

May 1

This article is about the date May 1. For the labor-related holiday, see [International Workers' Day](#); for the traditional holiday, see [May Day](#). Not to be confused with [May 1?](#)

May 1 is the 121st day of the year (122nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 244 days remaining until the end of the year.

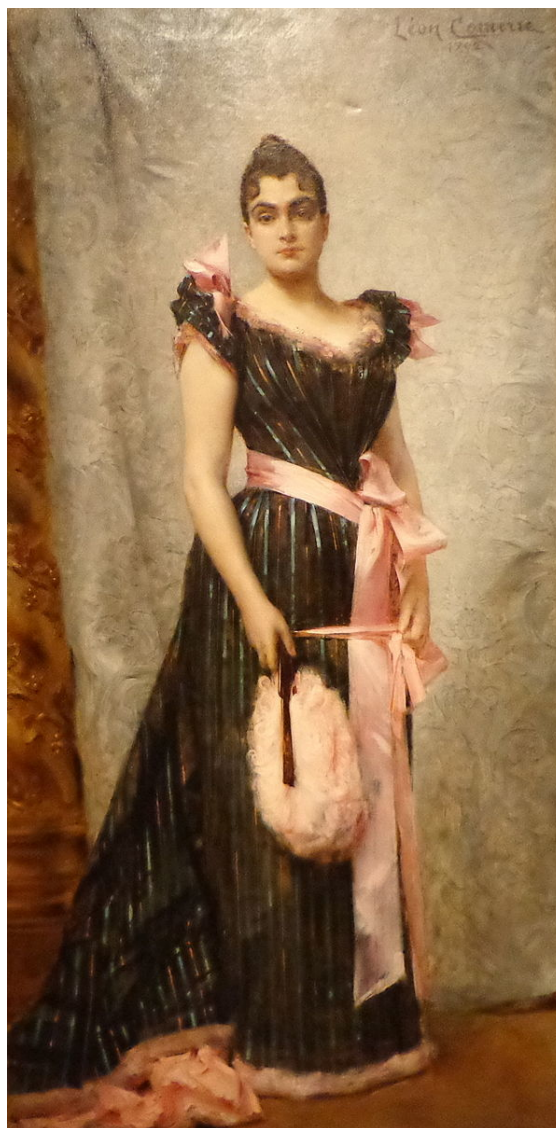
1 Events

- 305 – Diocletian and Maximian retire from the office of Roman Emperor.
- 524 – King Sigismund of Burgundy is executed at Orléans after an 8-year reign and is succeeded by his brother Godomar.
- 880 – The Nea Ekklesia is inaugurated in Constantinople, setting the model for all later cross-in-square Orthodox churches.
- 1328 – Wars of Scottish Independence end: By the Treaty of Edinburgh–Northampton the Kingdom of England recognises the Kingdom of Scotland as an independent state.
- 1455 – Battle of Arkinholm, Royal forces end the Black Douglas hegemony in Scotland.
- 1576 – Stephen Báthory, the reigning Prince of Transylvania, marries Anna Jagiellon and they become co-rulers of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth.
- 1707 – The Act of Union joins the Kingdom of England and Kingdom of Scotland to form the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- 1753 – Publication of *Species Plantarum* by Linnaeus, and the formal start date of plant taxonomy adopted by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature.
- 1759 – Josiah Wedgwood founds the Wedgwood pottery company in Great Britain.
- 1776 – Establishment of the Illuminati in Ingolstadt (Upper Bavaria), by Jesuit-taught Adam Weishaupt.
- 1778 – American Revolution: The Battle of Crooked Billet begins in Hatboro, Pennsylvania.
- 1785 – Kamehameha I, the king of Hawai'i, defeats Kalanikūpule and establishes the Kingdom of Hawai'i.
- 1786 – In Vienna, Austria, Mozart's opera *The Marriage of Figaro* is performed for the first time.
- 1794 – War of the Pyrenees: The Battle of Boulou ends, in which French forces defeat the Spanish and regain nearly all the land they lost to Spain in 1793.
- 1840 – The Penny Black, the first official adhesive postage stamp, is issued in the United Kingdom.
- 1844 – Hong Kong Police Force, the world's second modern police force and Asia's first, is established.
- 1846 – The few remaining Mormons left in Nauvoo, Illinois, formally dedicate the Nauvoo Temple.
- 1851 – Queen Victoria opens the Great Exhibition in London.
- 1852 – The Philippine peso is introduced into circulation.
- 1856 – The Province of Isabela was created in the Philippines in honor of the Queen Isabela II of Spain.
- 1862 – American Civil War: The Union Army completes its capture of New Orleans.
- 1863 – American Civil War: The Battle of Chancellorsville begins.
- 1865 – The Empire of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay sign the Treaty of the Triple Alliance.
- 1866 – The Memphis Race Riots begin. In three days time, 46 blacks and two whites were killed. Reports of the atrocities influenced passage of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 1869 – The Folies Bergère opens in Paris.
- 1875 – Alexandra Palace reopens after being burned down in a fire in 1873.
- 1884 – Proclamation of the demand for eight-hour workday in the United States.

