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SPECIAL FEATURE

LOCAL PASTRIES



Cashew Sugar Cake



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Peanut Cake



Peppermint

1 1966: The then College of the Virgin Islands awarded the lowest bid in the amount of \$1,743,446.00 to The Harada Corporation of Puerto Rico to build a woman's dorm, housing, and the library at College of the Virgin Islands.



2 1670: The second Danish East India Company was formed and given a charter for forty years. It was formed in order to break the Portuguese and Spanish monopoly in the Far East. The first company was chartered in 1616.



3 1994: The Virgin Islands Legislature approved a bill, which passed 9-6, to legalize casino gambling on St. Croix. All six dissenting votes were from St. Thomas / St. John. This bill was signed into law and became known as the 1995 Casino Control Act.



4 1966: General Louis B. Hershey, head of the National Selective Service, visited and toured VI Selective Service Headquarters. ACLU Lawyer Maruin Karpatkin lashed out at the Morlar & Pestle Democrats at the Loyalty Oath. It violated the first Amendment of the USC & the Revised Organic Act.



5 2008: The leaders of the Territory hailed the election of President Barack Obama - the Nation's 44th President - as a step forward for the Nation and the US Virgin Islands.



6 1887: Navy Vice Admiral David D. Porter in a letter to Secretary of State William H. Seward emphasized the importance of acquiring the Danish West Indies as a naval station.



7 2000: The voters of the Virgin Islands voted to reduce the size of the US Virgin Islands Legislature from 15 to 9. This referendum was to be sent to Congress petitioning an amendment to the 1954 Revised Organic Act allowing to change the number of seats in the Virgin Islands Legislature.



8 2010: St. Thomas native artist Dixie Lee Hedrington-Miller showcased her artworks in "A Journey Into My World of Art". She took readers on a Caribbean tour in her first released book.



9 1949: Governor Morris Fidanque deCastro approved the new Wage and Hour Act. It provided minimum rates of pay for skilled laborers at \$0.65 per hour, unskilled at \$0.40 per hour, sales and service clerks at \$0.30 and utility workers not less than \$0.20.



10 1949: The Legislature voted to purchase the first school bus for country students to be transported to and from school.



11 1908: Emile Augustus "Milo" Jurgen was born on St. John. As a musician he played the accordion and guitar. He was noted to be captured in a film demonstrating how to prepare a coalpit to produce coal.



12 2009: The Daily News announced St. Croix Central High School Math teacher, Moordale Bryan was named the top teacher in the territory for the 2009-2010 school year. As part of his prize, he would travel to Washington, DC and be honored by President Barack Obama.



13 1968: Resolution #432 was passed by the 7th Legislature to rename East Point, St. Croix to Point Udall. It was to honor Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, who served under Presidents John F. Kennedy & Lyndon B. Johnson.



14 1683: Leeward Islands governor William Stapleton was authorized to seize Adolph Esmit, governor of St. Thomas, and put an end to his blatant acts of corruption.



15 1903: Harry B. Reubel, the first Virgin Islander to achieve the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army, was born on St. Croix, USVI.



16 1913: Roy Adelbert Anduze was born on St. Thomas, USVI. He was a physician, surgeon, Fellow in Surgery at Howard University, Chief Municipal Physician and Commissioner of Health, Fellow in the American Colleges of Surgeons and Angiology. Delegate to the UN General Assembly to present, "Health in Non-Self Governing Territories" and DVI Board of Trustees member.



17 1978: The Remy Martin Caribbean Backgammon Championships - 5 day backgammon tourney - was held at Sugar Bird Hotel on the Waterfront. More than half of the players were from across the US Mainland. The categories included open, intermediate and doubles.



18 2008: It was announced that the St. Croix historical towns of Christiansted and Frederiksted were honored by First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary chair of the Preserve America initiative.



19 1978: The first power boat regatta was held starting in the St. Thomas harbor. It went around the entire island in three classes of races.



20 1964: The 5th Legislature of the Virgin Islands approved the naming of a public junior high school in honor of Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado. He was a member of the US House of Representatives and chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and served the people of the VI with notable distinction.



21 1848: All Saints Cathedral was dedicated by the Bishop of Antigua, Daniel Gateward Davis.



22 1718: The notorious English pirate Edward Teach, known as Blackbeard, was killed during a battle just off the coast of North Carolina. The Blackbeard's Castle on St. Thomas is named after Him.



23 1949: The Photo News cited Crucian Valmy Thomas - the first Virgin Islander to play professional baseball - as the youngest Virgin Islander to play baseball in the Puerto Rico League.



24 1927: Pearl White Creque was born on St. Thomas. As the first authorized "Phillips Electronics" dealer in the USVI, she owned and operated "Creque Record and Appliance Shop.



25 2007: The Avis reported once again John H. Mudde added to the already extensive historical collection of St. Croix artifacts and literatures on display at Whim Museum. He donated a pair of silver mugs made in 1774. He also donated copies of his historical book, "A West Indies Melodrama" to the St. Croix Landmarks Society.



26 1973: The 10th Legislature approved Act #5303 to mandate the renaming of the George Washington School, the Evelyn E. Marcelli Elementary School. It was a lasting tribute to Ms. Evelyn E. Marcelli's devotion of her considerable talent and energies to the benefit of the public education system of the Virgin Islands.



27 1889: Amadeo Ignacio Daniel Francis, Sr. was born on St. Croix. He was a veteran educator from Danish rule into several decades of American rule.



28 2008: St. Croix welcomed the first cruise ship of the season when the Oceania Regatta made its inaugural visit at the Ann E. Abraham Marine Facility in Frederiksted, St. Croix. In a private "Plaque and Keys" ceremony, Tourism Commissioner Beverley Nicholson-Doty presented a plaque to the ship's captain to commemorate its inaugural visit to St. Croix.



29 1734: Desperate St. Thomas and St. John Governor Philip Gardelne wrote to Philip Markoe, Deputy Governor of Spainshtown, Virgin Gorda, requesting assistance in quelling the slave rebellion on St. John from the previous November.



30 1869: Martin Edward Trench, the seventh appointed governor of the US Virgin Islands under Naval Rule, was born in Dennison, Minnesota.

