



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

*Today is Star Wars Day...*



...because of a famous quote from the hugely popular science-fiction series blockbuster: “May the Force (Fourth) be with you.”

## On This Date

**1836** – Canada’s first railway locomotive, the Iron Kitten, was delivered to Montreal, Quebec. Trial runs were held at night to avoid frightening the public.

**1977** – British broadcaster David Frost conducted several television interviews with former American President Richard Nixon that became the basis for a critically acclaimed play and film.

## A Hint from Heloise

To get those last two inches out of the spray cleaner, drop some marbles into the container to raise the liquid level back to where the spray pump will work.

## Quote of the Day

“Who in the world am I?  
Ah, that’s the great puzzle.”

~ *Lewis Carroll, from Alice’s  
Adventures in Wonderland*

## Happy Birthday!

**Alice Liddell** (1852–1934) was the girl who inspired Charles Dodgson, who wrote under the name Lewis Carroll, to write *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*. To entertain Liddell and her two sisters during a summer outing in 1862, Dodgson spun fantastic stories of a girl named Alice and her adventures after she fell into a rabbit hole. He published a manuscript of the stories several months later. Liddell married professional cricketer Reginald Hargreaves, and they had three sons, two of whom were killed in World War I.





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**Today is** Intergalactic Star Wars Day. You might hear fans of the popular space-themed movies saying, “May the Fourth be with you.” This byword is a playful take on the famous line “May the Force be with you,” from the original film.

## You Are What You Eat

For an authentic breakfast in New Jersey, look no further than pork roll, or Taylor ham. A breakfast sandwich of pork roll, egg, and cheese is Jersey’s signature dish. Taylor ham is a processed smoked pork product made from pork and spices. It was invented by state senator John Taylor in 1856 and originally called Taylor’s Prepared Ham. Unfortunately, it had to drop the “ham” designation in 1906, after the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Reports show that Union soldiers carried Taylor’s pork roll with them into battle during the Civil War.

### Whatchamacallit?

What do you call a group of bats?

- storm                      colony
- flutter                     gang

ANSWER: COLONY

## Think-tionary

*futhorc*

A. A genius with buffoonish tendencies

or

B. The ancient Anglo-Saxon runish alphabet

ANSWER: B. I am one of only three scholars who know the futhorc by heart.

## When Was It?

It was during this year that the Honeymoon Bridge at Niagara Falls collapsed due to an ice jam. Superman



first appeared in *Action Comics #1*. The ballpoint pen was patented by Laszlo Biro. “Wrong

Way” Corrigan took off from New York for California but ended up in Ireland, and Orson Welles famously broadcast his radio adaptation of *The War of the Worlds*. When was it?

ANSWER: 1938