- 1884 – Moses Fleetwood Walker becomes the first black person to play in a professional baseball game in the United States.
- 1885 – The original Chicago Board of Trade Building opens for business.
- 1886 – Rallies are held throughout the United States demanding the eight-hour work day, culminating in the Haymarket affair in Chicago, in commemoration of which May 1 is celebrated as International Workers' Day in many countries.
- 1893 – The World's Columbian Exposition opens in Chicago.
- 1894 – Coxe's Army, the first significant American protest march, arrives in Washington, D.C.
- 1898 – Spanish–American War: Battle of Manila Bay: The United States Navy destroys the Spanish Pacific fleet in the first battle of the war.
- 1900 – The Scofield Mine disaster kills over 200 men in Scofield, Utah in what is to date the fifth-worst mining accident in United States history.
- 1901 – The Pan-American Exposition opens in Buffalo, New York.
- 1915 – The RMS *Lusitania* departs from New York City on her two hundred and second, and final, crossing of the North Atlantic. Six days later, the ship is torpedoed off the coast of Ireland with the loss of 1,198 lives.
- 1925 – The All-China Federation of Trade Unions is officially founded. Today it is the largest trade union in the world, with 134 million members.
- 1925 – The first Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer is held at the University of Toronto, Canada.
- 1927 – The first cooked meals on a scheduled flight are introduced on an Imperial Airways flight from London to Paris.
- 1927 – The Union Labor Life Insurance Company is founded by the American Federation of Labor.
- 1930 – The dwarf planet Pluto is officially named.
- 1931 – The Empire State Building is dedicated in New York City.
- 1933 – The Roca–Runciman Treaty between Argentina and Great Britain is signed by Julio Argentino Roca, Jr., and Sir Walter Runciman.
- 1933 – The Humanist Manifesto I published.
- 1940 – The 1940 Summer Olympics are cancelled due to war.
- 1941 – World War II: German forces launch a major attack on Tobruk.
- 1944 – World War II: Two hundred Communist prisoners are shot by the Germans at Kaisariani in Athens, Greece in reprisal for the killing of General Franz Krech by partisans at Molaoi.
- 1945 – World War II: A German newsreader officially announces that Adolf Hitler has “fallen at his command post in the Reich Chancellery fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for Germany”. The Soviet flag is raised over the Reich Chancellery, by order of Stalin.
- 1945 – World War II: Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels and his wife Magda commit suicide in the Reich Garden outside the Führerbunker. Their children are also killed by having cyanide pills inserted into their mouths by their mother, Magda.
- 1945 – World War II: Up to 2,500 people die in a mass suicide in Demmin following the advance of the Red Army.
- 1945 – World War II: Yugoslav Partisans free Trieste.
- 1946 – Start of three-year Pilbara strike of Indigenous Australians.
- 1946 – The Paris Peace Conference concludes that the islands of the Dodecanese should be returned to Greece by Italy.
- 1947 – Portella della Ginestra massacre against May Day celebrations in Sicily by the bandit and separatist leader Salvatore Giuliano where 11 persons are killed and 33 wounded.
- 1948 – The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) is established, with Kim Il-sung as leader.
- 1950 – Guam is organized as a United States commonwealth.
- 1956 – The polio vaccine developed by Jonas Salk is made available to the public.
- 1956 – A doctor in Japan reports an “epidemic of an unknown disease of the central nervous system”, marking the official discovery of Minamata disease.
- 1957 – Thirty-four people are killed when a Vickers Viking airliner crashes in Hampshire England.
- 1960 – Formation of the western Indian states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. Also known as "Maharashtra Day".
- 1960 – Cold War: U-2 incident: Francis Gary Powers, in a Lockheed U-2 spyplane, is shot down over the Soviet Union, sparking a diplomatic crisis.

