1947 (MCMXLVII) was a common year starting on Wednesday of the Gregorian calendar, the 1947th year of the Common Era (CE) and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 947th year of the 2nd millennium, the 47th year of the 20th century, and the 8th year of the 1940s decade.

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### Events

#### January

- January–February – Winter of 1946–47 in the United Kingdom: Worst snowfall in the country in the 20th century, with extensive disruption of travel.[1] Given the low ratio of private vehicle ownership at the time this is mainly remembered in terms of the effects on the railway networks.[2]
- January 1
  - British coal mines are nationalised.
  - The Canadian Citizenship Act comes into effect.
- January 3 – Proceedings of the United States Congress are televised for the first time.
- January 10 – The United Nations takes control of the free city of Trieste.
- January 15 – Elizabeth Short, an aspiring actress nicknamed the "Black Dahlia", is found brutally murdered in a vacant lot in Los Angeles. The case remains unsolved to this day.
- January 16 – Vincent Auriol is inaugurated as president of France.
- January 19 – A shipwreck near Athens, Greece kills 392.
- January 24 – Dimitrios Maximos founds a monarchist government in Athens.
- January 25 – A Philippine plane crashes in Hong Kong, with $5 million worth of gold and money.
- January 25 – Famous American gangster Al Capone dies following cardiac arrest at his home in Florida.
- January 26 – A KLM Douglas C-47 Skytrain aircraft crashes soon after taking off from Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen, killing all on board, including Prince Gustaf Adolf, second in line to the Swedish throne, and the American singer Grace Moore.
- January 30 – February 8 – A heavy blizzard in Canada buries towns from Winnipeg to Calgary.
February

- February 3
  - The lowest air temperature in North America (~63 degrees Celsius) is recorded in Snag in the Yukon Territory.
  - Percival Pratts becomes the first African-American news correspondent allowed in the United States House of Representatives and Senate press galleries.

- February 5
  - Boleslaw Bierut becomes the President of Poland.
  - The Government of the United Kingdom announces the £25 million Tanganyika groundnut scheme for cultivation of peanuts in the Tanganyika Territory.[3]

- February 7 – South Pacific Commission (SPC) founded.
- February 8 – Karlslust dance hall fire in Berlin, Germany, kills over 80 people.
- February 10 – In Paris, France, peace treaties are signed between the World War II Allies and Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland. Italy cedes most of Istria to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (later Croatia).

- February 12
  - A meteor creates an impact crater in Sikhote-Alin, in the Soviet Union.
  - In Burma, the Panglong Agreement is reached between the Burmese government under its leader, General Aung San, and the Shan, Kachin, and Chin ethnic peoples at the Panglong Conference. U Aung Zan Wai, Pe Khin, Major Aung, Sir Maung Gyi, Dr. Sein Mya Maung and Myoma U Than Kywe are among the negotiators.

- February 17 – Cold War: The Voice of America begins to transmit radio broadcasts into Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.
- February 20
  - An explosion at the O'Connor Electro-Plating Company in Los Angeles, leaves 17 dead, 100 buildings damaged, and a 22foot-deep (6.7 m) crater in the ground.
  - U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hermes program V-2 rocket Blossom I launched into space carrying plant material and fruitflies, the first animals to enter space.

- February 21 – In New York City, Edwin Land demonstrates the first "instant camera", his Polaroid Land Camera, to a meeting of the Optical Society of America.
- February 22 – Tom and Jerry cartoon Cat Fishin', is released.
- February 23 – The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is founded.
- February 25
  - The German state of Prussia is officially abolished by the Allied Control Council.[4]
  - The worst-ever train crash in Japan kills 184 people.
  - John C. Hennessy, Jr., brings the first Volkswagen Beetle to the United States. He purchased the 1946 automobile from the U.S. Army Post Exchange in Frankfurt, Germany, while serving in the U.S. Army. The Beetle was shipped from Bremerhaven, arriving in New York this day.[5]

- February 28
  - The United States grants France a military base in Casablanca.
  - In Taiwan, civil disorder is put down with large loss of civilian lives.

March

- March 1
  - The International Monetary Fund begins to operate.
- Wernher von Braun marries his first cousin, the 18-year-old Maria von Quirstorp.
- March 4 – Treaty of Dunkirk (coming into effect 8 September) signed between the United Kingdom and France providing for mutual assistance in the event of attack.
- March 9 – Carrie Chapman Catt dies in New Rochelle.
- March 12 – The Truman Doctrine is proclaimed to help stem the spread of Communism.
- March 14 – Thames flood and other widespread flooding as the exceptionally harsh British winter of 1946–1947 ends in a thaw.[6][7]
- March 15 – Hindus and Muslims clash in Punjab.
- March 19 – The 19th Academy Awards ceremony is held. The movie The Best Years of Our Lives wins the Academy Award for Best Picture, along with several other Academy Awards.
- March 28 – A World War II Japanese booby trap explodes on Corregidor island, killing 28 people.
- March 29 – A rebellion against French rule erupts in Madagascar.
- March 31 – The leaders of the Kurdish People's Republic of Mahabad, the second Kurdish state in the history of Iran, are hanged at the Chuwarchira Square in Mahabad after that country had been overrun by the Iranian army.

April

- April – Previous discovery of the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' in the Qumran Caves (above the northwest shore of the Dead Sea) by Bedouin shepherds, becomes known.[8]
- April 1
  - Jackie Robinson, the first African American in Major League Baseball since the 1880s, signs a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers.
  - King George II of Greece is succeeded by his brother Paul.
  - 1947 Royal New Zealand Navy mutinies begin.
- April 4 – International Civil Aviation Organization begins operations.
- April 7
  - Arab Ba'ath Party established by merger in Damascus.
  - Edaville Railroad is opened in Massachusetts as the first railway theme park.
  - The largest recorded sunspot group appears on the solar surface.[9]
- April 9
  - Multiple tornadoes strike Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas killing 181 and injuring 970.
  - The Journey of Reconciliation begins, organized by the Congress of Racial Equality.
- April 15 – Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American to play Major League Baseball since the 1880s.
- April 16
  - Texas City disaster: The ammonium nitrate cargo of French-registered Liberty ship SS Grandcamp explodes in Texas City, Texas, killing at least 581, including all but one member of the city fire department, injuring at least 5,000 and destroying 20 city blocks. Of the dead, remains of 113 are never found and 63 are unidentifiable.
  - American financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch describes the post–World War II tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States as a "Cold War".
- April 18
  - The British Royal Navy detonates 6,800 tons of explosives in an attempt to demolish the fortified island of Heligoland, Germany, thus creating one of the largest man-made non-nuclear explosions in history.
  - Mrs. Ples is discovered in the Sterkfontein area in Transvaal, South Africa.
- April 20 – King Frederik IX of Denmark succeeds his father King Christian X, on the throne of Kingdom of Denmark.
- April 26 – Academy-Award-winning Tom and Jerry cartoon, The Cat Concerto, is released to theatres.

May

- May 1 – Portella della Ginestra massacre: The Salvatore Giuliano gang of Sicilian separatists opens fire on a Labour Day
parade at Portella della Ginestra, Sicily, killing 11 people and wounding 27.

- May 2 – The movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, a Christmastime classic, is first shown in theaters.
- May 11 – The Ferrari 125 S, the first car to bear the Ferrari name, debuts.
- May 12 – The animated cartoon film *Rabbit Transit*, directed by Friz Freleng, is released.
- May 22
  - The Cold War begins: In an effort to fight the spread of Communism, President Harry S. Truman signs an Act of Congress that implements the Truman Doctrine. This Act grants $400 million in military and economic aid to Turkey and Greece. The Cold War ended in 1991.
- May 29 – An airliner of the Flugfelag Islands crashes into a mountainside, killing 25 people.
- May 30 – Eastern Air Lines Flight 605: A Douglas C-54 Skymaster crashes near Bainbridge, Maryland, killing all 53 aboard (49 passengers, 4 crew) in the worst commercial aviation disaster to that date.

