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1765 The French King's last representative in America, Commandant Louis St. Ange de Bellerive, handed over Fort Chartres to the British. The British now controlled the East bank of the Mississippi. Bellerive moved his command to St. Louis, where he remained the civil authority until the Spanish took over five years later. Many settlers in Illinois, leery of British rule, followed Bellerive to St. Louis. A park, street, country club and St. Louis County municipality are named in his honor.

1858 The first Overland Mail arrived in St. Louis from California aboard a train, which had unloaded it from the overland stage at Tipton, Missouri. The total time for the trip was 24 days, 18 hours and six minutes. A few years later, the Pony Express would cut that time considerably.

1871 Business was suspended here as people crowded newspaper offices for the latest news from Chicago. Two steam fire engines, 100 policemen, and railroad cars filled with food were speeding towards the burning city from St. Louis.

1882 Telephone service was established between St. Louis and Alton. The telephone company said farmers and road officials, who were demanding exorbitant amounts of money to grant right of way for the poles, delayed completion of the line.

1905 Several hundred St. Louis County citizens agreed to petition the Sheriff's office to appoint more deputies to control automobile enthusiasts. Farmers said they had practically abandoned the better roads on Sundays because of the menace.

1909 Mayor Frederick Kriesman dedicated Fairgrounds Park to "The children of St. Louis." The area served as the site of the St. Louis fair nearly every year between 1856 and 1902. No fairs were held during the Civil War, when the site became Benton Barracks.

1925 The first equipment arrived for the "Voice of St. Louis" radio station. Kirkwood Mayor Jacobsmeyer accepted the delivery of 4700 tubes and odds and ends. Ground was broken on a site donated by the citizens of Kirkwood.

1927 Charles Lindbergh announced that he was donating his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," to the Smithsonian. He said he would deliver the plane personally after a four-month tour to promote aviation.

1928 The New York Yankees won the 1928 world series, sweeping the Cardinals in four-straight games. Babe Ruth hit three home runs in the final game. The Babe was 10 for 16 in the series, a .625 average.

1934 The "Gashouse Gang" Cardinals clinched the 1934 world series with an 11-0 win over Detroit. In the 6th inning, Joe Medwick slid hard into Tiger third baseman Marv

Owen after a triple. When he returned to the field, angry Detroit fans pelted him with debris. Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis ordered Medwick removed from the game for his own safety.

1943 Mike Peters was born in St. Louis. The son of television personality Charlotte Peters graduated from CBC High School and earned his fine arts degree at Washington University. He won a Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning in 1981, but is probably best known for his comic strip "Mother Goose and Grimm." Peters started drawing the strip in 1984.

1944 The Cardinals won "The Streetcar Series," defeating the Browns four games to two. The Brownies hit just .138 against the powerhouse pitching staff of the Cardinals, led by Mort Cooper, Max Lanier and Ted Wilkes. There was no celebration on the streets after the game, prompting J. Roy Stockton to write in the *Post-Dispatch* that there was one problem with having the World Series in the same city. "One of the teams has to lose."

1952 A crowd of 16,000 greeted Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson at Kiel. He made a major campaign speech on the role of government in bettering economic conditions.

1954 Actor Scott Bakula was born in St. Louis. The 1973 graduate of Kirkwood High School starred as Sam Beckett in the NBC science fiction series *Quantum Leap* from 1989 until 1993. Since 2001, he has played the role of Captain Jonathan Archer in *Enterprise*, the fifth incarnation of the *Star Trek* series.

1955 South Vietnamese Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem awarded his country's highest honor to Navy Lieutenant (j.g) Thomas Dooley of St. Louis. Dooley was honored for his work in aiding refugees in North Vietnam before the area was turned over the Communists as part of the truce.

1958 The Cardinals left on a goodwill tour of Japan. KMOX broadcast seven of the games, becoming the first radio station to broadcast complete baseball games from outside the continental United States.

1967 The Boston Red Sox sent the 1967 World Series back to Boston with a 3-1 win in Game Five. Jim Lonborg was the winning pitcher, despite a home run by Roger Maris in the 9th inning.

1968 The Tigers evened the world series at three games each. A ten-run third inning gave Denny McClain a 13-1 win at Busch Stadium.

1969 Harry Caray was fired as the voice of the Cardinals. Rumors were sweeping the city that Harry was having an affair with Susan Busch, the wife of August Busch the Third. As a parting shot to the brewery that day, Harry hoisted a can of Schlitz for the TV cameras.