- 1961 – The Prime Minister of Cuba, Fidel Castro, proclaims Cuba a socialist nation and abolishes elections.
 - 1965 – Battle of Dong-Yin, a naval conflict between ROC and PRC, takes place.
 - 1970 – Protests erupt in Seattle, following the announcement by U.S. President Richard Nixon that U.S. Forces in Vietnam would pursue enemy troops into Cambodia, a neutral country.
 - 1971 – Amtrak (the National Railroad Passenger Corporation) takes over operation of U.S. passenger rail service.
 - 1974 – The Argentine terrorist organization Montoneros is expelled from Plaza de Mayo by president Juan Perón.
 - 1977 – Thirty-six people are killed in Taksim Square, Istanbul, during the Labour Day celebrations.
 - 1978 – Japan's Naomi Uemura, travelling by dog sled, becomes the first person to reach the North Pole alone.
 - 1982 – The 1982 World's Fair opens in Knoxville, Tennessee.
 - 1982 – Operation Black Buck: The Royal Air Force attacks the Argentine Air Force during Falklands War.
 - 1983 – Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis is awarded the Lenin Peace Prize.
 - 1987 – Pope John Paul II beatifies Edith Stein, a Jewish-born Carmelite nun who was gassed in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.
 - 1989 – Disney-MGM Studios opens at Walt Disney World near Orlando, Florida, United States.
 - 1990 – The former Philippine Episcopal Church (supervised by the Episcopal Church of the United States of America) is granted full autonomy and raised to the status of an Autocephalous Anglican Province and renamed the Episcopal Church of the Philippines.
 - 1991 – Rickey Henderson of the Oakland Athletics steals his 939th base, making him the all-time leader in this category. However, his accomplishment is overshadowed later that evening by Nolan Ryan of the Texas Rangers, when he pitches his seventh career no-hitter, breaking his own record.
 - 1993 – Dingiri Banda Wijetunga became president of Sri Lanka automatically after killing of R Premadasa in LTTE bomb explosion
 - 1994 – Three-time Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna is killed in an accident during the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola.
 - 1995 – Croatian forces launch Operation Flash during the Croatian War of Independence.
 - 1999 – The body of British climber George Mallory is found on Mount Everest, 75 years after his disappearance in 1924.
 - 2001 – Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declares the existence of “a state of rebellion”, hours after thousands of supporters of her arrested predecessor, Joseph Estrada, storm towards the presidential palace at the height of the EDSA III rebellion.
 - 2003 – Invasion of Iraq: In what becomes known as the "Mission Accomplished" speech, on board the USS *Abraham Lincoln* (off the coast of California), U.S. President George W. Bush declares that “major combat operations in Iraq have ended”.
 - 2004 – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia join the European Union, celebrated at the residence of the Irish President in Dublin.
 - 2006 – The Puerto Rican government closes the Department of Education and 42 other government agencies due to significant shortages in cash flow.
 - 2007 – The Los Angeles May Day mêlée occurs, in which the Los Angeles Police Department's response to a May Day pro-immigration rally become a matter of controversy.
 - 2008 – The London Agreement on translation of European patents, concluded in 2000, enters into force in 14 of the 34 Contracting States to the European Patent Convention.
 - 2009 – Same-sex marriage is legalized in Sweden.
 - 2011 – Pope John Paul II is beatified by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI.
 - 2011 – Barack Obama announces that Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind behind the September 11 attacks has been killed by United States special forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Due to the time difference between the United States and Pakistan, bin Laden was actually killed on May 2.
- ## 2 Births
- 1218 – John I, Count of Hainaut (d. 1257)
 - 1218 – Rudolf I of Germany (d. 1291)
 - 1225 – Jean de Joinville, French author (d. 1317)

- 1285 – Edmund FitzAlan, 9th Earl of Arundel, English politician (d. 1326)
- 1579 – Wolphert Gerretse, Dutch patentee and co-founder of the New Netherland colony in North America (d. 1662)
- 1582 – Marco da Gagliano, Italian composer (d. 1643)
- 1585 – Sophia Olelkovich Radziwill, Belarusian saint (d. 1612)
- 1591 – Johann Adam Schall von Bell, German missionary and astronomer (d. 1666)
- 1594 – John Haynes, English-American politician, 1st Governor of the Colony of Connecticut (d. 1653)
- 1672 – Joseph Addison, English journalist and politician, Chief Secretary for Ireland (d. 1719)
- 1730 – Sir Joshua Rowley, 1st Baronet, English admiral (d. 1790)
- 1735 – Jan Hendrik van Kinsbergen, Dutch admiral (d. 1819)
- 1751 – Judith Sargent Murray, American poet and playwright (d. 1820)
- 1764 – Benjamin Henry Latrobe, English-American architect, designed the United States Capitol (d. 1820)
- 1769 – Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, Irish-English field marshal and politician, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (d. 1852)
- 1803 – James Clarence Mangan, Irish poet (d. 1849)
- 1824 – Alexander William Williamson, English chemist and academic (d. 1904)
- 1825 – Johann Jakob Balmer, Swiss mathematician and physicist (d. 1898)
- 1825 – George Inness, American painter (d. 1894)
- 1827 – Jules Breton, French painter (d. 1906)
- 1829 – José de Alencar, Brazilian author and playwright (d. 1877)
- 1829 – Frederick Sandys, English painter (d. 1904)
- 1830 – Guido Gezelle, Belgian poet and priest (d. 1899)
- 1831 – Emily Stowe, Canadian physician and activist (d. 1903)
- 1847 – Henry Demarest Lloyd, American journalist (d. 1903)
- 1848 – Adelsteen Normann, Norwegian painter (d. 1919)
- 1850 – Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (d. 1942)
- 1851 – Laza Lazarević, Serbian psychiatrist and neurologist (d. 1891)
- 1852 – Calamity Jane, American scout (d. 1903)
- 1852 – Santiago Ramón y Cajal, Spanish neuroscientist and pathologist, Nobel Prize laureate (d. 1934)
- 1853 – Jacob Mikhailovich Gordin, Russian-American playwright (d. 1909)
- 1855 – Cecilia Beaux, American painter (d. 1942)
- 1857 – Theo van Gogh, Dutch art dealer (d. 1891)