**June**

- June – The Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is introduced.
- June 5 – U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall outlines the Marshall Plan for American reconstruction and relief aid to Europe in a speech at Harvard University.
- June 7 – The Soviet Army founds the Association football club *FC Steaua București*, which will become the most successful Romanian football team, as *A.S.A. București*.[10]
- June 10 – SAAB in Sweden produces its first automobile.
- June 11 – First Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is held in Wales.[11]
- June 15 – The Portuguese government orders 11 military officers and 19 university professors who are accused of revolutionary activity to resign.
- June 21
  - Seaman Harold Dahl claims to have seen six unidentified flying objects (UFOs) near Maury Island in Puget Sound, Washington. On the next morning, Dahl reports the first modern so-called “Men in Black” encounter.
  - The Canadian Parliament votes unanimously to pass several laws regarding displaced foreign refugees.
- June 23 – The United States Senate follows the House of Representatives in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft–Hartley Act.
- June 24 – Kenneth Arnold makes the first widely reported UFO sighting near Mount Rainier, Washington.
- June 25 – *Het Achterhuis: Dagboekbrieven 14 juni 1942 – 1 augustus 1944* ("The Annex: Diary Notes from 14 June 1942 – 1 August 1944") in Amsterdam, two years after the writer's death in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

**July**

- July 1 – The United States begins the National Malaria Eradication Program, successfully eradicating malaria in 1951.
- July 6 – The first prototype AK-47s are built, soon becoming the most produced assault rifle in history.
- July 8 – A supposedly downed extraterrestrial spacecraft is reportedly found in the Roswell UFO incident, near Roswell, New Mexico.
- July 9 – In the UK, King George VI announces the engagement of his daughter Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten.
- July 11 – The *Exodus* leaves France for Palestine, with 4,500 Jewish Holocaust survivor refugees on board.
- July 17
  - The Indian passenger ship SS *Ramdas* is capsized by a cyclone at Mumbai, India, with 625 people killed.
  - This is the alleged date when Raoul Wallenberg dies in a Soviet prison. It is not announced until February 6, 1957. There will be reported sightings of him until 1987.
- July 18
  - Following wide media and UNSCOP coverage, the *Exodus* is captured by British troops and refused entry into Palestine at the port of Haifa.
  - President Harry S. Truman signs the Presidential Succession Act into law, which places the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate next in the line of succession after the Vice President.
- July 19 – Burmese nationalist Aung San and six members of his newly formed cabinet are assassinated during a cabinet
meeting.

- July 26 – Cold War: U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Act of 1947 into law, creating the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council.
- July 27 – 28 – English endurance swimmer Tom Blower becomes the first person to swim the North Channel, from Donaghadee in Northern Ireland to Portpatrick in Scotland.
- July 29 – After being shut down on November 9, 1946, for a refurbishment, ENIAC is turned back on again, and remains in continuous operation until October 2, 1955.

**August**

- August 2 – A British South American Airways Avro Lancastrian airliner crashes into a mountain during a flight from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Santiago, Chile. The wreckage would not be found until 1998.
- August 5 – The Netherlands ends Operation Product, the first of its major *politionale acties* (military "police actions") in Indonesia.
- August 7
  - Thor Heyerdahl's balsa wood raft, the *Kon-Tiki*, smashes into the reef at Raroia in the Tuamotu Islands after a 101-day, 4,300 mile, voyage across the Eastern Pacific Ocean, demonstrating that prehistoric peoples could have traveled to the Central Pacific islands from South America.
  - The Bombay Municipal Corporation formally takes over the Bombay Electric Supply and Transport (BEST).
- August 14
  - The Muslim majority regions formed by the Partition of India gain independence from the British Empire as the Dominion of Pakistan. While the transition is officially at midnight on this day, Pakistan celebrates its independence on August 14, compared with India on the 15th, because the Pakistan Standard Time is 30 minutes behind the standard time of India.
  - Muhammad Ali Jinnah becomes the first Governor-General of Pakistan. Liaquat Ali Khan takes office as the first Prime Minister of Pakistan.
- August 15
  - The greater Indian subcontinent with a mixed population of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Jews and others formed by the Partition of India gain independence from the British Empire as the Dominion of India.
  - Jawaharal Nehru takes office as the first Prime Minister of India, taking his oath from Louis Mountbatten, Viscount Mountbatten of Burma, Governor-General of India (but no longer Viceroy).
- August 16 – In Greece, General Markos Vafiadis takes over the government.
- August 23 – The Prime Minister of Greece, Dimitrios Maximos, resigns.
- August 27 – The French government lowers the daily bread ration to 200 grams, causing riots in Verdun and Le Mans.
- August 30 – A fire at a movie theater in Rueil, a suburb of Paris, France kills 87 people.
- August 31 – In Hungary, communists fail to gain a majority in parliamentary elections (despite widespread fraud) and turn to direct action as part of the country's transition to Communism (1944–1949).

**September**

- September 9 – A moth lodged in a relay is found to be the cause of a malfunction in the Harvard Mark II electromechanical computer, logged as "First actual case of bug being found."
- September 13 – Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru suggests the exchange of four million Hindus and Muslims between India and Pakistan.
- September 15 – 16 – Typhoon Kathleen strikes the Bōsō Peninsula and the entire Kantō region in Japan. Heavy rains cause the Arakawa and Tone Rivers to overflow and embankment collapse. The resulting floods and debris flow kill between 1,077 and 1,930 people, injuring 1,547 and leaving 853 missing.
- September 17 – 21 – The 1947 Fort Lauderdale hurricane in southeastern Florida, and also in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana causes widespread damage and kills 51 people.
- September 18
  - National Security Act of 1947 becomes effective on this day creating the United States Air Force, National Security Council
and the Central Intelligence Agency.

- War Department becomes the Department of the Army, a branch of the new Department of Defense.
- September 22 – Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers’ Parties (Communist Information Bureau, “Cominform”) is founded.
- September 30 – Pakistan and Yemen join the United Nations.

**October**

- October – First recorded use of the word *computer* in its modern sense, referring to an electronic digital machine.[16]
- October 1 – the North American F-86 Sabre makes its first flight
- October 5 – President Harry S. Truman delivers the first televised White House address speaking on the world food crises.
- October 14 – The United States Air Force test pilot, Captain Chuck Yeager, flies a Bell X-1 rocket plane faster than the speed of sound, the first time it has been accomplished
- October 20 – A war begins in Kashmir, along the border between India and Pakistan, leading to the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947 in the following year. Also, Pakistan established diplomatic relations with the United States of America.
- October 24 – The first Azad Kashmir Government is established within Pakistan, headed by Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim Khan as its first President supported by the government of Pakistan.
- October 30 – The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the foundation of the World Trade Organization (WTO), is established.

**November**

- November 2 – In Long Beach, California, the designer and airplane pilot Howard Hughes carries out the one and only flight of the *Hughes H-4 Hercules*, the largest fixed-wing aircraft ever built and flown. This flight only lasted eight minutes.
- November 6 – The program *Meet the Press* makes its television debut on the NBC-TV network in the United States.
- November 9 – Junagadh is invaded by the Indian army.
- November 10 – The arrest of four steel workers in Marseille begins a French communist riot that also spreads to Paris.
- November 13 – The Soviet Union completes development of the AK-47, one of the first proper assault rifles.
- November 15
  - International Telecommunication Union becomes a specialized agency of the United Nations.
  - Universal Postal Union (UPU) becomes a specialized agency of the United Nations (effective 1 July 1948).
- November 16
  - In Brussels, 15,000 people demonstrate against the relatively short prison sentences of Belgian Nazi criminals.
  - Great Britain began withdrawing its troops from Palestine.
- November 17
  - The Screen Actors Guild implements an anti-Communist loyalty oath.
  - American scientists John Bardeen and Walter Houser Brattain observe the basic principles of the transistor, a key element for the electronics revolution of the 20th century.
- November 18 – The Ballantyne’s Department Store fire in Christchurch, New Zealand, kills 41 people.
- November 20
  - The Princess Elizabeth (later Elizabeth II), the daughter of George VI, marries The Duke of Edinburgh at Westminster Abbey in London, United Kingdom.
  - Paul Ramadier resigns as the Prime Minister of France. He is succeeded by Robert Schuman, who calls 80,000 army reservists to quell rioting miners in France.
- November 21 – The United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment begins in Havana, Cuba. This conference ends in 1948, when its members finish the Havana Charter.
- November 24 – McCarthyism: The United States House of Representatives votes 346–17 to approve citations of Contempt of Congress against the “Hollywood Ten” after the screenwriters and directors refuse to co-operate with the House Un-American Activities Committee concerning allegations of communist influences in the movie business. The ten men are blacklisted by the Hollywood movie studios on the following day.[17]
- November 25
  - The New Zealand Parliament ratifies the Statute of Westminster and thus becomes independent of legislative control by the
Parliament of the United Kingdom.

