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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 1868: The voters on St. Thomas and St. John responded overwhelmingly to move the seat of Government from Christiansted St. Croix to Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. 	<b>2</b> 1978: The U.S. Virgin Islands lost one of its most distinguished public servants, the incumbent Governor Cyril Emanuel King. He earned a life long reputation as a tenacious and determined warrior for his people. 	<b>3</b> 1800: Casimir von Scholten took office as Governor of St. Thomas. He was the father of Governor Peter von Scholten. The St. Thomas Market Place was named Casimir Platz in his honor. 	<b>4</b> 1971: St. Croix native Melvin H. Evans was sworn into office as the first elected Governor of the United States Virgin Islands by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. 	<b>5</b> 1917: For consideration, the soon to be former Danish West Indies had several strong contenders as the new name - United States West Indies, Monroe Islands, Dewey Islands, Lincoln Islands and American Virgin Islands - for the newly purchased USVI. 
<b>6</b> 1938: A. H. Lockhart & Co. purchased Hotel 1829 at an auction for \$4,100.00 and it became 12 <sup>th</sup> time the property had changed ownership. 	<b>7</b> 2000: World War II veteran, who served in Pearl Harbor and received the American Theater Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal and one Overseas Service Bar, Halvor Emanuel Hart, Sr. passed away. He was noted as one of the first physical education instructors at the Department of Education in the 1940s. 	<b>8</b> 1937: As it was mandatory for an administrator to be a medical doctor then, Dr. George M. Hughes became Administrator of St. John a position he held until his retirement in 1946. He also served as judge, sheriff, and a factotum. 	<b>9</b> 2012: On St. Thomas after nine weeks of potable water rationing by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, service was fully restored. 	<b>10</b> 1955: The first Legislature of the VI convened as they were sworn in. The elected officers with Walter I. M. Hodge as president, Earle B. Ottley as vice-president, and Jorge Rodriguez as secretary recessed and reconvened at 8:00pm to receive the state of the VI address by Governor Archie Alexander. 	<b>11</b> 1916: Delphine Ophelia Boynes was born on St. John, Danish West Indies. She was a noted Assistant Principal at the St. John Day Care for 35 years and a member of the League of Women Voters for 20 years. 	<b>12</b> 1894: Legislator, Labor Union president, skilled joiner, craftsman, Home Guard captain, and editor, Ludvig Harrigan was born on St. Croix. 
<b>13</b> 2012: As both territories are plagued with varied crimes and to "take back the streets", the then USVI Police Department Commissioner Designate Henry W. White, Jr. and the Federation of St. Christopher/Nevis Police Commissioner C. G. Walwyn met at St. Croix Police Headquarters on St. Croix. Their discussions also included training procedures as well as other policing methods. 	<b>14</b> 1953: The Morris F. deCastro Clinic on St. John was dedicated. It was named in honor of Governor Morris Fidanque deCastro, who was also a former Administrative Assistant to the governor and a government secretary. 	<b>15</b> 1958: Circuit Court Judge Albert B. Maris received the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor at a dinner held at Buccaneer Hotel on St. Croix. He was the first ever to receive such honor. 	<b>16</b> 1906: Journalist, civic leader and servant, and author Geraldo Guirty was born on St. Thomas. Long time resident of Dronningens Gade (7 <sup>th</sup> day Street), what was his home is now the location of VI Board of Education. 	<b>17</b> 1917: According to Article Six of the Treaty of Sale of the Danish West Indies, all Danish subjects were allowed to remain and give one year to preserve their Danish citizenship. Those who failed to do so became U.S. nationals, not citizens. 	<b>18</b> 1894: Edna Augusta Adams was born on St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. She was a skilled and creative dressmaker for wedding and formal gowns, prolific producer of Carnival costumes, one of the Island's best cooks and baked goods, and gardener. 	<b>19</b> 1977: After Secretary of State designate Cyrus Vance tapped Ambassador Terrence Todman to be Assistant Secretary of State, Diplomat Todman expressed his surprise and how pleased he was to be tapped. At this time, he was already ambassador to Costa Rica for almost two (2) years. 
