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1856 Albert Burgess was born in Detroit. He relocated to St. Louis after reading in a black newspaper that there were no African-American attorneys here. On December 31, 1877, he became the first Black attorney to pass the bar exam in St. Louis and opened a practice at 805 Olive. Mayor Cyrus Walbridge appointed him assistant city attorney in 1894 and he served until 1902.

1861 Former St. Louis Mayor and Confederate General Jim Thompson issued a proclamation calling on the “Patriots of Washington, Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, St Francois and Iron Counties” to join his Missouri Militia and to rid the area of Union troops. The next day, his 3,000 men attacked Potosi, capturing 50 Union soldiers and burning the Big River Bridge. On October 21, Thompson was defeated in the Battle of Fredericktown.

1869 The Anti-Horse Thief Society met at the St. Louis Courthouse. The formerly secret organization was known for having “its own methods” for dealing with horse thieves. The organization boasted that every horse ever stolen from members had been recovered.

1877 Property values were expected to rise as much as 50 percent in the sleepy village of Florissant. The West End Narrow Gauge Railroad had announced it was extending its line from Grand Avenue to Florissant.

1885 The Browns faced the Chicago White Stockings in the first game ever to be called a “World Series.” St. Louis sportswriter Al Spinks coined the phrase. It was actually the third post-season clash between the rival AA and NL. The first game ended in a tie, but the Browns would win the series.

1893 Lillian Gish was born in Springfield, Ohio. Lillian and her sister, Dorothy, began their careers in the movie industry by selling popcorn outside the Lyric Theatre in East St. Louis. They went on to star in 201 movies. Lillian became known as “The First Lady of the Silent Screen.”

1906 One of the first professional stock car races in St. Louis took place at the old fairgrounds. A Packard won the ten-mile race. In the five-mile race, the great Barney Oldfield averaged nearly 60 miles-per-hour to take the win. Oldfield set a record in the two-mile race.

1910 At the aviation meet at Kinloch Field, Alfred LeBlanc set a new American speed record of 68 miles-per-hour. He was flying a 50 horsepower Bleriot monoplane.

1923 In the first NFL game ever played in St. Louis, the St. Louis All-Stars lost to the Hammond, Indiana Pros by a score of 6-0. A crowd of 719 fans saw the game at Sportsmen's Park. The All-Stars lasted just one season.

1930 The Philadelphia Athletics beat the Cardinals in Game Six 7-1 to take the 1930 World Series, four games to two. The A's took Game Six 7-1. The 1930 Cardinals team featured five future Hall of Famers, including "Sunny Jim" Bottomley. But Bottomley only scraped up one hit in 22 at bats.

1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Soldier's Memorial downtown. As part of the 1923 bond issue, voters approved spending \$6 million for a plaza and monument to commemorate St. Louisans who lost their lives in World War I. It took all of the funds just to purchase the seven-block site. With the funds spent, Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann 10 years later asked residents to raise \$1 million to construct the building.

1945 The football Cardinals were a lousy team even this far back. The Chicago Cardinals set a new NFL record for futility, finally putting one in the win column after 29 straight losses. They then went out and lost the final six games of the season.

1949 Two Overland police officers were killed by a suspected auto thief. The suspect grabbed Sergeant Pelham Scott's revolver and shot officer Edward Jettmeyer as he fled from the station. He then shot Scott as he came out of the station in pursuit.

1953 The St. Louis Police Department formally congratulated the men who had arrested the Greenlease kidnapers here. Lieutenant Louis Shoulders, acting on a tip, made the arrests, accompanied by patrolman Edward Dolan. The investigation was continuing into the missing half of the \$600,000.

1958 The State Highway Commission formally announced plans for a free bridge at Poplar Street. Plans were also announced for the extension of the Daniel Boone Expressway past its current dead end at Brentwood Blvd.

1985 Ozzie Smith came to the plate in the bottom of the ninth in Game Five of the National League Championship Series with the game tied 2-2. Tom Niedenfuer was on the mound for the Dodgers. The switch-hitting Wizard would hit left-handed. In over 3,000-career left handed at bats, he had never hit a home run. But Smith corked one down the right field line and over the wall. Describing the scene on KMOX, Jack Buck cried "Go Crazy Folks, Go Crazy!"

1987 Jose Oquendo belted a surprise home run as the Cardinals clinched the National League pennant with a win over the Giants. It was only the third home run of his career for the "Secret Weapon." The Cardinals won Game Seven 6-0.

1994 Dal Maxvill was fired as general manager of the Cardinals. He would be replaced by Walt Jocketty, former assistant GM in Oakland and Colorado.

2002 The Giants beat the Cardinals 2-1, taking the National League Championship Series in five games. It marked the end of an emotional season, marked by the deaths of

Jack Buck and Darryl Kile. In the championship series, the Birds batted .077 with runners in scoring position.