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Leroy Chollet (March 5, 1925 – June 10, 1998) was an American professional [basketball](#) player. Chollet enrolled at [Loyola University New Orleans](#) and led the [Loyola Wolf Pack](#) to their first championship. Louisiana schools were [segregated](#) at the time; Chollet had an [African-American](#) great-grandparent and was pressured into leaving Loyola when this was revealed. He moved to New York and played three seasons for [Canisius College](#). Chollet played for several professional teams, including the [Syracuse Nationals](#). During the inaugural season of the [National Basketball Association](#) (NBA), Syracuse reached the [1950 NBA Finals](#). An ankle injury limited Chollet's second year in the NBA. He married Barbara Knaus and, after retiring from professional basketball in 1952, he moved to her hometown, [Lakewood, Ohio](#). They had three children: Lawrence, Melanie, and David. In Lakewood, Chollet worked on the construction of [St. Edward High School](#) and became a teacher and a varsity head coach. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that professional [baseball](#) player [Eric Reyzelman](#) was twice cut from his high-school baseball team?
- ... that the [Dakhni](#) and [Amanat Khan caravanserais](#), built to provide lodging to travelers, are situated on a little-used, [Mughal-era highway between Agra and Lahore](#)?
- ... that [Huwie Ishizaki](#) was often asked to "write his real name", despite *Huwie* being his actual name?
- ... that [Joss Whedon](#) was hired to "contribute creatively" to each film in [Phase Two](#) of the [Marvel Cinematic Universe](#), in addition to writing and directing *[Avengers: Age of Ultron](#)*?



Eosalmo driftwoodensis

- ... that in the official historiography of the [Chinese Communist Party](#), [Wei Baqun](#) is considered one of its great early [peasant-movement](#) leaders, along with [Mao Zedong](#)?
- ... that [Post Malone](#) publicly called [his debut album](#) "mediocre" less than a year after its release?
- ... that the [Ming dynasty](#) fantasy novel *[Journey to the South](#)* – whose protagonist accidentally amputates his right leg and converts to [Buddhism](#) – alludes to popular one-legged spirits?
- ... that [Vince Gill](#) once [mooned](#) a crowd that poorly received him as an opening act for [Kiss](#)?

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- [Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost](#) successfully soft-lands on the Moon as part of [NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services](#) program.
- At [the Academy Awards](#), *[Anora](#)* wins five awards, including [Best Picture](#).
- A roadmap towards providing developing countries with [US\\$200 billion](#) a year by 2030 is agreed to at an extended session of the [2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference](#).



[Ōfunato](#) wildfire

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- **1811** – [Peninsular War](#): At the [Battle of Barrosa](#), Anglo-Iberian forces trying to lift the [Siege of Cádiz](#) defeated a French attack but could not break the siege itself.
- **1825** – [Roberto Cofresí](#), one of the last [Caribbean pirates](#), was apprehended after his flagship sloop *Anne* [was captured by authorities](#).
- **1936** – [The prototype](#) (*pictured*) of the [Supermarine Spitfire](#) flew for the first time.
- **1981** – The [ZX81](#), a pioneering British [home computer](#), was launched by [Sinclair Research](#), and went on to sell more than 1.5 million units around the world.



Prototype Spitfire K5054

[Edward Cornwallis](#) (b.. 1713) · [J. R. Kealoha](#) (d.. 1877) · [Anna Akhmatova](#) (d.. 1966) · [Ailsa McKay](#) (d.. 2014)

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Painting credit: [Cimabue](#)

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