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# Headline Poem

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## Prologue

### Back story

This piece has its origins in the first Gulf War; when CNN was showing the war unfold in real time and in graphic detail. The pre-war propaganda and the “news” following this had a profound impact on my life here in Canada. Over the course of the two decades since, the news has evolved from being truly news with in-depth analysis to editorial commentary and even worse, infotainment.

We are reading about the world’s history in real-time, the news story’s ebb and flow. This piece is attempting to encapsulate one year of this history by gathering the headlines of the day using various media outlets. These headlines are presented in seven day periods with four weeks to a month panel, twelve panels to make the year, resulting in a modern twist on a tapestry.

On each panel is a on background image capturing one main news item that dominated the time period. The four vertical panels superimposed on top of these images are the four weeks of headlines. The main story lines are “woven” together by threads of various colors to allow the viewer to trace the events over time. The color palette represents five main categories: politics; conflict; science; money and people. The color palette reflects the view from my windows, beautiful sunrises and sunsets. The font is purposely chosen to reference your typical newspaper text style. It is also intended to reference this period of time where we are seeing the demise of printed media.

The background image is determined by the dominant story of the “month”. This main story line is then highlighted with the threading running continuously under these headlines. The other headlines are only underlined with their respective colors. This story will then be continued to be threaded in this fashion throughout the 12 panels. This allows the viewer to see how this story ebbed and flowed over time.

Having gotten several months under my belt, so to speak, before beginning the process of “weaving” this tapestry, I also was able to thread the stories leading up to the month where they would be the background image.

As I have been gathering these headlines over these past months, I think about how tuned in the population really is about current affairs. Do we understand the references these headlines allude to? What topics are we following on a daily basis? What dominated the year, crisis or money or something else entirely?

## Original Thoughts

- Largest font is loudest sound
- Each day is a stanza of poem/song
- Possibly get different people to say the words and record each and repeat as necessary
- Interestingly that the loudest words aren't necessarily the most important news item, which is troubling in of itself
- Thinking about the noise of our lives and these news items are just one noise which corresponds to our stress levels
- These news items are not taken from one source but rather from the different places I look at info, it doesn't matter if this is a Canadian perspective or an international perspective because what matters is the noise
- Specifically not including regional weather issues and no entertainment/sports news
- A very interesting development while doing this poem is the number of words I have to add to dictionary

## Starting Parameters

### Headlines

These headlines were taken from websites that I read; CBC, MSNBC, BBC, Al Jazeera, Wired Science, and Slate. This project could be done in many different ways, for instance; you could just do Canadian headlines, maybe only from one source.

I have also made a point to copy the headlines as written by the various news outlets. This proved to be a very interesting aspect to this project as each organization has its own style. A case in point was how each would refer to ISIS, or ISIL or IS or Islamic State.

I tried not to editorialize my choices but rather take from the pool of headlines and pick the most relevant and talked about issues. As the year progressed, however, I did choose to follow-up on the main story-lines that had emerged.

### Topics

I came up with a list of about 34 topics that I thought would be worthy of following over the course of the year. I had to make an educated guess about what topics would show up in the year so I could get enough thread colors. There are also the topics that weren't defined because of the physical limitation of colors available for me to choose from.

Again another choice I made was what topic I wouldn't select i.e. entertainment topics. I was also faced with the Ukraine issue changing from a "political" one to a "conflict".

These topics were then grouped into five categories;

*Politics*

1. Tea Party
2. Republicans
3. Democrats
4. China
5. North Korea
6. Russia
7. Brazil
8. USA
9. Gay issues
10. EU
- 10A. Ukraine
- 10B Thailand

*Conflict*

11. Syria
12. CAR
13. Iraq/ISIS
14. Sudan
15. Egypt
16. Iran
17. Kenya/Al Shabab
18. Libya
- 18A. Afghanistan
- 18B. Nigeria/Boko Haram
- 18C. Israel/Palestinians

*Science*

19. Fukushima/radioactive

20. Space science
21. Food
22. Climate
23. Fracking
24. Disease/Ebola
- 24A. MH370

*Money*

25. DOW
26. Bitcoins
27. Banks

*People*

28. Pope
29. Nelson Mandela
30. Rob Ford
31. Manning/Snowden
32. Malala
33. Berlusconi
34. Khodorkovsky
35. Schumacher

## **Thread Colors**

Now in any other artist project I would be able to know the finished picture and choose the colors accordingly. Having made the decision to start this project in real-time it did not allow for this. The tapestry was written for me by history and which threads sat next to one another was determined by that history. Not being able to control this has been challenging as an artist because some colors just don't look good together and others do.

I also made a very conscious decision to not pick a palette that had a high-contrast to it but rather a softer more homogenous tonal quality. Now had I waited for the year to end and then select a palette, things would and could look quite different.

1. Politics - Blue
2. Conflict - Red
3. Money - Green
4. Science - Pink

## 5. People - Purple

### Visual/Written Project

It is always very important to remember that any artistic endeavor starts with a blank something, canvas, space or whatever. It takes a vast amount of choices to fill that blank in and once it is filled there are many aspects that as an artist you agonize over and many aspects that delight you.

Art should provoke a dialogue but one should always consider that criticism is not a productive method of dialogue. All of us would make different choices but in making those choices and allowing the public to engage in them is a very difficult and courageous journey. As a viewer of art, you should always ask yourself what blank would you fill in and how.

So what started out as a poem became a visual exploration of these headlines. When I decided to block the headline into a weekly format, I then placed four of these weekly panels to make a “month” of a calendar. Trying several different text heights and background colors and screening levels, the 36” x 36” size was the result with a 50% screened grey-scale background image.

This did leave the remaining days after the 48 weeks that comprised the visual calendar. I knew from the start that there would be a written companion to this project that would include the full 365 days. I would also break out each of the twelve main stories and create the written thread of these stories over the full year.

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Stocks drift after NASDAQ glitch

China's arsenic contamination risk is assessed

Insanely tasty heirloom corn being revived

Disease could wipe out the US citrus

*August 24, 2013*

Protests against fracking hit Europe

US weighs action in Syria

UN in Syria to seek attack enquiry

Money never sleeps

How teens view sexting

Leaked Climate Report Points to Technology's Lack of Progress

*August 25, 2013*

UN to visit site where hundreds died

Donald Trump sued for fraud

Spain's millennial's in despair

Greece "may need 10bn Euros more"

Iraq rocked by deadly attacks

Syria chemical attack probe 'too late to be credible'

Snowden "doc" shows proof

Topless women march in Vancouver for gender equality

*August 26, 2013*

UN inspectors shot at in Syria

The European power that keeps things in the family

Trump rips NY AG for charges

Stocks rise as stimulus worries ease

Zurich introduces drive-in sex

Fukushima situation called “deplorable”

Kerry: Syria images “shock the conscience of the world”

Pressure on Syria hits stocks

*August 27, 2013*

US readies missile strikes against Syria

Get ready to pay more for – everything

Stocks decline on Syria tensions

China hit by” biggest” cyber attack

Haboob hubbub in Phoenix

Sources: US may hit Syria with three days of missile strikes

*August 28, 2013*

Mosque spying operations revealed

Dozens killed in Iraq bombings

Syria attack contained chemical “substance”, UN envoy says

UK drafts Syrian UN resolution

Would foreign intervention be legal?

Twerking makes Oxford dictionary

Artist paints Putin in undies, flees

Fort Hood gunman sentenced to death for 2009 rampage

Obama “sure Syria behind attack”

The Saudi Prince who is trying to topple Syria’s President

*August 29, 2013*

Can't sleep? You're not alone

UK wrangling throws wrench in US plan for Syria strike

Unease over Syria intel

Paraguayans in crucifixion protest

"The face of Buddhist terror"?

Syria's Assad will defend "against any aggression"

"Lessons of Iraq" make UK back delay Syria strike

British parliament votes against striking Syria

*August 30, 2013*

Tooth Fairy taking bigger bite

"No doubt" on Syrian chemical weapons

France backs US on Syrian action

UK vote leaves bruises in US

Bush: Obama has "tough choice to make"

Obama mulling limited action against Syria

Kerry: Syrian leader a "thug"

Iraq besieged by bloodshed

How Fukushima's artificial permafrost will work

Iraqi militia warns US about Syrian attack

*August 31, 2013*

Experts: Strike targets likely narrowed down

UN team leaves Syria as Obama mulls strike  
Putin challenges US on Syria claims  
Pope Francis makes key appointment  
Mandela remains hospitalized  
Obama: “We are prepared to strike”  
40% of top-paid CEO’s busted, bailed out or booted, study says  
Obama to seek Congress vote on Syria  
Fukushima’s radioactive ocean plume due to reach US waters in 2014

*September 1, 2013*

Congress begins to tackle Syria question  
Mandela released from hospital  
US has evidence that Sarin gas was used, Kerry says  
Fukushima radiation levels spike  
Will Assad “ride it out” or go on “killing spree”?  
Egypt to try ex-president Morsi  
Arabs states call for international action against Syrian regime

*September 2, 2013*

Nimitz group rerouted for possible Syria help  
6.2 million Syrians now displaced by war  
Syria asks UN to halt “any aggression” by US  
French MPs to get Syria “evidence”  
Assad: West has no chemical-attack proof

Syrian regime” led chemical attack”

Why it’s still a man’s world

*September 3, 2013*

Rodman in N. Korea to visit Kim

McCain: Obama “playing difficult game”

Israel missile tests amid Syria fears

The silent generation

Study reveals “true costs” of imports

Japan to fund Fukushima “ice wall”

Hillary Clinton: Obama making the right Syria call

Syria resolution limits US force to 90 days

Rumsfeld slams Obama on Syria

*September 4, 2013*

Ohio kidnapper found hanging in his cell

How ice barrier will seal off Fukushima ruins

Putin warns US over Syrian action

Power cut affects most of Venezuela

Syrian official: “World War III” won’t sway us

Fracking caused Ohio quakes

*September 5, 2013*

Castro had been on suicide watch

Syria's chemical weapons shrouded in secrecy  
Syria clash looms at G20 summit  
Taxing problem  
Obama faces Syria showdown with Putin  
Syria's chemical weapons arsenal remains a menacing mystery  
Brutality of Syrian rebels poses a dilemma  
Kerry: Not hitting Syria will feed extremism  
G20 "split" as US hits out at Russia  
Weighty issue: China now has the highest number of diabetics in the world

*September 6, 2013*

US evacuates Lebanon staff  
Obama pushes for support on Syria  
War-weary US wary of Syria plan  
Thousands vanish at Gulag (N. Korea)  
Russia and US no closer on Syria  
Iran minister sends tweet to Jews  
Fake emails: US is attacking Syria

*September 7, 2013*

Obama faces uphill battle on Syria  
Europe urges US to hold off on Syrian military strike  
Tokyo to host 2020 Olympics

*September 8, 2013*

McDonough: Attack on Syria would warn Iran

Kerry meets Arab leaders

Syria a “test” for America

Syria’s Assad says “no evidence” of chemical weapons use

Syria “crossed global red line”

“The border has disappeared”: Turks feel strain of refugees

Official: US would notify Israel “hours” before Syria attack

*September 9, 2013*

Syria says Obama is backing terrorists

Rodman has news from N. Korea

Todd: White house worried

US will pay for strike – Assad

US and France heal Iraq wounds

Ally: Hand over chemical weapons

Syria welcomes Russian plan to turn in its chemical weapons

Zimmerman detained in Florida, wife alleges threats with gun

(Hillary) Clinton speaks on Syria proposal

*September 10, 2013*

Syria agrees to hand over weapons

Live: Kerry quizzed on Syria

US warning on Syria chemicals plan

Obama finds reason to pause  
US to discuss Syria handing over weapons  
Wrangling looms over UN Syria motion  
Putin: Deal won't work with threats of strikes  
Source: Obama will pursue plan & also argue for force  
US income inequality at record high

*September 11, 2013*

Solemn ceremonies on 9/11 anniversary  
Vatican may discuss clerical celibacy  
How would Syrian weapons deal work?  
Blast rocks Benghazi  
Obama delays strike vote in favor of diplomacy  
China economy "at crucial stage"  
Kenya discovers huge water source  
Exotic arsenal heading to Syria?

*September 12, 2013*

"Doable, but difficult" task ahead for Kerry  
Why Putin is backing Assad's bloody regime  
Assad confirms chemical arms plan  
N. Korea reactor "nearing operation"  
Japan anger over French Fukushima cartoon  
Molasses spill devastates Hawaii harbor

US, Syria disagree on chemical weapons timeline

Tense talks in bid for Syria deal

Voyager probe “leaves solar system”

Twitter tweets plan for IPO

*September 13, 2013*

Death penalty for India gang rape

Kerry: Syria weapons talk “constructive”

Lance Armstrong hands back Olympic medal

Afghan Taliban attack US consulate

Deadly bomb attack on Iraqi mosque

When smart phones do a Doctor’s job

Zimmerman concerns police chief

Syria chemical use likely to confirmed in UN report, Ban Ki-moon says

*September 14, 2013*

US & Russia reach deal on Syria

US, China rivalry shows signs of softening

Will Syria’s Assad play fair?

Despite deal, troubling questions remain

*September 15, 2013*

Syria reels after weapons deal

Finding Mr. Right in Kabul

Syria hails weapons deal “victory”

Japan halts last nuclear reactor

Would married priests help Catholic Church?

Fresh wave of bombs hit Iraq cities

Syria “lesson” for Iran-Obama

*September 16, 2013*

UN to report on chemical attack

Costa Concordia salvage operation underway off Italy coast

Shooting at Washington navy yard

Footage claims to show Iranians in Syria

US shares rise on Summers withdrawal

UN confirms gas “war crime” in Syria

Costa Concordia freed from rocks

CDC threat report: “We will soon be in a post-antibiotic era”

*September 17, 2013*

Deadly brain amoeba infects US tap water for the first time

Costa Concordia pulled upright

Pakistan outrage over child rape

France and Russia admit Syria rift

Six years to fix Greece-Samaras

Navy yard shooting: Americans “sick and tired” of mass shootings

Public enemy’s: Social media fueling gang wars in Chicago

*September 18, 2013*

Syria “proof” of rebel chemical use

Brazil moves to shield data from US

US Fed to make key stimulus decision

Bullied dead girl’s image used in dating ad on Facebook

DOW hits record on Feds news

Assad: “One year to destroy weapons”

Iran “will never build nuclear weapons”

*September 19, 2013*

Iran’s Rouhani blames Israel for “instability”

McCain rips Putin in op-ed

JP Morgan pays \$920m to regulators

Egyptian forces raid pro-Morsi town

CDC report: Yes, agricultural antibiotics play a role in drug resistance

Next steps on Arsenic and rice

Pope: Church must be more accepting

Putin “confident” on Syrian plan

Billionaire: Feds move is “fantastic” for the rich

NASA’s plutonium problem could end deep-space exploration

*September 20, 2013*

Knox on retrial: “Everything’s at stake”

Louisiana shaken by brain-eating amoeba  
Gov't shutdown looms: What you need to know  
Buffet: Debt fight "damn dumb"  
Will Germany vote for "Mummy" Merkel again?  
Syria "submits chemical arms data"  
Militants kill 18 Afghan police  
Attacks on Yemen army "kill 40"  
Blasts strike Sunni mosque in Iraq  
US textile plants return, with floors largely empty of people  
Homeless, unemployed and surviving on Bitcoins  
Shutdown threat slams stocks

*September 21, 2013*

Blackberry takes huge loss as sales collapse  
US plane in 1961 nuclear "near miss"  
Kenya mall shooting kills at least 22  
Sri Lanka Tamil north holds key vote  
Capturing and storing carbon dioxide in one simple step  
Iraq bomb, attacks kill at least 65  
Al-Shabab claims Nairobi attack

*September 22, 2013*

Kenyan standoff: at least 59 dead  
NRA's LaPierre calls for more armed guards

Pakistan church blast kills dozens  
Bo Xilai found guilty of corruption  
Russia offers troops for Syria plan  
Bo's life term is political death sentence as Xi martial's power  
Kenyan officials: "Major" assault underway to end siege  
Merkel victory in German election  
Economy worships "god of money", Pope says  
FBI probes terrorist claims of American ties in Kenyan mall siege

*September 23, 2013*

3 large explosions heard at Kenyan mall  
Egypt's court bans Brotherhood "activities"  
Kenya forces storm Westgate center  
Who are al-Shabab?  
Tales of explosions as explosions rock mall  
Fairfax to buy Blackberry for \$4.7 billion  
Stakes "very high" at UN general assembly  
Apple sells 9 million new iPhones  
"We are in control": Police retake mall  
*My Mother died*

*September 24, 2013*

Militants say Kenyan hostages alive  
Americans among attackers

Iran's Rouhani a no-show at UN luncheon

Obama urges diplomatic push on Iran

Brazil attacks US over spy claims

Rouhani: Iran no threat; sanctions are "violent"

Benedict denies abuse cover-up

*Left with questions and no answers*

*September 25, 2013*

Obama care as little as \$11 a month, for some

Are you feeling the economic recovery?

Kenya mourns mall attack victims

Senator's marathon health law speech

Pakistan earthquake creates new island

Rouhani calls Holocaust a crime

Wal-Mart whacks market

CCTV shows naval gun yard attack

Did Cruz err on "Green Eggs"?

*September 26, 2013*

Somalia to world: Arm us so we can fight terror

Revenue Canada corruption feared over \$400K cheque to Mafia

Iran wants "nuclear deal" in months

Qatar 2022 appalled by work conditions

Deadly blast hits Baghdad market

Kenya seeks “white widow” arrest  
Sources: Nations reach Syria deal  
Hackers steal Michelle Obama ID data  
Canadian populations surpasses 35 million

*September 27, 2013*

New Syria chemical claims probed  
Blackberry loses \$965M in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
Global warming 95% likely to be man-made, UN panel says  
Deal reached on Syria arsenal  
Obama, Iran leader have historic chat

*September 28, 2013*

Afghan luxury building boom  
Rouhani tweets about call  
Greece far- right party leaders arrested  
NSA collecting social- connection data  
Berlusconi resignations spark crisis

*September 29, 2013*

Obama-care to give workers reason to quit?  
Dozens die in Nigerian college attack  
Deadly blast hits Pakistan market  
Shanghai free-trade zone launched

Bombings hit Iraqi city of Irbil  
Israel PM counters Iran “sweet talk”  
Italian president to tackle crisis  
Dozens dead in Syria air strike  
\$1.3B medical marijuana free market coming to Canada  
Silvio Berlusconi backpedals on collapsing coalition  
Gun battle erupts in northern Mali  
Leaders agree need for Kashmir calm

*September 30, 2013*

Knox a no-show at new trial  
Popes to be declared saints in April  
Deadly car bomb strikes Baghdad  
World’s first quantum metamaterial unveiled  
Syria condemns “foreign terrorists”  
Gunmen shut down Libyan gas facility  
US shares hit by shutdown threat  
Obama: “No options off the table” with Iran  
UFO seen over Indian Ocean?  
Marine generals forced out over deadly attack  
Owners say army looted shops

*October 1, 2013*

No deal: Government agencies shut down

Pope Francis digs at Vatican's narcissism

Stocks edge up amid shutdown

Syrian chemical weapons clean-up a "Herculean" task Canadian inspector says

Shutdown puzzles other nations

UN presses Spain on Franco crimes

Plastic ingredient spied on Titan

Distant planet's clouds are mapped

Closed! Shutdown ripples across the US

Israel PM: Iran leader is "wolf in sheep's clothing"

Arab spring south? Protests erupt in Sudan

*October 2, 2013*

Growing food near Fukushima?

"Why I gave up my US passport"

Russia charges Greenpeace "pirates"

Letta wins after Berlusconi U-turn

Viral marketing successfully modeled by network theorists

Why the lawmakers now fear a 143-year-old law

Media hit by Syrian hackers

US stocks drop as shutdown lingers

Somali-Canadian accused of beheading his four children

Feds arrest alleged "Dread Pirate Roberts" the brain behind the Silk Road drug site

Obama now fully "exasperated"

*October 3, 2013*

IMF says US must solve debt crisis

“No end in sight”

Down but not out

Inside Greece’s neo-Nazi party

Worker error causes Fukushima leak

BP wins reprieve over Gulf payouts

Capitol locked down after shots fired

*October 4, 2013*

Sources: DC chase driver may have feared Obama was a stalker

“Poop” pill can treat *C. difficile*, Calgary doctor says

How “toxic” is Sugar?

US shutdown: Obama cancels Asia trip

Netanyahu warns of “immortal Iran”

New shape-shifting metals discovered

GOP negotiations: a gun “to the head”

4 dead as Egyptian clashed erupt

Study: “Chicken” nugget surprise

*October 5, 2013*

Officials ID 4 attackers in Nairobi mall attack

Bitcoin will bounce back from Silk Road scandal, users say

Blackberry hit with shareholder lawsuit

Iran's Khamenie backs president  
Shutdown" could affect US standing"  
Twitter plans to raise \$1bn in IPO  
US raids al Shabaab stronghold in Somalia

*October 6, 2013*

Police tap social media behavior  
Syria chemical arms removal begins  
US captures Al Qaeda leader  
Libya calls for US raid explanation  
Kerry: Terrorists can "run but they can't hide"  
Fresh clashes in Egypt "kill 51"  
No end in sight for shutdown gridlock

*October 7, 2013*

Top terror suspect to be interrogated at sea  
Rattled DC eyes next crisis  
Kerry defends US Libya capture  
Malala: we must talk to the Taliban  
China warns US to agree debt deal  
Shaba fighters deploy after US raid  
Pakistan bomb targets polio campaign  
Karzai: NATO has caused suffering  
Iraq hit by series of deadly blasts

Light-control drugs to fight bugs  
US credit rating in downward danger  
How the SEAL raid on Somalia went bad

*October 8, 2013*

N. Korea warns US of “disaster”  
Deadly gold rush in Darfur  
The jellyfish are coming  
Higgs boson wins Nobel physics prize  
Libya summons US envoy over raid  
EU calls for big migrant sea mission  
Fusion milestone passed at US lab  
Obama: Republicans using “extortion”  
Suit: UN in cholera cover-up

*October 9, 2013*

Obama to nominate new Fed chief  
Taking over at the top?  
US “to suspend Egyptian military aide”  
Pakistan Taliban “open to talks”  
Kochs: Fret over debt ceiling, not Obamacare  
Discovery “could hold key to Alzheimer’s treatment”

*October 10, 2013*

Stocks soar on hopes of budget deal  
China overtakes US to become biggest oil importer  
Alice Munro wins Nobel Literature prize  
Freed Libyan PM calls for calm  
Snowden's father arrives in Russia  
US army plans "Iron Man" armour  
World adopts landmark mercury treaty  
Madagascar bubonic plaque warning  
Malala Yousafzai wins Sakharov prize  
Scholar has contentious Jesus theory  
US and UN decry Libyan PM abduction  
"We are not Big Brother"

*October 11, 2013*

Syria monitors win Nobel Peace Prize  
Kerry in Afghanistan for key talks  
Sen. Cruz ramps up rhetoric against Obama  
Internal rifts hurting GOP  
Iraq executes 42 people  
New migrant tragedy off Sicily

*October 12, 2013*

US in partial Afghan security deal  
Mediterranean becoming a "cemetery"

Anti-GMO, Monsanto marches around the world

*October 13, 2013*

Many dead in India temple stampede

Long Gaza tunnel found in Israel

World Bank warns on US debt crisis

Drones safe for US skies?

Red Cross team kidnapped in northern Syria

Man sought in McCann disappearance

World temperatures go off the chart by 2047, study says

*October 14, 2013*

China blasts US crisis, calls for new order

Canada to again fund clearing of cluster bombs in Laos

Arms team in Syria short-truce plea

Malaysia court rules on "Allah" use

Italy steps up migrant boat patrols

Cancer costing Europe "billions"

GM "golden rice" opponents wicked

Taliban attack Bagram airfield

*October 15, 2013*

Iran makes pitch at nuke talks

Is lightning the future of clean energy?

Washington's truly dangerous cliff hanger

Sicily declares migrant emergency

Starving Syrians "can eat dogs"

Pope appoints new right-hand man

Report: Arafat poisoned?

Filner admits to three crimes

Conservative Catholics fret over Pope Francis

Libyan denies US embassy bombings

Fitch warns on US credit rating

Pope's views revolutionary?

*October 16, 2013*

The world is watching: Will the US default?

Iran "may" allow snap nuclear checks

Meteorite pulled from Russian lake

Canada and EU reach tentative free-trade deal, sources say

US Senate reaches fiscal deal

DOW soars on budget deal

US Congress approves debt deal

*October 17, 2013*

Where Hyenas are used to treat mental illness

Will Congress ever learn its lesson?

All pain, no gain for GOP

The panda cam comes back  
Syria inspectors “turned back”  
Air pollution causes cancer-WHO

*October 18, 2013*

Good sleep scrubs brain clean  
Canada and Europe sign historic trade deal  
Indian police arrest crew of US ship  
Saudi Arabia turns down UN seat  
No secret files in Russia-Snowden  
US warns of new terror target  
Google share prices rise above \$1000

*October 19, 2013*

Deadly Somali bomb targets soldiers  
Two-year office ban for Berlusconi  
JP Morgan “faces record \$13bn fine”

*October 20, 2013*

Deadly truck bombs rocks Syrian city  
Peek-a-boo: the secrets of baby laughter  
The most expensive capital in the world

Suicide bombers hit Iraqi officials  
Syria's terrifying new refugee crisis  
Egypt police clash with students  
Baghdad café hit by suicide bombing  
US quietly restarts aide to Pakistan  
Scientists tap cows for natural gas

*October 21, 2013*

Smog shuts city of 11 million  
“Ugly truth” radicals rely on to incite terrorism  
French outrage of US spying claims  
Kenya CCTV “show soldiers looting”  
Cheney: Heart implant hack credible  
Syria: Polio outbreak fears

*October 22, 2013*

Report: Drones violate law  
All eyes on Apple event  
Saudis to “shift” away from US  
Syrian opposition urged to join talks  
Exoplanet tally soars above 1,000  
White House admits drones killed civilians  
US agency “hacked French diplomats”  
Deep disapproval

Syria: Polio epidemic fears grow

*October 23, 2013*

Military exercises ignited largest of Australian wildfires

Amputation, stoning among penalties in Brunei's new criminal law

US: French tapping claims "false"

Light as Air

Vatican suspends "bishop of bling"

Detroit's bankruptcy case in court

Prince George being christened at Chapel Royal

Merkel concern at "US phone spying"

Explosion near airport in Damascus

BoA found liable for 2008 fraud

*October 24, 2013*

Corruption, massive protests. Is Eastern Europe coming undone?

