dancers performed, as well.</p> 
<p><b>7</b> 2010: Ivanna Eudora Kean High School won the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Appellate Moot Court Competition.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> 2007: The Daily News announced the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> Caribbean Writer Humanities Festival Open Poetry Contest as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Patricia Harkiins-Pierre, "The Wings of Moths and Hummingbirds" and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Barbara Parry, "The Man Who Walks the Islands".</p> 	<p><b>9</b> 1966: Irvin "Brownie" Brown began his calypso show on WSTA Radio in St. Thomas.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> 1946: Daily News editorial clarified for the public that the meetings between American Vice Consul and Chamber of Commerce Executive Board were not aimed at replacing native workers with aliens, but to fill employment gaps created by locals refusing that type of work.</p> 	<p><b>11</b> 2010: American Federation of Teachers Local 1826 members oust union president Tyrone Molyneaux, who was the leader of the St. Croix Federation of Teachers Union since 2000.</p> 	<p><b>12</b> 2011: Governor de Jongh &amp; a senior delegation of USVI government officials met with its BVI counterparts, including Premier Ralph T. O'Neal, in Tortola, BVI. The high-level meeting was the first full Inter Virgin Islands Council (IVIC) meeting during the de Jongh/Francis Administration &amp; was an opportunity for the two governments to openly discuss various issues of shared concern &amp; partnership.</p> 	<p><b>13</b> 1975: HESS contractor, Fluor Construction locked out 800 employees over labor dispute at the HESS Refinery expansion project site.</p> 
<p><b>14</b> 2008: The Daily News reported of 30 candidates HUD selected Robert Graham as Executive Director of Virgin Island Housing Authority at an annual salary of \$145,000.00. In stark contrast to a predecessor, Attorney Michael Hollis received almost \$1 million for 15 months work.</p> 	<p><b>15</b> 2009: First Lady Cecile deJongh and community leaders of Joseph Sibilly Elementary School in partnership to promote an environmental healthy VI presented a compost bin to the deJongh's School Garden Project at the School.</p> 	<p><b>16</b> 1994: Act #1515 was passed to honor &amp; commend Dr. Etienne Arrindell Paul Massac, Jr., for his outstanding contributions in the field of medicine &amp; for the prestige he has brought to the VI as a result of his surgical &amp; managerial skills.</p> 	<p><b>17</b> 2010: Governor deJongh signed the \$250 million borrowing bill into law, in order to cover 2010 budget shortfalls and help the territory recover from the recession.</p> 	<p><b>18</b> 1849: The Provisional Act for the island of St. John was passed to regulate relations between proprietors of landed estates and the rural free labor population.</p> 	<p><b>19</b> 2009: The raging five-alarm fire, which totally destroyed Mountain Top attraction, was extinguished after hours of battling the fire. Fire Service personnel, other local emergency responders, and private water haulers participated.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> 1899: Entrepreneur David E. Chinnery was born in Jost Van Dyke, BVI. He moved to STT &amp; became known as a well-respected STT merchant. He opened &amp; operated several businesses to include Bargain Corner, Chinnery's Grocery, Chinnery's Grocery &amp; Liquor Store, &amp; Chinnery's Food-O-Mat. In the 1950's he was a member of the board of directors of the West Indies Bank &amp; Trust Company &amp; the VI WAPA.</p> 
<p><b>21</b> 1921: Rothschild Francis, councilman, civil rights and labor leader, produced the first issued of his newspaper, The Emancipator. This medium was used to champion popular causes, which often met with counter-attacks from business and other powerful groups.</p> 	<p><b>22</b> 2010: The Board of Education approved changes to staff certification to allow veteran teachers of at least 15 years with a degree in the content area they teach, to earn a minimum of 130 points needed for certification by completing the Highly Objective Uniform State Evaluation (HOUSSE) form.</p> 	<p><b>23</b> 1916: From the day the agreement of February 26, 1916 was signed to this date, D. Hamilton Jackson was sentenced four times to pay a total of 900 francs for libel – once for "insulting accusations in connection with laborers treatment".</p> 	<p><b>24</b> 2010: The Major General Jean Augustine Romney Memorial Drive, Routes 70 and 652 on St. Croix was dedicated. He was a VI senator in the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislature and St. Croix administrator. He held a variety of military positions before he was appointed Adjutant General of the VI National Guard.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> 2011: Governor John P. deJongh proclaimed this day as "African Liberation Day" and May 22-28, 2012 as "African Heritage Week" in the Virgin Islands. Both served as a reminder of our territory's proud African heritage.</p> 	<p><b>26</b> 2008: Daily News reported, the St. Croix Dolphins dominated the 26<sup>th</sup> Invitational Swim Meet with championships in the 5 major categories from ages 8 &amp; under to ages 15-17 over the weekend. They defeated teams from St. Eustatius, St. Martin, &amp; New York.</p> 	<p><b>27</b> 1971: Governor Melvin Evans signed into law legislation allowing 18 year old to vote.</p> 
<p><b>28</b> 2008: Interact Club of the St. Croix Educational Complex donated \$500.00 towards the VI Cardiac Center at Juan Luis Hospital.</p> 	<p><b>29</b> 1945: Iver A. Stridiron was born on St. Thomas, USVI. He is an attorney, and former senator, who served in the 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Legislatures and Attorney General. Currently, he is the General Counsel for the VI Waste Management Authority.</p> 	<p><b>30</b> 1946: Earl B. Ottley won his first election to the Legislative Assembly, as an Independent candidate.</p> 	<p><b>31</b> 1979: Former Cultural Researcher at the Division of VI Cultural Education, Edgar O. Lake directed a documentary, highlighting the life of Danish Artist, Hugo Larson "Cultural Portrait of our Islands". It was launched by video conferencing and simulcasted at UVI campuses.</p> 	<p><b>Taezha Maduro</b> 2017 Carnival Princess St. Thomas, USVI</p> 	<p><b>Jah'Syi Narcisse</b> 2017 Carnival Prince St. Thomas, USVI</p> 	<p><b>Temisha "Caribbean Queen" Libert</b> Calypso Monarch Queen</p> 