

October 5

1782 Nobody knows for sure exactly when Florissant was founded. But on this date, Francois Dunegant received a tract of land from the Spanish to establish a government house and organize a village along Coldwater Creek. The Spanish called the village San Fernando, but the locals called it Florissant. The French had declared the area "Un vale Fluerissant" or "Valley of the Flowers."

1815 Washington King was born in New York City. He was the 17th Mayor of St. Louis, serving a one year term beginning in 1855. On November 1, 1855, King was seriously injured as he traveled on a special train to mark the completion of the Pacific Railroad to Jefferson City. Thirty-one passengers died when the bridge over the flooding Gasconade River collapsed.

1836 The medical department at St. Louis University was founded. The first course of lectures was not presented until 1842. In 1855, it was separated from the school, and continued as St. Louis Medical College. In 1891, it became part of the medical department of Washington University.

1882 Fearing for his life, Frank James surrendered to Governor Thomas Crittenden. Crittenden had offered a reward for the capture of the James brothers, which inspired a gang member to kill Jesse. In the OJ Case its day, Frank James was tried for the murder of a man during a bank robbery. His acquittal shocked the public. Frank James retired to the family farm near Kearney, where he died in 1915.

1884 St. Louis Maroons pitchers Charley Sweeney and Henry Boyle stopped St. Paul without a hit or walk before rain halted play after 5 innings. But the Maroons lost the game because of two errors. The Sweeney-Boyle performance capped what is still the biggest ML season for no-hitters. There were 12, including one of 10 innings.

1892 The last of the bands of Missouri outlaws, the Dalton Gang, met their end in a robbery at Coffeyville, Kansas. Four of the five gang members were killed by citizens who had been warned they were inside the bank.

1903 A St. Louis County Grand Jury, taking note of the increased number of automobile accidents, urged law enforcement officials to vigorously enforce the eight-miles-per-hour speed limit.

1916 Ten people died, including seven firemen, in a fire at the Christian Brothers College at Kingshighway and Easton. (Now Doctor King) The other casualties were two of the brothers and the school watchman. The city bought the site of the college and turned it into Sherman Park.

1918 The present Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City was opened. The current building replaced one that burned in 1911, after it was hit by a bolt of lightning.

1926 In the first World Series game ever played in St. Louis, the Cardinals won Game Three, 4-0. Jesse "Pop" Haines held the Yankees to just five hits, and added a home run of his own. The first two games had been played at Yankee Stadium. KMOX broadcast "a running description of each pitched ball." Ruth Porter Brown was the announcer. The first regular season baseball broadcasts would begin the following year. Garnett Marks broadcast the home games of the Cardinals and Browns and recreated the away games in the KMOX studio.

1927 The Red Cross announced that the relief fund for victims of the tornado was already \$45,000 over its goal of \$500,000. Red Cross officials said they would continue to raise money, in order to help those made destitute by the storm get back on their feet.

1934 The Cardinals and the Tigers met in the first game of the 1934 World Series to be played here. Paul Dean got the win, 4-1. The Gashouse gang had split the first two games in Detroit. Police guarded Dizzy Dean as he slept at the Forest Park Hotel, because owner Sam Breadon feared Dean might be kidnapped.

1942 The Cardinals won game five, and took the 1942 world series from the Yankees, four games to one. The Redbirds of 1942 were 13 games out of first in August, but tied the Dodgers, and beat them in a playoff to make it to the series.

1953 Carl Austin Hall left a drunken Bonnie Heady in a rented apartment at 4504 Arsenal and holed up with prostitute Sandra June O'Day at the Coral Court Motel. The cab driver that took Hall to the motel notified his boss, mobster and owner of Ace Cab Joe Costello, that Hall had thousands in cash stuffed in suitcases. Costello tipped off his friend, St. Louis Police Lieutenant Ira Shoulders. The kidnappers were arrested the next day. The missing ½ of the \$600,000 Greenlease ransom probably ended up with Costello.

1967 Jim Lonborg threw the fourth one-hitter in World Series history. Boston beat the Cardinals 5-0 in Game Two. The series was evened at one game each.

1968 Tim McCarver and Orlando Cepeda hit three-run homers as the Cardinals beat Detroit 7-3 in Game Three of the World Series. The Cardinals led two games to one.

1985 The Cardinals clinched the National League East with a 7-1 win over the Cubs. John Tudor got the win, his 21st after starting the season 1-7. The Cardinals reached 100 victories in a season for the first time since 1967. They also swiped their 314th base, the most in a season since the 1912 New York Giants.

1999 The U.S. Senate voted against the nomination of Missouri Supreme Court Justice Ronnie White to a seat on the federal bench. Republican Senator John Ashcroft would face accusations of racism for leading the fight against the nomination of Missouri's first African-American Supreme Court Judge.