



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

**Today is** World Braille Day. Braille started as a military code known as “night writing.” It was developed in 1819 by the French army so that soldiers could secretly communicate at night without speaking or using candlelight.

## You Are What You Eat

*Bake and Shark* is the most popular traditional street food of Trinidad. The bake is the fried dough shell, cooked until it is puffy and light. It is then cut open to act like sandwich bread for the shark. Blacktip shark fillet is most often used, but alternatives like tilapia, kingfish, or catfish are common. Most of the fun isn't in eating the shark but in filling the sandwich with condiments: lettuce, tomato, garlic sauce, pepper sauce, chadon beni sauce, and the list goes on.

## Whatchamacallit?

What do you call a group of ants?

- |       |        |
|-------|--------|
| army  | hive   |
| swarm | litter |

ANSWER: ARMY

## Think-tionary

*brummagem*

- A. Cheap, showy, and counterfeit  
or  
B. A strong wind that blows across a plane's flight path, causing it to divert

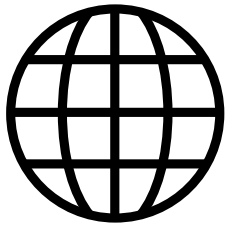
ANSWER: A. I did not find the man's *brummagem* jewelry attractive.

## When Was It?

It was in this year that the *Today Show* premiered on NBC. Queen Elizabeth II succeeded King George VI to the British throne. The film *Singin' in the Rain*, starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds, was released. The Mr. Potato Head toy was introduced, and General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Supreme Commander of NATO and won the Republican presidential nomination. When was it?



ANSWER: 1952



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## On This Date

**1933** – Construction began on San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge. The now-famous landmark opened four years later in 1937.



**1979** – The musician then known as Prince played his first live show at the Capri Theater in Minneapolis. Though it was a modest start, with a small crowd and technical issues, the performance marked the beginning of his legendary career.

**1998** – One of the worst ice storms in Canadian history struck Quebec and eastern Ontario, lasting five days and coating the region in ice.

## Did You Know?

In 1956, Harper Lee quit law school and was working as a ticket agent for an airline when she received a remarkable gift from her friends: one year’s salary and the encouragement to use her time to write. She published *To Kill a Mockingbird*, one of the best-loved stories of all time, in 1960.

## Quote of the Day

“When I knew nothing,  
I thought I could  
do anything.”

~ *Robert Duvall*

## Happy Birthday!

**Robert Duvall**, born in 1931, is one of America’s finest actors, with a career spanning more than 70 years. Duvall studied in New York with fellow struggling actors Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman before he rose to fame. His film credits include *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962), *True Grit* (1969), *The Godfather* (1972),



*Apocalypse Now* (1979), *The Natural* (1984), and *Sling Blade* (1996). Duvall has seven Academy Award nominations, including a win for

*Tender Mercies* (1983); he has also won four Golden Globes and two Primetime Emmy Awards. He lives with his wife Luciana in Virginia.