

September 11

1809 Sterling Price was born in Virginia. He served as governor of Missouri from 1852 to 1857. In 1861, he became commander of the pro-southern state militia. Price led the rebels to victories at Lexington and Wilson's Creek. But he was defeated at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Price did lead an invasion force aimed at St. Louis in 1864. But Union troops turned the rebels back at Pilot Knob.

1861 President Lincoln rescinded General John Fremont's order freeing the slaves of active secessionists in Missouri. Lincoln was concerned the proclamation would introduce the slavery issue into the war. He regarded it as dangerous and premature.

1877 The commission appointed to choose a county courthouse site for St. Louis County, newly separated from the city, met at the temporary seat at Mount Olive to consider proposals. Among the sites suggested were Kirkwood, Carsonville, Eureka, Hell Town and Florissant.

1887 The St. Louis Browns refused to play an exhibition game against an all-black Cuban team. In a letter to the owner, the team stated, "We will cheerfully play against white people at any time and think that by refusing to play [blacks] we are only doing what is right."

1903 The World's Fair Company announced plans to lay pipes for the "distribution of coolness by ammonia gas" at the fair. The *Globe-Democrat* said it was probably a good idea, but would not be surprised to find out that artificially cooled buildings were unhealthy, "since we know by experience that everything nice is unhealthy."

1908 The *Globe-Democrat* reported that a man who admitted saying "Hello Kid" to a 19-year-old woman was fined five dollars for "brazen familiarity" by a St. Louis Police Court Judge. The woman whacked the "masher" with her umbrella and summoned a policeman to arrest the cad.

1963 Nine Congress of Racial Equality leaders were arrested for contempt of court during the protests at Jefferson Bank and Trust. Among those arrested were Alderman William Clay, the Reverend Charles Perkins, and Norman Seay, Democratic Committeeman from the 26th Ward. The protests were a major turning point in the St. Louis civil rights movement.

1972 Bill Bidwill became the sole owner of the football Cardinals. He bought out brother Stormy Bidwill for \$6 million. The Cardinals were valued at about \$15 million.

1974 "Lucas Tanner" premiered on NBC-TV. David Hartman starred as a widowed sportswriter who starts a new life as a teacher at the fictional Harry Truman High School in Webster Groves. The show only lasted 24 episodes. Hartman went on to become a co-anchor for ABC's "Good Morning America."

1974 Bake McBride was the hero in the longest game in Cardinal history. He opened the 25th inning with a single. McBride then scored on a couple of errors by the Mets, starting with an errant pickoff attempt. Only about 1,000 fans were still on hand at Shea Stadium when the game ended after seven hours and 13 minutes at 3:13 am. The teams left a total of 45 men on base. McBride would go on to win NL Rookie of the Year honors in 1974.

1981 Charles "Johnnie" Michaels and an associate were shot and critically injured outside "The Edge" Restaurant. Johnnie was the son of murdered gang leader James Michaels Senior. Police were seeking a link to the August 4th bombing that maimed reputed mob enforcer, Paul Leisure.

1999 The former site of Times Beach was re-dedicated as Route 66 State Park. The last residents moved out in 1986, after dioxin contamination was discovered. The buildings were leveled, and the site sealed off for 17 years. A controversial incinerator there burned dioxin from Times Beach and other sites in Missouri before it was dismantled and the site cleaned up.

2000 Ceremonies marked the dedication of the Thomas Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in downtown St. Louis. The largest courthouse in the nation and the fourth tallest structure in the city took nearly a decade and 200-million dollars to build.

2001 That morning, the big news was the arrival of Tiger Woods at Bellerive Country Club the day before. Woods put on an exhibition for thousands of fans as he prepared to play in the PGA American Express Championship. The news from New York broke shortly after 7:45 am, St. Louis time. Within an hour, air traffic was halted at Lambert Field and armed marshals patrolled the Eagleton Federal Courthouse. The Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse closed. Police Chief Joe Mokwa assured citizens that no terrorist threats had been received here. By afternoon, most of the shopping malls were closed and blood donation centers were swamped. There was some panic buying at gas stations. A few Casey's General Stores in Metro East raised prices to \$5 per gallon.

The following victims had ties to St. Louis.

- **Myra Aronson**, 51 (1968 graduate Horton Watkins High School, Ladue) Was on American Airlines Flight 11 that crashed into the north tower..
- **Carol Demitz**, 49 (1970 graduate Nerinx Hall High School, Webster Groves) Was a lawyer working in the south tower
- **David W. Nelson**, 50 (1969 graduate of Kirkwood High School) Was an investor at the WTC
- **Richard Salinardi Jr.**, 32 (1987 graduate of McCluer North High School, Florissant) Was a manager for Aramark Corp., located on the observation deck of the south tower.
- **Lt. Col. Karl Teepe** (retired), 57 (1962 graduate of Riverview Gardens High School, Bellefontaine Neighbors. Grew up in Jennings.) Was a civilian working for the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon.