

2005 in the United States

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Events from the year **2005 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: George W. Bush (R-Texas)
- Vice President: Dick Cheney (R-Wyoming)
- Chief Justice: William Rehnquist (Wisconsin) ^[1] (until September 3), John Roberts (New York) ^[2] (starting September 29)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois)
- Senate Majority Leader: Bill Frist (R-Tennessee)
- Congress: 108th (until January 3), 109th (starting January 3)

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Bob Riley (Republican)
- Governor of Alaska: Frank Murkowski (Republican)
- Governor of Arizona: Janet Napolitano (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: Mike Huckabee (Republican)
- Governor of California: Arnold Schwarzenegger (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Bill Owens (Republican)
- Governor of Connecticut: Jodi Rell (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: Ruth Ann Minner (Democratic)
- Governor of Florida: Jeb Bush (Republican)
- Governor of Georgia: Sonny Perdue (Republican)
- Governor of Hawaii: Linda Lingle (Republican)
- Governor of Idaho: Dirk Kempthorne (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Rod Blagojevich (Democratic)
- Governor of Indiana: Joe Kernan (Democratic) (until January 10), Mitch Daniels (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Governor of Iowa: Tom Vilsack (Democratic)
- Governor of Kansas: Kathleen Sebelius (Democratic)
- Governor of Kentucky: Ernie Fletcher (Republican)
- Governor of Louisiana: Kathleen Blanco (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: John Baldacci (Democratic)
- Governor of Maryland: Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (Republican)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Mitt Romney (Republican)
- Governor of Michigan: Jennifer Granholm (Democratic)
- Governor of Minnesota: Tim Pawlenty (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Haley Barbour (Republican)
- Governor of Missouri: Bob Holden (Democratic) (until January 10), Matt Blunt (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Governor of Montana: Judy Martz (Republican) (until January 3), Brian Schweitzer (Democratic) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Nebraska: Mike Johanns (Republican) (until January 20), Dave Heineman (Republican) (starting January 20)
- Governor of Nevada: Kenny Guinn (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Craig Benson (Republican) (until January 6), John Lynch (Democratic) (starting January 6)
- Governor of New Jersey: Richard Codey (Democratic)
- Governor of New Mexico: Bill Richardson (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: George Pataki (Republican)
- Governor of North Carolina: Mike Easley (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: John Hoeven (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: Bob Taft (Republican)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Brad Henry (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: Ted Kulongoski (Democratic)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Ed Rendell (Democratic)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Donald Carcieri (Republican)
- Governor of South Carolina: Mark Sanford (Republican)
- Governor of South Dakota: Mike Rounds (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Phil Bredesen (Democratic)
- Governor of Texas: Rick Perry (Republican)

- Governor of Utah: Olene S. Walker (Republican) (until January 3), Jon Huntsman, Jr. (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Vermont: Jim Douglas (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: Mark Warner (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Gary Locke (Democratic) (until January 12), Christine Gregoire (Democratic) (starting January 12)

- Governor of West Virginia: Bob Wise (Democratic) (until January 17), Joe Manchin (Democratic) (starting January 17)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Jim Doyle (Democratic)
- Governor of Wyoming: Dave Freudenthal (Democratic)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Lucy Baxley (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Alaska: Loren Leman (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: Winthrop Paul Rockefeller (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: Cruz Bustamante (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Jane E. Norton (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Kevin B. Sullivan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: John Carney (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Florida: Toni Jennings (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Georgia: Mark Taylor (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii: Duke Aiona (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: Jim Risch (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Pat Quinn (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Kathy Davis (Democratic) (until January 10), Becky Skillman (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Sally Pederson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: John E. Moore (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Steve Pence (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Mitch Landrieu (Democratic)

