



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

## On This Date

**1906** – Willis Carrier was issued a patent for his “Apparatus for Treating Air,” the world’s first air conditioner. The invention could wash, humidify, and dehumidify the air and served as a prototype for today’s modern air conditioning.

**1988** – Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney and U.S. president Ronald Reagan signed the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, eliminating trade barriers between the two nations. This historic deal reshaped economic relations, boosting cross-border trade and laying the foundation for the later NAFTA agreement.

**2004** – NASA spacecraft *Stardust* made a close flyby of comet Wild 2 at six times the speed of a rifle bullet.

## Did You Know?

Scientists found the amino acid glycine in the particles from comet Wild 2, another piece of evidence that Earth received building blocks of life from space.

## Quote of the Day

“Live theater is my favorite of all the mediums that I have worked in.”

~ *Taye Diggs*

## Happy Birthday!

**Taye Diggs**, born in 1971, is an actor, singer, and author who created the role of Benny in the original Broadway production of *Rent* (1996). Shortly after leaving the wildly popular musical, Diggs made his film debut in *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* (1998) and rocketed to stardom. Since then, he has starred in numerous films and TV shows, including *Private Practice* and *Murder in the First*, and he has written four children’s books. Diggs was married to his *Rent* costar Idina Menzel from 2003–2014. They have one son, Walker Nathaniel.





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**Today is Buffet Day.** The concept of a massive all-you-can-eat spread likely originated in Sweden with the *smorgasbord*, or “buttered breadboard,” which was designed to feed many guests who popped in for an unexpected visit.

## Who Am I?

My journey began on January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi, where I was born into humble circumstances. In 1948, my family relocated to Memphis, setting the stage for my musical career. My breakthrough came in 1954 at Sun Records, where I blended pop, country, gospel, and rhythm and blues. My stage presence captivated audiences and played a significant role in breaking down racial barriers in music. In 1956, I rose to fame with the release of “Heartbreak Hotel” and earned the title “King of Rock and Roll.” Who am I?

ANSWER: *Elvis Presley*

## Buy a Vowel

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One’s conception of what is perfect

ANSWER: *IDEAL*

## Wild Kingdom



Sea cucumbers are not vegetables but are marine invertebrates that live on the seafloor.

As they crawl, they eat everything from carcasses to excrement, a diet that is incredibly important, for they clean the water and act as custodians of the world’s oceans. These creatures are considered a delicacy in China and Japan, where they cost over \$3,000 a kilo, or \$170 a plate. They are even considered a health food and are used to treat ailments like arthritis. Their spike in popularity has made them vulnerable to overfishing, and fewer sea cucumbers on the ocean floor means fewer custodians of our seas.

## Riddle Me This

What begins with *T*, ends with *T*, and has *T* in it?

ANSWER: *Teapot*