

# The 2013 year in review

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## Top 10 music

1. "Can't Hold Us" – Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Ray Dalton
2. "Wake Me Up!" – Avicii
3. "Thrift Shop" – Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz
4. "Get Lucky" – Daft Punk feat. Pharrell
5. "Radioactive" – Imagine Dragons
6. "Let Her Go" – Passenger
7. "Blurred Lines" – Robin Thicke feat. T.I., Pharrell
8. "Just Give Me A Reason" – P!nk feat. Nate Ruess
9. "Ho Hey" – The Lumineers
10. "I Need Your Love" – Calvin Harris feat. Ellie Goulding

Source: Spotify most streamed tracks worldwide

## World press photo



1st prize, Spot News singles, Paul Hansen

2013 was composed of four different numbers. The last such year was 1987.

Although not in the right order, 2013 was composed of four sequential numbers and was the first year since 1432 (the next being 2031).

2013, 2014, and 2015 are consecutive years that are the product of three distinct primes ( $3 \times 11 \times 61$ ,  $2 \times 19 \times 53$ , and  $5 \times 13 \times 31$ ). The last such three-year sequence was back in 1885-1887, and the next one isn't until 2665-2667.

## TIMES person of the year



Pope Francis - the people's pope

## Top 10 feature films



1. The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
2. American Hustle
3. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
4. Frozen
5. Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues
6. Don Jon
7. The Wolf of Wall Street
8. Out of the Furnace
9. Nymphomaniac
10. Thor: The Dark World

Source: IMDB

## New mammal species discovered



'Olinguito' found in the Andean cloud forests

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## Top 10 sport moments



1. Baltimore Ravens win NFL Super Bowl XLVII  
3 February
2. Nigeria wins Africa Cup of Nations  
10 February
3. Bayern Munich wins UEFA Champions League  
25 May
4. Miami Heat win NBA finals  
20 June
5. Andy Murray and Marion Bartoli win Wimbledon  
July 7
6. Chris Froome wins 100th Tour de France  
22 July
7. Usain 'Lightning' Bolt wins 3 golden medals at the World Championships in Athletics in Moscow which made him the most successful athlete in the 30-year history of the World Championships.  
17 August
8. New Zealand All Blacks win Rugby Championship  
5 October
9. Sebastian Vettel wins his fourth FIA Formula 1 Drivers' World Championship  
27 October
10. Boston red Sox win World Series  
30 October

## Fashion trends

2013: Shocking Hair Cut/Color  
2014: Working With What You've Got

2013: Isabel Marant for H&M  
2014: Peter Pilotto for Target

2013: Jewelry along the Ear  
2014: Jewelry along the Fingers

2013: Discrete Chic  
2014: Loud with Personality

Source: Vogue.com

## Top 10 YouTube videos



1. "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" - tvnorge
2. "Harlem Shake" - kennethaakonsen
3. "How Animals Eat Their Food" - MisterEpicMann
4. "Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball" - SteveKardynal
5. "ba-&me / the new evian film" - EvianBabies
6. "The Epic Split feat. Van Damme" - VolvoTrucks
7. "YOLO (ft. Adam Levine & Kendrick Lamar)" - thelonelyisland
8. "Telekinetic Coffee Shop Surprise" - CarrieNYC
9. "THE NFL : A Bad Lip Reading" - BadLipReading
10. "Mozart vs. Skrillex. Epic Rap Battles of History Season 2" - ERB

Source: YouTube

## Top 10 Fashion trends



1. Long pleated skirts
2. Fancy sportswear
3. Bermuda shorts
4. Short suits
5. Over-the-knee flat/low heel boots
6. Charitable Fashion
7. Knit beanie
8. Slouchy pants
9. Designer Tees
10. Oversized outerwear

Source: TheFashionSpot

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## Top 10 news stories



1. Syria's Civil War
2. Iran's New Chapter
3. The end of the Egyptian revolution?
- 4.** NSA whistleblower Snowden shakes the world
5. Francis, the progressive Pope
6. Africa's Ring of Terror
7. Bangladesh's Factory Disaster
8. China's naval tensions
9. India's rape epidemic
10. Supertyphoon Haiyan

Source: Time.com

## Top 10 Google searches



1. Nelson Mandela
2. Paul Walker
3. iPhone 5s
4. Cory Monteith
- 5.** Harlem Shake
6. Boston Marathon
7. Royal Baby
8. Samsung Galaxy S4
9. Playstation 4
10. North Korea

Source: Google - search topics with the largest increase in search volume since the previous period (worldwide).