Jacqueline Comerre-Paton

- 1859 – Jacqueline Comerre-Paton, French artist (d. 1955)
- 1862 – Marcel Prévost, French author and playwright (d. 1941)
- 1864 – Anna Jarvis, American founder of Mother's Day (d. 1948)
- 1871 – Seakle Greijdanus, Dutch theologian (d. 1948)
- 1872 – Sidónio Pais, Portuguese politician, 4th President of Portugal (d. 1918)
- 1872 – Harry Leon Wilson, American author (d. 1939)
- 1874 – Romaine Brooks, American-French painter (d. 1970)
- 1874 – Paul Van Asbroeck, Belgian target shooter (d. 1959)
- 1875 – Dave Hall, American runner (d. 1972)
- 1881 – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, French-American priest, palaeontologist, and philosopher (d. 1955)
- 1881 – John Svanberg, Swedish long-distance runner (d. 1957)
- 1884 – Francis Curzon, 5th Earl Howe, English politician, commander, and race car driver (d. 1964)
- 1885 – Clément Pansaers, Belgian poet (d. 1922)
- 1885 – Ralph Stackpole, American sculptor and painter (d. 1973)
- 1887 – Alan Cunningham, Irish-English general (d. 1983)
- 1887 – Kurt Vespermann, German actor (d. 1957)
- 1896 – Herbert Backe, Georgian-German politician (d. 1947)
- 1896 – Mark W. Clark, American general (d. 1984)
- 1896 – J. Lawton Collins, American general (d. 1987)
- 1898 – Alfred Schmidt, Estonian weightlifter (d. 1972)
- 1900 – Ignazio Silone, Italian author and politician (d. 1978)
- 1901 – Sterling Allen Brown, American poet, academic, and critic (d. 1989)
- 1901 – Heinz Eric Roemheld, American composer (d. 1985)
- 1901 – Antal Szerb, Hungarian scholar and author (d. 1945)
- 1905 – Henk de Best, Dutch boxer (d. 1978)
- 1905 – Paul Desruisseaux, Canadian lawyer and politician (d. 1982)
- 1905 – Henry Koster, German-American director, producer, and screenwriter (d. 1988)
- 1906 – Horst Schumann, German SS officer and physician (d. 1983)
- 1907 – Hayes Alvis, American bassist (Mills Blue Rhythm Band) (d. 1972)
- 1907 – Oliver Hill, American lawyer (d. 2007)
- 1907 – Volmari Iso-Hollo, Finnish runner (d. 1969)
- 1907 – Kate Smith, American singer (d. 1986)
- 1908 – Giovannino Guareschi, Italian journalist (d. 1968)
- 1908 – Morris Kline, American mathematician and educator (d. 1992)
- 1909 – Yiannis Ritsos, Greek poet (d. 1990)
- 1910 – Raya Dunayevskaya, Ukrainian-American philosopher and activist (d. 1987)
- 1910 – Dirk Andries Flentrop, Dutch organ builder (d. 2003)
- 1910 – J. Allen Hynek, American astronomer and ufologist (d. 1986)
- 1910 – Nejdet Sançar, Turkish literature teacher (d. 1975)
- 1910 – Behice Boran, Turkish Marxist politician, author and sociologist (d. 1987)
- 1911 – Wilfred Watson, English-Canadian poet, playwright and educator (b. 1998)
- 1912 – Otto Kretschmer, Polish-German admiral (d. 1998)
- 1913 – Louis Nye, American actor (d. 2005)
- 1913 – Walter Susskind, Czech-English conductor (d. 1980)
- 1914 – Jaap van der Poll, Dutch javelin thrower (d. 2010)
- 1915 – Hanns Martin Schleyer, German businessman (d. 1977)
- 1915 – Archie Williams, American runner and educator (d. 1993)

- 1916 – Glenn Ford, Canadian-American actor (d. 2006)
- 1917 – John Berardino, American baseball player and actor (d. 1996)
- 1917 – Ulric Cross, Trinidadian navigator, judge, and diplomat (d. 2013)
- 1917 – Danielle Darrieux, French actress and singer
- 1917 – Ahron Soloveichik, Russian rabbi and scholar (d. 2001)
- 1918 – Gersh Budker, Ukrainian-Russian physicist (d. 1977)
- 1918 – Raymond Mailloux, Canadian politician (d. 1995)
- 1918 – Jack Paar, American comedian, author and talk show host (d. 2004)
- 1919 – Manna Dey, Indian singer (d. 2013)
- 1919 – Lewis Hill, American broadcaster, co-founded Pacifica Radio (d. 1957)
- 1919 – Mohammed Karim Lamrani, Moroccan politician, 7th Prime Minister of Morocco
- 1919 – Dan O’Herlihy, Irish-American actor (d. 2005)
- 1921 – Vladimir Colin, Romanian journalist and author (d. 1991)
- 1921 – Boo Morcom, American pole vaulter and jumper (d. 2012)
- 1922 – Alastair Gillespie, Canadian politician
- 1923 – Joseph Heller, American author and playwright (d. 1999)
- 1923 – Milan Kangrga, Croatian philosopher and theorist (d. 2008)
- 1923 – Antônio Maria Mucciolo, Italian-Brazilian archbishop (d. 2012)
- 1923 – Marcel Rayman, Polish soldier (d. 1944)
- 1924 – Art Fleming, American actor and game show host (d. 1995)
- 1924 – Evelyn Boyd Granville, American mathematician
- 1924 – Big Maybelle, American singer and pianist (d. 1972)
- 1924 – Karel Kachyňa, Czech director and screenwriter (d. 2004)
- 1924 – Terry Southern, American author and screenwriter (d. 1995)
- 1925 – Helen Bamber, English psychotherapist and academic (d. 2014)
- 1925 – Chuck Bednarik, American lieutenant and football player (d. 2015)
- 1925 – Scott Carpenter, American commander, pilot, and astronaut (d. 2013)
- 1925 – Sardar Fazlul Karim, Bangladeshi philosopher, scholar, and academic
- 1926 – Peter Lax, Hungarian-American mathematician
- 1927 – Gary Bertini, Israeli conductor and composer (d. 2005)
- 1927 – Laura Betti, Italian actress and singer (d. 2004)
- 1928 – Desmond Titterton, Northern Ireland-born British race car driver (d. 2002)
- 1929 – Ralf Dahrendorf, German-English sociologist and politician (d. 2009)
- 1929 – Sonny James, American singer-songwriter and guitarist
- 1929 – Mikhail Krivonosov, Russian hammer thrower (d. 1995)
- 1929 – Sonny Ramadhin, Trinidadian cricketer
- 1930 – Ollie Matson, American sprinter and football player (d. 2011)
- 1930 – Richard Riordan, American politician, 39th Mayor of Los Angeles
- 1930 – Little Walter, American singer and harmonica player (d. 1968)
- 1931 – Naim Attallah, Palestinian author
- 1931 – Jacques Languirand, Canadian radio host and actor
- 1932 – Sandy Woodward, English admiral (d. 2013)
- 1934 – Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, Mexican politician
- 1934 – Shirley Horn, American singer and pianist (d. 2005)
- 1934 – Phillip King, English sculptor
- 1935 – Ian Curteis, English director and playwright
- 1935 – Julian Mitchell, English playwright and screenwriter
- 1936 – Jerry Mander, American author and activist
- 1936 – Hans E. Wallman, Swedish director, producer, and composer (d. 2014)