- The new Pakistan Army and Pashtun mercenaries overrun Mirpur in Kashmir, resulting in the death of 20,000 Hindus and Sikhs.[18]
- November 27 – In Paris, France, police occupy the editorial offices of the communist newspapers.
- November 29 – The United Nations General Assembly votes to partition Palestine between Arab and Jewish regions, which results in the creation of the State of Israel.

December

- December 3
  - French communist strikers derail the Paris-Tourcoing express train because of false rumors that it was transporting soldiers. 21 people are killed.
  - The Tennessee Williams play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring Marlon Brando in his first great role, opens at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre on Broadway. Jessica Tandy also stars as Blanche Du Bois.[19]
- December 4 – The French Interior Minister, Jules S. Moch, takes emergency measures against his country’s rioters after six days of violent arguments in the National Assembly.
- December 6
  - Arturo Toscanini conducts a concert performance of the first half of Giuseppe Verdi’s opera *Otello* for a broadcast on NBC Radio in the United States. The second half of the opera is broadcast a week later.[20]
  - Women are admitted to full membership of the University of Cambridge in England[21] following a vote in September.[22]
- December 9 – French labor unions call off the general strike and re-commence negotiations with the French government.
- December 12 – The Iranian Royal Army takes back power in the Azerbaijan province.
- December 14 – Santiago Bernabeu Stadium is officially inaugurated in Madrid and hosts its first match.[23]
- December 21 – 400,000 slaughtered during mass migration of Hindus and Muslims into the new states India and Pakistan.
- December 22
  - The Italian Constituent Assembly votes to accept the new Constitution of Italy.
  - The first practical electronic transistor is demonstrated by Bardeen, Brattain and Shockley of the United States.
- December 30
  - Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15 (NATO reporting name Fagot) makes its first flight
  - King Michael I of Romania abdicates.

Date unknown

- The House Un-American Activities Committee begins its investigations into communism in Hollywood.
- Mikhail Kalashnikov’s prototype AK-47s enter testing. The assault rifle would be adopted by the Soviet Army in 1949.
- Raytheon produces the first commercial microwave oven
- Women’s suffrage is granted in Argentina.

Births

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January

- January 1
  - F. R. David, Tunisian-born French singer
  - Leon Patillo, American Christian musician
  - Vladimir Titov, Russian cosmonaut
- Frances Yip, Hong Kong singer
- January 2 – Jack Hanna, American zoologist
- January 4 – Chris Cutler, English percussionist
- January 5 – Mercury Morris, American football player
- January 6 – Sandy Denny, British singer (d. 1978)
- January 8
  - William Bonin, American serial killer (d. 1996)
  - David Bowie, English singer-songwriter (d. 2016)
  - Samuel Schmid, Swiss Federal Councilor
  - Petrus lilonga, Namibian politician (d. 2018)
  - Terry Sylvester, English singer and musician
  - Laurie Walters, American actress
- January 9
  - Roilo Golez, Filipino politician (d. 2018)
  - Nic Jones, English folk singer
  - Ronnie Landfield, American artist
- January 10 – Peer Steinbrück, German politician
- January 11 – Mart Smeets, Dutch sports journalist
- January 14 – Bill Werbeniuk, Canadian snooker player (d. 2003)
- January 15
  - Andrea Martín, American actress
  - Michael Schanze, German television presenter
- January 16
  - Apasra Hongsakula, Thai model, Miss Universe 1965
  - Laura Schlessinger, American radio and TV talk show host
- January 18
  - Takeshi Kitano, Japanese film director and actor
  - Sachio Kinugasa, Japanese baseball player (d. 2018)
- January 19 – Paula Deen, American Food Channel television personality
- January 21 – Jill Eikenberry, American actress
- January 22 – Senichi Hoshino, Japanese baseball pitcher and coach (d. 2018)
- January 23
  - Thomas R. Carper, U.S. Senator from Delaware
  - Joel Douglas, American film producer
  - Megawati Sukarnoputri, 5th President of Indonesia
- January 24
  - Michio Kaku, American theoretical physicist
  - Masashi Ozaki, Japanese golfer
  - Warren Zevon, American rock musician (d. 2003)
- January 25
  - Marjorie Scardino, American-born business executive
  - Tostão (Eduardo Gonçalves de Andrade), Brazilian football player
- January 27
  - Björn Afzelius, Swedish singer-songwriter and guitarist (Hoola Bandoola Band) (d. 1999)
  - Vyron Polydoras, Greek politician
  - Cal Schenkel, American illustrator
  - Philip Sugden, English historian (d. 2014)
  - Perfecto Yasay Jr., Philippine politician, DFA Secretary
- January 29
  - Linda B. Buck, American biologist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
- Ernie Lively, American actor
- January 30 – Steve Marriott, British rock musician (d. 1991)
- January 31
  - Jonathan Banks, American actor
  - Nolan Ryan, American baseball player

**February**

- February 1 – Jessica Savitch, American journalist (d. 1983)
- February 2 – Farrah Fawcett, American actress (d. 2009)
- February 3
  - Paul Auster, American novelist
  - Melanie Safka, American rock singer
- February 4
  - Halina Aszkiewicz-Wojno, Polish volleyball player (d. 2018)
  - Dennis C. Blair, American admiral and Director of National Intelligence
  - Dan Quayle, 44th Vice President of the United States
- February 5
  - Regina Duarte, Brazilian actress
  - Darrell Waltrip, American race car driver and broadcaster
- February 7 – Wayne Allwine, American voice actor (d. 2009)
- February 10
  - Louise Arbour, Canadian jurist
  - Nicholas Owen, English newsreader (ITN)
- February 11
  - Yukio Hatoyama, 60th Prime Minister of Japan
  - Roy Moore, American politician
  - Derek Shulman, Lead Singer of Gentle Giant
- February 13 – Mike Krzyzewski, American basketball coach
- February 15
  - John Adams, American composer
  - Wenche Myhre, Norwegian actress and singer
  - Ádám Nádasdy, Hungarian linguist and poet
  - Rusty Hamer, American actor (d. 1990)
- February 16 – Verissimo Correia Seabra, Bissau-Guinean military commander (d. 2004)
- February 18
  - Princess Christina of the Netherlands
  - Dennis DeYoung, American rock musician (Styx)
- February 19 – Gustavo Rodriguez, Venezuelan actor (d. 2014)
- February 20
  - Peter Osgood, English footballer (d. 2006)
  - Peter Strauss, American actor
- February 21
  - Renata Sorrah, Brazilian actress
  - Victor Sokolov, Russian dissident journalist and priest (d. 2006)
- February 24
  - Rupert Holmes, British-born American singer-songwriter
  - Edward James Olmos, American actor, better known for his role in *Stand and Deliver*
- Lee Evans, American Olympic athlete
- Doug Yule, American rock singer and musician (The Velvet Underground)
- February 26 – Sandie Shaw, British singer
- February 27 – Gidon Kremer, Latvian violinist
- February 28 – Stephanie Beacham, English actress

