



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

## On This Date

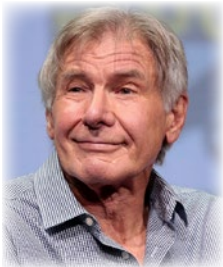
**1956** – Elvis Presley’s “Heartbreak Hotel” hit No. 1 on the music charts. The songwriters, Thomas Durden and Mae Boren Axton, loosely based the lyrics on a suicide note left at a Miami hotel.



**1990** – The \$2.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in space. The primary mirror was flawed and reduced the telescope’s ability to see distant stars and objects. However, the image quality was corrected with a specially designed lens installed during a 1993 space mission.

## Did You Know?

Al Pacino turned down the role of galactic smuggler Han Solo in the *Star Wars* film series because he “couldn’t understand the script.” Harrison Ford won the part instead, and the rest is history.



## Quote of the Day

“An actor with too much money will usually find a way to get rid of it.”

~ *Al Pacino*

## Happy Birthday!

**Al Pacino**, born in 1940, has been acting professionally for over 50 years. Hailing from New York City, Pacino is known for his intense and charismatic performances, particularly in classic films like *The Godfather* trilogy, where he portrayed Michael Corleone, and *Scarface* (1983). Demonstrating his versatility, Pacino won an Academy Award for *Scent of a Woman* in 1992. He also has excelled in theater productions, earning two Tony Awards for his work. At age 83, Pacino recently became a father for the fourth time upon the birth of his son Roman in 2023.





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**Today is DNA Day.** Our DNA is fragile and may be damaged thousands of times each day. It is often repaired, but when it is not, *mutations* occur, which can be either harmful or helpful.

## You Are What You Eat

One of the wonderful things about local fairs is that you can find just about any food served deep-fried. The San Diego County Fair got creative this past year when they decided to serve deep-fried Starbucks coffee. Finely ground coffee beans were mixed with a sweet pastry dough, and then the balls were deep-fried until golden brown. The coffee ball was then rolled in sugar and served with whipped cream in a take-out Starbucks cup. What did it taste like? Coffee, sugar, and cream, all in a doughnut-like package that is crunchy on the outside and soft and gooey on the inside.

### Buy a Vowel

P \_ S S \_ S S \_ \_ N

The state of having, owning, or controlling something

ANSWER: POSSESSION

## Old Wives' Tales



A popular old wives' tale is that bad things always come in threes. But do they really? The number three has often been linked to balance. Triangles are stable. The mathematician Pythagoras believed that three was the one true number. Christianity has the Holy Trinity. Plays traditionally have three acts. And the third time is a charm. Psychologists believe that people crave certainty, and superstitions are attempts to create certainty where there is none. When bad things happen, people use superstition to predict, and therefore exert power over, unfortunate events.

## Riddle Me This

What is always in front of you yet cannot be seen?

ANSWER: The future