

2007 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: John Roberts (New York) ^[1]
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Dennis Hastert (R–Illinois) (until January 3), Nancy Pelosi (D–California) (starting January 4)
- Senate Majority Leader: Bill Frist (R–Tennessee) (until January 3), Harry Reid (D–Nevada) (starting January 3)
- Congress: 109th (until January 3), 110th (starting January 3)

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Bob Riley (Republican)
- Governor of Alaska: Sarah Palin (Republican)
- Governor of Arizona: Janet Napolitano (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: Mike Huckabee (Republican) (until January 9), Mike Beebe (Democratic) (starting January 9)
- Governor of California: Arnold Schwarzenegger (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Bill Owens (Republican) (until January 9), Bill Ritter (Democratic) (starting January 9)
- Governor of Connecticut: Jodi Rell (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: Ruth Ann Minner (Democratic)
- Governor of Florida: Jeb Bush (Republican) (until January 2), Charlie Crist (Republican)/(Independent) (starting January 2)
- Governor of Georgia: Sonny Perdue (Republican)
- Governor of Hawaii: Linda Lingle (Republican)
- Governor of Idaho: Jim Risch (Republican) (until January 1), Butch Otter (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of Illinois: Rod Blagojevich (Democratic)
- Governor of Indiana: Mitch Daniels (Republican)
- Governor of Iowa: Tom Vilsack (Democratic) (until January 12), Chet Culver (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Kansas: Kathleen Sebelius (Democratic)
- Governor of Kentucky: Ernie Fletcher (Republican) (until December 11), Steve Beshear (Democratic) (starting December 11)
- Governor of Louisiana: Kathleen Blanco (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: John Baldacci (Democratic)
- Governor of Maryland: Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (Republican) (until January 17), Martin O'Malley (Democratic) (starting January 17)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Mitt Romney (Republican) (until January 4), Deval Patrick (Democratic) (starting January 4)
- Governor of Michigan: Jennifer Granholm (Democratic)
- Governor of Minnesota: Tim Pawlenty (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Haley Barbour (Republican)
- Governor of Missouri: Matt Blunt (Republican)
- Governor of Montana: Brian Schweitzer (Democratic)
- Governor of Nebraska: Dave Heineman (Republican)
- Governor of Nevada: Kenny Guinn (Republican) (until January 1), Jim Gibbons (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of New Hampshire: John Lynch (Democratic)
- Governor of New Jersey: Jon Corzine (Democratic)
- Governor of New Mexico: Bill Richardson (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: Eliot Spitzer (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Governor of North Carolina: Mike Easley (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: John Hoeven (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: Bob Taft (Republican) (until January 8), Ted Strickland (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- 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: Jon Huntsman, Jr. (Republican)
- Governor of Vermont: Jim Douglas (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: Tim Kaine (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Christine Gregoire (Democratic)
- Governor of West Virginia: Joe Manchin (Democratic)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Jim Doyle (Democratic)
- Governor of Wyoming: Dave Freudenthal (Democratic)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Lucy Baxley (Democratic) (until January 15), Jim Folsom, Jr. (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Alaska: Sean Parnell (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: vacant (until January 9), Bill Halter (Democratic) (starting January 9)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: Cruz Bustamante (Democratic) (until January 8), John Garamendi (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Jane E. Norton (Republican) (until January 9), Barbara O'Brien (Democratic) (starting January 9)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Kevin B. Sullivan (Democratic) (until January 3), Michael Fedele (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: John Carney (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Florida: Toni Jennings (Republican) (until January 2), Jeff Kottkamp (Republican) (starting January 2)
- Lieutenant Governor of Georgia: Mark Taylor (Democratic) (until January 8), Casey Cagle (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii: Duke Aiona (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: Mark Ricks (Republican) (until January 1), Jim Risch (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Pat Quinn (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Becky Skillman (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Sally Pederson (Democratic) (until January 17), Patty Judge (Democratic) (starting January 17)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: John E. Moore (Democratic) (until January 20), Mark Parkinson (Democratic) (starting January 20)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Steve Pence (Republican) (until December 11), Daniel Mongiardo (Democratic) (starting December 11)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Mitch Landrieu (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Maryland: Michael Steele (Republican) (until January 17), Anthony G. Brown (Democratic) (starting January 17)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Kerry Healey (Republican) (until January 4), Tim Murray (Democratic) (starting January 4)
- 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: Peter Kinder (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: John Bohlinger (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Rick Sheehy (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Lorraine Hunt (Republican) (until January 20), Brian Krolicki (Republican) (starting January 20)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Diane Denish (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: David Paterson (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Bev Perdue (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Jack Dalrymple (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: vacant (until January 8), Lee Fisher (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: Mary Fallin (Republican) (until January 2), Jari Askins (Democratic) (starting January 2)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Catherine Baker Knoll (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Charles J. Fogarty (Democratic) (until January 2), Elizabeth H. Roberts (Democratic) (starting January 2)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: André Bauer (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Dennis Daugaard (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: John S. Wilder (Democratic) (until January 8), Ron Ramsey (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: David Dewhurst (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Utah: Gary Herbert (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Brian Dubie (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Bill Bolling (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Brad Owen (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Barbara Lawton (Democratic)