**March**

- March 1 – Alan Thicke, Canadian actor and television host (d. 2016)
- March 2 – Yuri Bogatyryov, Soviet actor (d. 1989)
- March 4
  - David Franzoni, American screenwriter
  - Jan Garbarek, Norwegian musician
  - Gunnar Hansen, Icelandic actor (d. 2015)
- March 6
  - Kiki Dee, English pop singer
  - Dick Fosbury, American athlete
  - Teru Miyamoto, Japanese author
  - Rob Reiner, American actor, comedian, producer, director, activist
- March 7 – Walter Röhrl, German race car driver
- March 8
  - Carole Bayer Sager, American singer-songwriter
  - Michael S. Hart, American author and inventor (d. 2011)
- March 10
  - Kim Campbell, 19th Prime Minister of Canada
  - Tom Scholz, American musician, songwriter and inventor
- March 11
  - David Ferguson, American music producer and activist
  - Geoff Hunt, Australian squash player
- March 12
  - Kalervo Palsa, a Finnish artist
  - Mitt Romney, American businessman, politician, Governor of Massachusetts and 2012 presidential candidate
- March 13 – Beat Richner, Swiss pediatrician and cellist (d. 2018)
- March 14
  - Pam Ayres, British poet
  - Peter Skellern, English singer-songwriter (d. 2017)
- March 15 – Ry Cooder, American guitarist
- March 16
  - Baek Yoon-sik, South Korean actor
  - Ramzan Paskayev, Chechen accordionist
- March 17 – Yury Chernavsky, Russian-born composer and producer
- March 18 – Tamara Griesser Pečar, Slovenian historian
- March 19 – Glenn Close, American actress
- March 20
  - John Boswell, American historian (d. 1994)
  - Chip Zien, American actor
- March 21 – Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of Yemen (d. 2017)
- March 22
- James Patterson, American author
  - Florence Warner, Voice of Adult Abigail the Woman in Once Upon a Forest
- March 24
  - Louise Lanctôt, Canadian terrorist and writer
  - Alan Sugar, Baron Sugar, English entrepreneur
- March 25 – Elton John, British rock musician
- March 26 – Subhash Kak, Indian-American author
- March 27 – Walt Mossberg, American newspaper columnist
- March 31 – César Gaviria, Colombian economist and politician, 28th President of Colombia

April

- April 1
  - Alain Connes, French mathematician
  - Ingrid Steeger, German actress and comedian
- April 2
  - Paquita la del Barrio, Mexican singer and actress
  - Emmylou Harris, American singer-songwriter
  - Camille Paglia, American literary critic
- April 4 – Eliseo Soriano, Philippine preacher
- April 5 – Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, 14th President of the Philippines and daughter of former president Diosdado Macapagal
- April 6 – John Ratzenberger, American actor
- April 8
  - Tom DeLay, American politician
  - Robert Kiyosaki, American investor, businessman, self-help author
- April 9 – Ken Lewis, Former CEO, president, and chairman of Bank of America
- April 11
  - Meshach Taylor, American actor (d. 2014)
  - Lucian Truscott IV, American writer and journalist
- April 12
  - Tom Clancy, American author (d. 2013)
  - David Letterman, American talk show host
- April 13 – Mike Chapman, Australian-born songwriter, record producer
- April 15
  - Lois Chiles, American actress
  - Roy Raymond, American entrepreneur and founder of Victoria's Secret (d. 1993)
- April 16
  - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, American pro basketball player
  - Frank Hamblen, American basketball coach (d. 2017)
  - Gerry Rafferty, Scottish singer-songwriter (d. 2011)
- April 18
  - Kathy Acker, American author (d. 1997)
  - Jerzy Stuhr, Polish actor and director
  - James Woods, American actor
- April 19 – Murray Perahia, American pianist
- April 20
  - Daud Ibrahim, Malaysian cyclist (d. 2010)
  - Hector, Finnish rock musician
April 21 – Iggy Pop, American rock musician
April 25 – Johan Cruyff, Dutch footballer and coach (d. 2016)
April 27 – Pete Ham, Welsh singer, songwriter and guitarist (d. 1975)
April 28 – Ken St. Andre, American game designer and author
April 29
  - Olavo de Carvalho, Brazilian journalist, essayist and professor of philosophy
  - Tommy James, American rock singer and producer
April 30 – Leslie Grantham, English actor (d. 2018)

May

May 1 – Jacob Bekenstein, Mexico-born Israeli-American theoretical physicist (d. 2015)
May 3
  - Doug Henning, Canadian magician (d. 2000)
  - Richard Jenkins, American actor
May 4 – Theda Skocpol, American sociologist
May 5 – Malam Bacai Sanhá, Guinea-Bissau politician (d. 2012)
May 6
  - Ljubomir Vračarević, Serbian martial artist (d. 2013)
  - Martha Nussbaum, American philosopher
May 8
  - H. Robert Horvitz, American biologist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
  - Jamie Donnelly, American film and stage actress
May 9 – Andy Sutcliffe, British racing driver (d. 2015)
May 11
  - Walter Selke, German physicist
  - Butch Trucks, American drummer (The Allman Brothers Band) (d. 2017)
May 12 – Michael Ignatieff, Canadian politician, philosopher and historian
May 13 – Stephen R. Donaldson, American novelist
May 14
  - José Gonzalo Rodríguez Gacha, Colombian drug lord (d. 1989)
  - Tamara Dobson, African-American actress and fashion model (d. 2006)
May 16 – Buddy Roberts, American professional wrestler (d. 2012)
May 18 – John Bruton, 10th Taoiseach of Ireland
May 19 – Paul Brady, Northern Irish singer-songwriter
May 21 – Lolit Solis, Talent Manager and Former host of Startalk and CelebriTV
May 23 – Ken Westerfield, Disc sports (Frisbee) pioneer, athlete, showman, promoter
May 24 – Maude Barlow, Canadian author, activist and National Chairperson of The Council of Canadians
May 26 – Glenn Turner, New Zealand cricket captain
May 27
  - Branko Oblak, Slovenian football player and coach
  - Peter DeFazio, American politician
May 28 – Pedro Giachino, Argentine Navy officer (d. 1982)
May 29 – Stan Zemanek, Australian radio broadcaster (d. 2007)

June

June 1
  - Jonathan Pryce, Welsh actor
- Ronnie Wood, English rock musician (The Faces, The Rolling Stones)
- June 2 – Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Punjabi saint, Sikh theologian, military leader (d. 1984)
- June 3 – Dave Alexander, American musician (d. 1975)
- June 4 – Viktor Klima, Chancellor of Austria
- June 5
  - Laurie Anderson, American experimental performance artist, composer and musician
  - Tom Evans, English musician and songwriter (d. 1983)
  - Jojon, Indonesian comedian and actor (d. 2014)
- June 6
  - David Blunkett, British politician
  - Robert Englund, American actor (A Nightmare on Elm Street)
  - Ada Kok, Dutch swimmer
- June 7 – Thurman Munson, American baseball catcher (d. 1979)
- June 8 – Eric F. Wieschaus, American biologist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
- June 9
  - Françoise Demulder, French war photographer (d. 2008)
  - Robert Indermaur, Swiss painter and sculptor
- June 14 – Barry Melton, American rock musician (Country Joe and the Fish)
- June 15 – John Hoagland, American war photographer (d. 1984)
- June 16 – -minu, Swiss columnist and writer
- June 17 – Paul Young, English singer-songwriter (Mike and the Mechanics) (d. 2000)
- June 19
  - Paula Koivuniemi, Finnish singer
  - Salman Rushdie, Indian-born British author (The Satanic Verses)
- June 20 – Candy Clark, American actress
- June 21
  - Meredith Baxter, American actress
  - Rachel Adato, Israeli gynaecologist, lawyer and politician
  - Junko Akimoto, Japanese kayōkyoku singer
  - Joey Molland, English composer and rock guitarist
  - Jim Benzelock, American professional ice hockey right winger
  - Shirin Ebadi, Iranian activist, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
  - Michael Gross, American actor
  - Duane Thomas, American football running back
  - Fernando Savater, Spanish philosopher and author
- June 22
  - Bobby Douglass, American football quarterback
  - Natalya Varley, Soviet and Russian film and theater actress
  - Murray Webb, New Zealand caricature artist and Test cricketer
  - David Jones, Northern Irish European Tour golfer
  - Octavia E. Butler, American author (d. 2006)
  - David Lander, American actor
  - Trevor Blades, English cricketer
  - Pete Maravich, American basketball player (d. 1988)
  - Jerry John Rawlings, 2-time President of Ghana
- June 23
  - Zvi Rosen, Israeli international footballer
  - Bryan Brown, Australian actor
  - Thor Hansen, professional poker player
  - Ed Werenich, Canadian curler
- June 24
- Clarissa Dickson Wright, English chef and television personality (d. 2014)
- Dean Johnson, Minnesota politician
- Helena Vondrácková, Czech singer
- Peter Weller, American actor and director
- Walter Willison, American stage actor

