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May Day has been a traditional holiday since ancient times. Early May Day celebrations originated with the *Floralia*, a festival honoring Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers. Revelries began on April 27 and continued through six days of sporting events and theatrical performances. In AD 68, the entertainment presented under the emperor Galba featured a tightrope-walking elephant. Those Romans knew how to throw a party!

On This Date

1851 – Queen Victoria opened the first Great Exhibition at London’s Crystal Palace. Many unique Canadian exhibits were on display. Six million people—equivalent to one-third of the entire population of Britain at the time—visited the Great Exhibition.



Quote of the Day

“Take what life throws at you and throw it right back. If life keeps throwing, then you have a tennis match going. Learn to like tennis.”

~ Glenn Ford

Happy Birthday!

Glenn Ford (1916–2006) was the epitome of Hollywood’s Golden Age leading man. Born in Quebec, Canada, Ford embarked on a journey that would see him become one of the most respected actors of his generation. With over five decades in the industry, Ford garnered critical acclaim and a devoted fan base with performances in classics like *Gilda*, *3:10 to Yuma*, and *The Blackboard Jungle*. Off-screen, Ford’s life was marked by his service in World War II and his passion for flying. Ford had one son, actor Peter Ford, with his first wife, actress and dancer Eleanor Powell.

