

October 4

1793 John D. Daggett was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was the seventh mayor of St. Louis, serving from 1841-1842. During his term, the city acquired Souldard Market from the will of Julia Souldard. Daggett Street is named in his honor.

1893 Activist and author Fannie Cook was born. Her book *Mrs. Palmer's Honey* dealt with prejudice in St. Louis. It won the first George Washington Carver Award for works on African-American issues. Cook also fought for the establishment of Homer G. Phillips Hospital and for integration of hotels, restaurants and other public places.

1905 Famed saloon-smasher Carrie Nation caused another ruckus at Union Station. She denounced anyone she saw smoking and got into a loud argument with a switchboard operator. The young woman was chewing gum; a vice Mrs. Nation insisted was just as sinful as smoking or drinking.

1906 The statue of St. Louis on Art Hill was dedicated. The statue became the symbol of the city, eclipsed only when the Arch was built in 1965. More than seven thousand people took part in the parade to mark the occasion. The statue was a bronze cast from an original at the world's fair by Charles Niehaus.

1909 St. Louis was celebrating Centennial Week with several lavish events. On this date, a crowd of 250,000 lined the river front for a parade of 600 gaily-decorated boats on "Welcome Day." The parade stretched along a four-mile route from the Merchant's Bridge to the foot of Market Street.

1911 Walter Brookins carried the first air mail in the city of St. Louis, and only the second in the United States. He flew the mail from Kinloch Field to Fairgrounds Park at a top speed of 60 miles per hour.

1918 The *Post-Dispatch* reported on the first cases of the Spanish Flu that would prove so deadly. The paper reported 500 mild cases at Jefferson Barracks. Over 1700 people would die of the disease in St. Louis alone.

1923 The Lambert-St. Louis Flying Field was dedicated. Albert Bond-Lambert acquired the former cornfield on Natural Bridge and developed it at his own expense. He then held it for the city to buy at cost. Before Lambert was developed, aviators used Forest Park. (The Mounted Police stable is the old hangar)

1928 The 1928 World Series got underway in New York. The Cardinals dropped the opener to Yankees, 4-1.

1944 The first all-St. Louis World Series opened at Sportsmen's Park. The city was buzzing, and seemed to slightly favor the underdog Browns. Classes were cancelled at St. Louis and Washington University and Mayor Aloys Kaufmann declared it "St. Louis

Baseball Week.” Mort Cooper of the Cardinals allowed just two hits, but the Browns took Game One, 2-1 on a home run by George McQuinn.

1944 Tony La Russa was born in Tampa, Florida. As a player, LaRussa ended his career with a .199 average. He was toiling in the Cardinals minor league system when George Kissell suggested that he try managing. LaRussa is one of the few managers in Major League history to have a law degree. He graduated from Florida State in 1978, one year before becoming manager of the Chicago White Sox. He became manager of the Cardinals on October 23, 1995.

1947 The first parking meters were installed in the St. Louis area. They were installed on an experimental basis in Maplewood. The first parking meters in the city of St. Louis went into operation on May 21, 1951.

1950 St. Louis Zoo Director George Vierheller reassured the public that an atom bomb attack would not send dangerous animals into the streets of St. Louis. Vierheller said the cages were so strong that any blast strong enough to destroy the cages would kill the occupants.

1953 A friend of the Greenlease family delivered the \$600,000 ransom to a secluded spot on U.S. 40 outside Kansas City. Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Lee Heady made off with the ransom without being detected. Bobby Greenlease was already dead, and the kidnapers headed for St. Louis.

1963 Construction was halted on the Arch, after engineers found a problem with steel reinforcing rods in the South Leg. It would be two months before the problem was solved and construction resumed.

1964 The Cardinals capped one of the most exciting pennant chases ever, clinching their first pennant since 1946 with an 11-5 win over the Mets at Busch while the Phillies beat the Reds 10-0. Tim McCarver caught a pop foul off the bat of Ed Kranepool for the final out. The Cardinals were 6 1/2 games behind the Phillies in late September, with just 12 games to play. They went into the final day of the season tied with the Reds for first.

1967 The 1967 World Series opened at Fenway Park in Boston, with the Cardinals edging the Red Sox 2-1. Lou Brock got four hits and stole two bases while Bob Gibson struck out ten.

1986 The first Missouri Lottery tickets went on sale.

2001 Mark McGwire slugged a home run off of Rocky Copping in Milwaukee. It would turn out to be the last of his career. McGwire had missed virtually all of the second half of the season, due to his recurring knee injury. In November, McGwire would announce his retirement in a fax to ESPN. His 583 career home runs put Big Mac fifth on the all-time list.

2004 Burt Rutan piloted *SpaceShipOne* into outer space for the second time in a week, landing the \$10 million St. Louis based X Prize. Businessmen here set up the competition in 1996 to promote private space travel. Rutan's firm teamed with billionaire Paul Allen to build the craft.