



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

## On This Date

**1867** – The U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million. The deal was ridiculed as “Seward’s Folly” after the man who negotiated it, Secretary of State William Seward.



**1967** – The cover of the Beatles’ *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* was photographed by Michael Cooper.

**1981** – John Hinckley Jr. shot and injured President Ronald Reagan outside a Washington, D.C. hotel. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity. He remained under institutional psychiatric care until being released in 2016.

## Daily Trivia

The Beatles are the best-selling recording artists of all time, according to *Billboard* and *Rolling Stone*.

The Eagles’ *Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975)* has sold more copies than any other record in the United States.

## Quote of the Day

“I’ve never been cool—and I don’t care.”

~ Céline Dion

## Happy Birthday!

**Céline Dion** was born in 1968 in Charlemagne, Québec. She was the 14th child of a musical family who performed locally. Producer René Angélil, Dion’s future husband, heard her sing when she was 12 and mortgaged his house to back her career. She quickly became well-known in French-speaking countries. Dion took



a hiatus to perfect her English and adopt a more mature “look.” She emerged as an American pop star, ultimately selling over 200 millions records. She is especially beloved for singing the theme to the film *Titanic*. Some of her other hits include “The Power of Love” and “Beauty and the Beast.”



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**Today is** International Laundry Folding Day. Properly folding laundry is key to preventing wrinkles and maximizing closet space. Laundry should be folded promptly, while it is still warm from the dryer, before wrinkles have set.

## Wild Kingdom

In the world of pigeon racing, the Belgians are known as the



best breeders in the business. Yet even the most proficient pigeon

professionals were flabbergasted when a Belgian-bred racing pigeon named New Kim sold at auction for \$1.9 million to an anonymous Chinese buyer. Pigeon racing has become popular in China, but the sale still sent shockwaves through the pigeon racing community. New Kim was one of the last birds to be bred by famed Belgian breeder Gaston Van de Wouwer. One source compared the sale to buying a “Picasso painting.”

## Name Three

Can you name three fruits that begin with the letter A?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS: apple, apricot, avocado, acai berry

## 50 Years Ago Today

On this day 50 years ago, the first Starbucks coffee shop was opened in Seattle, Washington, by three friends who met while studying at the University of San Francisco. While in San Francisco, the three students met Peet’s Coffee owner Alfred Peet. It was Peet who taught them how to roast beans and encouraged them to open their own coffee store in Seattle. The three thought that words starting with *St*-were powerful. After coming across a town named Starbo on a map of the Cascade Mountains of Washington, they decided on Starbucks from *Moby Dick*.

## Buy a Vowel

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To drink

ANSWER: IMBIBE