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**1765** Andre Auguste Conde arrived in St. Louis. Conde was probably the first doctor in Missouri. He was the post surgeon at Fort Chartres. When France ceded its lands east of the Mississippi to the British, Conde came to St. Louis.

**1803** The United States Senate voted to approve the Louisiana Purchase.

**1842** Noted educator Frank Louis Soldan was born in Frankfurt, Germany. Soldan immigrated to St. Louis in 1863, and became superintendent of St. Louis schools in 1895. During his term, 26 new schools were constructed.

**1868** Henry Shaw turned over the deed for his 276-acre estate under the condition that the land "be used as a park forever." At the time, there were just eleven parks in St. Louis. Shaw's country estate "Tower Grove" was actually outside the city limits, so it required an act of the state legislature to establish the park. Shaw filled the park with statuary, lily ponds, pavilions and fake "ruins."

**1869** Delegates from 21 states convened a national convention here to petition Congress to move the nation's capitol to St. Louis. Logan Uriah Reavis of the St. Louis *Press* led the effort. Amazingly, a Chicago newspaperman was backing him. Joseph Medill and his powerful Chicago *Tribune* said St. Louis was now the center of a country that stretched from coast-to-coast.

**1870** Real estate promoter Hiram Leffingwell proposed a 3,000 acre park to the west of Kingshighway. Since it was outside the city limits, the park would have to be authorized by the legislature. The "small but beautiful" River Des Peres would be dammed to create several small lakes. Leffingwell owned a big chunk of real estate around the proposed park.

**1875** Several prominent St. Louis businessmen pleaded guilty in federal court on charges stemming from the "Whiskey Ring" scandal. The conspiracy, centered in St. Louis, involved several members of the Grant administration. They were accused of bilking the treasury out of millions in tax revenue on spirits.

**1897** The *Globe-Democrat* reported that St. Louis would soon have its first horseless vehicles. Steel magnate Harry Scullin had ordered an electric "runabout buggy." Doctor E.V. Dittlinger had become the first American to order a gasoline-powered vehicle for private use. It was made in Germany at a cost of \$1200 and could do 12 miles per hour.

**1900** The Cardinals docked the pay of many players for the final month of the season. Management said the team's poor finish was due to gambling, drinking and late hours. Only five players, including stars John McGraw and Wilbert Robinson, were paid for the final month. McGraw and Robinson, along with Cy Young, would jump to the new American League in 1901.

**1902** Crusading St. Louis Circuit Attorney Joseph Folk launched an investigation into voter fraud here. He said 40 men were registered as voters at the single address of a deputy sheriff. Folk's campaign to clean up city government garnered national attention, and got him elected governor in 1904.

**1927** Anne Farrar Semple was crowned Queen of Love and Beauty at the Veiled Prophet Ball, held at the Old Coliseum. The ball had been postponed for three weeks because of the tornado.

**1927** Cleveland and Central High Schools met in the first football game at the new City High School Stadium. The facility at Kingshighway and Southwest could seat 30,000. It was said to be one of the best in the country.

**1950** Keith Hernandez was born in San Francisco. He played first base for the Cardinals from 1974 to 1983. In 1979, he led the NL in hitting, and was named co-MVP with Willie Stargell. Hernandez was a key part of the 1982 World Championship team. Whitey Herzog dealt Hernandez to the Mets for pitchers Neil Allen and Rick Ownbey on June 15, 1983. Herzog was upset over Keith's drug use.

**1962** St. Louis was preparing for a visit from President John Kennedy. Just three hours before the scheduled appearance at Westroads Shopping Center, word came that Kennedy couldn't make it because he had a respiratory infection. No one was told the real reason. Kennedy was rushing back to Washington to face the news that Soviet missile sights had been discovered in Cuba.

**1964** Red Scheondienst was named manager of the Cardinals. He replaced Johnny Keane, who had quit three days earlier to take the job as manager of the Yankees. Keane was sacked early in 1966, after the Yankees finished last in 1965. He died about a year later.

**1965** The Cardinals traded Kenny Boyer to the Mets for pitcher Al Jackson and third baseman Charley Smith. Boyer had gone through a sub-par season in 1965.

**1970** The newly-incorporated city of Black Jack moved to halt a proposed federally assisted apartment complex. The city voted to allow only single-family homes. The move ignited a legal battle that went all the way to the U-S Supreme Court.

**1981** Two people were killed when a bomb ripped through a home on Oregon. The house was just two blocks away from the residence where Michael Kornhardt had been arrested for the car bombing that killed George Faheen at the Mansion House. Authorities didn't think the incidents were related.

**1982** Bruce Sutter blew a third strike past Gorman Thomas of the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Cardinals were the champions of the world. The Cardinals over came a 3-1

deficit to win Game Seven 6-3. Joaquin Andujar got the win and Bruce Sutter got the save. Darrell Porter was named as the World Series MVP.

**1982** The Environmental Protection Agency released a list of 15 sites that could be contaminated with dioxin. The list included "various streets in Times Beach." The EPA had been investigating mysterious animal deaths in Jefferson County since 1974. The investigation found a possible link with the chemical, found in waste oil sprayed by Russell Bliss to keep dust down in the 1970's.

**1985** Things looked good for the Cardinals following Game Two of the "Show-Me Series." The Cardinals led two games to none, after raking Royals pitcher Charlie Liebrandt for three two-out hits and winning 3-1.

**1987** The Cardinals got their first win in the 1987 World Series. The Redbirds won Game Three 3-1 as the series had shifted to Busch Stadium. The Cards had dropped the first two games at the Metro Dome. The home team would win each of their games during the World Series.

**2004** Jim Edmonds hit a home run in the bottom of the 12<sup>th</sup> inning to give the Cardinals a dramatic win in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series. Houston had come from behind to tie it in the 9<sup>th</sup> off Cards closer Jason Isringhausen.