US Ambassador summoned in Merkel row

Pakistan "endorsed US drone strikes"

Portuguese police reopen McCann case

Merkel hits out over spying scandal

Pirates kidnap two Americans near Nigeria

Seven-planet solar system found

*October 25, 2013*

No leads in hunt for US sailors  
US spying “may harm terror fight”  
FBI on the hunt for eBay “fraudster”  
Twitter float could raise \$1.4bn  
German spy chiefs set to visit US

*October 26, 2013*

Cruz: Govt shutdown was worth it  
New title for Kim Jong Un (Dr. Leader)  
Warning signs of bubbly stocks  
Iran “hangs 16 rebels” in reprisal  
Serbia state funeral for Tito widow  
Some Saudi women defy driving ban  
Cruz on Cheney shooting: “It happens”  
Residents sue DuPont over cancer  
Japan will “stand up to China” – Abe  
Syria: Kurds seize border crossing  
US “bugged Merkel’s phone from 2002”

*October 27, 2013*

Kill a rhino for “Save the Rhino”  
Little reflection for GOP after shutdown  
Marchers protest NSA spying  
New reports deepen US-Merkel spy row

Car bombs cause Baghdad carnage

Syria meets key deadline in chemical weapons destruction program

Pope marks 10M Twitter followers

US reportedly spying in Spain, more

Obama “not told of Merkel bugging”

*October 28, 2013*

US tries to sooth allies over NSA spying

Spain: US must explain “monitoring”

SA wants ANC off US terror list

Penn State to pay \$59.7 million

US kills 2 in Kenyan mall terror group

*October 29, 2013*

Chernobyl’s aftermath: Evacuating Pripyat

War-weary Iraqis scared to leave home

Spy chiefs to face Congress

Why America doesn’t work

Polio outbreak in Syria confirmed

Japan banks in yakuza gangster probe

Rabobank fined \$1bn over Libor

Starved Syrians flee Damascus suburbs

Captain’s lover on Concordia bridge

Turkey tunnel links Europe and Asia

Soldiers jailed for Westgate looting

DOW Jones hits record high

Intel chief: We've spied on our friends for years

*October 30, 2013*

Obama no longer the world's most powerful

Little boy's rare, sweet moment with the Pope

The Snowden leaks explained

Germans in US talks over spy claims

Forgotten Bitcoins buy man home

"Kate Middleton" of N. Korea

World faces "global wine shortage"

*October 31, 2013*

Syria chemical equipment destroyed

Russian job for whistleblower Snowden

Fannie Mae sues bank over Libor

Poultry markets "huge bird flu role"

Google outrage at "NSA hacking"

Israel hits Hezbollah's missiles from Russia

*November 1, 2013*

Syria chemical equipment destroyed

Kerry admits spying went too far

Germany “third” gender becomes law

US cuts food aide benefits for poor

Gunman opens fire at LAX

Taliban leader killed in US drone strike

Germany wants Snowden spying details

Barclay suspends currency traders

Iraq leader asks US for help

*November 2, 2013*

Malaysia protests in spying row

Germany and Brazil in UN spy draft

Egypt’s satirist TV show suspended

Mehsud killing: “death of peace plan”

Pussy riot prisoner “gone missing”

Tortured Chilean wins compensation

Journalists taken and killed in Mali

*November 3, 2013*

Lawsuits claim Love Canal still oozing

Did Syria’s Assad get away with gas attack?

Polio in Syria: global setback

Kerry urges stability on Egypt visit

Schumer backs Hillary for 2016

Climate change draft report predicts war, heat waves, starvation

No clemency for Snowden

*November 4, 2013*

Call hurts US-Saudi alliance

Christie faces fork in the road for 2016

Blackberry sales halted

Morsi tells judge "I am president"

Habitable planets in billions

UN: Millions more Syrians need aid

*November 5, 2013*

Masters' unknown works in Nazi trove

Don't let a windfall sink you

DR Congo: Peace in our time

India launches spacecraft to Mars

US voters head to bellwether polls

North Korea reveals warship sinking

Toronto mayor admits smoking crack

Spy claims: Berlin calls in UK envoy

Pope Francis' latest surprise: a survey on the modern family

*November 6, 2013*

Democrats win NYC and Virginia polls

Deadly blast hits central Damascus

Explosions by China Communist office

Embattled Toronto mayor “to stay on”

Widow: Arafat was poisoned

Arafat “may have been poisoned”

DOW closes at all time high

*November 7, 2013*

Saudi nuclear weapons “on order” from Pakistan

Arafat polonium findings confirmed

Syria army retakes key rebel enclave

Japan to remove Fukushima fuel rods

Spy chief: Terrorists gleeful

FDA wants to ban trans fats

“Drunk” Toronto mayor in murder rant

\$1.2 M hack shows why you should never store Bitcoins on the Internet

*November 8, 2013*

“Most powerful storm ever to hit landfall”

World powers try to seal Iran deal

Israel “rejects” Iran deal

Palestinians eye Israel over Arafat

Kristallnacht: 75 years on

Anti-Semitism “on the rise in Europe”

Toronto mayor “may seek treatment”

Europe a “polio risk” from Syria

*November 9, 2013*

Super Typhoon death toll estimates hit “1200”

Pirate plunder: US ship spotted in Nigeria

Powers must “seize moment” on Iran

Lung cancer cases soar in Beijing

Thai planes raise Cambodian tension

*November 10, 2013*

Authorities: Death toll could reach thousands

No nuclear deal with Iran

Deadly clashes in Saudi capital

Hague: Iran nuclear deal can be done

Pakistani schools ban Malala’s book

“It was like a tsunami”: Philippines stunned by Typhoons devastation

Kenya to repatriate Somali refugees

*November 11, 2013*

Kerry: Deal struck on Iran

“Venezuela’s Best Buy” seized

Philippines devastations is bedlam

Will France make paying for sex a crime?

Iran “backed out of nuclear deal”

Disputed temple land “is Cambodian”  
Indian Mars mission hits a snag  
DOW hits another record  
Polio strain in Syria spreading in region  
Public health crisis growing in Philippines

*November 12, 2013*

“The rest of the world needs to get mobilized”  
Poll: Christie no sure thing for GOP in 2016  
Iran blames West for talk failures  
Egypt “worst in Arab women’s rights”  
Chinese leaders unveil reforms  
Poll: Trend look good for Clinton in 2016  
Egypt lifting state of emergency  
Sudan polio vaccination “blocked”  
Indian Mars mission snag “resolved”  
Death toll may be far less grim than thought

*November 13, 2013*

Anarchy in Philippines  
Aftermath a “staggering mess”  
Officers call for Navy yard hearings  
Ford bought drugs in last two years  
Afghan opium harvest at record high

World's oldest animal found, killed

*November 14, 2013*

US carrier boosts typhoon effort

Hundreds held over Canada child porn

Emissions drive oceans "acid trip"

Bombs strike Iraqi Shia processions

Jailed Pussy Riot singer "found"

Toronto mayor sorry again

Typhoon death toll surges past 4,400

Comet ISON now visible

*November 15, 2013*

China to loosen one-child policy

Syrian rebel "beheaded by mistake"

Female genital mutilation "rising"

Toronto mayor's obscene outburst

Council votes to cut Ford's power

Albania shuns Syria chemical weapons

US & Iran "close" to nuke deal

Feds reveal what the really think about Bitcoins

*November 16, 2013*

Why wasn't Philippines better prepared?

Typhoon aide trickles in  
Sri Lanka leader warns of hypocrisy  
US quietly offer Benghazi bounty  
Corruption's role in Philippine disaster

*November 17, 2013*

Aquino criticizes typhoon response  
Kerry to Israel for talks  
Huge bomb hits Syria government site  
Qatar workers "treated like animals"

*November 18, 2013*

City budgets in tatters, with help from Wall St.  
Why JFK conspiracies endure  
DOW tops 16,000: S&P cracks 1,800  
Europe tut-tuts while African migrants die at its doorstep  
Bored? Hunt for dark matter  
Toronto mayor to lose more powers  
Top Syrian rebel commander dies  
Fukushima begins fuel rod removal  
NASA's Maven Mars mission launches  
"Selfie" named word of the year

*November 19, 2013*

“It is unlikely that we will ever know total typhoon toll”

Rob Ford: “I haven’t touched a drop of alcohol for three weeks”

Twin blasts hit Iran Beirut embassy

As China looms, the US ponders ways not to destroy Bitcoins

Afghan war may be nowhere near over

Toronto mayor: “I’m not perfect”

Ford loses TV show after one day

*November 20, 2013*

Iran warning ahead of nuclear talks

Beirut on edge

JP Morgan in record \$13bn settlement

Syrian army captures town of Qara

*November 21, 2013*

Volcanic eruption raises new island

Afghan leader: I don’t trust US

“Trying to be strong”: Typhoon victims struggle

“Why we don’t use condoms”

Is Yoga religious?

Dozens killed in Iraq car bombing

Women “held as slaves for 30 years”

When we lose antibiotics, here is everything else we’ll lose too

Drone kills alleged Taliban

Israelis hardnosed about Iran  
Extraterrestrial neutrinos detected on Earth  
Is Snapchat taking over social media?  
You can now pay your university tuition with Bitcoins

*November 22, 2013*

Why Kennedy's death still haunts Americans  
Did Kennedy die at the hands of the mob?  
Philippines typhoon death toll tops 5,200  
Psychological impact of the deadly typhoon  
China "flies first stealth drone"  
Slave case pair arrested in the 1970s  
US-Afghan clash on pact timetable  
Berlusconi was "director" of sex parties, court docs say  
Kerry to join Iran nuclear talks

*November 23, 2013*

"Monkey" taunt rocks France  
Could DOW really hit 20,000?  
"Slavery" women met in "collective"  
"Narrow gaps" at Iran nuclear talks  
Egypt expels Turkish ambassador  
Teachers seized in Pakistan  
Last minute deal saves climate talks

Pope warns against money in sport  
Iran nuclear talks down to “fine print” stage  
Food waste, overeating threaten global security  
Officials: Iran nuclear deal reached

*November 24, 2013*

Obama: Iran deal “first step” toward solution  
Afghan president wants “peace” first  
Cuba communism-free zones?  
Iran agrees to curb nuclear activity  
Syrian children “targeted by snipers”  
Possible date set for Scotts independence

*November 25, 2013*

Israel dismayed over dangerous deal  
Syria peace talks set for January  
Bitcoin is flawed but it will still take over the world  
Iran curbs “may be eased next month”  
Slave suspects “ex-Maoists activists”  
Thai capital rocked by protests  
Could Putin-pope visit signal end of rift?

*November 26, 2013*

US to Karzai: Sign deal or else troops will leave

Scotland sets own course

Has Brazil bitten off more than it can chew?

Pope calls for radical church reform

Mexorcism

Thai protestors surround ministries

UN demands action on CAR “chaos”

Pontiff attacks “idolatry of money”

Spies fear Snowden “doomsday”

US planes challenge China air zone

Modern life “turning people off sex”

*November 27, 2013*

“Armed Islamists” arrested in Moscow

China “monitored” path of US bombers

NSA “plan to shame web-porn users”

Thai protestors close crime agency

3 dead in World Cup stadium collapse

US, China flex muscles amidst growing strain

Parliament expels Berlusconi

The magic number: Bitcoin prices top \$1000

Steel colossus

DOW, S&P hit new highs

Thailand coup is “not imminent”

US, China rattle sabers

*November 28, 2013*

Canada “allowed” NSA spying at G20  
Political world already tired of 2016 buzz  
Hunger crisis grips Syria  
Putin rewriting history books?  
How I lost a \$7.5M Bitcoin fortune  
More nations defy China’s air zone  
Why did the Pope resign?  
Why does Bitcoin have value?  
No plans to move World Cup – FIFA  
Thai PM urges protest end after vote  
Comet ISON set to graze the Sun  
China sends warplanes to air zone  
Plan to destroy Syria weapons at sea  
Comet ISON “destroyed in Sun path”

*November 29, 2013*

Oil boom brings gas prices down in US  
German policeman “eats” another man  
Eighteen abducted Iraqis found dead  
EU rejects Russia “veto” on Ukraine  
Thai PM rules out early election  
Hope still for “dead” Comet ISON

Dengue fever risk for World Cup fans

China air force on “high alert”

Comet ISON not dead yet

Mali Tuareg group ends “cease-fire”

Is Bitcoins future in China?

*November 30, 2013*

Russia “rust-belt” suffers

US to destroy Syria chemicals

How art can make us happier

Shots fired at Thailand protests

India probe begins journey to Mars

*December 1, 2013*

Chinese parents say no to 2 kids

Actor Paul Walker, 40, dies in car crash (*ironic as he was the star of the Fast and Furious movies*)

“People’s coup” in Thailand

Why is Putin always late?