Events

January

- January 4
 - William Fallon succeeds Gen. John Abizaid as the head of Central Command in Iraq.
 - Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.
- January 9
 - War in Somalia: U.S. planes conduct air strikes in Somalia against suspected terrorists.
 - Steve Jobs publicly announces the release of the first iPhone.^[2]
- January 10 – President Bush announces a plan to station 21,500 additional troops in Iraq.
- January 12 – The U.S. Embassy in Athens is attacked with a rocket propelled grenade, which causes minimal damage and no injuries.
- January 28 – A battle between insurgents and U.S.-backed Iraqi troops kills 300 suspected resistance members in Najaf, Iraq.
- January 30 – Microsoft releases Windows Vista and Office 2007.^[3]
- January 31
 - Delta Air Lines creditors officially reject US Airways' hostile takeover bid.
 - The Mooninite scare occurs in Boston when devices used in a guerrilla marketing campaign for the animated television series *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* are mistaken for improvised explosive devices.



January 4: Nancy Pelosi becomes Speaker of the House.

February

- February 2 – An unseasonal tornado in central Florida kills at least 20 people.
- February 10 – Senator Barack Obama of Illinois declares his candidacy for President of the United States of America
- February 12 – Muslim gunman Sulejman Talović shoots and kills five people at the Trolley Square Mall in Salt Lake City, Utah, before being killed by the police, bringing the evening's rampage death toll to six.
- February 25 – The 79th Academy Awards ceremony, hosted by Ellen DeGeneres, is held at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. *The Departed* wins Best Picture.
- February 27 – 2007 Bagram Air Base bombing: A Taliban suicide attack at Bagram Air Base while Vice President of the United States Dick Cheney is visiting kills 23, but he is not injured.
- February 28 – The New Horizons space probe makes a gravitational slingshot against Jupiter which changes its trajectory towards Pluto.

March

- March 6 – *Mega Millions* sets a new world record for the highest lottery jackpot of \$370 million.
- March 16 – For the first time in the 23-year history of the modern version of the popular gameshow, *Jeopardy!*, a three-way tie occurred.

April

- April 1 – World Wrestling Entertainment put on WrestleMania 23 in Detroit, Michigan.
- April 16 – Thirty-two people are killed in the Virginia Tech massacre on the premises of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Gunman Seung-Hui Cho is able to buy his firearms legally, despite having a record of mental illness, causing a large national debate on guns.
- April 17 – The Pound Sterling hits a 15-year high against the US dollar, breaking through the \$2 level for the first time since 1992.
- April 19 – US and allied air forces conduct massive exercises over South Korea with over 500 planes.^[4]
- April 25
 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average gains 135.95 points to close at 13089.89; its first close above 13000 in its history.
 - The Burj Khalifa reaches the height of the Sears Tower on its way to becoming the tallest building in the world.
 - Congressman Dennis Kucinich introduces articles to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney.^[5]



April 16: United States President George W. Bush with Virginia Tech Student Government Association President James Tyger after his speech at the school's convocation.

May

- May 3 – The U.S. House of Representatives passes the Matthew Shepard Act. It is the first time that the House brings a gay rights bill to the floor for a vote.
- May 4
 - Tornado strikes Greensburg, Kansas, killing at least twelve people and destroying about 90% of the town.
 - Executive Directive 51, which specifies the procedures for continuity of the federal government in the event of a "catastrophic emergency" is signed by President George W.

Bush.

