

October 24

1819 The first regular Episcopal Church Service west of the Mississippi was held in St. Louis. The congregation addressed that day by the Reverend John Ward numbered just six people. Ward ended up developing Christ Church because he got sick while visiting St. Louis. He was asked to stay and build a parish here.

1832 The last Indian holdings in Missouri were signed over to the United States Government at Castor Hill, in St. Louis County. Under the treaty, The Kickapoo tribe gave up 2,048,000 acres in Missouri and received 768,000 acres for their reservation in Kansas, bordering the Missouri River to the northwest of Fort Leavenworth. The United States agreed to pay the Kickapoo \$18,000

1861 President Lincoln removed Major General John Fremont as commander of the army's western department, head quartered here. Fremont's tenure had been marked by controversy. He declared martial law in Missouri and freed the slaves. Lincoln had the order rescinded and replaced Fremont with Brigadier General Samuel Curtis.

1879 The body of George Burr, a St. Louis bank teller who accompanied aeronaut John Wise on a balloon ascension here, washed up on the shore of Lake Michigan. No trace of Wise was ever found. The *Globe-Democrat* said, "We trust our authorities will refuse all applications to make balloon ascensions. Ballooning is both foolish and dangerous, and should be prohibited by law."

1905 The *Globe Democrat* reported that the Ferris Wheel was the only remnant of the 1904 World's Fair awaiting demolition. The Chicago Company that had the contract to remove the buildings from Forest Park offered to give the wheel to anyone who would remove it. They got no takers, and eventually used dynamite to bring it down.

1947 Actor Kevin Kline was born in St. Louis. Kline graduated from Priory High School in 1965. The theatre at Priory is named in his honor. He won two Tony Awards on Broadway before a role in *Sophie's Choice* made him a star in 1982. He is also known for films such as *The Big Chill*, *Dave*, and *The Ice Storm*. Kline won a best supporting actor Academy Award for *A Fish Called Wanda* in 1989.

1949 Frederick Switzer died. About 1904, he founded Switzer's to make penny candy. He moved into a building that formerly housed the Excelsior Manufacturing Company, which made Charter Oak Stoves. Rising costs forced Switzer to begin making five-cent licorice twists. Hershey acquired the Switzer name several years ago, but changed the licorice recipe. The fading sign on the Laclede's Landing building remains.

1949 A total of 128 taxpayers signed a petition proposing the incorporation of the Village of Town and Country. The boundaries of the proposed village were Bopp Road on the East, The Daniel Boone Parkway on the South, Des Peres Road on the West and Spring Drive on the South.

1950 St. Louis welcomed World War Two hero Dwight David Eisenhower. He addressed a group of prominent St. Louisans at the Hotel Statler. Ike, perhaps thinking about running for president in 1952, said the country was not prepared for a possible conflict in Europe.

1960 Stan Musial was named as "Comeback Player of the Year." He was hitting .235 in June, and many thought his career was over. Over the last three months of the season, Stan hit .292, and finished with a .275 average.

1962 As the Cuban Missile Crisis escalated, federal agencies in St. Louis received instructions to renew their plans for evacuating the city in the event of a nuclear attack. The local civil defense office reported it was receiving 60 to 70 calls a day about what to do if the bombs fell.

1965 Mayor Cervantes was headed to New York, to meet with Spanish officials at the World's Fair. He was to discuss his plan to bring the Spanish Pavilion from the fair here for a cultural center.

1983 A Monday Night game against the New York Giants at Busch Stadium came to symbolize the trials of a Big Red fan. Cardinal kicker Neil O'Donoghue missed three field goals in overtime as the game ended in a 20-20 tie.

1985 The Royals won Game Five of the I-70 world series 6-1, behind a complete game by Danny Jackson. The Cardinals still led the series, three games to two.

1987 Kent Hrbek belted a grand slam as the Twins overcame a 5-2 deficit to win Game Six of the World Series 11-5 at the Metrodome. The series was even at three games each. The home team had won all six games. Game Seven was set for the following night at the Metrodome.

1995 A crew from the television show *Rescue 911* was in St. Louis to film a segment on a local hero. Bellerive School fifth grader Larry Champagne the Third grabbed the steering wheel and brought his school bus to a halt on Highway 40 when the driver had a stroke. Motorists were miffed when the film crew closed part of the Forest Park Parkway to film the segment.

2000 Missouri Governor Roger Wilson announced he would appoint Jean Carnahan to the US Senate if her late husband won the election. Governor Mel Carnahan was killed in a plane crash on October 16th. At the time, the governor was in the midst of a bitter race with incumbent John Ashcroft.

2006 Chris Carpenter tossed eight shutout innings as the Cardinals won Game Three of the World Series over Detroit 3-1.