Suicide bomber hits funeral in Iraq

Clashes as huge rally grips Kiev

Thai PM “given two-day ultimatum”

China launches Moon rover mission

Croatia “to ban same-sex marriage”

“Memories” pass through generations

*December 2, 2013*

Why Karzai plays \$4B poker game with US

UN implicates Assad in war crimes

Thai PM rejects resignation demand

Kiev protestors blockade key sites

Ukraine PM sounds coup warning

*December 3, 2013*

Terror suspects sue Poland over CIA (*rendition*)

Men and Women “wired differently”

Detroit given bankruptcy protection

Arafat “probably not poisoned”

Thai police remove key barriers

BP gets Gulf payouts suspended

Americans see US in decline-survey

*December 4, 2013*

Syrian rebels turn homes into weapon factories

Hezbollah senior commander killed

Biden bid to ease China tensions

Radioactive truck “stolen in Mexico”

Mandela in fight from “deathbed”

Stolen nuclear hauler found

Leg bone gives up oldest human DNA

Biden urges Chinese to test leaders

*December 5, 2013*

Radioactive container found opened

Big majority of Afghans fear American troops

Biden: Talks direct with China

Pope sets up child abuse committee

US fast-food workers in strike

Double attack on key Yemen ministry

Radiation may kill thieves

Rob Ford scandal: Why haven't charges been laid?

Bitcoin trade ban for Chinese banks

Anti-apartheid icon Mandela dies at 95

Warning of genocide in CAR

*December 6, 2013*

World mourns "icon of icons" Nelson Mandela

Al-Qaeda claims Yemen ministry raid

*My Dad died today*

Police block Mexico hospital, report: six may have radiation

Huge alien planet found

Russia and Ukraine seek partnership

*December 7, 2013*

US labeled Mandela a terrorist until '08

Strikers starve for immigration reform

Is N. Korea a meth hub?

SA to hold daily Mandela cortege

WTO agrees global trade agreement

Court frees pro-Morsi protest women

Arrests over Mexico radiation truck

Syrian Jihadists "use Turkey bases"

French reinforcements fan out in CAR

Huge African troop surge for CAR

Russia-Ukraine "closer on gas price"

*December 8, 2013*

Mandela remembered with day of prayer

Huge pro-EU protest in Ukraine

Thai opposition MPs pledge to resign

French troops reach tense CAR town

S Korea expands air defense zone

*December 9, 2013*

World leaders head to S. Africa

Police dismantled Kiev protest camps

Thai PM Yingluck calls election

Security headache as world leaders gather

Ex-San Diego mayor sentenced

US orders planes to Africa

Huge memorial service for Mandela

Goodbye Uncle

*December 10, 2013*

Mandela lauded as a “giant of history”

Two French soldiers killed in CAR

S Korea says North in “terror reign”

Diplomats bid the end Ukraine crisis

Deadly Argentina looting spreads

Obama shakes hands with Cuba’s Castro

Will Rodman ad drive his friend Kim Jong Un nuts?

Did Kenya shooters get away?

Madagascar village “hit by plague”

*December 11, 2013*

Thousands line up to view Mandela casket

Time chooses Pope Francis as Person of the Year

India court reinstates gay sex ban

Ukraine police abandon stand-off

US and UK suspend Syria rebel aid

Putin orders Arctic military boost

Bitcoins rise constrained by heists and lost fortunes

RSB fined \$100m by US regulators

US considers sanctions against Ukraine

*December 12, 2013*

Australia bans gay marriage

Villagers fear stolen cobalt-60

SA probes Mandela interpreter checks

Ukraine leader "still wants EU deal"

Spain to block Catalonia referendum

Problem hits ISS cooling system

Mandela interpreter speaks out

Bangladesh hangs Islamist leader

Former Icelandic bank bosses jailed

North Korea executes Kim Jong Un's uncle

Loophole helps arm baddies?

US captive in Iran said to be CIA

*December 13, 2013*

Muted impact of wage protests

N Korea purge sparks stability fears

"Set the country ablaze"

EU failing Syrian refugees-Amnesty

Mandela viewing ends with final rush

Ukrainian court frees protestors  
Pakistan polio attacks-three dead  
Tibetans displaced “amid mining”  
Belgian senate votes to extend euthanasia to children  
Iraq pipeline attack kills Iranians  
“Rebel attack” kills Syria civilians

*December 14, 2013*

Mandela makes final journey home  
Is virtual mining for Bitcoins a good idea?  
N Korea summons “people from China”  
China puts Jade Rabbit rover on Moon  
Ukraine president suspends mayor  
Iran claims it has captured MI6 spy  
Mali attack kills UN peacekeepers  
Iran “sends second monkey to space”

*December 15, 2013*

Pope Francis: I’m no Marxist  
Nelson Mandela buried at ancestral home  
Kim Jong Un’s aunt promoted  
EU halts work on Ukraine trade deal  
“Barrel-bombs” fall on Syrian city  
McCain: US can act on Ukraine-Russia ties

*December 16, 2013*

Libyans confident despite rise of militias

NSA considering Snowden amnesty

Explosive alert evacuates Harvard

Troops shot on Israel-Lebanon border

Huge poll win for Chilean left

South Sudan “quashes coup attempt”

UN launches record Syria aid appeal

Judge: NSA program unconstitutional

White House rejects Snowden amnesty

Russian missile reports sparks fears

UK Afghan mission accomplished-PM

Iraq suffers day of deadly violence

*December 17, 2013*

South Sudan clashes: “Dozens killed”

India-US diplomat row escalates

The next Mandela

Russia slashes Ukraine gas price

Snowden offers to help Brazil spying probe

Aleppo hospitals “overwhelmed”

Pope shakes up his Bishops

NASA orders urgent spacewalk

Diplomats arrest & search called “barbaric”

*December 18, 2013*

Bitcoin price plunges

India MP’s “fury at envoys US arrest”

Candy Crush addiction

“I’m not keeping a dime of it”

Morsi faces Egypt terrorism charge

China confirms US warship incident

Half UK “suitable for fracking”

Who owns the world’s biggest Bitcoin wallet? The FBI

Report calls for overhaul of NSA tactics

Stocks soar as Fed trims stimulus

For sale: US green cards

Kerry “regrets” India diplomatic row

Ukraine saved from bankruptcy – PM

Fighting spreads in South Sudan

Russia approves prisoner amnesty

*December 19, 2013*

Putin: Russian Punk duo to be freed

Syria’s young: Hungry, hopeless and homeless

Putin to pardon “Khodorkovsky”

India demands US apology over row

Rebels take key South Sudan town  
Yanukovich tells West to keep out  
South Sudan fighters storm UN base

*December 20, 2013*

Report: N Korea makes threat via fax  
Deadly growing pains in world's newest country  
Uganda enacts life in jail for gays  
S Sudan on precipice, Obama warns  
Khodorkovsky "flying to Germany"  
Canada prostitution laws struck down  
UN condemns deadly S Sudan attacks  
Court rules on 9-11 lawsuits: Families can sue Saudi Arabia  
Red Lobster in hot water  
Amish cash out, flee oil boom in Ohio

*December 21, 2013*

Astronauts start critical space station repairs  
Thai opposition to boycott elections  
S Sudan evacuation aircraft fired on  
Morsi to face third criminal trial  
China denounces Japan military plans  
First repair spacewalk ends safely  
S Sudan rebels "control key state"

Bomb attack kills officers in Iraq

Syria rebels explode huge bomb

*December 22, 2013*

Protestors swarm Thai capital

Khodorkovsky vows to help prisoners

Libya first suicide bomb kills seven

Pope's most powerful phrase of the year (*Who am I to judge?*)

Canada's newsmaker of the year: Rob Ford

Egypt jails three leading activists

Melt water reservoir lurks under ice

*December 23, 2013*

Russia frees jailed Pussy Riot pair

S Sudan army readies for new assault

Al-Qaeda apologizes for Yemen attack

Thai protestors block poll stadium

UN warns over South Sudan violations

Foursquare's new money means Facebook isn't everything

Creator of Kalashnikov rifle dies

How AK-47 rewrote the rules of modern warfare

*December 24, 2013*

Snowden says "mission accomplished"

Egypt suicide blast kills 12

“Mass grave” found in South Sudan

Royal pardon for code breaker Turing

Branson calls for Uganda boycott

Thousands dead in S Sudan UN says

Lampedusa migrant centre cleared

Khodorkovsky applies for Swiss visa

*December 25, 2013*

Bombs kill at least 37 in Baghdad

Pope wishes for “better world” in address

Pope urges aide access to Syria

Christian areas hit by Baghdad bombs

Bitcoin Santas drop big money on hackers who have been nice

Egypt declares Brotherhood “terrorist group”

End mass surveillance, says Snowden

Astronauts repair space station pump

*December 26, 2013*

Anger over Japan PM’s visit to war shrine

Thailand rejects election delay call

Crisis talks held in South Sudan

CAR unrest kills Chad peacekeepers

Russia says Arafat not poisoned

*December 27, 2013*

S Sudan government “agrees to truce”

Japan close to esc lawful, judge says

Bitcoin exchanges shutdown in India after government warning

China reforms one-child policy

*December 28, 2013*

Cairo campus torched amidst protests

Strike on Syria market “kills 21”

Iraq troops arrest MP in deadly raid

India steps up US diplomatic row

Assad sends secret message to Pope

S Sudan rebel youths in war march

Chadians evacuated from CAR conflict

Are state gay-marriage bans in jeopardy?

*December 29, 2013*

Suicide bomber hits Russia station

Barrel bombs “kills 517 in Aleppo”

S Sudan “wildcard” army worries UN

Saudi “\$3bn grant” for Lebanon army

Thousands join fresh Ukraine protest

Fears for S Sudan children

*December 30, 2013*

Rush-hour blast kills 14 in Russia

“Millionaire tax” looms in France

Michael Schumacher in critical condition after ski accident

DR Congo “repulses terror attacks”

Lebanese troops fire at Syrian jets

Third deadly attack in four days rocks Russia

IOC “confident” despite Russia bombs

Schumacher family in bedside vigil

S Sudan Kiir rules out power share

*December 31, 2013*

“Slight improvement” of racing legend

S Sudan rivals to open peace talks

Children “beheaded” in CAR conflict

Putin vows to “destroy terrorists”

US hails Guantanamo “milestone”

N Korea leader hails purge of uncle

*January 1, 2014*

Schumacher critical but stabilized

UN calls for truce in S Sudan

Latvia joins the euro zone

Pope urges tolerance to end violence

Deadly car bomb hits Mogadishu hotel

*January 2, 2014*

Schumacher critical but stabilized

Security forces fight Iraq militants

South Sudan fighting ahead of talks

Colorado cannabis customers swarm

Five killed in Beirut car bomb

Schumacher a “fighter”- family

Pope nearly triples Vatican crowds

Toronto mayor runs for re-election

*January 3, 2014*

Gruesome death for Kim’s uncle

Report: Jang eaten alive by dogs

Inside our childhood asthma epidemic

Militants “still hold Iraq cities”

Vigil to mark Schumacher birthday

South Sudan ceasefire talks begin

Facebook sued over message “scan”

Pope: Culture creates “little monsters”

Israel tests missile shield

Ted Cruz still Canadian as immigration lawyers express confusion

Number of displaced in CAR nearly “doubles”

Massive meth sting in China

Schumacher helmet camera “examined”

First S Sudan talks “fruitful”

New bid to collect Syrian toxic arms

Sticker shock on legal pot

*January 4, 2014*

“Mother lode of cold” may shatter records

Schumacher health reports irk family

Talks on South Sudan truce delayed

Special zone for Sochi protests

Violence as Bangladesh poll looms

South Sudan ceasefire talks open

Iraq government “loses Fallujah”

Al-Qaeda under attack in north Syria

*January 5, 2014*

Kerry: US won’t send troops to Iraq

Protecting Putin’s Olympics

South Sudan general killed in ambush

Clashes in boycotted Bangladesh poll

Pope Francis to visit Holy Land

New York “to relax marijuana laws”

States confirm pollution from drilling  
Residents flee Fallujah amidst blitz  
Khodorkovsky arrives in Switzerland  
Triple star system “can reveal secrets of gravity”

*January 6, 2014*

Rodman back in N Korea  
Bitcoin crosses \$1000 on Zynga move  
Iraq PM urges militants’ expulsion  
Sudan president in Juba for talks  
Utah same-sex marriage put on hold  
N Korea execution report likely false  
Yellen confirmed as next Fed chair  
Sudans “consult on oilfield force”

*January 7, 2014*

US speeds up Iraq military support  
Schumacher’s wife in privacy appeal  
Spanish princess summoned over fraud  
First chemical weapons leave Syria  
“No Aids, no beer”  
JP Morgan to pay \$1.7bn over Madoff  
Syria “too dangerous” to count the dead: UN  
Threat to “massacre” al-Qaida

*January 8, 2014*

Rodman sings Happy Birthday to Kim

Rebel Jihadist Aleppo HQ “seized”

Could a Civil-war era law stamp out Bitcoin?

