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1842 James Shields and Abraham Lincoln met for a duel on an island on the Missouri side of the river near Alton. Shields, a Belleville attorney and state auditor, had accused Lincoln, then a state legislator, of writing a critical article about him. They chose cavalry sabers as their weapons. But Lincoln convinced Shields that he didn't write the article and the duel was called off. Shields had also noticed Lincoln had a much longer reach, a definite advantage.

1872 A progress report in the *Globe-Democrat* on the construction of the Eads Bridge said James B. Eads was so successful in solving the complex problems of construction, he was being hailed as the most brilliant engineer in the country. Eads was able to sink the piers by using a unique system of underwater pressure chambers. The superstructure of the bridge was already taking shape.

1910 Architect Theodore Link unveiled plans for the new \$1.5 million Barnes Hospital, to be built near the south end of Forest Park. Link was also the designer of Union Station. The hospital was named for the businessman who donated his estate for the establishment of a hospital to treat people regardless of creed or color.

1924 A federal judge ordered the Griesedieck Brewery here closed down for one year, because of repeated violations of the Volstead Act. A former brew master testified that he had personally supervised the brewing of 20,000 cases of real beer.

1926 An innocent bystander was killed, and five people wounded, in the bloodiest outbreak of violence yet in the war between the "Cuckoo" and the Italian gangs. A group of four men had walked into a crowded bar and sprayed it with gunfire. Jimmy Michaels was a member of the Cuckoo Gang. His name would turn up again in St. Louis mob history.

1954 A bloody riot swept the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. By the time it was over, four inmates were dead, and \$5 million in damage had been done to the prison.

1961 Vince Coleman was born in Jacksonville, Florida. The 1985 NL Rookie of the Year is the only player to swipe over 100 bases during their first three seasons. On October 13, 1985 Coleman was stretching out before Game Four of the NLCS when the "Killer Tarp" at Busch Stadium injured his leg. The Cardinals offense sputtered in his absence, and they lost the World Series.

1964 The Cardinals moved into third place, six games behind the slumping Phillies.. Rumors were flying that Leo Durocher would replace Johnny Keane as the Cardinal manager at the conclusion of the season.

1964 Zoo officials unveiled plans for the proposed Charles H. Yalem Children's Zoo. It was named for the financier and philanthropist who donated \$250,000 for the new zoo. Officials said it would include an animal nursery, and enable kids to get up close and personal with the animals.

1969 The "Paul is Dead" rumor reached the St. Louis area, as the Southern Illinois University newspaper printed an article reporting the various "clues." You remember these, The line "I buried Paul," supposedly at the end of "Strawberry Fields," the "signs of death" on the various album covers and so on.

1974 Al Hrabosky's psych up antics ignited a strange brawl at Busch. Bill Madlock of the Cubs stepped out of the box each time Hrabosky went into his routine. Finally, umpire Shag Crawford ordered Hrabosky to pitch while Madlock was still out of the box. As on deck hitter Jose Cardenal charged the ump, Hrabosky threw another pitch, which both Cardenal and Madlock swung at. Madlock mouthed off at catcher Ted Simmons and Simmons slugged him.

1989 The Chase Park-Plaza closed its doors. Built in 1922, the Chase Hotel became the center of night life in St. Louis after owner Sam Koplak combined it with the adjacent Park Plaza. Who can forget *Wrestling at the Chase?* It aired at 11 a.m. Sunday on Channel 11 from 1959 to 1983. Favorites included King Kong Brody, Ric Flair, Dick the Bruiser, Lou Thesz and Ted DeBiase. The hotel re-opened as an apartment complex in the summer of 1999.

1997 The wrecking ball was poised to demolish a North St. Louis County landmark. The Central Hardware store at New Halls Ferry and I-270 was to be torn down to make room for a new Home Depot. When it was built in 1961, the distinctive design reminded people of the Lambert Field Terminal.