

## October 19

**1803** 16-year-old George Shannon signed on as a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The youngest member of the party, he would become one of the most outstanding hunters if the group.

**1847** George K. Budd, the founder of Boatmen's Bank, made the first deposit--\$2,000. By the end of the first month, the bank had acquired only about another \$1,000 in deposits. By the end of the first year, there were over \$26,000 in the bank, but Boatmen's was in the red by \$983.

**1876** Mordecai Peter Centennial "Three Fingers" Brown was born in Indiana. He lost his index finger in a farm accident as a child, and the resulting strange grip made him a Hall of Fame pitcher. He made a successful debut with the Cardinals in 1903. But the team didn't think Mordecai would last. They dealt him to the Cubs on December 12, 1903. He went on to lead the Cubs to four pennants.

**1879** William Igoe was born. The St. Louis attorney served in the U.S House from 1913 to 1920. He was among a group of lawmakers that tried to keep the U.S. out of World War One. Igoe made an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 1928. The Pruitt-Igoe Housing Project was named in his honor and in honor of World War Two hero Oliver Wendell Pruitt.

**1889** Fannie Hurst was born in Ohio. She was raised in St. Louis, and published her first story in William Reedy's *Mirror*. Hurst became a regular in the *Saturday Evening Post* and would pen 17 novels. During the 1920's, she was the highest paid short story writer in the world. A campaigner for women's rights, Hurst married a man but kept a separate residence. She said a married woman had a right to her own life.

**1902** Famous Missouri outlaw James Younger killed himself in his hotel room in St. Paul, Minnesota. The last of the Younger Brothers, Cole, said James had been despondent over his parole board's refusal to allow him to marry or return to Missouri. He had been imprisoned in Minnesota after a disastrous raid on the bank at Northfield in 1876.

**1907** The Grant's Cabin Association announced that August A. Busch had agreed to place Grant's Cabin in a park he had created on the farm. The cabin was currently residing in Forest Park. It had been moved there from its original site on the Dent estate as an exhibit for the world's fair.

**1921** Bill Mauldin was born near Santa Fe, New Mexico. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his *Stars and Stripes* cartoons featuring weary soldiers Willie and Joe. Mauldin joined the *Post Dispatch* as an editorial cartoonist in 1958. He won another Pulitzer that year for a cartoon that featured Soviet author Boris Pasternak in a gulag speaking to another prisoner: "I won the Nobel Prize for literature. What was your crime?" He moved to the

Chicago *Sun Times* in 1962.

**1927** Thousands turned out for the Veiled Prophet Parade, which had been postponed because of the tornado. A hastily added float portrayed the city rising from the ruins.

**1931** Union Electric announced that the new dam at Bagnell, Missouri was completely functional. The dam would produce about 440 million kilowatt-hours of power each year. It created a lake 129 miles long, with 1,300 miles of shoreline and one "Party Cove."

**1942** Branch Rickey resigned as president of the Cardinals. Rickey had clashed with owner Sam Breadon, insisting that no beer company should be allowed to sponsor the Cards radio broadcasts. He invented the "farm system" that made the Cardinals a powerhouse. Rickey would go on to become president of the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1947, he signed Jackie Robinson and broke baseball's color barrier.

**1953** The St. Louis Police Board ordered a full investigation into alleged discrepancies in officer's reports on the roles they played in the arrest of the Greenlease kidnappers here. Half of the \$600,000 ransom was missing.

**1954** Joe Garagiola announced he was retiring from baseball at the age of 28. He said he had been offered a wonderful opportunity in broadcasting, assisting the radio broadcasts of the Missouri Tigers games.

**1955** The *Globe-Democrat* reported on the new Military Personnel Records Center on Page. Colonel David Arp, the Commander of the center, said the building was constructed in such a way that water used to fight any fire would not soak the vital records.

**1964** The National Park Service rejected the latest section added to the Arch, because of wrinkles on the skin. Construction was halted for a month while the problem was solved. Engineers agreed to pour reinforcing concrete higher up than first planned.

**1971** The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of Curt Flood. The Cardinal's outfielder sued after he was traded to the Phillies. He argued that baseball's reserve system enslaved the players. Flood lost his suit, but his case paved the way for today's free agency system.

**1974** Plaza Frontenac opened. It was the first enclosed bi-level mall in the St. Louis area.

**1982** Facing elimination, the Cardinals survived two rain delays and won Game Six of the World Series at Busch. The Redbird bats rocked as the thunder rolled, and the final was 13-1.

**1983** The Sverdrup Corporation announced plans for a 370-acre retail and office and

industrial center south of Interstate 70 at Earth City. The plans called for the total investment at "Riverport" to approach \$500 million in the next ten years.

**1985** The "I-70" or "Show-Me Series" got underway in Kansas City. John Tudor and Todd Worrell combined for a Cardinal win in Game One.

**1989** One of the biggest early snowfalls on record here dumped six inches of the white stuff. More than 175,000 people across the Midwest found themselves without power, as Cincinnati, Dayton, and Indianapolis also were pounded.

**1990** The motion picture *White Palace* opened nationally. James Spader plays a widowed 27-year-old yuppie. He falls for a 43-year-old waitress at a hamburger joint, played by Susan Sarandon. The film features many St. Louis locations, including the "White Palace" at 18<sup>th</sup> and Olive, Dogtown, Duff's Restaurant, the Hi-Pointe Cinema and the Arch grounds. It also featured Jason Alexander, Cathy Bates and Eileen Brennan.

**2004** Thirteen people were killed in the crash of Corporate Airlines Flight 5966 at Kirksville. The National Transportation Safety Board later blamed pilot fatigue and failure to proper procedures in preparation for landing.

**2005** At 10:22 p.m., Yadier Molina of the Cardinals flied out to Astros right fielder Jason Lane, giving Houston the National League championship and bringing down the curtain at Busch Stadium. After 51 seasons, it was also the last Cardinal game broadcast on KMOX.

**2006** Yadier Molina's two-run home run in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning gave the Cardinals the National League Pennant. The Cardinals won a nail biting Game Seven over the Mets by a score of 3-1. Rookie Adam Wainwright loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning before Carlos Beltran on three straight to win it.