Thousands flee South Sudan oil city

Emails tie Christie to scandal

Space station life “to be extended”

UN warns of CAR humanitarian crisis

H5N1 bird flu death confirmed in Alberta, 1st in North America

US intel: Osama bin Laden avatar could recruit terrorists online for centuries

*January 9, 2014*

Five questions Christie needs to answer

MEP seek video link with Snowden

Germany to destroy Syria weapons

EU bee shortage threatens crops

Universe measured to 1% accuracy

“Like Darfur, plus anarchy” (CAR)

Japan plans nuclear meltdown for research

Russia alert after discovery

After crackdown, a new Bitcoin King immerses in China

Christie fires aide for “bridgegate”

Afghan “Taliban inmates” to be freed

S Sudan army moves on rebel cities  
Diplomat indicted and asked to leave US  
In Norway, everyone is now a millionaire, thanks to oil

*January 10, 2014*

Marijuana shortage in Colorado  
Six questions linger in Christie's bridge fiasco  
US jobless rate at five year low  
S Sudan troops "recapture oil city"  
CAR interim president resigns  
China "overtakes" US as top trader  
Bitcoin stares down impending apocalypse (again)  
Feds will recognize Utah gay marriages  
Target breach affected 70 million  
US diplomat to leave Delhi embassy  
Christie sued over bridge scandal  
"World's first" Bitcoin insured vault

*January 11, 2014*

Former Israeli Prime Minister Sharon dies  
Christie official went to watch bridge closure  
Egypt army chief eyes presidency bid  
"No stand-off" with US says India  
Former CAR leader "goes into exile"

S Sudan urges to release prisoners  
Gunman fire on Bangkok protestors  
Impeachment risk for Christie?

*January 12, 2014*

Republicans stand by Christie-for now  
New Russia scare: five arrested  
BP loses bid over Gulf oil payouts  
UN concern over besieged Syrians  
New pro-EU rally held in Ukraine  
Iran, world powers agree on nuclear deal  
CAR residents “hug” in truce hopes

*January 13, 2014*

Did Christie misuse Sandy relief money?  
Protestors launch Bangkok “shutdown”  
CAR cannibal “ate man as revenge”  
India hails polio-free “milestone”  
Pope decries “horrific” abortions  
Burial service held for Sharon  
Teen sexter convicted for child porn  
Car bomb kills at least 21 in Iraq  
Octomom Suleman charged with welfare fraud  
US-UK “may rethink Syria support”

New CAR leader says chaos is over

*January 14, 2014*

Christie tries to change the subject

Egypt holds vote on new constitution

Inside China's animal cloning factory

Many drown fleeing S Sudan fighting

Fears over Nigeria's new anti-gay laws

Pine Island Glacier's retreat "irreversible"

Madoff costs hurt JP Morgan profits

Lions "facing extinction in West Africa"

US slams Israeli remarks on Kerry

Christie: "Mistakes were clearly made"

Federal court guts net neutrality rules

Israel apologizes for Kerry comment

*January 15, 2014*

"Half of Syrians" in urgent need

Global economy "at turning point"

Dozens killed in Iraq bomb attacks

Judge strikes down Oklahoma's Gay marriage ban, calls Supreme Court's bluff

Pope cleans house at bank

Benghazi attack "preventable"

"High turnout" in Egypt referendum

Heat stops play at Australian Open  
A real estate “bubble”?  
Vatican to face UN sex abuse panel  
Philippines web abuse ring smashed  
Birds “V formation” mystery finally solved

*January 16, 2014*

UN slams Vatican for sex abuse “cover up”  
Smog cloud chokes Beijing  
Christie,, Clinton in tough spot  
Defiant Taliban eye return to power  
Nigerian gets 20 lashes for gay acts  
NSA “collected 200m texts per day”  
Sacramento Kings crowned first pro sports team to accept Bitcoins  
CAR bloodshed could turn in genocide: UN

*January 17, 2014*

Fears grow Schumacher won't wake  
Obama to impose restrictions on NSA  
Syria proposes prisoner exchange  
Uganda leader blocks anti-gay law  
Blast targets Bangkok protest rally  
Silk Road forfeits \$28m in Bitcoins  
Pope defrocked 400 for sex abuse

Kabul restaurant attack “kills 14”

Ukraine anti-protest bill made law

Putin cautions gay visitors to Sochi

The science of the Selfie

*January 18, 2014*

Putin to gays: leave kids alone

Security probe after Kabul attack

“Aid enters” besieged Damascus camp

Army “retakes key South Sudan city”

Syrian opposition to attend Geneva II

His Holiness auctions his Harley

Egyptians approve military backed constitution

“Gay marriage to blame” for floods

*January 19, 2014*

Somali pirates seize ship

Obama tries to woo back Germans, Merkel

More claims against Christie

Cyberattack hits more retailers

Clashes in Kiev after protest ban

Assad: Quitting not up for debate

Putin “friendly” with gay people

New attack on Thai protest camp

Obama: Pot no more dangerous than alcohol

UN invites Iran to Syrian peace talks

Bodies burnt in street in CAR

Berlusconi makes political comeback

*January 20, 2014*

Sochi “surprise”: Video threat to Olympics

Iran halts most uranium work

Iran invite threatens Syria talks

Snowden “may have had Russian help”

CAR elects mayor as new leader

At least 21 die in Baghdad blast

Huge data theft hits South Korea

Vietnam to execute 30 over drugs

Cosmic “web” seen for first time

World’s 85 richest have as much wealth as half the planet’s population

Iran cannot go to Syria talks – US

Hotel where Pope lives went Kosher

Iran invite to Syrian talks withdrawn

*January 21, 2014*

Trump may seek 2016 nomination

Sochi alert: Russia IDs more terror suspects

Obama to meet Pope in March

Farmers frustrated as grain stuck in railway bottleneck

Syria accused of systematic torture

Vatican cleric “laundered millions”

Thailand imposes state of emergency

Russia: Ukraine “out of control”

EU wants big fines for data breaches

Snowden makes university rector bid

Iraq executes 26 for “terrorism”

Ford explains video, Jamaican accent

*January 22, 2014*

IOC says threats aren’t credible

Bird flu spikes in China

Hundreds of Syria kids killed by crossfire

Bitter exchanges as Syria talks open

First killings in Ukraine protest

Thai “red-shirt” protest leader shot

Russia hunts suspected Sochi bomber

Row over rabbit in Mandela statue

GOP’s golden boys stumble

New Rob Ford video leaves council members frustrated and stunned

Gulf over Assad blights Syria talks

Ukraine opposition issues ultimatum

New radioactive water leak at Fukushima plant

Monsanto is going organic in a quest for the perfect veggie

*January 23, 2014*

Pope: Internet is “gift from God”

Crisis talks after Ukraine bloodshed

South Sudan rivals “to sign truce”

UN seeks to bridge Syria divide

Burma mobs “kill 30 Rohingyas”

Powerful super PAC backs Clinton

Ukraine protests spread beyond Kiev

Fukushima fears in BC fuel demand for potassium iodide

US “would engage” with Snowden

Cramer: China’s bad news is bad

South Sudan rivals sign ceasefire

Snowden clemency: “Too far”

*January 24, 2014*

N. Korea calls for end of hostilities

How does Snowden hide?

Syria threatens to quit Geneva talks

Deadly blasts hit Egypt’s capital

Snowden sees no chance of a fair trial

Protestors seize Ukraine offices

Iraq fighting “displaces 140,000”

Fracking will boost UK economy-PM

Syria foes “to meet face-to-face”

JP Morgan’s Dimon gets \$20m pay

Rodman in trouble with N. Korea gifts?

DOW plummets 318 points

*January 25, 2014*

Ukrainian President meets opposition

Egypt anniversary clashes kill 29

Thai activists “will not block vote”

French leader, first lady split

Humanitarian issues top Syria agenda

Ukraine President offers opposition PM position

*January 26, 2014*

Ukrainian opposition rejects offer

Thai protestors block early voting

Ancient Europeans had dark skin, blue eyes

Homs deal at Syria peace talks

Ukraine protests “spread eastward”

Arizona GOP: McCain too liberal

NSA “spied on companies”-Snowden

No gay people in city, says mayor (*Sochi*)

*January 27, 2014*

Vial of Pope's blood stolen

Lung disease kills "Marlborough Man"

Egypt army "backs Sisi candidacy"

"Impasse" on Syria power transfer

Turkey in emergency meeting over lira

China's moon rover hits trouble

Angry Birds may be watching: Snowden docs suggest NSA uses phone apps

Ukraine "to scrap anti-protest law"

US make Bitcoin exchange arrest

CAR crisis getting even worse – UN

"Eating grass to survive"

*January 28, 2014*

Poll: Christie's numbers tanking

Ukraine's PM and government quit

Cancer fighting purple tomatoes harvested in Leamington

British officials warn terror attack in Sochi "very likely to occur"

Hong Kong culls chickens over H7N9

*January 29, 2014*

Ukraine "on brink of civil war"

Schumacher "stable" one month on

Stem cell "major discovery" claimed

Multiple sclerosis “linked to food bug”

Neanderthals gave us disease genes

Facebook revenue surges 63%

Ukraine passes protest amnesty law

“Nothing substantive” from Syria talks

*January 30, 2014*

Ukraine leader defiant amid turmoil

Schumacher’s doctors work to end coma

Homes “deliberately razed” in Syria

Archbishops criticize anti-gay laws

Death sought in Boston bombing

US “concern” at Syria weapon delay

Amanda Know guilty of Kercher murder

Stolen case of Pope blood empty

Mafia hit on tot stuns Italy

*January 31 2014*

Stocks tumble on global fears

UK nuke plant tells workers to stay home

Report: Sochi most costly ever

Ukraine activist “was tortured”

CAR clashes “kills 35” in Bangui

Bitcoins fate in the hands of clueless regulators

Cops recover pope's blood vial  
Syria talks end in recrimination  
Kercher convict found near border  
Ex-official says gov. new of lane closures  
CDC: Biggest virus outbreak in years  
Conrad Black stripped of the Order of Canada  
Warships, agents head to Sochi

*February 1, 2014*

Bridgagate: new twist to pressure Christie  
Know might be sent back  
Speak of the Devil  
Power clash over Ukraine at summit  
Gun battle erupts before Thai poll  
Typhoon victims: Don't forget  
"Food needed" for 3.7m in S Sudan

*February 2, 2014*

Protests disrupt Thai elections  
Income inequality hurting Americans  
Ukraine rally targets Yanukovich  
Barrel-bombs "kill dozens" in Aleppo  
Beaten protestor "to leave Ukraine"

*February 3, 2014*

Starvation and death plaque Syria camp

Christie tries to save his job

Corruption across EU “breathtaking”

Stocks dive again on signs of weak growth

Russia warns Ukraine opposition

US abortion rate “continues decline”

Abortion bill finds Spain a changed country

Baghdad car bombings leave 14 dead

*February 4, 2014*

Games rattle Sochi residents

Delhi losing its clean air war

World facing cancer “tidal wave”

France opens landmark Rwanda trial

Ukraine MPs seek constitution change

“Live” Bitcoin clothes tag shown off

Mysterious theme park is the talk of Sochi

BP boss warns of Scottish uncertainty

Libya “destroys all chemical arms”

*February 5, 2014*

Hackers attack Sochi sites in revenge

UN report: Policies allowed priests to rape children

CSEC's collection of metadata shows ability to "track everyone"

Koreas agree to family reunions

US store chain (CVS) to halt sales of tobacco

Gay protests target Sochi games

New strain of "deadly" flu virus

Shaun White pulls out of slopestyle

The new Snowden revelation is dangerous for anonymous – and for us all

Railway grain backlog prompts farmers to demand action

US warns airlines of toothpaste bombs

How our gadgets track our every move

*February 6, 2014*

Rocky start in Sochi: Skiing session halted

Syria denies chemical weapons delay

Hundreds rescued by Italian navy

US meddling in Ukraine - Putin aide

Pussy Riot members disown pair

Salmon born with "magnetic map"

Where are all the foreign fans?

Sochi: Is Putin's rumored flame lighting flame?

Leaked Ukraine call embarrasses US

How Amazon forced CVS to stop selling cigarettes

Smile for the hidden bathroom camera?

Guilty verdict in epic insider trading case

CDC: New virus strain caused cruise outbreak

*February 7, 2014*

Homs evacuation finally starts

Californians asked to power down

Merkel condemns US over EU insult

Sochi prepares for opening ceremonies

Holy spokes

Earliest footprints outside Africa found in Norfolk

Scottish independence: Seven months to save UK, Cameron says

Virus outbreak hits historic resort

Subprime home loans are back

Icelanders to enjoy virtual cash giveaway

The Jewish fear of intermarriage

Bitcoins oldest exchange, now in shambles, suspends payouts

*February 8, 2014*

Sochi protests linked to historic genocide

Olympic gaffe already on t-shirts

Two quakes strike near Fukushima as US Sailors sue over cleanup

Mortar fire breaks Homs truce

Aid convoy fired on in besieged Homs

Feds to extend same-sex benefits

Iran sending warships close to US border

*February 9, 2014*

Swiss immigration vote “split 50-50”

Ukraine places forces on alert

Benedict “at peace” after leaving papacy

Paul slams Hillary ‘16

CAR Muslims “could all have to flee”

“Hundreds” evacuated from Syria city

*February 10, 2014*

Clinton buzz hurts others Dems

Thai protest leader arrested

Hope of new Homs truce as talks end

Flood-swollen Thames threatens houses

Bitcoins political problems

Bitcoin dogged by tech troubles

Car bomb teacher accidentally kills 21 students

Alarm as Kabul records polio case

*February 11, 2014*

China and Taiwan hold historic talks

Huge hack ugly “sign of future”

US official: Karzai won’t OK bill

US-Italy mob busted

Building a new space age in Mojave Desert

UN concerned about Homs detainees

“Mask” virus aims at governments

“First UK suicide bomber” in Syria

Drone strike mulled to kill American

French and US “trust restored”

Are Sochi’s problems overstated?

