

## October 27

**1795** The United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San Idelfonso. The treaty provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River and American access to the Port of New Orleans.

**1838** Governor Lilburn Boggs ordered the extermination of the Mormons in Missouri. The order said Mormons "must be exterminated or driven from the state for the public good." Three days later, a mob massacred 17 Mormons at Haun's Mill. Soon afterward, they signed an agreement to leave Missouri.

**1842** As the plaque in the lobby at One Memorial Drive attests, "Abraham Lincoln slept here." Abe and his family spent the night in St. Louis on their way to Washington, D.C., where Lincoln was to be sworn in as a Congressman. At that time, Scott's Hotel stood on the site at Third and Market.

**1864** The life of "Bloody Bill" Anderson came to an end. Union troops gunned him down in Ray County. Anderson was the scourge of Northern Missouri during the summer of 1864. His men massacred 24 unarmed sick Union soldiers at Centralia. Then they killed 100 troops who tried to follow them.

**1889** The Post-Dispatch published a short story entitled "A Point at Issue." It was the first published work by Kate Chopin. A decade later, Chopin's *The Awakening* would rock the literary world with its frank description of a woman's affair.

**1914** Barnes Hospital was dedicated. The will of businessman Robert Barnes left \$100,000 for construction and a \$900,000 endowment for the hospital when he died in April 1892. Trustees postponed construction and invested the money until there were enough funds to build one of the most modern hospitals in the world. The trustees pledged to make Barnes the "Johns Hopkins of the West."

**1922** The first stoplight in St. Louis went into operation at Lindell and Newstead. There's no record of how long it took before someone ran it. The first traffic light in the nation had been installed just two years earlier in Detroit.

**1949** Luther Ely Smith answered downtown businessmen who charged that the proposed Arch would be an expensive white elephant. The Chairman of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Commission said the federal government would pay the entire cost of maintaining the memorial.

**1959** St. Louisans were shocked by the murder of Doctor Harry M. Sorkin, psychologist and the husband of famed business consultant Doctor Sylvia Sorkin. He was shot after arguing with a man who said Sorkin accused him of paying too much attention to his wife.

**1961** The University of Missouri Board of Curators authorized negotiations with the Normandy School Board to buy the current two-year residence center, located at the old Bellerive Country Club. The University planned to establish a four-year branch there.

**1965** The Cardinals traded "Mister Baseball." Bob Uecker went to the Philadelphia Phillies with Dick Groat and Bill White. In return, the Cards picked up Art Mahaffey, Alex Johnson and Pat Corrales.

**1965** The legs of the Arch were jacked apart in preparation for the fitting of the final section the following day. Ironworkers were back on the job. The union ended a work stoppage after receiving assurances from the National Park Service and Pittsburgh-Des Moines that the site was safe.

**1965** Mayor Alfonso Cervantes signed an agreement accepting the Spanish Pavilion from the New York World's Fair. He moved it to St. Louis for a cultural center. But the foundation that raised the money went bankrupt. "Cervante's Folly" sat vacant until developer Donald Breckenridge bought it. Today, the pavilion is the lobby of the downtown Marriott.

**1981** The Environmental Protection Agency released a list of 41 sites suspected to be contaminated by Dioxin. The town of Times Beach appeared on the list.

**1985** The Royals humiliated the Cardinals 11-0 in the Seventh Game of the World Series. The Cardinals were still smarting from Don Denkinger's bungled call and the loss in Game Six. John Tudor was the first to lose his temper, cutting his hand when he punched a fan after giving up five runs. Joaquin Andujar charged Don Denkinger over a disputed call. Whitey Herzog was tossed from the game after giving Denkinger a piece of his mind.

**2003** St. Louis County Executive George R. "Buzz" Westfall died at the age of 59. Just three weeks earlier, Westfall checked into a hospital suffering from back pain. He developed a deadly staph infection in his spine. Westfall served as County Executive for 13 years. He was vital in bringing the Rams to St. Louis and fought hard for the Page Extension.

**2003** A piece of Granite City history went up in flames. A massive fire destroyed the old National Enameling and Stamping Company Plant, which produced Graniteware cookware. The NESCO plant opened in 1893 and gave Granite City its name. As many as 4,000 people worked there at one time before it closed in 1956.

**2004** The Boston Red Sox completed a sweep of the Cardinals in the World Series, winning Game Four 3-0. The Redbirds hit just .190 in the series.

**2006** At 10:22 pm, rookie Cards closer Adam Wainwright struck out Brandon Inge of the Detroit Tigers, giving the Cardinals their first world championship since 1982. The

Cardinals won Game Five 4-2. The Tigers were overwhelming favorites going into the series. But as Jim Edmonds put it, “We shocked the world.”