## Top 10 News moments



1. Cyclist Lance Armstrong admits to Oprah Winfrey that he doped in all seven of his Tour de France wins (16 January)
2. North Korea conducts its third underground nuclear test, prompting widespread condemnation from the international community (12 February)
3. American scientists use a 3D printer to create a living lab-grown ear from collagen and animal ear cell cultures. In the future, it is hoped, similar ears could be grown to order as transplants for human patients (21 February)
4. Pope Francis became the first pope to emerge from Latin America (13 March)
5. Two Chechen Islamist brothers explode two bombs at the Boston Marathon killing 3 and injuring 264 (15 April)
6. Prince Willem Alexander ascended the throne and was crowned King of The Netherlands (30 April)
7. American Edward Snowden discloses operations engaged by a US government mass surveillance program to news publications and flees the country, later being granted temporary asylum in Russia (6 June)
- 8.** Prince William and Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton welcomed a son, Prince George (22 July)
9. Typhoon Haiyan "Yolanda", one of the strongest tropical cyclones on record, hits the Philippines and Vietnam, causing devastation (8 November)
10. Former South African President Nelson Mandela dies at age 95 (5 December)

Source: Wikipedia e.a.

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## Top 10 World's most powerful people



1. **Vladimir Putin (61)**  
President of Russia
2. **Barack Obama (52)**  
President of the United States
3. **Xi Jinping (60)**  
General Secretary, Communist Party of China
4. **Pope Francis (77)**  
Pope of Roman Catholic Church
5. **Angela Merkel (59)**  
Chancellor of Germany
6. **Bill Gates (58)**  
Co-Chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
7. **Ben Bernanke (60)**  
Chairman, Federal Reserve of United States
8. **Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (89)**  
King of Saudi Arabia
9. **Mario Draghi (66)**  
President of European Central Bank
10. **Michael Duke (64)**  
CEO of Wal-Mart Stores

Source: Forbes

## Scientific Discoveries // Interstellar

It's only taken 36 years but, after a couple false starts, NASA finally declared that their Voyager 1 spacecraft had gone interstellar. Telltale measurements from the probe revealed that it had slipped out from the area where the sun's electromagnetic influence reigns and tasted the space between stars. Not bad for a piece of vintage '70s hardware with only enough memory onboard to hold an average-size JPEG file.

Source: Wired.com

## Scientific Discoveries // Genome editing

In January, two research teams announced a fast and precise new method for editing snippets of the genetic code. The so-called CRISPR system takes advantage of a defense strategy used by bacteria. The bacteria use RNA to identify foreign DNA and enzymes to chop it up. The scientists repurposed this system so that the RNA seeks out a specific sequence of DNA - a disease-causing gene mutation, for example - and the enzymes edit the genetic code to fix the mutation. Of course, gene therapy has raised our hopes before only to crush them, and it's too early to say if this time will be any different.

Source: Wired.com

## Top 10 innovations



1. A portable phone charger that fits in your wallet.
2. Price scanners throughout the grocery store.
3. A tracker to place in luggage so that if it gets lost in transit, you can find it with your phone.
4. A checkout system in your shopping cart that lets you scan items as you put them in your cart.
5. A smartphone that can survive a dip in water.
6. An app that consolidates all your passwords in one place.
7. A smartphone app that allows you to compare prices of items when you scan them at a store.
8. A car with a trunk you can open with your foot, if your hands are occupied.
9. Boarding passes on your smartphone.
10. A smartphone app that consolidates your grocery store coupons.

Source: thenextweb.com by Margaret Molloy of Siegel+Gale