Where is it illegal to be gay?

Serbs found guilty of Kosovo murders

Vultures: Halting killer diseases

*February 12, 2014*

China’s Jade Rabbit lunar rover dies on the moon

Spain abortion bill challenge fails

UN sends more aid into Homs

“Ethnic cleansing” of CAR Muslims

Anbar violence “displaces 300,000”

CAR leader “declares war” on militias

Cyber- attack disrupts Bitcoin trades

Five arrested in dark net crackdown

Nuclear fusion hits energy milestone

*February 13, 2014*

NSA employee let Snowden use log-in

Prisoners in US-Afghan row freed

Putin backs Sisi “presidency bid”  
Syrian rebel stronghold bombarded  
Cruz move puts GOP in bind  
Belgium approves child euthanasia  
Italian PM Enrico Letta resigns  
DOW rises; bad news ignored

*February 14, 2014*

NSA workers disciplined over leaks  
Silk Road 2 loses \$2.7m in Bitcoins  
Matteo Renzi set to be Italian PM  
Virginia gay marriage ban overturned  
France to boost CAR military force  
Somalia arms “diverted to al-Shabab”  
Geneva talks on Syria “deadlocked”  
Record Cesium levels recorded at reactor 1 (again)

*February 15, 2014*

Syria’s US-born rebels a security “nightmare”  
UN sorry over Syria talk failures  
Troops try to disarm militia in CAR  
Merkel proposes secure European web  
Syria blamed for talks failure

*February 16, 2014*

Morsi lawyers walk out of trial  
Ukraine protestors end occupation  
Deadly bombing hits Egypt tour bus  
Barosso: Scot EU bid “difficult”  
Kerry urges climate change action  
Four dead in Tunisia militant attack  
Ukraine amnesty to come into force  
NSA allies “spied on US law firm”  
Push to legalize pot hits Latin America  
Obama warns Uganda over anti-gay law  
Boko Haram “in village massacre”  
Report: Christie pal monitored traffic

*February 17, 2014*

Kerry: Assad “stonewalling”  
N. Korea crimes “must be punished”  
New GM potatoes can resist blight  
Renzi asked to form Italy government  
Russia to give Ukraine new tranche  
Chicago goes to war with Asian carp

*February 18, 2014*

Activist rockers accused of theft

IOC: Sochi was in crisis mode  
“Deadly” clashes erupt in Ukraine  
Iran nuclear talks open in Vienna  
Thai police clash with protestors  
Fighting “ends” S Sudan ceasefire  
Waves of Iraq blasts “kills many”  
Police storm main Kiev protest camp  
Venezuela protest leader in custody  
Snowden gets his own action figure

*February 19, 2014*

Americans in Kiev told to stay put  
West vs. Russia tug-of-war: 25 dead in Ukraine  
Talk of revolution in Kiev  
Why Russia wants Ukraine  
US warship never got to Sochi  
Alarm at worst Kiev violence  
Bitcoin exchange prices plummet as investors brace for bankruptcy  
Violence spreads beyond Kiev  
Ukraine Presidents sacks army chief  
US: Ukraine may face “consequences”  
Ukraine president agrees truce

*February 20, 2014*

Calif. water supplies dangerously low

At least 21 protestors dead in Kiev

Ukraine truce comes to a violent end

Two Koreas hold family reunions

Fukushima leaks radioactive water

Ukraine unrest: EU sanctions imposed

Lemurs in peril: “Extinctions could be very soon” if nothing done

Is Ukraine opposition taking a radical turn?

*February 21, 2014*

NM officials say nuke waste leak plugged

Ukraine rivals agree early election

Convoy of terror

Ukraine credit rating cut by S&P

No water for Calif. Farmers

Obama meets Dalai Lama

Fed failed to grasp 2008 crisis

Detroit files bankruptcy plan

CNN “expelled from Venezuela”

Obama Dalai Lama chat irks China

Protests at Arizona “anti-gay” bill

*February 22, 2014*

Old and new popes have historic first

CDC: 1 dead, 7 ill from cheese

Ukraine president leaves capital

Ukraine MPs vote to oust president

Ukraine ex-PM Tymoshenko released

Ukraine president decries “coup”

Mystery deepens in Ukraine: Where is the president hiding?

UN agrees resolution on Syria aid

*February 23, 2014*

Russia closes costliest Olympics

Ukraine appoints interim president

Deadly attack hit rallies in Thailand

Afghan troops die in Taliban attack

Syria hospital hit by car bomb

Kiev square becomes shrine for the dead

Morsi “leaked secrets to Iran”

Mugabe marks his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Toronto major runs into hydrant celebrating hockey win

Polio-like illness paralyzes 5 kids in Bay area

Ukraine’s acting leader plots path to EU

China’s lunar rover snoozes

Russians rally to back Ukraine

Russia on top as 2014 Games end

Tiny crystal is oldest known piece of earth

*February 24, 2014*

Ukraine arrest warrant for ex-leader

Egypt cabinet resigns unexpectedly

California fears endless drought

Russia steps up Ukraine rhetoric

Pentagon “to downsize army”

Museveni signs Uganda anti-gay bill

“A touch of self-deprecation”

Will Ukraine’s economy collapse?

“We’re dying here”

*February 25, 2014*

29 boys killed in Nigeria school attack

Bitcoin exchange site vanishes

Rob Ford discusses drinking

Ukraine leader warns of separatism

US presses Iraq on Iran “arms deal”

Scientists track Fukushima plume

Beijing on alert over smog

US “planning full Afghan pull-out”

Uganda tabloid names “homosexuals”

Co. county reports \$1m in pot sales

*February 26, 2014*

California reservoir now almost dry  
Al Qaeda hunts for a new bin Laden  
Rival rallies in Ukraine's Crimea  
Syrian forces "kill many rebels"  
Ukraine currency hits 10 year low  
Troubled MtGox Bitcoin boss emerges  
Putin OKs military drills amid Ukraine chaos  
Credit Suisse "aided" US tax evaders  
Key crops head to "doomsday vault"  
"Shocking" scene in Syria refugee camp  
Good news about Schumacher  
Pope worried over Venezuela violence  
Kerry to Putin: "This is not Rocky IV"  
Kepler bags huge haul of planets  
US plans \$1B loan to Ukraine

*February 27, 2014*

N. Korea fires four missiles  
Ukraine warns of Russia "aggression"  
Syria Christians get Jihadist rules  
Bribery tapes rock Turkey  
West warns Russia amid Crimea threat  
13 workers exposed to radiation in NM waste dump

UK spies “intercepted webcam images”

*February 28, 2014*

World markets muted on Ukraine

Russian forces blocking Sevastopol airport, Ukraine says

Ukraine ex-leader vows fight back

MtGox files for bankruptcy

Migrants storm into Spanish enclave

Russia mulls new land- grab law

Stocks push into record territory

Pope softens tone on divorce

Experts: It’s over for ousted Ukraine leader

Russia “troops aim to provoke Kiev”

*March 1, 2014*

Putin asks parliament to use military in Ukraine

Polio workers fatally attacked

Russia defies US, OKs Ukraine military action

Ukraine: Thousands of troops have crossed the border

UN calls for Haiti cholera compensation

Ukraine on “highest alert” as Russian troops move in

US tells Russia to withdraw forces

“Many dead” in twin Nigeria blast

Ukraine army on full combat alert

*March 2, 2014*

Ukraine calls reserves to be “combat ready”

Russian gunmen surround Ukraine base as crisis deepens

GOP: Whitehouse is “naïve” about Russia

Pope Francis: Pray for Ukraine

Ukraine PM says Russia’s maneuvers are a “declaration of war”

New Ukraine navy chief defects

New Nigeria massacre comes to light

*March 3, 2014*

Russian troops “to stay” in Ukraine

Russian ruble hits new all-time low

Surrender or face “storm”, Russia says

Russia demands 2 Ukrainian warships surrender

Buffett unfazed by Ukraine

US: Russia broke international law

Yanukovich “asked Russia for troops”

*March 4, 2014*

Russian leader: Coup caused crisis

Kerry arrives in Ukraine

US court rejects BP payment appeal

Russia test-fires dummy warhead

Injectable may block AIDS  
Did markets make Putin blink?  
Sisi hints at Egypt president bid  
Syria “to ship chemicals by April”

*March 5, 2014*

Top diplomats seek Ukraine solution  
Pope: Child abuse criticism not fair  
Shale gas estimate revised upwards  
Snowden to speak at South by Southwest  
Bitcoin firm CEO found dead  
UN envoy forced out of Crimea  
WHO: Sugar intake “should be halved”  
Clinton on Putin: “Tough guy, ... thin skin”

*March 6, 2014*

Pope effect? Catholics praying more, poll says  
Crimea MPs decide to join Russia  
Winklevoss twins to become astronauts thanks to Bitcoins  
Reclusive Bitcoin creator found?  
“Illegal” Crimean vote condemned  
Obama warns against breaking law in Crimea  
Pope says he stole from dead priest  
Hillary Clinton says Putin using energy resources as weapon

“Two years” to overcome Snowden leak

Interpol gets Yanukovich alert

Malaria spreads to higher altitudes

Bitcoin not a currency says Japan

*March 7, 2014*

Putin won't back down on Ukraine crisis

Crimea vote “will not be recognized”

Anwar gets jail term for sodomy

Turkey PM warns social media sites

Frack you Putin!

Dalai Lama: Gay union OK

“Bitcoin creator” denies involvement

Armed men “seize Sevastopol base”

Brotherhood “terrorists”, say Saudis

Landmark default in China solar firm

Why Bitcoin doesn't want a real Satoshi Nakamoto

Contact lost with Malaysia airplane

*March 8, 2014*

US probing terror concerns regarding missing Malaysian Airlines jet

China draws red line on Korea

Rival protests roil Crimea

Asian states search for missing jet

Shots as Crimea observers stopped  
Warning over hospital super bug rise  
Tomorrow's Apps will come from brilliant (and risky) Bitcoin code  
"Oil slick seen" in missing jet hunt

*March 9, 2014*

Missing plane "may have turned back"  
Ukraine activists attacked in Crimea  
Italy up in arms over David advert  
Iran sees nuclear "deal in months"  
Assange hints at more leaks  
Minibus bomb kills 32 in Iraq  
Crimea's Muslims fearful  
Palin reads Seuss at CPAC  
Ukraine PM to come to US  
Official: No terror group claims credit  
Object found in water may be door of missing Malaysia Airlines plane  
New threat to ozone layer identified

*March 10, 2014*

Investigators: Oil slick not from missing plane  
US nuke agency hid fears about Fukushima  
Ukraine "lawlessness" angers Russia  
Syrian rebels free kidnapped nuns

Assad forces “starving” refugee camp  
Hackers steal data from MtGox boss  
Shots fired during Crimea base raid  
Snowden says NSA “set fire” to the internet  
Kim wins 100% of vote  
Malaysia “must intensify jet search”  
NATO jets to monitor Ukraine border  
“Russia troops” take Crimea hospital  
Stem cells: Scientist asks for research to be withdrawn

*March 11, 2014*

More test positive for radiation (NM)  
Japan stockpiling plutonium  
“Law and order has broken down”  
Missing airliner “changed course”  
“It’s survival mode” for Syria’s children  
EU sets deadline for Russia  
McCain wants CIA Senate spying probed  
Snowden: Senator is a hypocrite  
Polio suspected in refugee  
“Little green men”

*March 12, 2014*

Schumacher expected to wake up

Syria's kids live in boxes and eat weeds  
G7 warns Russia on "annexing" Crimea  
Missing plane: Last message revealed  
Chinese satellite image might be missing jet debris  
Obama meets Ukraine PM, warns Russia  
Leak outs NSA hack methods  
Ocean's worth of water stored deep in Earth  
Charges against Indian diplomat dropped

*March 13, 2014*

China's lost plane image "a mistake"  
"Fracking" could harm wildlife  
Russia holds war games  
DOW tumbles amid Ukraine fears  
Sources: Early "pings" were detected from jet  
Russia "does not want" Ukraine war  
Scores killed in Nigeria attack

*March 14, 2014*

Radioactive experts en route to Halifax after cargo scare  
Radar evidence suggests that Malaysia Airlines flight deliberately diverted  
Pope defends "slum priests"  
Report: Target was warned of attack  
Crimea to vote on future

US-Russia in Ukraine crisis talks  
“Hundreds” attack Nigeria city  
Time to honour Syria “promises”  
UBC traders tried to rig key rate  
Could the missing plane have landed?  
Kerry: We won’t recognize Crimea vote  
Militants “attack Nigeria barracks”  
US accuses 16 banks of Libor fraud  
Nuclear site fire “was preventable”

*March 15, 2014*

Malaysia Airliner’s movement suggest “deliberate action”  
Scientists expect traces of ocean radiation soon  
Big Moscow rally against Crimea move  
Six soldiers shot dead in Cairo  
Venezuela accuses Kerry of “murder”  
Russia isolated in UN Crimea vote  
Pollution prompts Paris car ban

*March 16, 2014*

Crimea votes in referendum  
Missing jet sought in huge Asia arc  
Malaysia jet pilot’s flight simulator examined  
Report: 93% of Crimea voters back union with Russia

Syria “recaptures rebel border town”

Obama to Putin: US will punish Russia for Ukraine vote

Final words from lost airplane came after shutdown of systems

*March 17, 2014*

Ukraine calls up 40K reservists

Who uses food stamps? Millions of kids

EU imposes sanctions over Crimea

A “mockery” of democracy

Plane co-pilot spoke last words

Why would a pilot own a flight simulator?

