

November 2

1829 Bishop Rosati re-opened St. Louis University. Bishop DuBourg founded the school at 2nd and Market in 1818. But the doors were closed in 1826. Rosati brought Father Felix Von Quickenborne and Jesuits from the seminary at Florissant to teach at the school, then located at Ninth and Christy. The college was incorporated as St. Louis University in 1832. The school relocated to its present campus in 1888.

1861 Major General John C. Fremont was removed as commander of the Western Department of the Union Army, headquartered in St. Louis. Fremont had issued an order freeing the slaves of Confederate sympathizers, even though he had no authority to do so. Fearful of alienating the Border States, Abraham Lincoln rescinded the order. Fremont sent his wife Jesse to Washington to argue his case. Lincoln was not pleased, and removed Fremont from command.

1876 Citizens were launching a campaign for fire plugs in South St. Louis after a devastating fire in Carondelet. The small fire began in a woodshed, but soon spread to several homes and stables. Firemen had to pump water from a stream six blocks away.

1881 It was announced that professional baseball would return to St. Louis. St. Louis, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Louisville formed the American Association. The AA allowed beer sales and Sunday games, which the National League prohibited. The new league also offered 25 cents admission, appealing to the working class. The Browns would average over 3,000 fans per game in 1882.

1899 This is the date of the earliest snow fall of an inch or more recorded in St. Louis.

1925 Indictments were issued against 39 people, including 22 from St. Louis, in connection with the disappearance of \$1.5 million worth of pre-prohibition whiskey. It had somehow been siphoned out of 893 barrels at a government warehouse. Among those indicted were a Democratic State Senator and the reputed Republican boss of St. Louis.

1928 The Continental Insurance Company unveiled plans for a skyscraper on Olive, west of Grand. Because of the elevation of the site, the "Continental Building" would be the highest building in the city. William A. Ittner designed the 23-story art deco building. At one time it was home to insurance executive Edward Mays, who lived in the top floor penthouse. The building also housed the offices the Grand National Bank.

1948 Missouri's Harry S. Truman upset Thomas Dewey in the presidential election. He had been trailing in the polls and in the early returns, prompting the Chicago Tribune to run the headline "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN." The famous photo of Truman holding the paper was taken as his train pulled into Union Station here the next morning.

1953 Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady pleaded guilty to the kidnapping and murder of six-year-old Bobby Greenlease. An investigation was underway into the

missing half of the ransom money. Justice moved swiftly in 1953. Hall and Heady went to the gas chamber together at the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City on December 18, 1953 – just 81 days after the crime.

1958 Willie Dean McGee was born in San Francisco. On October 22, 1981, he came to the Cardinals as part of deal that sent reliever Bob Sykes to the Yankees. The trade attracted almost no attention at the time. But Willie would go on to become a fan favorite. His three run homer and spectacular catch made Game Three of the 1982 World Series his most memorable. Willie was traded to Oakland in 1990, but returned in 1996.

1960 The FCC charged KWK with fraud in connection with its "Treasure Hunt" and "Bonus Club" contests. The station would lose its license, after admitting that the Treasure Hunt prizes were not hidden until the last days of the contests. Hundreds of listeners tried to dig up parts of Forest Park and Tower Grove Park searching for the money.

1962 The first six steel plates for the base section of the Gateway Arch were unloaded from barges. These plates were just two-feet-six-inches tall. But they would be the first construction visible from above the ground.

1966 E. Weston Colbrunn, President of the Gaslight Square Businessmens Association said business was still good. He was reacting to a "Newsweek" article that claimed "The spirit of Gaslight Square is flickering" because of crime and a decline in the number of adult customers. Crowds of youths hanging out at the "go-go" joints were blamed.

1969 At Busch Stadium, Big Red quarterback Charley Johnson and New Orleans QB Billy Kilmer tossed six touch down passes each. The Saints won the game 51-42. The 12 touchdown passes still stands as an NFL record. The 1969 Gridbirds allowed 38 touch down passes, the second most in NFL history.

1971 Amid protests both pro and con, the musical *Hair* opened at the American Theatre. A court order had prevented the city from using an anti-obscenity ordinance to stop the show. Plainclothes policemen were on hand anyway, to make sure the show didn't violate the ordinance. There were no arrests.

1973 Thousands packed the Arena as the Reverend Billy Graham opened a nine-day crusade. A total of 224,000 people would see Graham during his first crusade in St. Louis.

1976 As Jimmy Carter swept into the White House, there were some major upsets in Missouri. John Danforth defeated former Governor Warren Hearnes to become the first Republican Senator from Missouri in 30 years. Joseph Teasdale upset Republican Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond.

1977 Another daredevil pilot threaded a small plane through the legs of the Arch. It was the seventh time it had happened. But this was the first time anybody had pulled the stunt at night.

1978 Cornell Haynes Junior was born in Texas. His father was in the Air Force, so the family moved quite a bit, ending up in St. Louis. Haynes moved with his mother to University City when he was in his teens, and formed a group called "The St. Lunatics." As "Nelly," he scored his first big hit with his 2000 album, *Country Grammar*.

1992 On the eve of the election, Democratic nominee Bill Clinton made a brief stopover at Lambert Field. The hoarse candidate addressed a cheering crowd in a hangar. The next day, Clinton took Missouri, the first time the state had gone Democratic since 1976.

1999 The biggest fire in St. Louis in a decade swept the old Alligator Company warehouse in the 4100 block of Bingham. The wind whipped the blaze in the block-long complex to seven alarms. No one was hurt.

2000 Texas Governor George W. Bush continued to focus on Missouri in the final days of the presidential campaign. Bush appeared at a GOP rally at the Family Arena in St. Charles. It was his second trip to Missouri in just five days.

2000 Mayor James Eagan of Florissant died at the age of 74. He was first elected in 1963, and re-elected nine times. At the time of his death, Eagan was the second longest serving mayor in the U.S.