**June 25**

- Jimmie Walker, American actor
- Robert Percy, Australian rules footballer
- John Powell, American track and field athlete

**June 26**

- Lene Brendum, Danish actress
- Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Afghan politician
- Peggy Cabral, Dominican journalist, television host, politician and diplomat
- Edd Hargrett, American football quarterback
- Huh Young-man, South Korean manhwa artist
- Werner Voigt, German footballer and coach

**June 27**

- Hans Ooft, Dutch football player and manager
- Abdel Djaadaoui, Algerian footballer

**June 28 – 29**

- Mark Helprin, American writer
- David Chiang, Hong Kong actor

**June 30 – July 1**

- Richard Lewis, American comedian and actor (*Robin Hood: Men in Tights*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*)

**July 1**

- Arantxa Urretabizkaia, Basque writer, screenwriter and actress
- Sharad Yadav, Indian politician
- Marc Benno, American singer-songwriter and guitarist

**July 2 – 3**

- Larry David, American actor, writer, producer and director

**July 4**

- Dave Barry, American writer
- Betty Buckley, American actress and singer
- Jana Švandová, Czech actress
- Mike Burton, American swimmer
- Delfo Zorzi, Italian neo-fascist
- Rob Rensenbrink, Dutch football player

**July 5**

- Carla Panerai, Italian sprinter
- Eva Goës, Swedish politician
- Francisco Fernández de Cevallos, Mexican politician

**July 6**

- Joe Brown, TV Judge
- Toos Beumer, Dutch swimmer
- Dan Hewitt Owens, American actor

**July 7**

- Larnelle Harris, American Christian musician
- Shelley Hack, American model, actress, producer, and political and media advisor
- King Gyanendra of Nepal
- Carl Mauck, American football player
- Richard Beckinsale, English actor (d. 1979)
- Felix Standaert, Belgian diplomat
- David Hodo, American singer
- Randy Goodrum, American songwriter, pianist, and producer

July 8 – Bobby Sowell, American pianist and composer

July 9
- Haruomi Hosono, Japanese musician (Yellow Magic Orchestra)
- Mitch Mitchell, English rock drummer (d. 2008)
- O. J. Simpson, American football player, actor

July 10
- Arlo Guthrie, American folk singer
- Allen Fong, Hong Kong film director
- Michel Étiévent, French journalist, historian and writer

July 11 – Riad Ismat, Syrian writer, critic and theatre director

July 12
- Lenka Termerová, Czech actress
- Loren Coleman, American cryptozoologist and author
- Gareth Edwards, Welsh rugby union player

July 14
- John Blackman, Australian radio and television presenter
- Navin Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius

July 15
- Bertus Borgers, Dutch saxophone player

July 16
- Valnice Milhomens, Brazilian pastor, apostle, author, and televangelist
- Don Burke, Australian television presenter, television producer, author, and horticulturalist
- Roelf Meyer, South African politician and businessman

July 17 – Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, British Princess and second wife of Charles, Prince of Wales

July 18 – Steven W. Mahoney, Canadian politician

July 19
- Bernie Leadon, American musician and songwriter
- Brian May, English rock guitarist (Queen)

July 20
- Gerd Binnig, German physicist, Nobel Prize laureate
- Carlos Santana, Mexican-born rock guitarist

July 21 – Co Adriaanse, Dutch football manager

July 22
- Erica Gavin, American film actress
- Albert Brooks, American actor, comedian, director and novelist
- Don Henley, American singer-songwriter and musician

July 23 – Spencer Christian, American television personality

July 24 – Peter Serkin, American pianist

July 27
- Bob Klein, American football player
- Kazuyoshi Miura, Japanese businessman (d. 2008)

July 30
- William Atherton, American actor
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Austrian-born American actor, bodybuilder and 38th Governor of California

- July 31
  - Richard Griffiths, English actor (d. 2013)
  - Joe Wilson, American politician

**August**

- August 1
  - Lorna Goodison, Jamaican poet
  - Leoluca Orlando, Italian politician

- August 3 – Colleen Corby, American fashion model
- August 4 – Hubert Ingraham, Bahamian politician
- August 5 – Graham Lovett, English footballer (d. 2018)
- August 7 – Franciscus Henri, Dutch-born Australian children's entertainer, composer and artist

- August 8
  - Terangi Adam, Nauruan politician
  - George Costigan, British actor and screenwriter
  - Ken Dryden, Canadian NHL Goaltender, Author, Politician

- August 9 – John Varley, American science-fiction author

- August 10
  - Ian Anderson, British rock musician
  - Drupi, Italian singer
  - Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysian politician

- August 11 – Diether Krebs, German actor, cabaret artist and comedian. (d. 2000)
- August 12 – William Hartston, British chess player
- August 13 – John Stocker, Canadian voice actor

- August 14
  - Maddy Prior, English folk singer
  - Danielle Steel, American romance novelist

- August 15 – Raakhee, Indian actress
- August 16 – Marc Messier, Canadian actor
- August 17 – Mohamed Abdelaziz, Sahrawi politician

- August 19
  - Terry Hoeppner, American football coach (d. 2007)
  - Gerard Schwarz, American conductor
  - Gerald McRaney, American television and movie actor

- August 20 – José Wilker, Brazilian actor (d. 2014)

- August 22
  - Cindy Williams, American actress
  - Peter Irniq, Commissioner of Nunavut

- August 23 – Willy Russell, British playwright
- August 24 – Roger De Vlaeminck, Belgian cyclist
- August 26 – Nicolae Dobrin, Romanian footballer (d. 2007)

- August 27
  - Harry Reems, American pornographic actor (d. 2013)
  - Barbara Bach, American actress
August 28
- Emlyn Hughes, English footballer (d. 2004)
- Liza Wang, Hong Kong actress
- Alice Playten, American actress (d. 2011)

August 29
- James Hunt, British 1976 Formula 1 world champion (d. 1993)
- Temple Grandin, American animal welfare and autism expert
- Jah Lloyd, Jamaican reggae singer, deejay and producer (d. 1999)

August 30 – Allan Rock, Canadian politician and diplomat

August 31
- Ramón Castellano de Torres, Spanish painter
- Somchai Wongsawat, 26th Prime Minister of Thailand

September

September 1 – Al Green, American politician
September 3 – Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of Norway
September 5
- Danny Florencio, Filipino basketball player (d. 2018)
- Buddy Miles, American drummer, singer, composer (d. 2008)
- Kiyoshi Takayama, Japanese yakuza boss

September 6
- Jane Curtin, American actress and comedian
- Bruce Rioch, Scottish footballer and coach
- Jacob Rubinovitz, Israeli scientist
- Keone Young, American actor

September 8
- Amos Biwott, Kenyan Olympic athlete
- Benjamin Orr, American singer-songwriter (d. 2000)

September 9 – Freddy Weller, American singer-songwriter
September 13 – Ajib Ahmad, Malaysian politician (d. 2011)
September 14
- Sam Neill, British-born New Zealand actor
- Jerzy Popieluszko, Polish Roman Catholic priest and blessed (d. 1984)

September 16 – Russ Abbot, British comedian and actor
September 17 – Dame Tessa Jowell, British politician (d. 2018)
September 19
- Steve Bartlett, American businessman, lobbyist and politician (U.S. congressman from Texas's 3rd congressional district; mayor of Dallas, Texas; member of the Dallas City Council)
- Tanith Lee, British author (d. 2015)

September 21
- Don Felder, American musician and songwriter
- Rupert Hine, English musician, songwriter, and record producer
- Stephen King, American writer and novelist, specializing in the horror genre