<b>20</b> 2009: Seven Golden Key Honor Society members (Nickaya Armanranding, Diane DaCosta, Melina Moore, Wayne Petersen, Sharmane Simon, Leana Timothy, and Renako Wells) from the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix campus were among the many Virgin Islanders who participated in the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama. Witnessing the first black and the 44 <sup>th</sup> president of the USA take his oath, they joined outstanding students from across the nation for the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYCI). 	<b>21</b> 1946: Journalist, author, poet, educator, humanitarian, co-founder of The Daily News and St. Thomas native J. Antonio Jarvis was awarded the U.S. Selective Service Medal by President Harry S. Truman at a White House ceremony. The award was in recognition of his contribution to the Selective Service Board. 	<b>22</b> 2008: Delegates to the US Virgin Islands Constitutional Convention meeting on St. Croix unanimously selected Stetson University College of Law to assist them in drafting a constitution for the territory after Professor Dortha Bean made a pro bono offer of free assistance to the delegates. After a tardy start caused by a contentious electoral board dispute over delegate selection, the US territory's fifth attempt to adopt a constitution got underway. Previous attempts in 1965, 1972, 1978 and 1980 to form a constitution stalled over the lack of voting rights in federal elections. 	<b>23</b> 2008: The Federal Transit Administration provided the US Virgin Islands Public Works Department grant funding for specific projects totaling near \$400,000. The projects would provide funding to allow the department to develop new and expanded transportation projects or services that enhance access to employment or employment opportunities for low-income individuals and it was aimed at enhancing para-transit transportation services beyond the minimum requirements of the American with Disabilities Act. 	<b>24</b> 1874: Writer, bibliophile, collector of African-American documents, books and artifacts in New York and noted historian Arthur A. Schomburg was born in Puerto Rico to Virgin Islands parents. The Arthur Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, which is named in his honor at the New York Public Library branch in Harlem, is a tribute to his life's work. Over the years his purchased collection of literature, art, slave narratives and other materials of African history has become the basis of the center. 	<b>25</b> 1929: Leon Allen Sealey was born on St. Croix. With 30 years of service in the Army and Virgin Islands National Guard, he retired as a Master Sergeant. He also worked at the VI Water and Power Authority. He was a lover of music, played the guitar and on weekends played in the band led by Hugo Thomas. 	<b>26</b> 1849: The first labor law came into effect in the Danish West Indies when Governor Peter Hansen issued a detailed provisional decree on conditions of employment. The Provisional Act was to regulate the relations between the proprietors of landed estates and the rural population of free laborers. 
<b>27</b> 1971: Governor Melvin H. Evans asked Congress to give the then College of the Virgin Islands land grant status, which would allow it to access more federal grants. 	<b>28</b> 1969: The Croix Avis reported Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky's plan to block by any mean the new BVI television station's signals to the USVI. He termed it a pirate station hoping to get revenues from the USVI and that he would move to get the FCC and the US State Department to protest the granting of the license by the European granting agency in Geneva. 	<b>29</b> 1739: Count von Zinzendorff came to St. Thomas unexpectedly after hearing that Brethren Frederick Martin, Bonke, and Freundlich and his wife were imprisoned through collusion by Minister Bohm of the Dutch Reformed Church. After demanding of Governor Frederick Mothe, he received their immediate release along with many apologies. 	<b>30</b> 1931: President Herbert Hoover signed the legislation ordering the transfer from Naval Rule to a civilian form of government for the United States Virgin Islands. 	<b>31</b> 1928: Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed at Mosquito Bay, St. Thomas in the "Spirit of St. Louis" while on his Latin American tour. The area was renamed in his honor by the Moron family. 