



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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*Today is
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*.