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May **1** Sunday

**International Labour Day**  
**(国际劳动节)**

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May (五月)

The month of May was probably named for Maia Majesta, the Roman goddess of spring. May was also dedicated to Ceres, the goddess of grain. In the Northern Hemisphere, corn, the favourite grain of Ceres, is planted in May. The corn-growing Navajo Indians of America called May the month of tiny and tall leaves.

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May Day (五月节)

In Europe and in countries with European tradition, May Day is a folk holiday based on the Roman festival of flowers, the Floralia,

in honor of the coming of spring. It is observed by giving May baskets filled with flowers or candy, dancing around a May pole, selecting of a May queen and king, lighting bonfires on hilltops (in England), and other festivities.



## May (五月)

In the merry month of May  
All the little birds are gay.  
They all hop and sing and say:  
    "Winter days are far away,  
Welcome, welcome, merry May!"

In the merry month of May  
All the pretty flowers are gay.  
They all dance and sing and say:  
    "Winter days are far away,  
Welcome, welcome, merry May!"

In the merry month of May  
All the pioneers are gay.  
They all laugh and sing and say:  
    "Winter days are far away,  
Welcome, welcome, First of May!"



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May 2 Monday

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**Important birthday:**

William Clyde Fitch (菲奇 1865—1909), American dramatist

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**Birth of Earth**

Our universe came into being, most cosmologists agree, from 7 to 15 billion years ago, in an initial “big bang” explosion that’s still expanding today.

Our home galaxy, the Milky Way, is estimated to be approximately 12 billion years old. Planet earth, the sun, and all the other planets, moons, asteroids, meteoroids, and comets of our solar system are believed to be relatively young in cosmic terms—from 4.5 to 5 billion

years old. Earth has a life expectancy of 12 billion years, that is, it has 7.5 billion years to go before the sun explodes into a red giant that incinerates it.

## 地球的诞生

大多数宇宙学者都认为，我们的宇宙是在70亿到150亿年前的一次最初的大爆炸形成的，至今仍在向外膨胀着。

估计，我们所在的银河系的年龄约为120万岁。从宇宙的角度来看，地球、太阳、以及我们太阳系中的所有其它行星、卫星、小行星、流星和彗星相对年轻一些——约为45亿到50亿岁。地球的寿命有120亿年，也就是说，它还要活75亿年，直到太阳爆炸而成为一颗红巨星，把它焚毁。





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May 3 Tuesday

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**Important birthday:**

Niccolo Machiavelli (馬基亞韋利 1469~1572),  
Italian author and statesman

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### Empty Air? (空的气吗?)

Except for clouds and smoke the air seems empty. Actually it is full of very small bits of matter, so small that we cannot see most of them. Pollen grains, spores, bacteria, and viruses are some of these invisible bits of matter.

Such particles are so small that scientists use a unit of length called a *micron* to measure them. A micron is about one twenty-five thousandth of an inch. A hole caused by pushing



a pin into a piece of paper is about a thousand microns. Your eyes are good enough to be able to see an object which is about fifty microns long.

Pollen grains are usually about twenty-five microns across. Spores are somewhat smaller, while bacteria measure about one micron. Viruses are only a small fraction of a micron.

Suppose we take a cubic inch of air—about the size of an ice cube. If this cube of air has a million bacteria in it, it will still be nearly all air. In fact, we could hold the million bacteria in our hand and never even see them.

So though the air holds innumerable tiny particles, it is no wonder that it seems empty.



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May **4** Wednesday

**Chinese Youth Day 中国青年节**

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**Important birthday:**

Henry Thomas Huxley ( 赫胥黎 1825—1895 ),  
English biologist and educator

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**One-day President**

David Rice Atchison served as President of the United States only for one day on May 4, 1849.

President Polk's term had expired, but because it was a Sunday President-elect Zachary Taylor chose to be inaugurated the following day, a Monday. Since the nation could not be leaderless for even 24 hours, the next in line of succession, the President *pro tempore* of the Senate, Senator Atchison, took over the office.

When asked what he did during his time as President, Atchison said that because he had been exhausted by his work in Congress he slept soundly through his term as Chief Executive.