- 1937 – Tamsyn Imison, English illustrator and educator
- 1937 – Bo Nilsson, Swedish composer
- 1937 – Una Stubbs, English actress and dancer
- 1939 – Judy Collins, American singer-songwriter and guitarist
- 1939 – Victor Davies, Canadian pianist, composer, and conductor
- 1939 – Max Robinson, American journalist (d. 1988)
- 1940 – Bobbie Ann Mason, American author and critic
- 1940 – Elsa Peretti, Italian jewelry designer
- 1940 – John Wheeler, Anglo-Irish politician
- 1940 – Yury Yershov, Russian mathematician
- 1941 – Asil Nadir, Cypriot-English businessman
- 1942 – Stephen Macht, American actor
- 1943 – Vassal Gadoengin, Nauruan politician (d. 2004)
- 1943 – Joe Walsh, Irish politician, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (d. 2014)
- 1944 – Costa Cordalis, Greek-German singer
- 1944 – Suresh Kalmadi, Indian politician
- 1945 – Rita Coolidge, American singer-songwriter
- 1945 – Carson Whitsett, American keyboard player, songwriter, and producer (The Imperial Show Band and Booker T. & the M.G.'s) (d. 2007)
- 1946 – Tõnu Lepik, Estonian long jumper
- 1946 – Joanna Lumley, English actress
- 1946 – John Woo, Hong Kong director, producer, and screenwriter
- 1946 – Paul S. Wright, English dentist and academic
- 1947 – Sergio Infante, Chilean-Swedish poet and author
- 1948 – Györgyi Balogh, Hungarian sprinter
- 1948 – Patricia Hill Collins, American sociologist and scholar
- 1948 – Conrad Palmisano, American stuntman and director
- 1949 – Jim Clench, Canadian bass player (April Wine and Bachman–Turner Overdrive) (d. 2010)
- 1949 – Joanna Hewitt, Australian public servant
- 1949 – Tim Hodgkinson, English saxophonist, clarinet player, and composer
- 1949 – Paul Teutul, Sr., American motorcycle designer, co-founded Orange County Choppers
- 1950 – John Diehl, American actor
- 1950 – Dann Florek, American actor and director
- 1950 – Danny McGrain, Scottish footballer and coach
- 1950 – Marina Stepanova, Russian hurdler
- 1951 – Gordon Greenidge, Barbadian cricketer and coach
- 1951 – Geoff Lees, English race car driver
- 1951 – Sally Mann, American photographer
- 1951 – Antony Worrall Thompson, English chef
- 1952 – Richard Blundell, English economist
- 1952 – Kim Lewison, English judge
- 1952 – Peter Smith, Malaysian-born English judge and academic
- 1953 – Glen Ballard, American songwriter and producer
- 1954 – Fred Chichin, French singer-songwriter and guitarist (Les Rita Mitsouko) (d. 2007)
- 1954 – Archie Norman, English businessman and politician
- 1954 – Ray Parker, Jr., American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer (Raydio)
- 1954 – Joel Rosenberg, Canadian-American author (d. 2011)
- 1955 – Alex Cunningham, Scottish politician
- 1955 – Donna Hartley, English runner (d. 2013)
- 1955 – Martin O'Donnell, American composer
- 1956 – Phil Foglio, American illustrator
- 1956 – Catherine Frot, French actress
- 1956 – Frank Szymanski, German politician
- 1957 – Uberto Pasolini, Italian film producer, director, and investment banker
- 1957 – Kow Otani, Japanese pianist and composer
- 1959 – Yasmina Reza, French actress and playwright

