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**1774** Meriwether Lewis was born in Virginia. Thomas Jefferson asked him to lead the expedition to the Louisiana Territory in 1804. Lewis recruited boyhood friend William Clark and insisted that Clark's name be included when the expedition was named. After the journey, Lewis became territorial governor here. He was found shot to death on the Natchez Trace while traveling to Washington in 1809. The death was ruled a suicide.

**1886** St. Louis Maroons (UA) owner Henry Lucas quit baseball, announcing that the club cost him \$27,000 over three years. The franchise seemed to be on the brink of dissolution but would finish the season.

**1892** Browns outfielder Cliff Carroll misjudged a ground ball. Somehow, it ended up in his pocket. While he fished it out, the runner ended up at third. Brown's owner Chris Von der Ahe fined Carroll \$50 and suspended him for the rest of the season--without pay.

**1893** Burleigh Arland Grimes was born in Wisconsin. "Ol' Stubblebeard" was the last of the legal spitball pitchers. He came to the Cardinals in 1930 at the age of 37. He won 13 out of 19 games, helping the Birds win the pennant. He won 17 games in 1931, including two in the World Series. Grimes was named to the Hall of Fame in 1964.

**1900** Card's manager Patsy Tebeau resigned. When third baseman John McGraw turned down the job, the Robison brothers tapped Louie Heilbroner, the 4' 9" Cardinals business manager, to run the team. Most of the players wouldn't take orders from Heilbroner, and McGraw was actually running things. Heilbroner returned to the front office the following year and in 1910 he started publishing *The Baseball Blue Book*.

**1906** One of the first high speed chases was recorded in St. Louis. Patrolman James Cooney was injured while chasing a speeding motorist through Forest Park at 35 miles per hour in the Police Department's new car. He was thrown from the vehicle after hitting a tree and hit by the second police car.

**1922** Shirley Schrift was born in East St. Louis. She rose to fame as an actress with the name Shelley Winters. Her first major role came in the 1945 film *Double Life*, for which she received an Oscar nomination. She won Academy Awards for *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *A Patch of Blue*. But her best-known role may have been in *The Poseidon Adventure*.

**1936** The temperature here hit 108 degrees, the highest reading during the killer heatwave of 1936. The heat wave is the deadliest ever in St. Louis. At least 471 people died as the temperature topped 100 for 15 out of 17 days. That week, the average high in St. Louis was 103. People were sleeping outside, even driving out to the county and camping out along the highways.

**1960** Placement of plants began in the ultra-modern "Climatron" at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The geodesic dome was designed to be the new home for the garden's

tropical plants. R. Buckminster Fuller developed the geodesic dome, which is a structure shaped like a sphere made of a network of triangles. Fuller was serving as a research professor at SIU-Edwardsville when the Climatron was unveiled.

**1964** The last phase of construction on the bottom half of the Arch began, with the pouring of re-enforcing concrete at the 300 foot level. Designers said the steel structure of the Arch would stand on its own above 300 feet. In the fall of 1964, engineers decided to extend the concrete up to 312 feet, after wrinkles appeared in the skin of the Arch.

**1982** A jury sentenced Maurice Byrd to death for the Pope's Cafeteria murders. Four employees were shot to death execution style in a robbery on October 23, 1980.

**1998** Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were tied at 47 home runs each as the Cardinals and Cubs began a series in Chicago. Sosa took the lead the next day. But it lasted less than one hour, as Big Mac hit numbers 48 and 49. The attention of the entire country was focused on McGwire and Sosa, who managed to remain friends through it all.