- May 9 – Subtropical Storm Andrea forms off the coast of Florida, the earliest since Subtropical Storm Ana in 2003.
- May 31 – A calendar blue moon occurred in the Western Hemisphere and parts of the Eastern Hemisphere.

June

- June 1 – U.S. warships bombard a Somali village where Islamic militants had set up a base.^[6]
- June 2 – Four people are charged with a terror plot to blow up JFK International Airport in New York City.^[7]
- June 3 – The Valley of Geysers in Russia was destroyed by a mudflow.^[8]
- June 4 – Ten people, including a Californian National Guard officer and former Hmong general, are charged over plans to overthrow the Laotian Government.^{[9][10]}
- June 5 – NASA's MESSENGER spacecraft made its second fly-by of Venus en route to Mercury.
- June 8 – The Space Shuttle *Atlantis* successfully launched on mission STS-117.
- June 14 – The San Antonio Spurs sweep the Cleveland Cavaliers to win the 2007 NBA Finals.
- June 15 – Bob Barker airs his last episode of *The Price Is Right*.
- June 18 – Nine Charleston, South Carolina firefighters are killed by a roof collapse while battling the Charleston Sofa Super Store fire.
- June 24 – At South Lake Tahoe, California, a wildfire destroys 254 homes in the area.
- June 25
 - WWE wrestler Chris Benoit, his wife Nancy Benoit, and son Daniel, are found dead as the result of a murder-suicide that took place over the previous weekend.
 - Groundbreaking begins on the Chicago Spire.
- June 30 – The Hawaii Superferry arrives in Honolulu after a 7,600 mile journey from Mobile, Alabama.

July

- July 7
 - Venus Williams wins the Women's Singles, at Wimbledon for a fourth time.
 - Live Earth Concerts are held throughout 9 major cities around the world.
- July 8 – Boeing launches the new Boeing 787.
- July 10 – A Cessna 310R twin-engine airplane crashes into two homes in Sanford, Florida, killing three adults and two children.
- July 15 – In Tacoma, Washington, the second span of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge opens to traffic, making it the longest twin suspension bridge in the world.
- July 18 – At the height of rush hour in New York City, a major steam pipe bursts, releasing millions of gallons of boiling water and super heated steam. Only one fatality occurred; a pedestrian who went into cardiac arrest.
- July 19 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 14,000 for the first time in history.
- July 21 – Vice President Dick Cheney serves as Acting President for two and a half hours, while President George W. Bush undergoes a colonoscopy procedure.



July 15: Opening ceremony of the second Tacoma Narrows Bridge

August

- August 1
 - The I-35W Mississippi River bridge on Interstate 35W over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota between University Avenue and Washington Avenue collapses at 6:05 p.m. CST during the later part of rush hour, killing 13 people.
 - Scouting celebrates its 100th birthday with worldwide celebrations.
- August 4 – The Phoenix spacecraft launches toward the Martian north pole.
- August 6 – The Crandall Canyon Mine in Emery County, Utah collapses, trapping six miners.
- August 7 – Barry Bonds breaks Hank Aaron's home run record by hitting his 756th home run.
- August 8 – The Space Shuttle *Endeavour* is successfully launched on mission STS–118.
- August 9 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average loses 387.18 points, its largest single-day drop since February 27.
- August 12 – Tiger Woods wins PGA Championship, his 13th career major.
- August 15 – NBA referee Tim Donaghy surrenders to police and pleads guilty to charges brought up by the FBI investigation that he placed bets on games that he refereed.^[11]
- August 16 – The Crandall Canyon Mine in Emery County, Utah, collapses a second time, killing three rescue workers and injuring six more.
- August 18 – The remnants of Tropical Storm Erin re-strengthen into a tropical storm over Oklahoma, causing widespread flooding and wind damage.
- August 21 – STS–118 lands at the Kennedy Space Center, completing Space Shuttle Endeavour's 19th flight.
- August 22 – The Texas Rangers score thirty runs in one game, setting the modern (post–1900) MLB record for most runs by one team in a single game, in a 30 – 3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.
- August 27 – United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation, to be effective September 17.
- August 30 – 2007 United States Air Force nuclear weapons incident in which a B–52 flew from Minot AFB, North Dakota to Barksdale AFB, Louisiana carrying 6 nuclear warheads.