- 1959 – Lawrence Seeff, South African cricketer and basket weaver
- 1960 – Steve Cauthen, American jockey
- 1961 – Clint Malarchuk, Canadian ice hockey player and coach
- 1961 – Marilyn Milian, American judge
- 1961 – Vasily Sidorenko, Russian hammer thrower
- 1962 – Maia Morgenstern, Romanian actress
- 1962 – Ted Sundquist, American football player, coach, and manager
- 1964 – Lady Sarah Chatto, English daughter of Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
- 1964 – Will Kimbrough, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer
- 1964 – Yvonne van Gennip, Dutch speed skater
- 1965 – Debi Diamond, American porn actress and model
- 1966 – Charlie Schlatter, American actor
- 1966 – Olaf Thon, German footballer and coach
- 1967 – Tim McGraw, American singer-songwriter and actor
- 1967 – Scott Coffey, American actor, director, producer and screenwriter
- 1968 – Oliver Bierhoff, German footballer and manager
- 1968 – Johnny Colt, American bass player (The Black Crowes, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Train, and Rock Star Supernova)
- 1968 – Sol Kyung-gu, South Korean actor
- 1968 – Denise Masino, American bodybuilder
- 1968 – D'arcy Wretzky, American bass player (The Smashing Pumpkins and Catherine)
- 1969 – Wes Anderson, American director, producer, and screenwriter
- 1969 – Billy Owens, American basketball player
- 1969 – Hannes Vörno, Estonian comedian and television host
- 1970 – Bernard Butler, English singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer (Suede, The Tears, and McAlmont and Butler)
- 1971 – Ethan Albright, American football player
- 1971 – Kim Grant, South African tennis player
- 1971 – Artur Kohutek, Polish hurdler
- 1971 – Ajith Kumar, Indian actor
- 1972 – Ramzi bin al-Shibh, Yemeni terrorist
- 1972 – Julie Benz, American actress
- 1972 – Earl Va'a, New Zealand rugby player
- 1973 – Mike Jesse, German footballer
- 1973 – Curtis Martin, American football player
- 1973 – Oliver Neuville, German footballer
- 1974 – Kellie Crawford, Australian singer and actress (Hi-5 and Teen Queens)
- 1974 – Lornah Kiplagat, Kenyan-Dutch runner
- 1975 – Austin Croshere, American basketball player and sportscaster
- 1975 – Marc-Vivien Foé, Cameroonian footballer (d. 2003)
- 1975 – Nina Hossain, English journalist
- 1975 – Alexey Smertin, Russian footballer
- 1976 – Darius McCrary, American actor and singer
- 1976 – Violante Placido, Italian actress and singer
- 1976 – Patricia Stokkers, Dutch swimmer
- 1977 – Vera Lischka, Austrian swimmer and politician
- 1978 – James Badge Dale, American actor
- 1978 – Sachie Hara, Japanese actress
- 1978 – John Linehan, American basketball player
- 1978 – Nick Traina, American singer-songwriter (Link 80) (d. 1997)
- 1978 – Orhan Ölmez, Turkish singer, composer, and songwriter
- 1979 – Harvey, English rapper and actor (So Solid Crew)
- 1979 – Mauro Bergamasco, Italian rugby player
- 1979 – Michelle Perry, American hurdler
- 1980 – Marvin Cabrera, Mexican footballer
- 1980 – Inês Henriques, Portuguese race walker
- 1980 – Jan Heylen, Belgian race car driver
- 1980 – Jay Reatard, American singer-songwriter and guitarist (Lost Sounds) (d. 2010)
- 1980 – Ana Claudia Talancón, Mexican actress

- 1981 – Derek Asamoah, Ghanaian footballer
- 1981 – Alexander Hleb, Belarusian footballer
- 1981 – Wes Welker, American football player
- 1982 – Tommy Robredo, Spanish tennis player
- 1982 – Darijo Srna, Croatian footballer
- 1982 – Jamie Dornan, Northern Irish model and actor
- 1983 – Alain Bernard, French swimmer
- 1983 – Human Tornado, American wrestler
- 1984 – David Backes, American ice hockey player
- 1984 – Patrick Eaves, American ice hockey player
- 1984 – Alexander Farnerud, Swedish footballer
- 1984 – Farah Fath, American actress
- 1984 – Keiichiro Koyama, Japanese singer and actor (News)
- 1984 – Víctor Montaña, Colombian footballer
- 1984 – Mark Seaby, Australian footballer
- 1985 – Drew Sidora, American actress and singer
- 1986 – Christian Benítez, Ecuadorian footballer (d. 2013)
- 1986 – Adam Casey, Australian footballer
- 1986 – Brent Stanton, Australian footballer
- 1987 – Leonardo Bonucci, Italian footballer
- 1987 – Emilia Clarke, English actress
- 1987 – Glen Coffee, American football player
- 1987 – Matt Di Angelo, English actor and singer
- 1987 – Marcus Drum, Australian footballer
- 1987 – Amir Johnson, American basketball player
- 1987 – Shahar Pe'er, Israeli tennis player
- 1988 – Maria Balaba, Latvian figure skater
- 1988 – Nicholas Braun, American actor
- 1988 – Anushka Sharma, Indian model and actress
- 1989 – Alejandro Arribas, Spanish footballer
- 1989 – Poļina Jeļizarova, Latvian runner
- 1989 – Bryshon Nellum, American sprinter
- 1989 – Tim Urban, American singer-songwriter and guitarist
- 1990 – Uriel Álvarez, Mexican footballer
- 1990 – Caitlin Stasey, Australian actress and singer
- 1990 – Diego Contento, German footballer
- 1991 – Creagen Dow, American actor
- 1991 – Abdisalam Ibrahim, Somalian-Norwegian footballer
- 1991 – Bartosz Salamon, Polish footballer
- 1991 – Marcus Stroman, American baseball player
- 1992 – You Kikkawa, Japanese singer (MilkyWay)
- 1992 – Matěj Vydra, Czech footballer
- 1993 – Jean-Christophe Bahebeck, French footballer
- 1993 – Chinyere Pigot, Surinamese swimmer
- 1994 – Wallace, Brazilian footballer
- 1997 – Ariel Gade, American actress
- 1997 – Miles Ocampo, Filipino actress

