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**1762** Under the secret Treaty of Fontainebleau, France ceded the territory of Louisiana to the Spanish in return for Spain's agreement to British peace terms. The news did not make it to St. Louis until September 1764. Wary of the reaction from the locals, the Spanish did not take over until March of 1766.

**1829** The first recorded major fire in St. Louis history. The blaze destroyed a brewery owned by John Mullanphy. Mullanphy was the city's first millionaire and a great philanthropist. He provided land for the first hospital west of the Mississippi. He also owned large tracts of land in what is now Florissant, where you find Mullanphy Lane today. There is also a Mullanphy Street in St. Louis.

**1847** The city of St. Louis got its very first street lights. The St. Louis Gas-Light Company provided service until 1873, when it split the city with the newly organized Laclede Gas Company.

**1870** A huge crowd cheered as a caisson was launched to be sunk on the East St. Louis side of the river. It marked the start of work on the east pier of the Eads Bridge. James B. Eads told the crowd the caisson would probably rest at the bottom of the river for all time.

**1900** The cornerstone was laid for University Hall on the new campus of Washington University west of Forest Park. The university delayed moving to the new campus until 1905, in order to lease the buildings to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company.

**1903** St. Louis photographer Walker Evans was born. He is best remembered for his photos of poor sharecroppers in his book *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. In 1938, he became the first photographer ever honored with a solo exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art.

**1907** Work was underway on the Graham Paper Company warehouse at 11th and Spruce. It was the latest link in 43 warehouses owned by Washington University, known as the "Cupples Station" complex. In 1989, the ten remaining warehouses were the center of a controversy. Mayor Vincent Schemehl refused to back an Anheuser-Busch plan to raze the buildings for a new arena.

**1926** St. Louis-to-Chicago airmail pilot Charles "Lucky" Lindbergh survived his fourth parachute jump. He bailed out when his plane ran out of gas over Bloomington, Illinois and landed atop a barbed wire fence. After searching for several hours, he managed to find the mail.

**1932** President Herbert Hoover came to St. Louis. In a speech at the Coliseum, he attacked Democrat Franklin Roosevelt. Hoover said Roosevelt was trying to win votes by blaming the depression on the Republicans, which he called "a colossal falsehood."

**1948** Harry Truman had gone to bed the night before in Excelsior Springs thinking he was losing the election. He woke up to learn he had won and boarded a train for Washington D.C. As the train pulled into Union Station for a brief stop, Truman was presented with a copy of the Chicago *Tribune* with the premature headline "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN." Exclaiming, "This one is for the books" Truman held up the paper for the famous photograph.

**1954** County voters okayed a charter amendment stripping county sheriffs of their power, and giving them to a modern county police force. The County Police would handle duties in the unincorporated areas, and where municipalities contracted for them.

**1959** Voters overwhelmingly rejected a plan to consolidate the area into a metropolitan district, with eleven boroughs. The plan lost by a three to one margin in the county and lost by two to one in the city.

**1967** Camille Henry became the first Blues player to ever score a "Hat Trick," or three goals in a game. The first Blues Hat Trick came against the Red Wings in Detroit.

**1968** Bob Gibson was named as the National League Cy Young Award winner for 1968, the "Year of the Pitcher." All Gibby had done that year was go 22 and nine, with 28 complete games and 13 shut outs. His earned run average was an astounding 1.12.

**1968** A car slammed into Harry Caray, radio voice of the Cardinals, as he crossed Kingshighway on a rainy day. He broke his shoulder and his nose, fractured both legs, and ended up in a full body cast. Police ticketed the driver, 21-year-old Michael Poliquin, for not having a driver's license. Harry got a ticket for crossing the street in the middle of the block.

**1972** The headache ball demolished the final remnants of the old county courthouse in Clayton, built in 1878.

**1977** County Police feared they had a mad bomber on their hands who picked his victims at random. Shirley Flynn was the latest victim. It was the third car bombing in South County in a month.

**1980** President Jimmy Carter made a last-minute campaign swing through Metro-East. he spoke at Granite City High School and in East St. Louis.

**1987** Mark McGwire of the A's was named the American League Rookie of the Year. He joined Carlton Fisk as the only players to win the award unanimously in the AL.

**1992** Missouri voters chose Mel Carnahan as the new governor. Carnahan defeated Republican Bill Webster, the outgoing state attorney general. Webster was ruined by allegations that greedy lawyers and Webster were lining their pockets with money from the state's Second Injury Fund. Jay Nixon was elected as the new attorney general and Bob Holden was elected treasurer.