## 一天的总统

大卫·赖斯·艾奇逊于1849年5月4日当了一天的美国总统。

那一天，波尔克总统的任期已经满了，因为是星期天，所以当选总统扎查利·泰勒决定到下一天星期一再就职。因为国家不能没有领导人，那怕二十四小时也不行。所以，根据继承总统职位的顺序，参议院临时议长，参议员艾奇逊接过了该职务。当人们问艾奇逊，他在当总统期间干了什么时，他就因为国会的工作已使他筋疲力尽了，所以他在担任最高行政长官的任期中一直在熟睡。



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May **5** Thursday

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**Important birthday:**

Karl Marx (馬克思 1818—1883), German social philosopher, founder of the scientific communist theory

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**Marx's "Confession"**

Here is Karl Marx's own account of himself as he gave it playing the Victorian parlor game of "Confession":

Your favourite virtue	<i>Simplicity</i>
Your favourite virtue in man	<i>Strength</i>
Your favourite virtue in woman	<i>Weakness</i>
Your chief characteristic	<i>Singleness of purpose</i>
Your idea of happiness	<i>To fight</i>

Your idea of misery      *Submission*  
 The vice you excuse most      *Gullibility*  
 The vice you detest the most      *Servility*  
 Favourite occupation      *Bookworming*  
 Favourite poet      *Shakespeare, Aeschylus,*  
                                  *Goethe*  
 Favourite prose writer      *Diderot*  
 Favourite hero      *Spartacus, Kepler*  
 Favourite heroine      *Gretchen*  
 Favourite flower      *Daphne*  
 Favourite colour      *Red*  
 Favourite name      *Laura Jenny*  
 Favourite dish      *Fish*  
 Favourite maxim      *Nihil humani a me*  
                                  *alienum puto ("I consider that nothing*  
                                  *human is alien to me.")*



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May 6 Friday

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## Mediterranean Sea (地中海)

The Greeks called it the Great Sea. Its present name the Mediterranean Sea came from the ancient Roman name *Mare Internum*, meaning "the Inland Sea."

The Mediterranean Sea is nearly landlocked between Europe, Asia, and Africa. In its west the narrow Strait of Gibraltar connects it with the Atlantic Ocean. Its eastern outlet, to the Red Sea, is by way of the Suez Canal.

The Mediterranean has an area of about 1,145,000 square miles. Its greatest length from east to west is 2,400 miles. Its maximum width is about 1,000 miles. At its deepest point the

sea is about 14,450 feet deep.

The Mediterranean is a sea of many islands and island groups. The largest islands are Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, Crete, and Cyprus.

The salt content of the Mediterranean is higher than that of the Atlantic Ocean and the Black Sea. One reason for this is the sunny climate, which speeds up the rate of evaporation. Another reason is the small number of freshwater rivers that empty into the sea. Important rivers that flow directly into the Mediterranean are the Ebro, the Rhone, the Po, the Tiber, and the Nile.





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May **7** Saturday

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**Important birthday:**

Robert Browning (布朗宁 1812—1889), English poet

Johannes Brahms (勃拉姆斯 1833—1897), German composer

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (柴可夫斯基 1840—1893), Russian composer

Rabindranath Tagore (泰戈尔 1861—1941), Indian poet, writer and philosopher

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Eugene Onegin



(叶甫盖尼·奥涅金)

This opera was first performed in Moscow in Russia in 1879.

It is based on a poem by the famous poet

Aleksander Pushkin. It takes place in St. Petersburg about 1815. Tatiana and Olga are singing to their mother, Madame Larina, when Lenski and Eugene Onegin arrive. Lenski is in love with Olga, and Tatiana with Onegin. Later, Tatiana, sleepless, writes to Onegin, telling him how much she loves him. But Onegin, in responding to the letter, tells Tatiana that he is not the man for her and she must forget him.

At Tatiana's birthday ball Onegin pays attention to Olga. This arouses Lenski's jealousy. The men quarrel, and Lenski challenges Onegin to a duel. The duel takes place, and Lenski is killed.

Six years later, Onegin attends a reception at Prince Gremin's palace and is astonished to learn that the beautiful Princess Gremina is Tatiana. He knows now that he loves her. He sends her a message, and they meet. Onegin pleads for her love. Tatiana wavers, for she is still in love with him, but gains control of herself and finally sends him away forever.

The music of this opera by Tchaikovsky is considered one of the greatest in the world.

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