- Lieutenant Governor of Maryland: Michael Steele (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Kerry Healey (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: John D. Cherry (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Carol Molnau (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Amy Tuck (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Joe Maxwell (Democratic) (until January 10), Peter Kinder (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Karl Ohs (Republican) (until January 3), John Bohlinger (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska:
 - until January 20: Dave Heineman (Republican)
 - January 20-January 24: vacant
 - starting January 24: Rick Sheehy (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Lorraine Hunt (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Diane Denish (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: Mary Donohue (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Bev Perdue (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Jack Dalrymple (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: Jennette Bradley (Republican) (until January 5), Bruce E. Johnson (Republican) (starting January 5)

- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: Mary Fallin (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Catherine Baker Knoll (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Charles J. Fogarty (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: André Bauer (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Dennis Daugaard (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: John S. Wilder (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: David Dewhurst (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Utah: Gayle McKeachnie (Republican) (until January 3), Gary Herbert (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Brian Dubie (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Tim Kaine (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Brad Owen (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Barbara Lawton (Democratic)

Events

January

- January 6 – The Graniteville train disaster kills 9 and injures 250 in Graniteville, South Carolina.
- January 12 – *Deep Impact* is launched from Cape Canaveral by a Delta 2 rocket.
- January 20 – George W. Bush is sworn in for his second term as President.
- January 26
 - Glendale train crash: Two trains derail, killing 11 and injuring 200, in Glendale, California.



January 20:
George W. Bush,
the President of
the United States,
begins his second
term.

February

- February 6 – Super Bowl XXXIX: The New England Patriots win their second consecutive Super Bowl title, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles by a score of 24 – 21.^[3]
- February 10 – North Korea announces that it possesses nuclear weapons as a protection against the hostility it feels from the United States.^[4]
- February 15 – The Internet site YouTube goes online.
- February 16
 - The Kyoto Protocol goes into effect, without the support of the United States and Australia.^[5]
- February 24 – David Hernandez Arroyo goes on a shooting rampage at the Smith County Courthouse in Tyler, Texas. He kills two, including his ex-wife, and injures four people, before being killed in a police chase.^[6]
- February 25 – Wichita, Kansas police apprehend the BTK serial killer Dennis Rader, 31 years after his first murder.^[7]
- February 27 – The 77th Academy Awards, hosted by Chris Rock, are held at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California, with *Million Dollar Baby* winning Best Picture.

March

- March 1 – *Roper v. Simmons*: The Supreme Court of the United States rules the death penalty unconstitutional for juveniles who committed their crimes before the age of 18.^[8]
- March 4 – The car of released Italian hostage Giuliana Sgrena is fired on by U.S. soldiers in Iraq, causing the death of one passenger and injuring two more.^[9]
- March 11 – Three people, including a judge, are murdered in the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta, Georgia; the main suspect, Brian Nichols, surrenders to police the next day.^[10]
- March 12 – Terry Ratzmann opens fire during a church sermon in New Berlin, Wisconsin, killing 7 and injuring 4 before taking his own life.
- March 21 – Ten are killed in the Red Lake shootings in Minnesota by teenager Jeffrey Weise, who committed suicide after a shoot-out with police. It is the worst school shooting since the Columbine High School massacre.^[11]
- March 23 – The United States' 11th Circuit Court of Appeals refuses by a vote of 2 – 1 to stop the euthanasia of Terri Schiavo by not ordering the reinsertion of her feeding tube.^[12]



March 15:
Unusually high precipitation in the winter of 2005 caused an ephemeral lake to occur in the Badwater Basin of Death Valley National Park.

April

- April 9 – Tens of thousands of demonstrators, many of them supporters of Shia cleric Moqtada Sadr, march through Baghdad denouncing the U.S. occupation of Iraq, two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, and rally in the square where his statue was toppled in 2003.
- April 30 – *Newsweek* alleges that American interrogators and guards have desecrated the Qur'an in attempts to rattle Islamic detainees.