September 22
- Vanusa, Brazilian singer
- Jo Beverley, Anglo-Canadian writer (d. 2016)
- Norma McCorvey, American abortion plaintiff (Roe v. Wade) (d. 2017)

September 23
- Jerry Corbetta, American singer-songwriter, keyboardist (Sugarloaf) (d. 2016)
- Mary Kay Place, American actress

September 25
- Cheryl Tiegs, American model and actress
- Cecil Womack, American singer-songwriter (Womack & Womack) (d. 2013)

September 26 – Lynn Anderson, American country music singer (d. 2015)

September 27
- Dick Advocaat, a Dutch football manager
- Meat Loaf, American rock singer, actor

September 28
- Marcelo Guinle, Argentine politician (d. 2017)
- Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh (1996–2001; 2009–present)

September 30
- Marc Bolan, English rock musician (d. 1977)
- Rula Lenska, English actress

October
- October 1
  - Aaron Ciechanover, an Israeli biologist, winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry
  - Stephen Collins, American actor
  - Mariska Veres, Dutch singer (d. 2006)
- October 2 – Ward Churchill, American author and activist
- October 3
  - Alain Mucchielli, French physician
  - Fred DeLuca, American entrepreneur and co-founder of Subway (d. 2015)
- October 4 – Ann Widdecombe, British politician
- October 5 – Brian Johnson, English rock singer (AC/DC)
- October 6 – Gail Farrell, American singer
- October 7 – Pip Williams, British record producer
- October 8 – Stephen Shore, American photographer
- October 9 – France Gall, French singer (d. 2018)
- October 10 – Larry Lamb, British actor
- October 12 – George Lam, Hong Kong singer and actor
- October 13 – Sammy Hagar, Lead singer of American rock group Van Halen
- October 14 – Nikolai Volkoff, Croatian-Russian professional wrestler (d. 2018)
- October 16
  - Nicholas Day, British actor
  - Bob Weir, American rock guitarist

October 17
- Gene Green, American politician
- Michael McKean, American actor and comedian

October 18
- James H. Fallon, American neuroscientist
- Job Cohen, Dutch politician

October 19
- Giorgio Cavazzano, Italian comics artist and illustrator
- Gunnar Staalesen, Norwegian author
- October 22 – Ed Welch, English TV-music composer
October 24 – Kevin Kline, American actor
October 25 – Glenn Tipton, English rock guitarist
October 26
- Hillary Clinton, American politician, First Lady, US Senator (D-Ny.) and Secretary of State
- Ene Järvis, Estonian actress
- Trevor Joyce, Irish poet
October 29 – Richard Dreyfuss, American actor
October 30 – Timothy B. Schmit, American musician
October 31
- Carmen Alborch, Spanish feminist, writer and politician (d. 2018)
- Herman Van Rompuy, Belgian politician and 66th Prime Minister of Belgium

November

November 1
- Taizo Ichinose, Japanese war photographer (d. 1973)
- Bob Weston, British musician (d. 2012)

November 2
- Dave Pegg, British Folk Musician, Bass Player with Fairport Convention and Jethro Tull

November 5 – Rubén Juárez, Argentine bandoneonist and singer-songwriter of tango (d. 2010)

November 6
- Jim Rosenthal, English ITV sport presenter
- E. Lee Spence, German-born American pioneer underwater archaeologist and treasure hunter

November 7
- Yutaka Fukumoto, Japanese professional baseball player
- Usha Uthup, Indian singer
- Sondhi Limthongkul, Thai journalist, writer and founder of Manager Daily

November 8
- Minnie Riperton, American singer (d. 1979)
- Lewis Yocum, American orthopedic surgeon (d. 2013)

November 9 – Phil Driscoll, American Christian musician and trumpet player

November 10
- Glen Buxton, American rock guitarist (d. 1997)
- Greg Lake, English musician and producer (King Crimson, Emerson, Lake & Palmer) (d. 2016)

November 12 – Carlos Ezquerra, Spanish comics artist (d. 2018)

November 13 – Joe Mantegna, American actor

November 14
- Buckwheat Zydeco, American accordionist (d. 2016)
- P. J. O'Rourke, American journalist and satirist

November 15 – Steven G. Kellman, American author and critic

November 17
- Will Vinton, American animator and filmmaker (d. 2018)
- Inky Mark, Canadian politician

November 19
- Bob Boone, American baseball player and manager
- Anfinn Kallsberg, Faroese Prime Minister
- Lamar S. Smith, American politician
- Ira David Wood III, American actor

November 20
November 21
- Alcione, Brazilian singer
- Nickolas Grace, British actor
- Chua Ek Kay, Singaporean painter (d. 2008)

November 24 – Dwight Schultz, American actor (The A-Team)

November 25 – John Larroquette, American actor

November 29 – Mirza Khazar, Azerbaijani author

November 30
- Sergio Badilla Castillo, Chilean poet
- Stuart Baird, English film editor, producer and director
- Jude Ciccolella, American actor
- Véronique Le Flaguais, Canadian actress
- David Mamet, American playwright
- Moses Nagamootoo, 8th Prime Minister of Guyana

December

December 1 – Bob Fulton, English-born Australian rugby league player

December 2 – Isaac Bitton, French rock band drummer

December 6 – RR Soares, Brazilian televangelist, missionary, author, singer, businessman and composer

December 7
- Oliver Dragojević, Croatian singer (d. 2018)
- Johnny Bench, American baseball player
- Wendy Padbury, British actress

December 8
- Gregg Allman, American singer-songwriter, musician (d. 2017)
- Gérard Blanc, French singer
- Thomas R. Cech, American chemist, Nobel Prize laureate

December 9 – Tom Daschle, U.S. Senator

December 10 – Rainer Seifert, German field hockey player

December 12 – Will Alsop, English architect

December 14
- Christopher Parkening, American guitarist
- Dilma Rousseff, 36th President of Brazil

December 16
- Ben Cross, English actor
- Vincent Matthews, American athlete

December 18 – Leonid Yuzefovich, Russian crime fiction writer

December 21 – Paco de Lucia, Spanish guitarist (d. 2014)

December 22
- Mitsuo Tsukahara, Japanese gymnast
- Porfirio Lobo, 54th President of Honduras

December 26 – Carlton Fisk, American baseball player

December 27 – Bob Conti, American musician

December 28 – Aurelio Rodríguez, Mexican Major League Baseball player (d. 2000)

December 29
- Ted Danson, American actor (Cheers)
- Cozy Powell, English drummer (d. 1998)
- December 30 – Jeff Lynne, British musician
- December 31
  - Rita Lee, Brazilian rock singer and composer
  - Burton Cummings, Canadian rock musician
  - Tim Matheson, American actor, film director and producer

Date Unknown
- Marouf al-Bakhit, twice Prime Minister of Jordan
- Jean-François Batellier, French political cartoonist
- Stephen LaBerge, American lucid dream researcher

Deaths

January
- January 9
  - Herman Bing, German actor (b. 1889)
  - Karl Mannheim, Hungarian sociologist (b. 1893)
- January 10 – Arthur E. Andersen, American accountant (b. 1885)
- January 12
  - Zdenko Blažeković, Yugoslavian politician (b. 1915)
  - Júlio Afrânio Peixoto, Brazilian physician, writer, politician and historian (b. 1876)
- January 13
  - Sixto María Durán Cárdenas, Ecuadorian pianist, composer and lawyer (b. 1875)
  - Ignazio Lupo, Italian-born American gangster (b. 1877)
- January 14 – Bill Hewitt, American football player (Chicago Bears) and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (b. 1909)
- January 15 – Elizabeth Short (The Black Dahlia), famous murder victim
- January 17 – Hryhoriy Khomyshyn, Ukrainian Roman Catholic bishop, martyr and blessed (b. 1867)
- January 18 – Maria Giovanna Fasce, Italian Roman Catholic religious professed, Augustinian nun and blessed (b. 1881)
- January 19 – Manuel Machado, Spanish poet (b. 1874)
- January 20
  - Josh Gibson, African-American baseball player and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1911)
  - Andrew Volstead, American politician (b. 1860)
- January 22 – Vivienne Haigh-Wood Eliot, British writer (b. 1888)
- January 23
  - Pierre Bonnard, French painter (b. 1867)
  - Roy Geiger, American general (b. 1885)
- January 24 – August Meyszner, Austrian-born SS officer, executed (b. 1886)
- January 25 – Al Capone, American gangster (b. 1899)
- January 26
  - Grace Moore, American opera singer and actress (b. 1898)
  - Prince Gustaf Adolf, Duke of Västerbotten (b. 1906)
- January 27 – Vassily Balabanov, Soviet administrator and Provincial Governor of Imperial Russia (b. 1873)
- January 28 – Reynaldo Hahn, Venezuelan-born French composer (b. 1874)
January 30 – Frederick Blackman, British plant physiologist (b. 1866)

