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1817 Federal attorney and legislator Charles Lucas and future senator Thomas Hart Benton met in their first duel on Bloody Island. (Now part of the East St. Louis riverfront) Both men were slightly wounded and Benton demanded another duel on September 27th. This time, Lucas was killed. Both duels were prompted by a court case that found the two men on different sides.

1901 The chief of police ordered the force of detectives operating at Union Station doubled to 18. The chief declared war on the gamblers and con men operating there. The detectives also planned to crack down on the notorious saloons that lined Market Street opposite the station. Unsuspecting travelers were lured there for crooked games of chance.

1904 It was "Automobile Day" at the world's fair. A parade of 250 machines, 150 of them from St. Louis, paraded from the Jefferson Hotel to the fairgrounds. Police Chief Mathew Kiely led the parade, in the department's new "auto catcher."

1905 Parks commissioner Robert Aull called for a zoo "second to none in the country" to be located in Forest Park. Aull wanted the giant birdcage from the U.S. government exhibit at the world's fair to serve as the centerpiece. He had already acquired a herd of elk and deer, plus some bears and monkeys.

1934 Paul and Dizzy Dean lost a double header, then missed the train to Detroit, where the Cardinals were set to play an exhibition game. The brothers were fined, then suspended after 'Ol Diz tore up a couple of uniforms. He tore one up in disgust, and then ripped up a second one to oblige a photographer who missed it the first time.

1936 The temperature topped 100 degrees. That's not uncommon. But this time, the high would hit 100 or higher for 15 out of the next 17 days. By the time the heat wave was over, 471 people were dead.

1963 The greatest Cardinal of them all announced he was retiring at the end of the 1963 season. The Cardinals announced that Stan Musial would take a job in the front office starting in 1964.

1963 Edward "Jelly Roll" Hogan died. He had served five terms in the Missouri House and four in the Missouri Senate. But he is best remembered as the leader of a gang that fought a deadly war with Egan's Rats on the streets of St. Louis, resulting in at least 23 murders. In 1941, he was part a Democratic attempt to steal the governorship from Republican Forrest Donnell by demanding a recount. Hogan retired after being defeated by Theodore McNeal, the first black elected to the Missouri Senate.

1967 The football Cardinals announced that quarterback Charley Johnson had been drafted. He had played with the threat over his head for a year, but injuries had kept him out of the service. The Cardinals announced that a former SIU Carbondale player with

just 17 plays of experience in the NFL would take over as quarterback. His name was Jim Hart.

1969 Golfers at Berry Hill in Bridgeton were stunned when a small plane landed on the ninth fairway. The pilot ran out of gas. He landed safely with no damage to the plane but left one hell of a divot.

1970 A district court judge dismissed Curt Flood's anti-trust lawsuit and upheld baseball's reserve clause. The case would go all the way to the Supreme Court, which ruled that baseball was exempt from anti-trust laws. But Flood's fight paved the way for today's free agency. Flood had sued after the Cardinals traded him to the Phillies.

1974 Negro League great James "Cool Papa" Bell was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Bell played for the St. Louis Stars, among other teams. He was the fastest man ever to play the game, once clocked rounding the bases in just 12 seconds. Bell once stole 175 bases in fewer than 200 games.

1984 The Olympic games came to a close in Los Angeles. Al Joyner of East St. Louis won a gold medal in the triple jump. His sister, Jackie, won a silver medal in the heptathlon.

1993 President Bill Clinton came to Bridgeton to sign a \$5.7 billion flood relief bill. The president honored 19 people for their work in fighting the flood, including two from Missouri and three from Illinois.

1996 Kelly McGinnis shot and killed his ex-wife's divorce attorney in Greenville, Illinois. McGinnis eluded a massive manhunt until November 6th, when he stormed into the office of his former lawyer in Vandalia and shot up the place with a shotgun.

1997 President Bill Clinton came to St. Louis to promote his welfare reform plan at the Mid-Tec facility on Locust. After an address in the sweltering building, it was on to Windows on Washington for a \$5,000-a-plate fundraiser.

2002 Cardinal great Enos Slaughter died at the age of 86. He played for the Cardinals from 1938 to 1953, missing three seasons while in the military during World War Two. He is best remembered for dashing from first to score the winning run in the 1946 World Series.