



*February 15, 1764*

▲ **French explorers Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau founded the city of St Louis, gateway to the American west, on the west bank of the Mississippi river**

**1534:** Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei, who developed the first practical telescope, was born in Pisa

**1994:** North Korea ended a year-long standoff with the IAEA, allowing inspectors to check nuclear plants

**2001:** One of Spain's oldest traditions, the bullfight, came under threat with the imposition of tough European Union measures against mad cow disease

**2003:** Millions worldwide marched against the planned war in Iraq