Putin signs decree recognizing Crimea

Revealed? Big Bang secrets

DOW soars as Ukraine fears ease

McCain rips Obama’s “timidity”

Meet the 11 Putin allies the US hit with sanctions

*March 18, 2014*

Kenya seizes two “with bombs in car”

China “has halved its TB problem”

Putin slams US, says “it crossed the line”

Another Bush running for president?

Missing jet’s first turn made using computer

15 killed by rickshaw bomber

Russian storm military bases  
Ukraine officer “killed in Crimea”  
“Waves” detected on Titan’s lakes  
Ed Snowden meets father of the web

*March 19, 2014*

Berlusconi office ban upheld  
Huge US child porn ring dismantled  
Texas hit with 1000-foot-high dust storm  
Crimea’s gays anxious  
Pro-Russians seize Crimea naval base  
Israel attacks Syrian army sites  
Ukraine to withdraw troops from Crimea  
Fed news spooks market  
Australia sees possible plane debris  
Obama: No “military excursion” in Ukraine  
Alison Redford resigning as Alberta premier

*March 20, 2014*

Russia ready to absorb Crimea  
Syria ships 45% of chemical weapons  
Are Bitcoins the future?  
Uruguay wants Canadian pot  
Are Bitcoins a scam?

Which other countries should fear Russia?

Rob Ford files defense in jailhouse beating lawsuit accusations

Chernobyl's trees won't decay, increasing risk of nuclear forest fire

*March 21, 2014*

Mt. Gox finds \$120 million worth of missing Bitcoins

Why Turkey leader has blocked Twitter

Hotel bloodbath in Kabul

EU seals closer ties with Ukraine

Renewed hunt for debris

How "God hates fags" was spread

Putin inks law officially annexing Crimea

Clinton's schedule gets busier

Female Kenyan MPs blast polygamy law

Iran building fake US aircraft carrier

Ukraine border on alert after annexation

Stop doing evil, Pope tells mafia

*March 22, 2014*

Malaysia: Possible jet debris spotted by Chinese satellite

North Korea reportedly launches rockets

Ukraine conflict could look like World War I

Ukrainian military bases targeted in Crimea

Families: Malaysia is fooling the world

Ebola caused “Guinea fever deaths”

Crusader castle has Syria war scars

*March 23, 2014*

French satellite may show plane debris

Turkey shoots down Syrian plane

“Sizeable” Russia forces at border: NATO chief

Clinton still mulling her future

N Korea steps up missile launches

How do we know if a pilot is mentally fit?

Obama heads to shaken Europe

Lawmaker slams Snowden

Deadly Ebola reaches Guinea capital

Study tracks drug-resistant TB

*March 24, 2014*

“Circular”, “Rectangular” objects spotted at sea

529 sentenced to death in Egypt

Ukraine orders Crimea withdrawal

Missing MH370 “Ended” in Indian Ocean, Malaysia PM says

“We accept the news of the tragedy. It is fate.”

China wants explanation on US spying

Academics spy weaknesses in Bitcoin’s foundation

Report: Review clears Christie

Why are satellite analysts now certain Flight 370 went down?

G7 leaders put G8 on hold “until Russia changes course”

Russia and Ukraine hold first talks

How much Wal-Mart relies on food stamps

Race is on to find Flight 370 black boxes

WHO: Pollution kills 7M a year

*March 25, 2014*

Ebola-like virus seen in Canada man

China families vent plane fury

Ukraine far-right leader killed

Oil well safety warning for fracking

Families deserve fair payout from \$1.5B Policy

Why GM may never pay in liability claims

Ebola ruled out for ill Canadian

Cold War 2?

Bat-eating ban to curb Ebola virus

IRS: Bitcoin isn't a currency

*March 26, 2014*

Satellite images show “122 potential objects”

First lady feeds pandas

Leaders' haircut for all N Korea men

Ukraine to dominate Obama EU talks

Candy Crush firm valued at over \$7bn  
Living materials could grow products  
The fierce battle for the soul of Bitcoin  
How Tesla's fight with car dealers could decide the next president  
Germany's "Bishop of bling" resigns  
Astronomers surprised to find asteroid with rings  
Families skeptical of Malaysian plane probe  
Egypt army head runs for presidency  
Michigan quashes same-sex marriages  
*Red rain coat, missing 8 years, finally found*

*March 27, 2014*

Thai satellite spots 300 objects  
President a "great admirer" of Francis  
Tymoshenko to run for Ukraine leader  
IMF close to deal on Ukraine aid  
World now 80% polio free, WHO says  
Comet probe spots its target  
UN declares Crimea vote illegal  
Guinea confirms Ebola in capital

*March 28, 2014*

New Malaysia plane search area turns up objects  
Obama: Russia must pull back troops

Synthetic DNA advance is hailed

Blackberry post \$5.9bn annual loss

N Korea tells UN to back off

“Do it for Denmark” launched

Pope breaks confession protocol

Brits to hold same-sex weddings

*March 29, 2014*

Afghan forces surround besieged building

Russia vows no Ukraine invasion

Chinese ships search new plane zone

Protestors restart Bangkok rallies

New MH370 navy search draws blank

Study: Soft drinks linked to heart disease, death

“One million” flee S Sudan fighting

Ebola crisis spreads

*March 30, 2014*

Female circumcision on rise in US

China families vent fury in Malaysia

Russia and US set for crisis talks

Chadian troops “kill eight” in CAR

Ebola could become global crisis: experts

Is Russia really ramping up troops?

Vatican stops “trillion Euro fraud”  
US-Russia deadlock on Ukraine crisis  
PM says no “time limit” on jet search  
Future of gun sales? Maker takes Bitcoin  
Climate impacts “overwhelming”-UN

*March 31, 2014*

Objects seen in jet search aren't plane  
Residents in shelters as Koreas trade fire  
Russian PM Medvedev in Crimea  
Bitcoin is pointless as a currency, but it could change the world anyways

Quake could be worse than the “Big one”  
UN's dire climate change report- “We're all sitting ducks”

Missing jets new “final words”  
DOW rises on Yellen's comments  
Russia in “partial” border pullout  
Deadly explosions in Kenyan capital  
Ebola outbreak unprecedented-MSF  
“Anyone but Rob Ford” signs are out

*April 1, 2014*

“Low confidence of finding anything”  
“No sign” of Russian troop pullout  
Nato suspends Russia co-operation

“Al-Shabab recruiter” shot in Kenya  
UK submarine joins search for plane  
Nigeria suicide bomb “kills 21”  
“No handshakes, no sex” (*Ebola in Guinea*)

*April 2, 2014*

Massive earthquake rocks Chile coast  
Flight passengers “cleared” of hijack role  
Focus turns to two pilots  
N. Korea sent model drone?  
Ousted Ukraine leader regrets annexation  
Putin officially divorces wife  
How flight 370 may change flying forever  
Report: FBI Finds “Nothing Suspicious Whatsoever” on MH370 Pilot's Personal  
Flight Simulator  
Germany approves first minimum wage  
4 killed, 11 hurt in Fort Hood shooting

*April 3, 2014*

“Heroic” cop ended the Fort Hood shooting  
DOW, S&P hit new highs  
“Police snipers” shot Kiev activists  
“Million Syrian refugees” in Lebanon  
Malaysia “will not give up” on search  
No US deaths in Afghanistan in March

EU set to roll out big space project

Pope greets UK queen

Toronto police divided on Rob Ford crack investigation

Mozilla boss resigns after gay-marriage storm

*April 4, 2014*

Schumacher “awakening” after crash

Subsurface black box search begins

Fort Hood mystery: Why did he do it?

Fed-up Kerry heads home

Has Rob Ford been cleared?

Afghan poll: Foreign reporters shot

Saturn’s “great lake” of water

Gay couples to be recognized in Ohio

Mali on alert over Ebola fears

*April 5, 2014*

Chinese ship searching for missing jet detects “pulse”

Afghans vote in historic election

Ukraine rejects Russia gas bill hike

Priests, nuns taken hostage in Cameroon

Thai “red shirts” warn of civil war

Leaders hail Afghan poll “success”

*April 6, 2014*

US sending warships to Japan over N. Korea

Snowden on TV at event

Plane search signal “important lead”

President godmother to gay couple

Deadly clash in Syrian refugee camp

Pro-Russian storm Ukraine offices

Bush to make '16 call in '14

“Dozens” die in Nigeria gun attack

*April 7, 2014*

Malaysia won't rule out survivors

Hero priest killed in Syria

Donetsk “people's republic” declared

Plane search has “best lead so far”

Northern Europe hit by most bee deaths – EU study

Cosmos speed-check probes dark energy

Ping discovery prompts new phase in plane search

US warns Russia over Ukraine tension

*April 8, 2014*

Fear grows over Syria's “vacationing terrorists”

Pinger search “to take days”

Ukraine in bid to retake buildings

Egypt jail four men for gay acts  
Hunt for jet costing millions  
US guns-for-hire in Ukraine?  
Nato warns Russia over Ukraine  
World “needs Plan B” on climate-UN  
Kerry-Russia may have new Ukraine plot  
Guinea “Ebola deaths pass 100”

*April 9, 2014*

Search “regains missing jet signal”  
Is Russia ready to move into eastern Ukraine?  
Crunch talks announced on Ukraine  
Public urged to reset all passwords  
Ukraine ultimatum to east activists  
Greece to issue five-year bond  
Will we ever detect...other universes?  
Iran “won’t give up nuclear plans”  
Pope in “pain” over priests slaying  
Car bombings “kill 25” in Homs  
US Republicans block “fair pay” bill  
“At least 30 dead” in CAR violence

*April 10, 2014*

Pings heard from oceans depth

Huge investor demand for Greek bond  
Italian court recognizes gay marriage for first time  
Putin warns Europe of gas shortages  
Russia “withheld Boston bombing tip”  
UN approves peacekeepers for CAR

*April 11, 2014*

Pope begs forgiveness for priest’s abuse  
Offer: Mt. Gox for one Bitcoin  
Ukraine in offer to troubled east  
Abbott confident over plane signals  
Germany’s dirty energy secret  
US condemns Russia gas warnings  
Report: NSA used Heartbleed to siphon passwords for two years  
No pings heard in 24 hours  
US refuses visa for Iran’s UN choice

*April 12, 2014*

Gunmen take Ukraine police buildings  
Iran anger over US visa refusal  
China water pollution hits 2.4 m  
US urges nations to assist Ukraine  
Abbott: Plane signal rapidly fading  
News: jet co-pilot reportedly tried to make call

Malaysian official denies report  
Claims of new gas attack in Syria

*April 13, 2014*

Ukraine to fight pro-Russia forces  
World must end “dirty” fuel use-UN  
Bad sign for missing jet search  
Ford fiasco

*April 14, 2014*

Russia jets buzz US ships  
Fresh pro-Russia attack in Ukraine  
Robotic sub to search for MH370  
Russian jets move a “provocative action”  
Jet families skeptical of search crews’ updates  
West eyes more Russia sanctions  
More than 70 killed in Nigeria blast  
NSA story takes Pulitzer Prize

*April 15, 2014*

Asia Pollution drives Pacific storms  
First sub search for plane cut short  
UN: East Ukraine next Crimea  
Ukraine “begins anti-terror action”

Berlusconi to do community service  
India court recognizes third gender  
“Mass abduction” at Nigerian school  
Ukraine says its troops have retaken control of the eastern airport  
Five dead in Calgary party stabbing  
Boston marks bombing anniversary  
Mini-sub resumes search for plane  
Matthew de Groot charged in Calgary’s worst mass murder

*April 16, 2014*

Source: Mt. Gox to liquidate  
Ukrainian troops stopped in town  
“Technical issue” hits robo-sub  
Putin building “new Berlin wall”  
Russian Lada “chases Ukrainian tank”  
NATO: We’ll fend off Russia  
Bloomberg in \$50m push for gun laws  
Not just you: Food costs rise  
Ukraine military column “disarmed”  
Will jet victims remains ever be found?  
Tepco accidentally fills Fukushima basement with contaminated water

*April 17, 2014*

Hopes dashed again in jet search

Oil slick near pings tested  
Snowden quizzes Putin on TV  
Putin cautions on force in Ukraine  
3 killed in Ukraine attack  
Deal struck to calm Ukraine crisis  
Rob Ford to launch re-election bid  
Planet may be able to support life  
Pope washes feet of elderly

*April 18, 2014*

Deep down no sign of jet  
One fifth of China soil contaminated  
Eastern Ukraine militants snub deal  
Who is really telling Jews to register?  
A Rob Ford repeat?  
Kiev reaches out to eastern rebels  
Pope leads Good Friday services

*April 19, 2014*

Current jet hunt could end in days  
Ukraine calls Easter truce in east  
Jet hunt to be “intensified”  
Easter messages show Ukraine divide  
Syria-held French journalists freed

*April 20, 2014*

US could deploy soldiers in Europe

Pope Francis' full floral Easter

Russia: Kiev not disarming

Pope prays for Ukraine, Syria

Fresh violence erupts in Venezuela

Ukraine probes death in tense east

Iran's Rouhani urges women's rights

Fukushima No. 1 Boss admits water woes out of control

*April 21, 2014*

Biden arrives in Ukraine with deal in flux

Robo-sub two-thirds done

Ethnic slaughter" in South Sudan

MH370 hunt "still drawing blank"

Russia says Kiev "breaking accord"

Syrian chemical arsenal probed

Photos show "Russia army" in Ukraine

Could bananas go extinct?