May

- May 10 – A hand grenade ostensibly thrown by Vladimir Arutinian lands about 100 feet (30 m) from United States President George W. Bush while he is giving a speech to a crowd in Tbilisi, Georgia, but the explosive malfunctions and does not detonate.
- May 13
 - The United States Department of Defense issues a list of bases to be closed as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC 2005).
 - Serial killer Michael Bruce Ross becomes the first person executed in New England in 45 years.
- May 16 – George Galloway appears before a United States Senate committee, to answer allegations of making money from the Iraqi Oil-for-Food Programme.
- May 31 – W. Mark Felt reveals himself to be the Watergate scandal whistleblower called "Deep Throat."^[13]

June

- June 2 – The construction of Northrop Grumman X-47B, the world's first unmanned surveillance attack aircraft that can operate from both land bases and aircraft carriers, begins.
- June 17 – Because of "quadruple-witching" options and futures expiration, the New York Stock Exchange sees the heaviest first-hour trading on record. 704 million shares are traded between 9:30–10:30 a.m. (1.92 billion shares for the day).
- June 21 – A Volna booster rocket carrying the first light sail spacecraft (a joint Russian-United States project) fails 83 seconds after its launch, destroying the spacecraft.

- June 30 – The Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) is passed by the United States.

July

- July 4
 - The Italy–USA Foundation is established in Rome, Italy.
 - NASA's "Copper bullet" from the *Deep Impact* spacecraft hits Comet Tempel 1, creating a crater for scientific studies.
- July 10 – Hurricane Dennis strikes near Navarre Beach, Florida as a Category 3 storm. There are 42 direct, 47 indirect dead and \$4 billion in damages.
- July 19 – President Bush nominated John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court to fill a vacancy that would be left by the resignation of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.
- July 24 – Lance Armstrong wins a record 7th straight Tour de France before his scheduled retirement. He is later disqualified from each of those races and banned from cycling for life for doping offenses by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in 2012.
- July 26 – STS-114 launches as the first "Return to Flight" Space Shuttle mission following the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disaster in 2003.



June 2: The Northrop Grumman X-47B unmanned combat air vehicle (UCAV)

August

- August 2 – The Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) is signed into law in the United States.
- August 9 – Space Shuttle *Discovery* returns to Edwards Air Force Base at 0814 EDT, completing STS-114, "Return to Flight".
- August 12 – The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter is launched.
- August 23 – Hurricane Katrina forms over the Bahamas.
- August 29 – August 30 – At least 1,836 are killed, and severe damage is caused along the U.S. Gulf Coast, as Hurricane Katrina strikes coastal areas from Louisiana to Alabama, and travels up the entire state of Mississippi (flooding coast 31 feet (9.4 m)), affecting most of eastern North America. Katrina becomes the costliest hurricane in US history with \$108 billion in damages.^[14]



August 29: Hurricane Katrina hits the Gulf Coast

September

- September – The largest evacuation in Houston takes place as millions evacuate from Hurricane Rita.
- September 1 – Oil prices rise sharply following the economic effects of Hurricane Katrina.
- September 5 – John G. Roberts is nominated by President George W. Bush for Chief Justice of the United States, replacing William Rehnquist, who had died two days previously.
- September 14 – September 16 – The largest UN World Summit in history is held in New York City.
- September 20 – The NFL sees the groundbreaking ceremony for two new stadiums, the Indianapolis Colts' Lucas Oil Stadium (\$720 million) and the Dallas Cowboys' temporarily named Cowboys Stadium (\$1.15 billion).
- September 23 – Convicted bank thief and Boricua Popular Army leader, Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, is killed in his home in Hormigueros, Puerto Rico when members of the FBI attempt to serve an arrest warrant.



September 29: John G. Roberts, Jr. 17th Chief Justice of the United States.

