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1766 The first civil government in St. Louis was established by St. Ange de Bellerive, Spanish military commandant, and the acting governor of Upper Louisiana. The seat of government was set up in the house of Laclede, Maxent and Company.

1813 John C. Fremont was born in Georgia. Known as a great pathfinder of the west, he returned to St. Louis as Major General in Charge of the Army's Western Department, headquartered here. Fremont placed St. Louis under martial law and ordered the slaves freed. President Lincoln had the order rescinded and removed Fremont from command.

1826 The Missouri General Assembly adjourned for the last time at the state capitol in St. Charles. The following spring, all the state property was loaded onto a keelboat, and the capitol was moved to Jefferson City.

1832 Captain Theodore Hunt died at the age of 50. After a period of mourning, his wife, Ann Lucas-Hunt married his cousin, Wilson Price-Hunt. Ann's father gave them a piece of land they called "Normandy." That's where you will find Lucas and Hunt Road today.

1845 Edward Mallinkrodt was born in St. Louis. He studied chemistry in Germany with his brother, Otto. In 1867, Edward and his brothers, Gustave and Otto established G. Mallinkrodt and Company on the family farm in North St. Louis. The firm became the first to manufacture fine chemicals west of the Mississippi. Mallinkrodt was manufacturing 400 chemicals by the turn of the century.

1896 Four firefighters were killed in a blaze at the A.S. Aloe Company. An explosion and fire levelled the four-story building. The firemen died when the walls collapsed. Damage was estimated at \$250,000.

1902 The St. Louis *Star* carried a back page item on a fight between city assemblymen and a streetcar company over an unpaid bribe. It marked the start of the "boodle" scandals that exposed the corrupt alliance between big business and city officials. The scandals made a hero out of crusading city attorney Joseph Folk.

1916 Miss Laura Kinkead became St. Louis' first policewoman. She was in charge of looking after women paroled from the circuit and police courts, but had full arrest powers. She was paid \$65 per month.

1932 The residents of the "Hooverville" shantytown beneath the Municipal Bridge dedicated their newest structure. The shack at the foot of Lafayette Avenue was to serve as the town hall and post office. "Mayor" Gus Smith presided over the ceremonies.

1948 An escaped German Prisoner-of-War was captured here. George Rudolph Hye Von Hyeburg had escaped from a camp in Massachusetts in 1943, was recaptured and escaped again a few years later. This time, an alert ex-GI spotted him at the Toddle House Restaurant.

1949 The St. Louis Symphony appeared on television for the first time. The 85 members and conductor Vladimir Golschmann donated their time for the broadcast on KSD TV to raise money for the orchestra maintenance fund.

1953 Dizzy Dean was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Dizzy and his brother Paul led the "Gashouse Gang" Cardinals to the world championship in 1934. His career was cut short by an injury. Dizzy is also remembered in St. Louis for his work as a broadcaster. His unique use of the English language mortified English teachers, who legend says tried to have him removed from the air.

1958 The NBA All-Star game was played at the Arena. The Hawks Bob Pettit scored 28 points and was named the MVP. But the West still beat the East 130-118.

1960 Stan Musial asked for and received a pay cut from \$100,000 to \$80,000 per year. Stan said he had been overpaid in 1957 and '58, and his salary should be cut back because of his performance in 1959! On this date in 1969, Stan was named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

1966 Plans were announced for an exclusive, members-only facility on the fifth level of the new Busch Stadium, set to open in May. The design for The Stadium Club called for a 300-foot-long glass wall, which would enable members and their guests to enjoy the games while they dined.

1969 Stan Musial was named to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Musial's plaque at the Hall of Fame lists some of his National League records; 3,026 games played, 10,972 at bats, 3,630 hits; 1,949 runs scored; 1,951 RBI's and 6,134 total bases. During Musial's induction ceremonies, commissioner Ford Frick repeated his words spoken when Stan retired. He called Musial "baseball's perfect warrior, baseball's perfect knight."

1974 Students at Concordia seminary went on strike in support of President John Tietjen. Tietjen was suspended on heresy charges because of a theological dispute with the dissent ridden Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His supporters would establish a seminary in exile, or "Seminex."

1983 The Ralston-Purina Board of Directors authorized management to proceed with the sale of the Blues to Canadian interests. The group planned to move the team to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

1997 The Rams named former Philadelphia Eagles coach Dick Vermeil as their new head coach. Vermeil coached the Eagles from 1976 until 1982. He led them to four playoff berths and to the Super Bowl in 1981.

2003 The man known as "Mister Music in St. Louis" died at the age of 89. Bandleader and pianist Russ David played for presidents, at Veiled Prophet balls, and plain old

wedding receptions. His *Playhouse Party* was on the radio from 1953 until 1979. He also appeared on TV's *St. Louis Hop* and wrote the "Where There's Life, There's Bud" jingle.