February

- February 3 – Petar Zivkovic, Yugoslavian politician, 11th Prime Minister of Yugoslavia (b. 1879)
- February 4 – Luigi Russolo, Italian painter and composer (b. 1885)
- February 6
  - O. Max Gardner, Governor of North Carolina (b. 1882)
  - Luigi Russolo, Italian Futurist painter and composer (b. 1885)
- February 11 – Martin Klein, Estonian wrestler (b. 1884)
- February 12
  - Kurt Lewin, German-born American psychologist (b. 1890)
  - Sidney Toler, American actor (b. 1874)
- February 14 – Celestina Boninsegna, Italian soprano (b. 1877)
- February 15 – Mustafa Abdel-Razek, Egyptian Islamic philosopher (b. 1885)
- February 16
  - Pedro de Répide Gallegos, Spanish journalist and writer (b. 1853)
  - Bertha Schwarz, German soprano (b. 1855)
- February 18
  - Valentina Dmitryeva, Soviet writer, teacher and doctor (b. 1859)
  - Joachim Ernst, Duke of Anhalt (b. 1901)
- February 20 – Henry Herbert, British actor (b. 1879)
- February 23 – Hakim Habibur Rahman, Indian physician, writer, journalist and politician (b. 1881)
- February 24 – Morinosuke Chiwaki, Japanese dentist (b. 1870)
- February 26
  - Antonino D’Agata, Italian politician (b. 1882)
  - Ben Webster, British-born American actor (b. 1864)
- February 27 – Heinrich Hâberlin, Swiss Federal Councilor (b. 1868)

March

- March 2 – Whately Carington, British parapsychologist (b. 1892)
- March 5 – Alfredo Casella, Italian composer (b. 1883)
- March 9
  - Carrie Chapman Catt, American suffrage leader (b. 1859)
  - Jhaverchand Meghani, Indian poet and writer (b. 1897)
- March 10 – Harukichi Hyakutake, Japanese general (b. 1888)
- March 11
  - Victor Lustig, Austrian-born con artist (b. 1890)
  - Wilhelm Heye, German general (b. 1869)
- March 12 – Walter Samuel Goodland, Governor of Wisconsin (b. 1862)
- March 15
  - Arthur Machen, British-born author (b. 1863)
  - Jean-Richard Bloch, French critic, novelist and playwright (b. 1884)
- March 18 – William C. Durant, American automobile pioneer (b. 1861)
- March 19 – Prudence Heward, Canadian painter (b. 1896)
- March 20 – Victor Goldschmidt, Swiss geochemist (b. 1888)
- March 21 – Homer Lusk Collyer, American hermit brother (*Collyer brothers*) (b. 1881)
- March 23
- Archduchess Louise of Austria, Princess of Tuscany (b. 1870)
- Ferdinand Zecca, French actor, producer, director and screenwriter (b. 1864)
- March 25 – Chen Cheng-po, Taiwanese painter (b. 1895)
- March 28
  - Johnny Evers, American baseball player (Chicago Cubs) and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1881)
  - Karol Świerczewski, Polish military leader (b. 1897)
- March 29 – Manuel de Adalid y Gamero, Honduranian composer (b. 1872)

April

- April 1 – King George II of Greece (b. 1890)
- April 5 – Petro Trad, Lebanese lawyer and politician, 14th Prime Minister of Lebanon and 5th President of Lebanon (b. 1876)
- April 7
  - Henry Ford, American industrialist and automobile manufacturer (b. 1863)
  - Savvas the New of Kalymnos, Greek Orthodox priest and saint (b. 1862)
- April 8 – Langley Collyer, American hermit brother (b. 1885)
- April 9 – William Foden, American composer (b. 1860)
- April 10
  - John Ince, American actor (b. 1878)
  - Charles Bally, Swiss linguist (b. 1865)
- April 12 – Duke Robert of Württemberg (b. 1873)
- April 14 – Salvador Toscano, Mexican director, producer and filmmaker (b. 1872)
- April 15 – Georg Friederici, German ethnologist (b. 1866)
- April 16
  - Guido Donegani, Italian engineer, businessman and politician (b. 1877)
  - Rudolf Höss, German commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp (executed) (b. 1900)
- April 18 – Jozef Tiso, Slovakian politician and Roman Catholic priest, 1st Prime Minister of Slovakia and President of Slovakia (b. 1887)
- April 20 – King Christian X of Denmark (b. 1870)
- April 21 – Heitor da Silva Costa, Brazilian engineer, designer and constructor (b. 1873)
- April 23 – Gyula Károlyi, Hungarian politician, 29th Prime Minister of Hungary (b. 1871)
- April 24 – Willa Siebert Cather, American novelist (b. 1873)
- April 25
  - José María Reina Andrade, acting President of Guatemala (b. 1860)
  - Ana Cumpânaș, Austro-Hungarian prostitute (b. 1889)
- April 26 – Francesco Paolo Finocchiaro, Italian painter (b. 1868)
- April 29 – Gheorghie Ciuhandu, Romanian Orthodox priest, theologian, historian and advocate (b. 1875)
- April 30 – Francesc Cambó, Andorran politician (b. 1876)

May

- May 8 – Harry Gordon Selfridge, American department store magnate (b. 1858)
- May 13 – Sukanta Bhattacharya, Bengali poet (b. 1926)
- May 14 – John R. Sinnock, eighth Chief Engraver of the United States Mint (b. 1888)
- May 15 – Miguel Abadía Méndez, Colombian politician, 12th President of Colombia (b. 1867)
- May 16
  - Frederick Gowland Hopkins, British biochemist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (b. 1861)
  - Michael Joseph Curley, American Roman Catholic bishop and reverend (b. 1879)
- May 17
George Forbes, 22nd Prime Minister of New Zealand (b. 1869)
Seabiscuit, Thoroughbred Racehorse (b. 1933)

May 18 – Lucile Gleason, American actress (b. 1888)
May 20 – Philipp Lenard, Austrian physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1862)
May 24 – C. F. Ramuz, Swiss writer (b. 1878)
May 28 – August Eigruber, Nazi war criminal (executed) (b. 1907)
May 30 – Georg Ludwig von Trapp, Austrian sailor, patriarch of the Von Trapp Family of *The Sound of Music* fame (b. 1880)
May 31 – Adrienne Ames, American actress (b. 1907)

### June

- **June 6**
  - S. H. Dudley, American urban singer (b. 1864)
  - Władysław Raczkiewicz, Polish politician, lawyer and diplomat, 5th President of Poland (b. 1885)
  - José Marques da Silva, Portuguese architect (b. 1869)

- **June 9**
  - Augusto Giacometti, Italian painter (b. 1877)
  - J. Warren Kerrigan, American actor (b. 1879)

- **June 11** – Richard Höngswald, Hungarian-born American philosopher (b. 1875)

- **June 14** – Albert Marquet, French painter (b. 1875)

- **June 17** – Maxwell Perkins, American literary editor (b. 1884)

- **June 18**
  - Alfred Allen, American actor (b. 1866)
  - Richard Cooper, British actor (b. 1893)
  - Shigematsu Sakaibara, Japanese rear admiral and convicted war criminal (executed) (b. 1898)