- September 24
 - Worldwide protests occur against the Iraq War, with over 150,000 protestors in Washington DC (see Opposition to the Iraq War).
 - Hurricane Rita hits the U.S. Gulf Coast, devastating areas near Beaumont, Texas and Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Ninth Ward of New Orleans re-floods since Katrina, and Mississippi and Alabama are also affected. There are 97 (up to 125) dead and \$12 billion in damages.
- September 26 – U.S. Army Reservist Lynndie England is convicted by a military jury on six of seven counts, in connection with the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal.
- September 28 – United States House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R–Texas) is indicted on charges of criminal conspiracy by a Texas grand jury. After being indicted, DeLay stepped down from his position as Majority Leader. He was the first congressional leader ever to be indicted.^[15] Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri took over as acting leader.^[16] On November 24, 2010, DeLay was found guilty by a jury in Austin (Travis County), Texas, of conspiracy to commit money laundering and making an illegal contribution.^[17] He was subsequently sentenced to three years in prison and 10 years probation on January 10, 2011.^{[18][19]}
- September 29 – John G. Roberts, Jr. is confirmed and sworn in as the 17th Chief Justice of the United States.

October

- October 1
 - An Australian photojournalist in Afghanistan, Stephen Dupont, films U.S. soldiers burning two dead Taliban militias' bodies.
 - The United States housing bubble begins to burst, causing home prices to stop rising unexpectedly and begin to decline.
- October 2
 - The first regular-season NFL game played outside of the USA pits the San Francisco 49ers against the Arizona Cardinals at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City, Mexico. The Cardinals win by a score of 31 – 14.
 - A shipwreck on Lake George, New York kills 20 people.
- October 3
 - U.S. President George W. Bush nominates Harriet Miers for the Supreme Court of the United States.
 - St. Tammany Parish Schools reopen in Louisiana, just over a month after Hurricane Katrina closed them.
- October 15 – A riot occurs in Toledo, Ohio during a Neo-Nazi rally on racial issues; 114 are arrested.
- October 16 – U.S. helicopters and warplanes bomb two villages near Ramadi in western Iraq, killing about 70 people.
- October 19 – The Houston Astros win their first National League Championship, advancing to their first World Series in franchise history.
- October 24 – Hurricane Wilma makes landfall in southwestern Florida as a category 3 hurricane. There are 23 direct, 39 indirect dead and \$29.1 billion in damages.
- October 26
 - The Chicago White Sox beat the Houston Astros in four games to win their first World Series since 1917.
 - The U.S. death toll in Iraq reaches 2,000.
- October 27 – After issues arise of her competency to adjudicate United States Constitutional law, Harriet Miers withdraws her name from consideration for the Supreme Court of the United States.

- October 28 – Vice presidential adviser Lewis "Scooter" Libby resigns after being charged with obstruction of justice, perjury and making a false statement in the CIA leak investigation. Libby was indicted by a federal grand jury concerning the investigation of the leak of the covert identity of Central Intelligence Agency officer Valerie Plame Wilson.^{[20][21][22]} Plame's relationship with the CIA was formerly classified information.^[20] Libby was indicted on five counts relating to the Plame affair: Two counts of perjury, two counts of making false statements to federal investigators, and one count of obstruction of justice. In the subsequent federal trial, *United States v. Libby*, the jury convicted Libby on four of the five counts in the indictment (one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury, and one count of making false statements) and acquitted on the second count of making false statements.^{[23][24]} On June 5, 2007, the presiding trial judge, Reggie B. Walton, sentenced Libby to 30 months in federal prison, a fine of \$250,000, and two years of supervised release, including 400 hours of community service,^{[25][26][27][28]} and then ordered Libby to begin his sentence immediately.^[29] On July 2, 2007, when Libby's appeal of Walton's order failed, Bush commuted Libby's 30-month prison sentence, leaving the other parts of his sentence intact.^{[30][31]} As a consequence of his conviction in *United States v. Libby*, Libby's license to practice law was suspended by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in December 2007.^[32] On April 3, 2007, the District of Columbia Bar suspended his license to practice law in Washington, D.C., and recommended his disbarment pending his appeal of his conviction.^{[33][34]} On March 20, 2008, after he dropped his appeal, he was disbarred by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, in Washington, D.C., at least until 2012.^[35]
- October 31
 - U.S. President George W. Bush nominates Federal Appeals Court Judge Samuel Alito to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
 - Astronomers announce the discovery of two additional moons orbiting the Pluto/Charon system. Subsequently named Nix and Hydra, the moons were found in images from the Hubble Space Telescope.