3 Deaths

- 408 – Arcadius, Byzantine emperor (b. 337)
- 1118 – Matilda of Scotland (b. 1080)
- 1277 – Stephen Uroš I of Serbia (b. 1223)
- 1308 – Albert I of Germany (b. 1255)
- 1539 – Isabella of Portugal (b. 1503)
- 1555 – Pope Marcellus II (b. 1501)
- 1572 – Pope Pius V (b. 1504)
- 1731 – Johann Ludwig Bach, German violinist and composer (b. 1677)
- 1738 – Charles Howard, 3rd Earl of Carlisle, English politician (b. 1669)
- 1772 – Gottfried Achenwall, German economist and jurist (b. 1719)
- 1813 – Jean-Baptiste Bessières, French general (b. 1768)
- 1856 – John Wilbur, American minister (b. 1774)
- 1873 – David Livingstone, Scottish missionary (b. 1813)
- 1899 – Ludwig Büchner, German physiologist and physician (b. 1824)

- 1904 – Antonín Dvořák, Czech composer (b. 1841)
- 1913 – John Barclay Armstrong, American marshal (b. 1850)
- 1920 – Princess Margaret of Connaught (b. 1882)
- 1935 – Henri Pélissier, French cyclist (b. 1889)
- 1937 – Snitz Edwards, Hungarian-American actor (b. 1868)
- 1943 – Johan Oscar Smith, Norwegian religious leader, founded the Brunstad Christian Church (b. 1871)
- 1945 – Joseph Goebbels, German politician, Chancellor of Germany (b. 1897)
- 1945 – Magda Goebbels, German wife of Joseph Goebbels (b. 1901)
- 1953 – Everett Shinn, American painter (b. 1876)
- 1956 – LeRoy Samse, American pole vaulter (b. 1883)
- 1960 – Charles Holden, English architect, designed the Bristol Central Library (b. 1875)
- 1963 – Lope K. Santos, Filipino author and politician (b. 1879)
- 1965 – Spike Jones, American singer and bandleader (b. 1911)
- 1968 – Jack Adams, Canadian-American ice hockey player, coach, and manager (b. 1895)
- 1968 – Harold Nicolson, English author and politician (b. 1886)
- 1970 – Yi Un, Korean prince (b. 1897)
- 1973 – Asger Jorn, Danish painter and sculptor (b. 1914)
- 1976 – T. R. M. Howard, American surgeon and activist (b. 1908)
- 1976 – Alexandros Panagoulis, Greek politician and poet (b. 1939)
- 1978 – Aram Khachaturian, Georgian-Armenian composer (b. 1903)
- 1982 – William Primrose, Scottish viola player and educator (b. 1903)
- 1984 – Jüri Lossmann, Estonian runner (b. 1891)
- 1985 – Denise Robins, English journalist and author (b. 1897)
- 1986 – Hylda Baker, English actress (b. 1905)
- 1986 – Hugo Peretti, American songwriter and producer (b. 1916)
- 1989 – Sally Kirkland, American journalist (b. 1912)
- 1989 – V. M. Panchalingam, Sri Lankan civil servant (b. c1930)
- 1989 – Patrice Tardif, Canadian politician (b. 1904)
- 1989 – Douglass Watson, American actor (b. 1921)
- 1990 – Sergio Franchi, Italian-American tenor and actor (b. 1926)
- 1991 – Richard Thorpe, American director and screenwriter (b. 1896)
- 1992 – Sharon Redd, American singer and actress (Harlettes) (b. 1945)
- 1993 – Pierre Bérégovoy, French politician, Prime Minister of France (b. 1925)
- 1993 – Ranasinghe Premadasa, Sri Lankan politician, 3rd President of Sri Lanka (b. 1924)
- 1994 – Ayrton Senna, Brazilian race car driver (b. 1960)
- 1995 – Antonio Salemme, Italian-American artist (b. 1892)
- 1996 – Luana Patten, American actress (b. 1938)
- 1997 – Fernand Dumont, Canadian sociologist, philosopher, and poet (b. 1927)
- 1998 – Eldridge Cleaver, American author and activist (b. 1935)
- 1999 – Jos LeDuc, Canadian-American wrestler (b. 1944)
- 2002 – Ebrahim Al-Arrayedh, Indian poet and author (b. 1908)
- 2002 – Steve Reeves, American bodybuilder and actor (b. 1926)
- 2000 – Jukka Tapanimäki, Finnish game programmer (b. 1961)
- 2002 – John Nathan-Turner, English screenwriter and producer (b. 1947)
- 2003 – Miss Elizabeth, American wrestler and manager (b. 1960)
- 2003 – Wim van Est, Dutch cyclist (b. 1923)
- 2004 – Larkin Kerwin, Canadian physicist (b. 1924)
- 2005 – Kenneth Clark, American psychologist (b. 1914)

