



## Today in History

*March 30, 1867*

▲ The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for the sum of \$7.2 million, approximately two cents an acre. Alaska joined the Union as a state in 1959

**1858:** The first pencil with an eraser at the end was patented

**1987:** Vincent van Gogh's painting, *Sunflowers*, was sold at auction in London for £24.75 million (\$39.7m)

**1989:** President Mitterrand of France opened the new entrance of the Louvre Museum, a dramatic glass pyramid

**2010:** The Large Hadron Collider shattered records by colliding particle beams at a combined energy of 7 teraelectronvolts (TeV)