November

- November 1
 - United States Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and his fellow Democrats force a closed session of the Senate over the Lewis Libby indictment.
 - Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall arrive in the United States for a state visit, their first overseas tour since their marriage.
- November 4 – The U.S. and Uruguay governments sign a Bilateral Investment Treaty.
- November 6 – Evansville Tornado of November 2005: A tornado hits western Kentucky and southwestern Indiana, killing 25 with \$92 million in damages.
- November 20 – *The Washington Post* rebukes journalist Bob Woodward over his conduct in the CIA leak probe.

December

- December – The Unemployment Rate falls below 5% for the first time since August 2001; it will remain below 5% until December 2007.
- December 7 – A U.S. Federal Air Marshal fatally shoots Rigoberto Alpizar on a jetway at Miami International Airport in Florida.
- December 8 – Southwest Airlines Flight 1248 overshoots the runway at Chicago Midway Airport, killing a 6-year-old boy and injuring 11 other people.

- December 16 – The 43rd Mersenne prime is found, $2^{30,402,457} - 1$. It was discovered with the GIMPS project by Dr. Curtis Cooper and Dr. Steven Boone, professors at Central Missouri State University.
- December 20 – 2005 New York City transit strike: New York City's Transport Workers Union Local 100 goes on strike for three days, shutting down all New York City Subway and Bus services.
- December 23 – U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announces the first in an expected series of troop drawdowns following the Iraqi elections.

Undated

- Ten years after reaching the million mark, the U.S. prison population reaches 1.5 million inmates.^[36]



December 8:
Southwest Airlines
Flight 1248
overshoots the
runway at Chicago
Midway Airport

Ongoing

- War in Afghanistan (2001–present)
- Iraq War (2003–2011)

Births

- March 11 – Riley Ann Sawyers, murder victim (d. 2007)
- July 25 – Pierce Gagnon, actor
- August 9 – Caylee Anthony, murder victim (d. 2008)

Deaths

January

- January 1
 - Shirley Chisholm, politician (b. 1924)
 - Eugene J. Martin, artist (b. 1938)
- January 4
 - Alton Tobey, painter and illustrator (b. 1914)
 - Guy Davenport, writer, artist, and scholar (b. 1927)
 - Robert Heilbroner, writer (b. 1919)
- January 17 – Virginia Mayo, actress (b. 1920)
- January 21 – Adrienne Leigh Reynolds, murder victim (b. 1988)
- January 23 – Johnny Carson, television host and comedian (b. 1925)
- January 25 – Philip Johnson, architect (b. 1906)

- February 1 – John Vernon, Canadian-born actor and father of Kate Vernon, died in Los Angeles, California (b. 1932)
- February 6 – Merle Kilgore, singer and songwriter (b. 1934)
- February 10 – Arthur Miller, playwright and husband of Marilyn Monroe (b. 1915)
- February 20
 - Sandra Dee, actress (b. 1944)
 - Hunter S. Thompson, journalist (b. 1937)
- February 25 – Ben Bowen, cancer victim (b. 2002)

March

- March 6
 - Hans Bethe, German-born American Nobel physicist (b. 1906)
 - Teresa Wright, actress (b. 1918)
- March 9 – Chris LeDoux, rodeo performer and singer (b. 1949)

February

- March 13 – Lyn Collins, R&B singer (b. 1948)
- March 17 – George F. Kennan, diplomat and political advisor (b. 1904)
- March 19 – John DeLorean, car maker (b. 1925)
- March 21 – Bobby Short, pianist and singer (b. 1924)
- March 29 – Johnnie Cochran, attorney (b. 1937)
- March 30 – Fred Korematsu, civil rights activist (b. 1919)
- March 31 – Terri Schiavo, right-to-die cause célèbre (b. 1963)