- **June 19** – Kōsō Abe, Japanese admiral and convicted war criminal (executed) (b. 1892)

- **June 20** – Bugsy Siegel, American gangster (b. 1906)

- **June 22** – Jim Tully, vagabond, pugilist, noted American writer (b. 1891)

- **June 24** – Bartolome Pagano, Italian actor (b. 1878)

- **June 26** – Richard Bedford Bennett, 11th Prime Minister of Canada (b. 1870)

- **June 28** – Franciszek Mączyński, Polish architect (b. 1874)

### July

- **July 7** – José Luis Tamayo, 20th President of Ecuador (b. 1858)

- **July 12** – Jimmie Lunceford, American jazz musician (b. 1902)

- **July 15**
  - Brandon Hurst, American stage and screen veteran (b. 1866)
  - Walter Donaldson, American songwriter (b. 1893)

- **July 17** – Raoul Wallenberg, Swedish diplomat and humanitarian (presumed dead on this date) (b. 1912)

- **July 18** – Fumio Hayashi, Japanese physician (b. 1900)

- **July 19** – Aung San, Burmese nationalist (assassinated) (b. 1915)

- **July 21** – Patriarch Yousef VI Emmanuel II Thomas (b. 1852)

- **July 23**
  - Alice Fischer, American actress (b. 1869)
  - Ángel Roffo, Argentine doctor (b. 1882)

- **July 26** – Archbishop Leontios of Cyprus (b. 1896)

- **July 27** – Ivan Regen, Slovenian biologist (b. 1868)

- **July 29**
July 30

- Joseph Cook, 6th Prime Minister of Australia (b. 1860)
- Fedir Krychevsky, Ukrainian painter (b. 1879)

August

- August – Teresa Magbanua, Filipino general (b. 1868)
- August 3
  - José Pardo y Barreda, Peruvian politician, 51st Prime Minister of Peru and 2-time President of Peru (b. 1864)
  - Vic Willis, American baseball player (Boston Braves) and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1876)
- August 8 – Anton Ivanovich Denikin, Russian military leader (b. 1872)
- August 9 – Carlo Romanelli, Italian sculptor (b. 1872)
- August 10 – Antonio Sciortino, Maltese sculptor (b. 1879)
- August 15 – Claudio Granzotto, Italian Roman Catholic religious professed and blessed (b. 1900)
- August 17 – Prince Eugen, Duke of Närke (b. 1865)
- August 20 – Franz Cumont, Belgian archaeologist and historian (b. 1868)
- August 23 – Hasmik, Soviet actress (b. 1878)
- August 29
  - Manolete, Spanish bullfighter (gored) (b. 1917)
  - Kōtarō Nakamura, General of the Imperial Japanese Army (b. 1881)

September

- September 1 – Frederick Russell Burnham, American Scout, father of the international Scouting movement (b. 1861)
- September 8 – Victor Horta, Belgian Art Nouveau architect (b. 1861)
- September 9 – Ananda Coomaraswamy, American philosopher (b. 1877)
- September 10 – Hatazō Adachi, Japanese general (suicide) (b. 1890)
- September 11 – Alice Keppel, mistress of Edward VII (b. 1868)
- September 20
  - Fiorello H. La Guardia, Mayor of New York (b. 1882)
  - Jantina Tammes, Dutch plant biologist (b. 1871)
- September 21
  - Harry Carey, American film actor (b. 1878)
  - Vasily Glagolev, Soviet general (b. 1896)
- September 26 – Hugh Lofting, British-born writer (b. 1886)
- September 27 – Luigi Barlassina, Patriarch of Jerusalem (b. 1872)

October

- October 1
  - Olive Borden, American actress (b. 1906)
  - Gregorio Martínez Sierra, Spanish writer, poet, dramatist and director (b. 1881)
- October 2 – P. D. Ouspensky, Soviet mathematician (b. 1878)
- October 3 – Ernest L. Riebau, American politician (1895)
- October 4 – Max Planck, German physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1858)
- October 6 – Leevi Madetoja, Finnish composer (b. 1887)
October 10 – Jo Mora, Uruguayan-born American cartoonist (b. 1876)
October 12
  • Sir Ian Hamilton, British general (b. 1853)
  • James Farley, American actor (b. 1882)
October 13 – Sidney Webb, British economist and social reformer (b. 1859)
October 17 – John Halliday, American actor (b. 1880)
October 18
  • Harry C. Bradley, American actor (b. 1869)
  • Massimo Terzano, Italian cinematographer (b. 1892)
October 23 – Carl Shelton, American gangster (b. 1888)
October 24 – Dudley Digges, Irish actor (b. 1879)
October 27 – María Teresalina Sánchez, Spanish Franciscan religious sister, missionary and martyr (b. 1918)
October 28 – Earl Snell, Governor of Oregon (plane crash) (b. 1895)
October 29 – Frances Cleveland, First Lady of the United States (b. 1864)

November

November 1 – Man o’ War, champion thoroughbred racehorse (b. 1917)
November 3 – Nelson McDowell, American actor (b. 1870)
November 7 – Sándor Garbai, Prime Minister of Hungary (b. 1879)
November 8
  • Mariano Benlliure, Spanish sculptor (b. 1862)
  • Constantin Sâнătescu, Romanian general and statesman, 44th Prime Minister of Romania (b. 1885)
November 15 – Eduard Ritter von Schleich, German fighter ace and air force general (b. 1888)
November 16 – Giuseppe Volpi, Italian businessman and politician (b. 1877)
November 17 – Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Ukrainian Roman Catholic, bishop, martyr and blessed (b. 1876)
November 20 – Georg Kolbe, German sculptor (b. 1877)
November 25 – Léon-Paul Fargue, French writer (b. 1876)
November 28
  • W. E. Lawrence, American actor (b. 1896)
  • Philippe Leclerc de Hauteclercque, French general (b. 1902)
November 29 – Ernie Adams, American actor (b. 1885)
November 30 – Ernst Lubitsch, German film director (b. 1892)

December

December 1
  • Aleister Crowley, British occultist (b. 1875)
  • G. H. Hardy, British mathematician (b. 1877)
December 2 – Franz Xaver Schwarz German Nazi politician (executed) (b. 1875)
December 3 – Heinrich Hetsch, German physician and microbiologist (b. 1873)
December 4
  • Margaret Butler, New Zealand sculptor (b. 1883)
  • Walter Walker, American actor (b. 1864)
December 7
  • Tristan Bernard, French writer and lawyer (b. 1866)
  • Nicholas Murray Butler, American president of Columbia University, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (b. 1862)
December 9 – John Kelly, American actor (b. 1901)
December 10 – Pierre Petit de Julleville, French Roman Catholic priest, bishop and eminence (b. 1876)
December 13
- Nicholas Roerich, Russian painter (b. 1874)
  - Juan Bautista Vargas Arreola, Mexican general during Mexican Revolution (b. 1890)

December 14
- Stanley Baldwin, British Conservative politician, 3-time Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (b. 1867)
  - Edward Higgins, General of The Salvation Army (b. 1864)

December 15 – Arthur Machen, British writer (b. 1863)

December 17
- J. N. Brensted, Danish chemist (b. 1879)
  - Christos Tsigiridis, Greek engineer (b. 1877)

December 20
- Benigno Aquino Sr., Filipino politician (b. 1894)
  - Luigi Chiarelli, Italian playwright (b. 1880)

December 25 – Gaspar G. Bacon, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts (b. 1886)

December 27 – Johannes Winkler, German rocket pioneer (b. 1897)

December 28 – King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy (b. 1869)

December 29 – Han van Meegeren, Dutch painter and forger (b. 1889)

December 30 – Alfred North Whitehead, British mathematician and philosopher (b. 1861)

Date Unknown
- Ayoub Tabet, 6th Prime Minister of Lebanon (b. 1884)

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- Physics – Edward Victor Appleton
- Chemistry – Sir Robert Robinson
- Medicine – Carl Ferdinand Cori, Gerty Cori, Bernardo Houssay
- Literature – André Gide
- Peace – The Friends Service Council (UK) and The American Friends Service Committee (USA), on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends

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