



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

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Cinco de Mayo!*



## On This Date

**1862** – During the French-Mexican War, a poorly supplied and outnumbered Mexican army led by General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated a French army attempting to capture Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico. Cinco de Mayo (meaning “fifth of May”) commemorates this victory.

**1921** – Chanel No. 5, one of the most famous perfumes in history, first went on sale to the public.

## Riddle Time

If precipitation of weather comes your way, add a *d* and it will run away. How can that be?

**A:** One kind of precipitation is rain. Add a *d* in front of *rain* and you get *drain*.

## Quote of the Day

“I said I could and I would.  
And I did.”

~ *Nellie Bly*

## Happy Birthday!

**Elizabeth Cochran Seaman** (1864–1922), better known by her pen name, **Nellie Bly**, was a pioneering investigative reporter for the *New York World*. She feigned insanity in order to be admitted to the Women’s Lunatic Asylum. With the help of her employer, Seaman was released after 10 days. Her report, published as the



book *Ten Days in a Mad-House*, created a sensation and forced the asylum to change its practices. She gained further fame for her record-breaking trip around the world in 72 days. During the trip, she met Jules Verne, author of *Around the World in Eighty Days*.



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**Today is** Cinco de Mayo. Many folks incorrectly believe that this is Mexico's Independence Day. On May 5, 1862, General Zaragoza's Mexican troops defeated the larger and better-equipped French army in the Battle of Puebla.

## Garden Party

One of the most well-known carnivorous plants is the sundew. These plants get their name from the wet "dew" that coats hairs on the ends of their leaves and glistens in the sun. While true dew is nothing more than water droplets, this sticky secretion, called *mucilage*, is produced by glands in the sundew's leaves. Insects are attracted to the plant's nectar and become stuck in the mucilage and suffocate. In just 15 minutes, this plant can kill an insect, but it will take a few weeks to slowly digest the meal.

## Word Scramble

U R B T E T I

An act or gift of gratitude  
or respect

ANSWER: TRIBUTE

## Gadgets & Gizmos



Nissan's "office pod" vehicle evolves the notion of "working from home" to "working from anywhere." Simply drive your mobile office to any bucolic location. What's more, the roof is equipped with a patio chair and umbrella so that you can take your coffee break in style.

## Who Said So?

This comedian, once a contestant on *America's Got Talent!*, said, "I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog."

ANSWER: Wendy Liebman