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1891 In an article headlined "How to be a Lady" a writer for the *Globe-Democrat* warned "to avoid all proffers of introduction unless from those in whom you can place implicit confidence. A lady cannot shake off an improper acquaintance with the same facility a man can. Her character is more easily affected by contact with the worthless and dissipated."

1923 Two members of the notorious "Cuckoo Gang," were shot to death by their own associates. One of the victims was bestowing his affections on the sweetheart of one of his pals. The "Cuckoo Gang" was aligned with the Egan's in the gang war sweeping St. Louis.

1936 Competition began at the Olympics in Berlin. St. Louisan Dee Beockmann became the first woman to coach a U.S. Olympic team, as she led the women's track team. Harriet Bland of St. Louis was also a member of the team. The women's track team won five gold medals, humiliating the "master race" of Adolph Hitler.

1938 Johnny Mize of the Cardinals hit the first "yellow" home run in Major League history. Dodger's owner Larry MacPhail introduced "stitched lemons," official balls died yellow in the first game of a doubleheader at Ebbet's Field. Mize's home run off Freddie Fitzimmon's couldn't keep the Dodgers from winning 6-2.

1943 The *Globe-Democrat* reported on an unusual use for the Arena. The Laister Kauffman Aircraft Corporation had moved its base to the Old Barn on Oakland Avenue and was producing gliders there. The CG-4A Glider could hold 15 soldiers. It became the most widely used glider during the war.

1956 The state of Missouri awarded contracts for construction on Interstate-70 in St. Charles and part of I-44 in Laclede county--The very first contracts for interstate construction in the U-S. I-70 east of Highway 94 was the first stretch of interstate built in the nation.

1963 The first unit of the South County Shopping Center opened at Lemay Ferry and Lindbergh. Famous-Barr was the first store to open in the \$10 million center.

1966 For the first time since it opened in 1929, drivers could cross the Chain of Rocks Bridge without paying a toll. The Missouri Highway Department was building a new bridge to the north, and demanded that the tolls on the bridge be dropped since the bonds had been paid off.

1979 Tony LaRussa took over as manager of the Chicago White Sox. He became the fifth lawyer/manager in baseball history. The others, Monte Ward, Hughie Jennings, Miller Huggins and Branch Rickey, are all in the Hall of Fame. LaRussa earned his law degree at Florida State.

1993 One day after the flood reached its peak, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intentionally breached a levee upstream from Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, to try to save the town. The strategy flooded thousands of acres of farmland, but relieved pressure on the levee protecting the town. The Mississippi smashed through the levee protecting Valmeyer, Illinois.

1993 Massive traffic jams were predicted in St. Louis. The Poplar Street Bridge was closed after the rampaging river knocked the Burger King riverboat and the minesweeper *Inaugural* from their moorings. The minesweeper was lodged beneath the bridge. Six miles of Highway 40 were closed in the Chesterfield Valley because of flooding.

1993 One day after the Mississippi hit a record crest at St. Louis, the Missouri set a new mark at St. Charles. The Missouri crested at 39-point-six feet. Over 11,000 people were out of their homes near the River des Peres, because officials feared an explosion. The floodwaters had lifted several propane tanks from their mounts.

1994 Just one year after it went into operation. Voters in St. Louis City and County approved a sales tax increase to expand the Metro-Link light rail system throughout the area.

1999 After 18 straight days of 90-degree plus heat, the National Weather Service lifted its hot weather heat warning. The heat had killed at least 22 people. The string of 90-degree plus days was the longest since 1980.

2001 The Cardinals made a trade that turned out pretty well. They shipped Ray Lankford, who had recently been benched, to San Diego for pitcher Woody Williams. Woody went 7-1 in eleven starts for the Cardinals, with a 2.28 ERA.