On Your Birthday

Events of the Month

Russian President Boris Yeltsin surprises the world on Dec. 31, resigning his post and turning power over to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Yeltsin, 68, tells a stunned Russia: "I am resigning ahead of time." The New Year also brings an end to the comic strip "Peanuts" as creator Charles Shultz retires after almost 50 years. Israel and Syria resume peace talks over the Golan Heights. The U.S. on Dec. 14 cedes control of the Panama Canal.

Popular Music

Back in 1999, the popular songs were: "Livin' la Vida Loca" performed by Ricky Martin; "Last Kiss" performed by Pearl Jam; "Believe" sung by Cher; and "To Scrubs" by TLC. Also topping the charts: "Every Morning" by Sugar Ray; "Where My Girls At?" by 702 (Motown); "If You Had My Love" by Jennifer Lopez; and the popular "What's It Gonna Be?" by Busta Rhymes.

Then vs. Now Cost of Living Comparisons

	1999	2015
Gallon of Milk	$2.87	$3.76
Loaf of Bread	$.89	$1.41
New Auto	$17,995.00	$26,790.00
Gallon of Gas	$1.09	$2.77
New Home	$168,300.00	$208,300.00
Average Income	$28,951.28	$39,659.00
Dow Jones	10,139.00	17,727.16

Academy Award Winning Movies

Best Movie	"American Beauty"- Directed by Sam Mendes
Best Actor	Kevin Spacey-"American Beauty"
Best Actress	Hilary Swank-"Boys Don't Cry"

The Year's Sports Highlights

The world's best basketball player -- Michael Jordan -- retires from the Chicago Bulls at age 35. The San Antonio Spurs beat the New York Knicks to win the NBA title. In baseball, the New York Yankees defeat the Atlanta Braves to once more win the World Series while football's Denver Broncos beat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-19, in Super Bowl XXXIII. In hockey, the Dallas Stars defeat the Buffalo Sabres for the Stanley Cup. American Lance Armstrong overcomes cancer to win bicycle racing's prestigious Tour de France. In golf, Scottish golfer Paul Lawrie wins the 128th British Open. Kenny Brack wins the Indianapolis

Gallon of Milk

Average Milk price in 1999:
$2.87