April

- April 5 – Saul Bellow, writer (b. 1915)
- April 16 – Marla Ruzicka, activist, founder of Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict (b. 1976)
- April 19 – Ruth Hussey, actress (b. 1911)
- April 26 – Mason Adams, actor (b. 1919)

May

- May 7 – Peter Wallace Rodino, politician (b. 1909)
- May 8 – Lloyd Cutler, attorney and Presidential advisor (b. 1917)
- May 13 – George Dantzig, mathematician (b. 1914)
- May 14 – Jimmy Martin, musician (b. 1927)
- May 16 – Eliza Jane Scovill, AIDS victim (b. 2001)
- May 21 – Howard Morris, actor (b. 1919)
- May 22 – Thurl Ravenscroft, voice actor (b. 1914)
- May 26 – Eddie Albert, actor (b. 1906)

June

- June 4 – Ronald F. Marryott, admiral (b. 1934)
- June 6
 - Maurice Rabb, Jr., American ophthalmologist (b. 1932)
 - Anne Bancroft, actress and wife of Mel Brooks (b. 1931)
- June 25 – John Fiedler, actor (b. 1925)

July

- July 1 – Luther Vandross, singer, songwriter, and record producer (b. 1951)
- July 4 – Hank Stram, professional football coach (b. 1923)
- July 5 – James Stockdale, admiral and vice presidential candidate (b. 1923)
- July 6
 - Bruno Augenstein, German-American mathematician and physicist (b. 1923)
 - L. Patrick Gray, American FBI director (b. 1916)
 - Evan Hunter, screenwriter and crime fiction writer (b. 1926)
- July 14 – Joe Harnell, pianist and composer (b. 1924)
- July 18 – William Westmoreland, general (b. 1914)
- July 23 – Myron Floren, accordionist (b. 1919)
- July 26 – Jack Hirshleifer, economist (b. 1925)

August

- August 1 – John Alevizos, businessman (b. 1919)
- August 2 – Jay Hammond, politician (b. 1922)
- August 8 – John H. Johnson, businessman and publisher. (b. 1918)
- August 9 – Matthew McGrory, American actor (b. 1973)
- August 17 – John Norris Bahcall, astrophysicist. (b. 1934)

September

- September 3
 - William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. (b. 1924)
 - James Rossi, Olympic cyclist. (b. 1936)
- September 25 – Uri Bronfenbrenner, Russian-born American professor of psychology (b. 1917)

October

- October 12 – Jack White, journalist and reporter (b. 1942)
- October 18 – Bill King, sports broadcaster (b. 1927)

November

- November 12 – James Fyfe, criminologist and instructor (b. 1942)
- November 15 – Adrian Rogers, religious leader (b. 1931)
- November 18 – Elias Syriani, Jordanian-born American convicted murderer (b. 1938)

December

- December 2
 - Kenneth Lee Boyd, murderer (b. 1948)
 - William P. Lawrence, admiral and pilot (b. 1930)
 - Nat Mayer Shapiro, painter (b. 1919)

- December 10 – Richard Pryor, actor and comedian (b. 1940)
- December 14 – Stew Bowers baseball player (b. 1915)
- December 20 – Bradford Cannon, Boston plastic surgeon (b. 1907)
- December 21 – Elrod Hendricks, baseball player and coach (b. 1940)
- December 31
 - Sanora Babb, writer; (b. 1907)
 - Enrico Di Giuseppe, operatic tenor (b. 1932)

See also

- 2005 in American television
- List of American films of 2005

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- and such person shall thereafter cease to be a member." Pursuant to the policy on "Moral Turpitude" contained therein, it is also noted (n. 4) that Libby's "*disbarment should be deemed to commence, for reinstatement purposes, on April 11, 2007, the date that [he] filed an affidavit in compliance with D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g).*" The brief lists Libby's admission to practice law in that jurisdiction as May 19, 1978. At that time Libby's lawyers filed notification of his intention to appeal his conviction within ten days after his sentencing with the D.C. Bar, an appeal that he subsequently decided to drop (Cf. Apuzzo's account of December 10, 2007, op cit)
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