



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1862** – The first test of pasteurization was completed by Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard. It showed that carefully heating foods could kill bacteria without damaging the food. The process was soon used for beer and milk.

**1902** – Scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium. Being pioneers in the field, they were unaware of the harmful effects of radiation. Marie eventually died of cancer caused by radiation. Her notebooks are still radioactive and are stored in lead-lined boxes.

**1909** – New baseball stadiums debuted in Detroit and Boston. It was opening day for Tiger Stadium in Detroit and Fenway Park in Boston. Tiger Stadium closed in 2001, but Fenway Park is still going strong.

## Did You Know?

*Green Eggs and Ham*, written by Dr. Seuss, contains only 50 different words.

## Humor of the Day

“When I was larger, people said I was fat. Now that I’ve lost weight, they say I died.”

~ *Luther Vandross*

## Happy Birthday!

**Luther Vandross** (1951–2005) was born in New York City and grew up going to the Apollo theater to hear such acts as Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick. The exceptionally talented singer, who

was known as “the Velvet Voice,” dropped out of college to pursue music and soon had gigs as an in-demand backup singer. The Grammy Award winner was in multiple bands, including Change. In 1981, he capitalized on his smooth, romantic sound to launch a successful solo career. Vandross released numerous hit songs, such as “Never Too Much,” “I Can Make It Better,” and “Superstar.”