August 1:
I-35W Mississippi
River bridge
collapse.

September

- September 15 – Over 3,000 Taiwanese Americans and their supporters rally in front of the UN in New York City to demand that the UN accept Taiwan. At the same time, over 300,000 Taiwanese people rally in Taiwan to make the same plea.
- September 25 – Halo 3 is released, breaking all previous records in entertainment history by generating \$170 million in the first 24 hours of release.

October

- October 7 – Off duty police officer Tyler Peterson kills 6 people at a house party in Crandon, Wisconsin before committing suicide.
- October 9 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average hits an all-time high of 14,164 before beginning to decline ahead of the start of the late–2000s recession.
- October 10 – The SuccessTech Academy school shooting occurs in Cleveland, Ohio.
- October 15 – Drew Carey debuts as host of *The Price Is Right* replacing the retired Bob Barker.
- October 18 – In New York City, one of the world's leading art galleries, the Salander/O'Reilly Galleries, is forced into closure amidst scandal and lawsuits.
- October 20 – Georgia's governor Sonny Perdue declares a state of emergency due to drought conditions.

- October 20 – November 9 – Wildfires in Southern California result in the evacuation of more than 1,000,000 people and destroying over 1,600 homes and businesses.
- October 26 – Apple Inc. launch the sixth major release of their Mac OS X operating system entitled, Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard.
- October 28 – The Boston Red Sox win the 2007 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Colorado Rockies.
- October 31 – World Economic Forum releases The Global Competitiveness Report 2007–2008.



October 20 – November 9: Flames burn Santa Clarita, California during the California wildfires of October 2007.

November

- November 3 – DARPA Grand Challenge, a prized competition for driverless cars to navigate safely in traffic is scheduled.
- November 4 – Daylight saving time in the United States and most of Canada will end, one week later than the previous schedule, in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- November 5 – The Writers Guild of America goes on strike.
- November 6 – Legislative elections are held in the U.S. states of Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Virginia; Kentucky and Mississippi also hold gubernatorial elections.
- November 8 – The 8th annual Latin Grammy Awards were held at the Mandalay Bay Events Center at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.
- November 27 – The Annapolis Conference, a peace conference trying to end the Arab–Israeli conflict, is held in Annapolis, Maryland.
- November 30 – The 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially ended.

December

- December
 - The National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) controversially expresses "high confidence" that Iran's nuclear weapons program has not operated since 2003.
 - The late-2000s recession officially begins; Unemployment Rate is 5%.
- December 3 – Winter Storms bring record amounts of rain fall in the Pacific Northwest, causing flooding and closing a 20–mile portion of Interstate 5 for several days. At least eight deaths and billions of dollars in damages occur in Washington.
- December 4 – The United States Senate approves the Peru Free Trade Agreement.
- December 5 – Robert A. Hawkins shoots 8 people dead and injures 5 at the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska, then commits suicide.
- December 9 – Matthew Murray goes on a killing spree targeting Christians in Colorado. Murray kills 4 before being shot by an off duty police officer. He then commits suicide.
- December 13 – Former U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell publicly releases a report, accusing 89 retired and active Major League Baseball players of anabolic steroid use.
- December 19 – An explosion and fire at the T2 Laboratories facility in Jacksonville, Florida kills four and injures 14.
- December 20
 - In the race for the Republican presidential nomination, Tom Tancredo withdraws and endorses Mitt Romney.
 - A group of activist Lakota people send a letter to the United States State Department, declaring their secession from the Union as the Republic of Lakotah.
- December 25 – An escaped tiger kills one person and injures two others at the San Francisco Zoo.

Ongoing

- War in Afghanistan (2001–2014)
- Iraq War (2003–2011)
- Late-2000s recession (2007–2009)

