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1733 Marie Therese Bourgeois was born in New Orleans. The mother of Auguste Chouteau left her brutal husband to live with Pierre Laclede, yet never took his name, presumably to avoid trouble with the law. In September 1764, she joined Laclede at his new trading post, becoming the first white woman in St. Louis. Her grandson, Francois, founded Kansas City in 1821.

1867 The United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of Father John Cummings, a priest who was indicted in Pike County for preaching illegally. The Drake Constitution required all professional men, including ministers, to sign an oath of loyalty to the Union. The court ruled the oaths were unconstitutional.

1868 A St. Louis newspaper reported that the city was home to the only working typewriter in the United States. Christopher Latham Soles of Milwaukee had invented the machine in 1867. He sent it here to Charles E. Weller, who was using it to transcribe court notes.

1870 A young St. Louis woman was under arrest for attending a masquerade ball dressed as a man. She said it was all in fun, but the *Globe-Democrat* reported that the judge fined her five dollars for the "unseemly" stunt.

1895 A St. Louis Congressman was proposing a national commission on pollution of streams. The bill was aimed at the city of Chicago, which was building a canal that would carry sewage into the Mississippi. Chicago officials said it was absurd to believe the pollution could affect drinking water in St. Louis.

1898 The birthday of International Shoe. Five Tennessee and Mississippi businessmen opened a wholesale house that would develop into the largest shoe manufacturing company in the world. John Roberts, Jackson Johnson, Edgar Rand, Oscar Johnson and Eugene Roberts founded the firm.

1899 A spirited battle was shaping up over the site for the proposed 1903 World's Fair. Citizen's groups were already pushing sites on the riverfront, near the Chain of Rocks, at Jefferson Barracks, and in an undeveloped tract at the western end of Forest Park.

1905 Author Emily Hahn was born in St. Louis. She wrote about her world travels in over 50 books and many magazine articles. But she is best remembered for a World War Two era scandal. While in China, she married poet Sinmay Zau and kicked an opium addiction. Then she had a child out of wedlock with British intelligence officer Charles Boxer. Boxer left his wife and married Hahn after the war.

1925 Pianist Harry Snodgrass, "The nation's most widely-known radio entertainer," made his last broadcast over WOS from the Missouri Penitentiary in Jefferson City. Sentenced to three years for a botched robbery in St. Louis, he became the star of weekly radio concerts by the prison band, which included 28 convicts serving time for everything

from embezzlement to murder. He left jail with \$3,500 in contributions from listeners and a two-year-vaudeville contract.

1928 The city of St. Louis formally acquired an airport. Mayor Miller signed a bill allowing for the leasing of Albert Bond Lambert's flying field for 18 months and its eventual purchase. The mayor said work would begin at once to transform the field into "one of the finest airdomes in the world."

1928 The Wurlitzer Company announced it was building one of the biggest organs in the world for the new Fox Theatre, now under construction at Grand and Washington. The company said the organ would enable the organist to "reproduce sounds never before believed possible on such an instrument."

1932 The Cardinals signed 19-year-old Jerome Hanna Dean. "Dizzy" Dean was regarded as the best pitching prospect in the country. He had compiled a record of 26 wins and ten losses in the minors. Diz said he would win 20 games in 1933 and lead the Cardinals to a third straight pennant.

1955 The 1954 Rookie of the Year signed with the Cardinals for the 1955 season. Wally Moon said he was happy because his pay would be doubled to about \$12,000 dollars.

1959 The smallest municipality in St. Louis County was incorporated. Bill Bangert was promoting the land at the Intersection of I-70 and the proposed Circumferential Expressway (I-270) as the home of the 1964 Olympics. Bangert proposed building a 100,000 seat domed stadium. Today, 11 people live in Champ, which is mostly a landfill.

1965 Two patients at the St. Louis State Hospital on Arsenal died in a general-alarm fire at the 100-year-old building. Hospital personnel were credited with safely evacuating the other 1,200 patients.

1971 Dan Devine resigned as coach of the Missouri Tigers. He took the job as coach and G.M of the Green Bay Packers. Since taking over at Mizzou in 1958, Devine oversaw the Tigers' rise to the top ranks of college football. He led the Tigers to victories in the 1961 Orange, 1963 Bluebonnet, 1966 Sugar and 1969 Gator Bowls.

1979 After 54 days, St. Louisans were once again able to enjoy their daily paper. A strike that began as a walkout by pressmen, spread to other unions. The *Post-Dispatch* and the *Globe-Democrat* had been shut down since November 20, 1978.

1980 A car bomb killed Sophie Marie Barrera of South St. Louis. Doctor Glennon Englemann emerged as the chief suspect. The "South Side Dentist" would eventually be convicted of six murders. He claimed to have committed 23 dating back to 1958. Englemann would marry off his ex-lovers, and then conspire with them to kill the new husbands and collect the insurance money.

1983 Two men were arrested for the murder of Gary and Donna Decker. Walter Harvey and Raphael Clark were charged in the case. The couple was shopping for Christmas presents for their young son when they disappeared from a North County store. Their bodies were found in East St. Louis on December 15, 1982.

1990 The LA Rams were blasted 30 to 3 by the San Francisco 49'ers in the NFC Championship Game. The Rams would not make another post-season appearance for ten seasons.