



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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*Today is Winter Solstice!*



## On This Date

**1891** – Eighteen students in Springfield, Massachusetts, played the very first game of basketball under rules developed by chaplain James Naismith.

**1898** – French scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated and discovered polonium and radium in a sample of the mineral pitchblende.

**1913** – The first crossword puzzle appeared in the *New York World* newspaper. The novelty was called a “Word-Cross” and had 32 clues.

**1942** – The Canadian government added coupons for butter to ration books issued during the war to ensure that all Canadians received their fair share.

## True or False?

In the original rules of basketball, players were not allowed to dribble the ball.

*ANSWER: True. Players were expected to pass the ball from standing positions and could not run with or dribble the ball.*

## Quote of the Day

“My parents not only did it for a living, they were really good at it.”

~ *Kiefer Sutherland, on his actor parents*

## Happy Birthday!

**Kiefer Sutherland**, born in 1966, is a Canadian actor, producer, director, and singer-songwriter. He



earned an Emmy and other awards for his portrayal of Jack Bauer on the FOX television drama *24*.

He has appeared in a wide variety of movies, television shows, and theater productions. Kiefer (who is named after director Warren Kiefer) is the son of actors Donald Sutherland and Shirley Douglas. His daughter, Sarah, is continuing in the family tradition of acting. She is known for her role as Catherine Meyer in the television series *Veep*.