

Blowing in the Wind

2007 & Beyond

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A New Year. A New Beginning.

Time to Reflect on the Past and Set Goals for the Future.

As we reflect on the year past, one of the most striking things we observe is the breadth of adversity faced by our present civilization. The numbers of both man-made and natural disasters delivered across the globe in 2007 struck me. It is our hope that by reviewing the recent past, we may be better prepared for the immediate future. We have, for this reason, highlighted the top 17 news stories below for your contemplation and erudition.

- Northeast Winter Snowstorm Kills 65; leaves Thousands in the Dark (Jan 12th-16th, 2007)
- Pacific Islands Earthquakes; Thousands Homeless (March-April, 2007)
- Virginia Tech Killings are Nation's Worst (April 16th, 2007)
- Thunderstorms & Flooding in India & Pakistan Kill 1,000 (June-July, 2007)
- Collapsing Bear-Stearns Hedge Funds Signal Beginning of Housing, Mortgage, Credit Crisis, & Stock Market Volatility; \$Trillions Lost (June 21st, 2007)
- 8-Lane Bridge Collapse Hits during Mpls Rush Hour (August 1st, 2007)
- Thunderstorms & Flooding Ravage Midwest (August 18-20th, 2007)
- Heavy Rains Scour North Korea; Hundreds Dead (August 14th, 2007)
- Massive Fires Cover Greece (August 25-27th, 2007)
- Earthquakes & Flooding Rock Asia; Epidemics Feared (Sept 12th-Sept 24th, 2007)
- Nobel Peace Prize Heightens Awareness of Global Warming (October 12th, 2007)
- 500,000 Evacuated from Southern California Fires (October 21-28th, 2007)
- Tropical Storm Inundates Caribbean Islands; Thousands Homeless (October 31st, 2007)
- Cyclone Sidr Kills 3,500 in Bangladesh; Million Left Homeless (November 15th, 2007)

- Food & Oil Prices Spike; Inflation Feared (Nov 21st-29th, 2007)
- Oil Tanker Spill Off South Korea Coast is 1/3 of Exxon Valdez Spill (December 7th, 2007)
- Divisive Political Climate Attributed to Social Alienation (December 31st, 2007)

As we start a New Year, We earnestly that these calamities are behind us. With God's good grace and our fervent pray, we can hope for a safe, prosperous 2008 for all Americans.