Births

- June 6 – Aubrey Anderson-Emmons, actress

Deaths

January

- January 1
 - Ernie Koy, American baseball player (b. 1909)
 - Darrent Williams, American football player and murder victim (b. 1982)
 - Julius Hegyi, American conductor (b. 1923)
 - Tad Jones, American music historian (b. 1952) (injuries from a fall)
 - Del Reeves, American country singer (b. 1932)
- January 7 – Bobby Hamilton, race car driver (b. 1957)
- January 8 – Yvonne de Carlo, Canadian-born American actress (b. 1922)
- January 11 – Robert Anton Wilson, writer, philosopher, psychologist, editor, and poet (b. 1932)
- January 12 – Alice Coltrane, musician and composer (b. 1937)
- January 13 – Michael Brecker, musician and composer (b. 1949)
- January 14 – Darlene Conley, actress (b. 1934)
- January 16 – Benny Parsons, race car driver and television announcer and analyst (b. 1941)
- January 17 – Art Buchwald, humorist (b. 1925)
- January 19 – Bam Bam Bigelow, wrestler (b. 1961)
- January 19 – Dennis Doherty, member of The Mamas and The Papas b. 1940 in Canada
- January 30 – Sidney Sheldon, writer and screenwriter (b. 1917)
- January 31
 - Lee Bergere, actor (b. 1918)
 - Molly Ivins, columnist, political commentator, humorist, and writer (b. 1944)

February

- February 8 – Anna Nicole Smith, actress and notable United States Supreme Court litigant (b. 1967)
- February 15 – Walker Edmiston, American actor (b. 1925)
- February 23 – Donnie Brooks, American pop singer (b. 1935)

March

- March 8 – Christopher Barrios, Jr., murder victim (b. 2001)
- March 20 – Gilbert E. Patterson, bishop (b. 1939)
- March 28
 - Abe Coleman, Polish-born American wrestler (b. 1905)
 - Bill Fisk, American football player and coach (b. 1916)
 - Tony Scott, musician (b. 1921)

April

- April 16 – Seung-hui Cho, South Korean murderer, died in Blacksburg, Virginia (b. 1984)

May

- May 9 – Edith Rodriguez, medical patient (b. 1964)
- May 12 – Teddy Infuhr, actor (b. 1936)

June

- June 1 – Arn Shein, journalist (b. 1928)
- June 22 – Nancy Benoit, wrestling valet and manager, and wife and murder victim of Chris Benoit (b. 1964)
- June 24 – Chris Benoit, Canadian wrestler, and husband and murderer of Nancy Benoit, died in Fayetteville, Georgia, (b. 1967)

July

- July 2
 - Beverly Sills, American soprano (b. 1929)
 - Hy Zaret, American lyricist and composer (b. 1907)
- July 3
 - Boots Randolph, American saxophone player (b. 1927)
- July 4
 - Johnny Frigo, American jazz violinist and bassist (b.1916)
 - Bill Pinkney, American singer (b. 1925)
- July 11 – Lady Bird Johnson, wife of Lyndon B. Johnson, First Lady of the United States, Second Lady of the United States (born 1912)
- July 24 – Riley Ann Sawyers, murder victim (b. 2005)

August

- August 12 – Merv Griffin, American singer, television producer and land developer (b. 1925)

September

- September 2 – Marcia Mae Jones, actress (b. 1924)
- September 21 – Neveah Gallegos, murder victim (b. 2004)

October

- October 17
 - Joey Bishop, American entertainer (b. 1918)
 - Teresa Brewer, American singer (b. 1931)
 - Suzy Covey, American scholar (b. 1939)

November

- November 16 – Harold Alfond, businessman (b. 1914)
- November 24 – Casey Calvert, musician (Hawthorne Heights) (b. 1981)
- November 25 – Kevin DuBrow, musician (Quiet Riot) (b. 1955)
- November 27
 - Sean Taylor, American football player (b. 1983)
 - Robert Cade, physician and inventor of the beverage Gatorade (b. 1927)
- November 29
 - Henry Hyde, politician (b. 1924)
 - Roger Bonham Smith, businessman (b. 1925)
- November 30 – Evel Knievel, motorcycle daredevil (b. 1938)

December

- December 2
 - Robert O. Anderson, American businessman (b. 1917)
 - Elizabeth Hardwick, American literary critic and novelist (b. 1916)
- December 12
 - Shawn Eckardt, bodyguard and businessman (b. 1967)
 - Ike Turner, American musician (b. 1931)
- December 15 – Julia Carson, American politician (b. 1938)
- December 16 – Dan Fogelberg, American singer and songwriter (b. 1951)
- December 18 – Bill Strauss, American satirist, author and historian (b. 1947)
- December 21 – Ken Hendricks, businessman, founded ABC Supply (b. 1941)
- December 31 – Michael Goldberg, American abstract expressionist painter (b. 1924)

See also

- 2007 in American television
- List of American films of 2007

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