

The 2014 year in review

by 

Top 10 music

1. **Happy** – Pharrell Williams
2. **Rather Be (feat. Jess Glynne)** – Clean Bandit
3. **Summer** – Calvin Harris
4. **Dark Horse** – Katy Perry
5. **All of Me** – John Legend
6. **Timber** – Pitbull
7. **Rude** – Magic
8. **Waves** – Mr. Probz
9. **Problem** – Ariana Grande
10. **Counting Stars** – One Republic

Source: Spotify Top Ten Global most streamed tracks

World press photo



1st prize, Spot News singles, Philippe Lopez

Two baby girls have defied the odds with a very unusual birth date. At 10:11 a.m. on Saturday 13 December, Hazel Grace was born at a hospital in Cleveland and Quincy Kessler was born at a hospital in Billings, Montana, making their birth date and time 10:11 12/13/14.

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.

TIME's person of the year



Ebola Fighters

Top 10 feature films



1. **Transformers: Age of Extinction**
2. **Guardians of the Galaxy**
3. **Maleficent**
4. **X-Men: Days of Future Past**
5. **Captain America: The Winter Soldier**
6. **The Amazing Spider-Man 2**
7. **Dawn of the Planet of the Apes**
8. **How to Train Your Dragon 2**
9. **Interstellar**
10. **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1**

Source: worldwideboxoffice.com

New mammal species discovered



Australian humpback dolphin, *Sousa sahalensis*

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1. **Libya wins Africa Cup of Nations**
1 February
2. **Seattle Seahawks win NFL Super Bowl XLVIII**
2 February
3. **Real Madrid wins UEFA Champions League**
24 May
4. **Spurs win NBA finals**
15 June
5. **Novak Djokovic and Petra Kvitova win Wimbledon**
6 July
6. **Germany wins the Soccer World Cup in Brazil**
14 July
7. **Vincenzo Nibali wins the Tour de France**
27 July
8. **New Zealand All Blacks win Rugby Championship**
9 October
9. **San Francisco Giants win World Series**
29 October
10. **Lewis Hamilton wins his second FIA Formula 1 Drivers' World Championship**
23 November



1. **Mutant Giant Spider Dog**
2. **Nike Football: Winner Stays**
3. **First Kiss**
4. **The Voice IT Suor Cristina Scuccia**
5. **iPhone 6 Plus Bend Test**
6. **Bars & Melody – Simon Cowell's Golden Buzzer act | Britain's Got Talent 2014**
7. **Budweiser Super Bowl Commercial - Best buds**
8. **Devil Baby Attack**
9. **Goku vs. Superman. Epic Rap Battles of History Season 3**
10. **10 Hours of Walking in NYC as a Woman**

Source: YouTube



1. **Velvet Dresses**
2. **A-Line Silhouettes**
3. **Textured Tops/Dresses**
5. **Long Knits**
6. **Modern Plaid**
7. **Heavy Sparkle**
8. **Elevated Sporty Outerwear**
9. **Winter Pastels**
10. **Capes**

Source: TheFashionSpot

10 trends 2015

1. **Instant Skills**
2. **Fast Lining**
3. **Fair Splitting**
4. **Internet of Sharing Things**
5. **Branded Government**
6. **Post Demographic Consumerism**
7. **Currencies of Change**
8. **Sympathetic Pricing**
9. **Robolove**
10. **Brand Stands**

Source: Trendwatching.com

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Top Trending on Twitter

selfie - Ellen Degeneres' star-studded Oscar selfie was retweeted more than 3 million times

#BringBackOurGirls - response to the mass kidnapping in Nigeria by terrorist group Boko Haram

#IndyRef - Scottish citizens express their views on the referendum on independence from the UK

#UmbrellaRevolution - Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests against the government's electoral reforms

#BlackLivesMatter - outrage over police brutality and racism dominated Twitter talk following the death of Eric Garner (NY) and Michael Brown (MS)

Source: CNN



Top 10 News headlines

The Ebola virus epidemic in West Africa begins, infecting over 18,000 people and killing at least 6,000 people, the most severe both in terms of numbers of infections and casualties (February)

A new terrorist threat - the militant Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS - gains power and land in the Middle East and provokes indignation with its videos of violence and hostage beheadings

The 22nd Olympic Winter Games are held in Sochi, Russia (February 7-23)

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, a Boeing 777 airliner en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur, disappears over the Gulf of Thailand with 239 people on board. The aircraft is presumed to have crashed into the Indian Ocean (March 8)

During an emergency meeting, the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, Germany, France, Japan, and Canada temporarily suspend Russia from the G8 (March 24)

An estimated 276 girls and women are abducted and held hostage from a school in Nigeria (April 14)

The 2014 FIFA World Cup is held in Brazil, and is won by Germany (June 12 - July 13)

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 (Boeing 777) crashes in Ukraine, after being shot down by a missile. 298 people die, including 15 crew members (July 17)

Hundreds of students gather in a courtyard in Central Hong Kong, demanding an end to Chinese oppression and control (26 September)

The Rosetta spacecraft's Philae probe lands on Comet 67P, the first time in history that a spacecraft has landed on such an object (November 12)



Top 10 Google searches

1. Robin Williams
2. World Cup
3. Ebola
4. Malaysia Airlines
5. ALS Ice Bucket Challenge
6. Flappy Bird
7. Conchita Wurst
8. ISIS
9. Frozen
10. Sochi Olympics

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

3 Source: Wikipedia a.o.

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Top 10 World's most powerful people



1. **Vladimir Putin (62)**
President of Russia
2. **Barack Obama (53)**
President of the United States
3. **Xi Jinping (61)**
General Secretary, Communist Party of China
4. **Pope Francis (78)**
Pope of Roman Catholic Church
5. **Angela Merkel (60)**
Chancellor of Germany
6. **Janet Yellen (68)**
Chair of the Federal Reserve
7. **Bill Gates (59)**
Co-Chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
8. **Mario Draghi (67)**
President of European Central Bank
9. **Sergey Brin (41)**
Cofounder, Director Of Special Projects, Google
10. **Larry Page (41)**
CEO, Google

Source: Forbes

Scientific Discoveries // Orion launch

It's the test flight NASA has been waiting for. NASA's new Orion capsule, designed to help deliver humans to deep space destinations like Mars someday, launched on its rigorous first test flight in December 2014.

It's the first time a spacecraft built for humans will travel out of low-Earth orbit in more than 40 years

Source: livescience.com

Scientific Discoveries // Thought control

A woman paralysed from the neck down can now grab a ball with a robotic arm – just by thinking about it. Jan Scheuermann, who lost control of her limbs in 2003, was able to make complex hand movements using the robot arm. She successfully picked up and moved a variety of objects, from a tiny cube to a tube standing upright. The system, developed by Jennifer Collinger at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and colleagues, uses two small electrode grids implanted in Scheuermann's brain, in the region of the left motor cortex responsible for controlling her right arm and hand.

Source: Journal of Neural Engineering

Top 10 innovations



1. Agricultural Drones
2. Ultraprivate Smartphones
3. Brain Mapping
4. Neuromorphic Chips
5. Genome Editing
6. Microscale 3-D Printing
7. Mobile Collaboration
8. Oculus Rift (Virtual-reality goggles)
9. Agile Robots
10. Smart Wind and Solar Power

Source: MIT Technology review

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