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1892 A murder at the St. Louis county courthouse shocked the area. County Assessor Winfield Scott Smith was shot and killed by Sheriff Emil Dosenbach. The two were involved in a political quarrel.

1913 Dave Garroway was born. Two years after graduating from Washington University, he became a page at NBC. In 1949, he began hosting a show called *Garroway at Large*. The show pioneered concepts such as mixing in humor and bringing the viewer behind the scenes. NBC thought Garroway's laid-back style would be perfect for a new morning program. *Today* premiered on January 14, 1952.

1925 The birthday of TWA. The airline was founded in Los Angeles as Western Air Express. It merged with Transcontinental Air Transport in 1930 to become Transcontinental and Western Air. The name was changed to Trans World Airlines in 1950.

1930 The first terminal building at Lambert Field was dedicated by Myrtle Lambert, the daughter of aviation pioneer Albert Bond Lambert, and by the conqueror of the Antarctic, Rear Admiral Richard Byrd. The old terminal stood on the north side of the airport on Lindbergh. It was replaced by the present terminal in 1956, and was torn down in the late 70's.

1932 A dance marathon that had continued with brief rest periods since March 25th finally came to an end. The winners took home one thousand dollars. The runners up got \$250. Both couples would sleep for 24 hours in the lobby of the Fox Theatre, and then appear on stage each night for a week.

1948 The American League beat the National 5-2 in the All-Star Game at Sportsmen's Park in St. Louis. Stan Musial of the Cardinals hit a home run. St. Louis native Hoot Evers of Detroit also added a homer.

1956 Michael Spinks was born in St. Louis. After winning a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, he went on to become the first boxer to win the light heavyweight championship and go on to win the heavyweight title. He retired after taking a 91 second beating from Mike Tyson in June, 1988.

1960 Stan Musial hit his final home run in an All-Star game. Ken Boyer of the Cardinals added another, as the National League won six-nothing.

1963 The University of Missouri Board of Curators approved the purchase of the grounds of the old Bellerive Country Club grounds in Normandy for the establishment of a St. Louis campus. Some classes were already being held at the old country club.

1965 Bob Gibson was one of the heroes of the All-Star game, won by the National League, 6-5. He held the American League scoreless for the final two innings. Juan Marichal of the Giants was named MVP.

1965 City officials announced that the proposed Walt Disney project on the St. Louis riverfront was dead. The plans for Riverfront Square fell through over financing, and because city officials refused Walt's request that no alcohol be served there. Gussie Busch loudly used an expletive to refer to Walt when he heard the request. A few months later, an offended Disney announced plans for a project in Central Florida.

1966 The temperature here hit 106. Union Electric declared a power emergency, and continued to shut power down to areas for up to two hours at a time. With no air conditioning, many businesses sent workers home for the day--If they could get there. Massive traffic jams resulted as the power was cut to key traffic signals.

1967 James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Prison, returned to his hometown and robbed the Bank of Alton. He used the \$30,000 he got in the robbery to flee the country after shooting Martin Luther King.

1968 Mayor Cervantes ordered an immediate clean-up of all housing projects in the city, particularly the troubled Pruitt-Igoe project. He had been visiting there to accept an award, and was appalled by the terrible shape the complex was in.

1972 Missouri Senator Thomas Eagleton won the Democratic nomination for vice-president at the convention in Miami. He said if elected, he would not use the office for "cheap rhetorical attacks that divided our nation," an obvious reference to Spiro Agnew. Eagleton later admitted that he had been hospitalized three times for exhaustion and twice received electric shock therapy. He withdrew from the race and was replaced by Sargent Shriver.

1975 It was "We hlove Hrabosky Hbanner Hday" at Busch Stadium. Hrabosky got credit for the 2-1 win against the Dodgers in the final game before the All-Star break. Dodger manager Walter Alston had ignited the ire of Cards fans when he left "The Mad Hungarian" off the All-Star Game roster.

1979 The St. Louis Steamers indoor soccer team was founded. By the end of the first season, the team was averaging 14,000 fans per game. In the early 80's, the Steamers were the hottest ticket in town. But the novelty wore off, and the team was history by 1988. One of the stars was St. Louis native Daryl Doran. Doran coached the most recent incarnation of the Steamers.

1980 Thirty-two more deaths pushed the death toll from the heatwave to 93. The city morgue and most hospitals reported they were running out of space for the bodies.

1992 Ground was broken for the \$260 million expansion of the Cervantes convention center. Politicians sweated as they gripped shovels in the summertime heat at the

ceremony. The complex is now known as America's Center, and includes the Edward Jones Dome.