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Events of the Month



Michigan lawmakers vote in favor of right-to-work legislation as a crowd of over 10,000 protests in the state capitol. Protesters call it a union-busting move. British bank HSBC agrees to pay \$1.9 billion to settle a New York-based probe of money laundering in connection with Mexican drug traffickers. The planet has a near miss with a 100-foot-wide asteroid named XE54; it goes undetected until just an hour before it approaches the Earth.

Popular Music



Back in 2012, the popular songs were: "Diamonds" performed by Rihanna; "One More Night" performed by Maroon 5; "Locked Out of Heaven" sung by Bruno Mars; and "Gungnam Style" by PSY. Also topping the charts: "I Cry" by Flo Rida; "Ho Hey" by Lumineers; "Some Nights" by Fun; and the popular "Too Close" by Alex Clare.

Then vs. Now Cost of Living Comparisons



	2012	2015
Gallon of Milk	\$3.79	\$3.76
Loaf of Bread	\$1.45	\$1.41
New Auto	\$25,555.00	\$26,790.00
Gallon of Gas	\$3.29	\$2.77
New Home	\$169,500.00	\$208,300.00
Average Income	\$34,104.00	\$39,659.00
Dow Jones	12,184.26	17,727.16

The Year's Sports Highlights



In baseball, the SF Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers to win the World Series. In football, the New York Giants beat the New England Patriots 21-17 to win the Super Bowl. In basketball, the Miami Heat beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 4-1, winning the NBA championship. In hockey, the Los Angeles Kings beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 to win the Stanley Cup. Scotland's Dario Franchitti wins the Indy 500. British cyclist Bradley Wiggins wins the Tour de France.

Entertainment News



At the 64rd Emmy Awards, the award for best actor in a comedy series goes to Jon Cryer, "Two and a Half Men" (CBS). Best actress in a comedy series, to Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep" (HBO). Best drama series, "Homeland" (SHOWTIME). Best comedy series, "Modern Family" (ABC).

House Price

Average House price in 2012: \$169,500.00

