



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

## On This Date

**1831** – The steamship *Royal William* was launched in Quebec. The vessel was the first Canadian ship to cross the Atlantic almost entirely under steam power.

**1840** – The foundation stone for the new Palace of Westminster was laid in London, England.

**1880** – Francis Clarke and M. G. Foster patented the electrical hearing aid.

**1931** – Lou Gehrig hit a home run but was called out for passing a runner. The mistake cost him the American League home run crown



## World Trivia

Fear of frogs is called *ranidaphobia*. This should not be confused with *bufonophobia*, which is fear of toads, or *batrachophobia*, which is fear of amphibians.



## Quote of the Day

“Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars.”

~ Casey Kasem

## Happy Birthday!

**Casey Kasem** (1932–2014) was an American radio personality, actor, and voice actor. Best known as the host of the syndicated radio show *American Top 40*, Kasem’s warm voice and countdown format made him a



beloved figure in the world of music. He lent his distinctive voice to numerous animated characters, most notably Shaggy in the *Scooby-Doo* franchise. Kasem was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame and was a passionate advocate for animal rights. He had four children and was married to actress Jean Thompson from 1980 until his death in 2014.



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**Today is** Independent Bookstore Day, so pay a visit to your local bookstore and buy a book! Local bookstores often offer more than just books, like author talks, live music, quirky local gifts, and events for kids.

## Set the Record Straight



Batteries may provide us with valuable and portable electricity, but batteries do not carry electricity inside them. Batteries contain two electrodes, and a chemical called an *electrolyte*. The electrodes create ions that react chemically with the electrolyte, forcing electrons to move through the battery from one terminal to the other. This movement creates energy. A simple battery can be made by pushing a zinc nail and a copper coin into opposite sides of a lemon. The copper pulls electrons from the zinc through the lemon!

## Buy a Vowel

C \_ N V \_ R S \_ T \_ \_ N

An informal talk between two or more people

ANSWER: CONVERSATION

## What Am I?

I can be found in various settings, including schools, community centers, and private health clubs. I focus on promoting overall well-being through regular physical activity and exercise. I can serve as a specialized space for activities like yoga, aerobic classes, or functional training and can offer space for pep rallies, sports activities, and indoor games. I might have amenities such as locker rooms and showers. Modern versions of me might include exercise equipment, such as stationary bikes, treadmills, and ellipticals. What am I?

ANSWER: A gymnasium

## What's in a Name?

This mystery writer, born David John Moore Cornwell, was once a spy himself.

ANSWER: John le Carré