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1812 Albert Gallatin Edwards was born. He graduated from West Point in 1832 and became a brigadier general assigned to Jefferson Barracks. Grateful for his support during the Civil War, President Lincoln appointed him assistant secretary of the treasury for the sub treasury bank in St. Louis. He retired in 1887 to found his own brokerage firm, A.G. Edwards and Son.

1849 One thousand delegates from 14 states gathered in St. Louis to work towards construction of a Pacific railroad. The next day, Thomas Hart Benton would deliver a famous speech, stirring the delegates to ask Congress to fund the line.

1852 The seventh and final debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas was held in Alton. The Republican Lincoln and Democratic Douglas were running for the U.S. Senate. Over 6,000 people gathered in front of City Hall to hear the candidates. Douglas told the crowd that the Union could endure divided into slave and free states. Lincoln called slavery a “tyrannical principal.” Douglas would win this election. But Lincoln would win the presidency in 1860.

1872 Virginia Minor of St. Louis attempted to register to vote, but was turned away because she was not a male citizen. She sued in St. Louis Circuit Court, the Missouri Supreme Court, and eventually lost the case in the U.S. Supreme Court. She became a prominent leader in the women's suffrage movement.

1885 The first World Series game ever played west of the Mississippi ended in a riot. Browns fans were upset over several calls by umpire Dave Sullivan. They swarmed the field as Sullivan was rushed away. The White Stockings fought the mob with baseball bats. Safe in his hotel room, Sullivan ruled that the Browns had forfeited. But the Browns claimed they were forced off the field by the mob.

1899 Frankie Baker shot Albert Britt to death after an argument over another woman at 212 Targee Street. (Where the Saavis Center stands today) Frankie pleaded self-defense and was acquitted. Pianist Bill Dooley wrote a song about the murder called “Frankie and Albert.” Over the years, it got changed to “Frankie and Johnny.” When the story became a motion picture, Baker sued. The court found that it was considered a folk song, and ruled against her. Baker died in a Portland mental institution in 1950.

1928 The St. Louis County Planning Association announced a new state and county road program, including a plan for a highway from Wentzville to St. Louis. Highway 40 was opened from Wentzville to Lindbergh in 1938, but residents kept it a dead end at Brentwood Boulevard until the 1950's. The highway in St. Louis City and County has since been designated as I-64, but locals still call it “Farty.”

1946 Enos “Country” Slaughter made his memorable dash from first to home to help the Cardinals win Game Seven of the World Series against Boston. After Harry Walker singled in the eighth inning, Slaughter actually ran through a stop sign from the third base

coach. Shortstop Johnny Pesky was apparently shocked to see Slaughter keep going. He hesitated before throwing to catcher Roy Pardee, and Slaughter slid in ahead of the tag.

1955 The Third Street Inter Regional Express Highway opened from Gravois to Washington. The two mile long expressway cost \$13 million. Today, the highway is part of the elevated section of I-55. The third post war expressway to be built in St. Louis; it saved the average driver about ten minutes exiting downtown.

1961 Robert Eberenz and his wife emerged after spending a week in a fallout shelter in Breckenridge Hills. Eberenz, a building contractor, said they proved anyone could do it. The couple said they played a lot of Scrabble and Gin Rummy. Miss Eberenz replied "are you kidding?" when a reporter asked if she would do it again.

1964 The Cardinals clinched their first world championship in 18 years, as they beat the Yankees in the seventh game at Old Busch Stadium. Bob Gibson tossed a complete game and struck out nine in Game Seven. Lou Brock's home run sparked a three run 5th inning and staked Gibson to a 6-0 lead. Mickey Mantle, Clete Boyer, and Phil Linz homered for New York, but it wasn't enough.

1976 An entire block in a residential neighborhood in East St. Louis burned while most of the city firemen were out with the "Blue Flu." A skeleton crew finally brought the blaze under control. The firemen were staying home to protest the city's failure to grant them back pay.

1980 The assistant manager of the motor pool at the Federal Building was killed and four people were hurt when a disgruntled former employee opened fire with a shotgun in the parking garage. Gene Autry Clark was charged in the shooting.

1982 It was Willie McGee's greatest day. Willie hit two home runs and made two great catches in Game Three of the 1982 World Series against Milwaukee. Willie made a perfect leap and reached above the wall at County Stadium to take a two-run home run away from Gorman Thomas in the ninth inning. The Cardinals won the game 6-2.

1986 Keith Richards stormed out of rehearsals for the Chuck Berry film *Hail, Hail Rock and Roll*, at the Fox Theatre. He and Berry had argued over who would lead the band. They made up the next day.

1999 The owner of The Parkmoor Restaurant at Clayton Road and Big Bend announced that the restaurant would close at the end of the month. The Parkmoor opened in 1930, and was the first area restaurant to offer curbside service.

1999 Rams quarterback Kurt Warner took the stage for the Billy Graham Crusade at the Trans World Dome. About 40,000 people attended the second service of the four-day crusade.

1999 A 12-year-old girl died and 20 people were injured in a hayride accident at the "Rocking J" Ranch in Jefferson County. Rachel McManemy died in the outing with girl scouts from St. Raphael Church in South St. Louis.