- 2006 – Big Hawk, American rapper (Screwed Up Click) (b. 1969)
- 2006 – Rob Lacey, English actor and author (b. 1962)
- 2008 – Anthony Mamo, Maltese politician, 1st President of Malta (b. 1909)
- 2008 – Deborah Jeane Palfrey, American madam (b. 1956)
- 2008 – Philipp von Boeselager, German soldier and economist (b. 1917)
- 2009 – Danny Gans, American singer and comedian (b. 1956)
- 2010 – Rob McConnell, Canadian trombonist and composer (b. 1935)
- 2010 – Helen Wagner, American actress (b. 1918)
- 2011 – Ted Lowe, English sportscaster (b. 1920)
- 2011 – Henry Cooper, English boxer (b. 1934)
- 2012 – Shanmugasundari, Indian actress (b. 1937)
- 2012 – John Spencer Hardy, American general (b. 1913)
- 2012 – James Kinley, Canadian engineer and politician, 29th Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia (b. 1925)
- 2012 – Charles Pitts, American guitarist (The Bo-Keys) (b. 1947)
- 2012 – Earl Rose, American pathologist (b. 1926)
- 2012 – Mordechai Virshubski, German-Israeli politician (b. 1930)
- 2013 – Chris Kelly, American rapper (Kris Kross) (b. 1978)
- 2013 – Martin Kevan, Kenyan-Canadian actor (b. 1947)
- 2013 – Pierre Pleimelding, French footballer and manager (b. 1952)
- 2013 – Gregory Rogers, Australian author and illustrator (b. 1957)
- 2013 – Ruby Stone, American politician (b. 1924)
- 2013 – Stuart Wilde, English author (b. 1946)
- 2014 – Adamu Atta, Nigerian politician, 5th Governor of Kwara State (b. 1927)
- 2014 – Radhia Cousot, French computer scientist (b. 1947)
- 2014 – Assi Dayan, Israeli actor, director, and screenwriter (b. 1945)
- 2014 – Juan de Dios Castillo, Mexican footballer and coach (b. 1951)
- 2014 – Juan Formell, Cuban singer-songwriter and bass player (Los Van Van) (b. 1942)
- 2014 – Spike Maynard, American lawyer and judge (b. 1942)
- 2014 – Howard Smith, American journalist, director, and producer (b. 1936)
- 2014 – Kōji Yada, Japanese voice actor (b. 1933)
- 2015 – Pete Brown, professional golfer (b. 1935)

4 Holidays and observances

- Christian feast day:
 - Andeolus
 - Augustin Schoeffler, Jean-Louis Bonnard (part of Vietnamese Martyrs)
 - Blessed Klymentiy Sheptytsky (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church)
 - Brioc
 - James the Less
 - Joseph the Worker (Roman Catholic)
 - Marcouf
 - Philip the Apostle
 - Richard Pampuri
 - Sigismund of Burgundy
 - Walpurga (canonization)
 - May 1 (Eastern Orthodox liturgics)
- Constitution Day (Latvia)
- Constitution Day (Marshall Islands)
- Commemoration of the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat following the foundation of Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti (India):
 - Gujarat Day
 - Maharashtra Day
- Earliest day on which Mother's Day can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Monday in May. (Samoa)
- Earliest day on which Mother's Day can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Sunday in May. (Hong Kong, Hungary, Lithuania, Mozambique, Portugal, Spain, Romania)

- Earliest day on which **National Day of Prayer** can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Thursday in May. (United States)
- Earliest day on which **World Asthma Day** can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Tuesday in May. (International)
- **International Sunflower Guerrilla Gardening Day** (guerilla gardeners)
- **International Workers' Day or Labour Day** (International), and its related observances:
 - Earliest day on which **Labour Day** can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Monday of May. (Barbados, Dominica)
 - **EuroMayDay** (Western Europe)
 - **Law Day (United States)**, formerly intended to counterbalance the celebration of **Labour Day**. (United States)
 - **Loyalty Day**, formerly intended to counterbalance the celebration of **Labour Day**. (United States)
- **Lei Day** (Hawaii)
- **May Day** (beginning of Summer) observances in the Northern hemisphere (*see April 30*):
 - **Beltane** (Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, Celtic neopagans and Wiccans in the Northern hemisphere)
 - Earliest day on which **Beltane** can fall, while May 7 is the latest; celebrated on the first Monday in May. (Ireland, Scotland)
 - **Walpurgis Night**, celebrated before dawn (Central and Northern Europe)

5 External links

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