



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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## On This Date

**1783** – Catherine the Great of Russia annexed Crimea after seizing the peninsula from the Turks. Her reign eventually brought most of Ukraine under Russian rule.

**1986** – Robert Merrill, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, both sang the national anthem and threw out the first ball at Yankee Stadium.

**2001** – Tiger Woods became the first golfer in history to win four consecutive major tournaments, known as the Tiger Slam.

## If the Glove Fits

At first, baseball was played without gloves. In 1875, St. Louis outfielder Charlie Waitt put on a pair of leather dress gloves to protect his hands.

Although he was called a “sissy” by fans, the idea soon took off, and baseball players began to wear gloves.



## Quote of the Day

“The search for human freedom can never be complete without freedom for women.”

~ *Betty Ford*

## Happy Birthday!

**Betty Ford** (1918–2011) was first lady of the United States for three years. At the age of 11, she began modeling and teaching children popular dances to earn money during



the Depression. As first lady, Ford openly advocated for women’s rights. In interviews she was also forthright about her struggle with breast cancer. In 1978, Ford’s family confronted her about her alcohol dependence, and she went to a recovery center. Ford devoted the rest of her life to maintaining her sobriety and helping others with substance use disorders. She founded the Betty Ford Center for treatment of chemical dependency in 1982.