*April 22, 2014*

Biden gives \$50m to Ukraine

"Activity" at N Korea nuclear site

“Blind luck” preventing catastrophic asteroid  
Ukraine alert as politician “killed”  
Ukraine “on verge of being torn apart”  
Saudi health minister sacked as MERS death toll rises  
Chemical weapons used again in Syria?  
More than 95% of the state (California) in extreme drought

*April 23, 2014*

Material washes up on Australian shore  
Titanic twist in hunt for missing Boeing 777  
Russia in new Ukraine attack threat  
Cost “no issue” in plane search  
S Sudan attacks an “abomination”  
China gets its claws out  
Turkey: Armenia killings “inhumane”  
Manning name change OK’d  
US troops in Poland for exercises  
Deadly car bomb strikes Nairobi

*April 24, 2014*

Russian warship near UK  
Did Assad use chlorine gas?  
Ukraine move draws Putin threat  
US medics killed in Kabul attack

UK team to shoot for fusion record

Inside the “DarkMarket” prototype, a Silk Road the FBI can never seize

Putin: Internet a CIA project

Israel suspends peace talks

The world’s first Bitcoin debit card is almost here

Russia “destabilizing” Ukraine-US

*April 25, 2014*

95% scanned no jet seen

Pope cross crushes man

Russia accuses West of Ukraine plot

Search for Malaysia plane to widen

Ukraine PM: Russia wants to start WWIII

*April 26, 2014*

G-7 nations agree on Russia sanctions

Hunt for flight 370 extended

Spanish town: “Kill Jews”

Afghan election set for run-off

Obama in landmark Malaysia visit

North Korea preps for nuclear test

Kerry urges Russia to help observers

*April 27, 2014*

2 Popes made saints in historic canonization

Ukraine rebels show seized observers

Syria “still holds chemical weapons”

Slovakia and Ukraine agree over gas supply

Military observers freed in Ukraine

Britain is now “post-Christian”

Iraq hits “jihadist convoy” in Syria

Sub found nothing in 14 dives

Mandela’s historic win turns 20

Pro-Russians seize east Ukraine state TV

*April 28, 2014*

Japan producing huge, lightly guarded stockpile of plutonium

Muslims leave CAR capital Bangui

Saudi MERS death toll passes 100

US imposes sanctions on Putin’s “inner circle”

Larger jet search zone scoured

Aleppo gripped by barrel bomb fears

East Ukraine mayor shot and wounded

Seoul condemns N Korea “foul” slurs

Iraq suicide bomb at rally kills 30

26 more cases of MERS virus

Aus PM: jet may not be found

Masked men with bats attack pro-Ukraine rally

*April 29, 2014*

Possible jet debris 3000 miles away

14 killed in Damascus

Syria blast kills dozens in Homs

Rebels seize regional Ukraine HQ

“We are all monkeys”

Pope Francis’ tweets that “inequality is the root of social evil”

Amanda Know “delivered fatal blow”

“Dark Wallet” is about to make Bitcoin money laundering easier than ever

*April 30, 2014*

Iraq holds key election amid strife

China economy set to top US

Wreckage isn’t missing plane

Kiev “helpless” in east Ukraine

“Child recruits” in South Sudan war

Drug resistance “global threat”

Ohio bans buying booze with Bitcoins

Toronto’s Rob Ford “to go to rehab”

*May 1, 2014*

Malaysia releases missing jet report: new recordings, details revealed

McCann’s mom won’t stop searching

Kiev holds “spying” Russia diplomat  
IMF approves \$17bn Ukraine bailout  
Nigerian terror group sells kidnapped girls  
Ukraine reinstates conscription  
Deadly airstrike on Aleppo market  
MH370 families told to return home  
US warns of South Sudan genocide  
Jet’s audio may have been edited  
Rob Ford enters rehab

*May 2, 2014*

Why Merkel could be key to reigning in Putin  
Putin: Peace hopes over  
Plane search may take a year  
Rebels down Ukraine helicopters  
Syrian rebels to “pull out of Homs”  
“He let his family down” (Rob Ford)  
“Many dead” in Ukraine offensive  
Study finds women aren’t run by their periods  
Putin warns Ukraine about new offensive  
US reports first case of MERS

*May 3, 2014*

Abducted Ukraine observers released

Uruguay unveils legal marijuana plan  
Nigeria “shutdown” for top gathering  
Thai opposition urges election delay  
Concerns grow over deadly pig virus  
Twin explosions rock Kenyan cities  
Deadly blast strikes Somali capital  
Riots in Ukraine leave 42 dead

*May 4, 2014*

Cops deny MH370 terror links  
Ukraine PM blames Odessa police  
Odessa detainees freed after protest  
S Sudan forces in Bentiu offensive  
Push to find Nigerian girls

*May 5, 2014*

“I abducted your girls” says Boko Haram  
Looking in right place? Time to double check  
Rebels “retreating” in Sloviansk  
World facing polio health emergency  
Ukraine soldiers killed in Sloviansk  
Russia rips Ukraine tactics  
North Korea: Life in US is a “living hell”

*May 6, 2014*

Report: Climate is a present issue

Rodman: Kim didn't kill uncle

Only "handful" of subs capable of hunting jet

Rare earthquake warning issued for Oklahoma

Eight more Nigerian girls abducted

Sisi vows Brotherhood "won't exist"

Beyond honeybees: Now wild bees and butterflies may be in trouble

Toronto major turned away from US

Iran admiral: US ships easy target

We're in: US to help find Nigerian girls

*May 7, 2014*

Pressure builds to find schoolgirls

Thai prime minister ousted

Rob Ford: "Rehab is amazing, like camp"

Syria rebels begin evacuating Homs

Rebels seize back Ukraine city hall

South Africa in post-Mandela vote

Putin says troops pulled back

Police digging at Portugal resort

Putin "backs" Ukraine election

Rosetta comet-hunter narrows the gap

Malala to Nigerian girls: "Never lose hope"

Canadian author Farley Mowat dies  
Yellen says US economy on the mend

*May 8, 2014*

Nigerian president vows to defeat terrorism  
Experts pore over jet data  
Boko Haram attacks kills hundreds in Nigeria  
East Ukraine rebel vote to go ahead  
Huge blast “destroys Aleppo hotel”  
Crucifixion emerges in Syria  
ANC wins huge South Africa victory  
Lab bug extends “life’s alphabet”  
Leaders to hold key S Sudan talks

*May 9, 2014*

Missing jet victim pal’s ordeal  
Putin praises Russia’s “all-conquering power”  
Berlusconi begins community service  
Tear gas fired at Thai protestors  
US, UK teams help Nigeria seek girls  
Self-healing plastic mimics blood  
Doug Ford says he’ll prove that Rob Ford is getting treatment  
Nigeria “ignored” school warning  
Our sun has a sister

South Sudan rivals agree peace deal

*May 10, 2014*

Jet search heads to site of “ping”

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Nelson Mandela sworn in

Rob Ford in rehab, doctor confirms

Drone “almost collided with plane”

Pope sets Paul VI on sainthood path

Nigeria ramps up search for missing girls

Ukraine president warns of “step into abyss”

Many dead in fresh wave of violence in Iraq

Saudi Arabia reports more MERS deaths

UN slaps sanctions on CAR’s ex-president

*May 11, 2014*

Violence erupts in Yemen

Ukraine rebels hold “self-rule” vote

“Ceasefire violate” in S Sudan

Militants “kill 20 Iraqi soldiers”

Saudi camel warning over MERS virus

Pentagon preps for climate catastrophe

Nigeria abducted girls “sighted”

Rebels’ self-proclaimed referendum win deepens Ukraine turmoil

Inmarsat offers free airline tracking

Fukushima's cesium-137 levels "50% higher" than previously estimated

*May 12, 2014*

Boko Haram offers trade for schoolgirls

200 plus girls are now Muslim

West rejects eastern Ukraine voting results

Orthodox Jews to protest pope

NASA: Ice melt "unstoppable"

Stocks hit fresh record

Ukraine rebels seek to join Russia

US confirms second case of MERS virus

Measles outbreak biggest since '96

*May 13, 2014*

Deadly blasts hit Baghdad Shia areas

US in aerial search for Nigeria schoolgirls

"Troops killed" in Ukraine ambush

French journalist killed in CAR

Columbus' Santa Maria wreck "found"

EU says that Google must honor your "right to be forgotten"

*May 14, 2014*

"Communication problems" halt jet search

Factories burnt in Vietnam-China row

Ukraine to hold brokered talks  
Obama meets Syria opposition leader Jarba  
Villagers “repel Boko Haram attack”  
The Qatar world cup is a human rights catastrophe  
Christie: Scandal a footnote  
Ukraine weighs power share  
Tanzania arrests over albino killing  
Qatar announces changes to labor law

*May 15, 2014*

Pregnant woman to be hanged for apostasy  
Deadly attack on Thai protest camp  
EU illegal migration rises sharply  
Dozens killed in Vietnams anti-China protests  
Google receives “forget me” requests  
Deadly blast hits Syria-Turkey border  
New York dedicates 9/11 museum  
Brazil hit by widespread protests  
West warns Russia not to disrupt Kiev polls  
Biggest NSA leaks are still to come

*May 16, 2014*

Ten dead in Kenya bombings  
Nigerian leader nixes trip to girls’ kidnap town

Landslide win for Modi in India  
UN warns on Ukraine human rights  
Malaysian Airline losses worsen  
UK fossil fuels “gone in five years”  
FIFA president says Qatar World Cup a mistake  
Nigeria’s president cowering  
Florida officials warn about painful new virus  
Rob Ford spotted in Ontario cottage country

*May 17, 2014*

Will Nigeria’s girls ever be saved? What’s next  
Kim Jong Un not so powerful?  
Leaders declare “war” on Boko Haram  
Brazil 2014 dengue risk predicted  
Sudan plays down death sentence for apostasy  
Saudi Arabia reports more MERS deaths  
Why Boko Haram is poised to get bigger  
MERS detected in third person in U.S.  
“Biggest dinosaur ever” discovered

*May 18, 2014*

China evacuates workers from Vietnam  
Crimea’s Tatars defy rally ban  
Syria’s air chief “dies in clashes”

Reports of heavy gunfire in Libyan capital

*May 19, 2014*

US charges Chinese with hacking

Putin orders troop pullback

Antarctic ice losses double

Armed group attacks Libyan parliament

Iraq's Maliki "set to win elections"

Oregon allows gay marriage

China denounces cyber-theft charges

Thailand army declares martial law

No Russia border pullout, says Nato

*May 20, 2014*

Jet's satellite data to be released

Credit Suisse helped "tax cheats"

Bee researchers raise more warning flags about neonicotinoid pesticides

UK spy plane to Nigeria breaks down

Is N Korea close to developing nukes?

Nigerian city rocked by twin blasts

Workers "fled" at peak of Fukushima

Prostate cancer linked to "sex bug"

DOW's worst Tuesday in 7 months

"Modern slavery" generates profits of \$150B a year, says UN

Banks accused of Euro rate-rigging

*May 21, 2014*

GOP brass beats Tea Party

Thai army to rivals: Let's talk

eBay urges users to change passwords

China and Russia sign huge gas deal

Three-year jail sentence for Mubarak

Charles "compared Russia to Nazis"

Water goes "missing" with snow loss

Snowden's first move against the NSA was a party in Hawaii

*May 22, 2014*

Rob Ford's Escalade impounded

Blast in Chinese market kills 31

Hunt for missing jet resumes

Now it's a coup: Thai army take control

Deadliest attack on Ukraine troops

Syria "breaks Aleppo's prison siege"

Brian Williams grills Snowden

Thailand under curfew after army takeover

Shia pilgrims killed in Iraq bombings

Immune children aid malaria fight

*May 23, 2014*

Did kitty litter cause radiation leak?

Putin on Obama: Who is he to judge?

A less violent world? Tell that to 48 million refugees

Thai army detains ex-PM Yingluck

China to mobilize “all forces” after attack

Vatican says UN will clear it of torture

20 insurgents dead in latest Ukraine violence

Rehab facility confirms Toronto mayor is a patient

*May 24, 2014*

Can Pope Francis bring peace to the Middle East?

Al-Shabab attacks Somali parliament complex

Thai military continues crackdown

Iraqi Kurdistan makes first oil sale

Iran hangs man for huge bank fraud

*May 25, 2014*

Ukrainian presidential election begins

Pope Francis blasts arms dealers

Protestors defy Thai military rulers’ warning

Poroshenko claims Ukraine presidency

Obama makes surprise Afghan visit

Euroskeptic “earthquake” rocks EU

*May 26, 2014*

*My beautiful Hausta died today*

Nigeria: Girls location known

Five dead in Sierra Leone Ebola outbreak

Ukraine standoff at Donetsk airport

Pope visits Jerusalem holy sites

*May 27, 2014*

Dozens killed in Nigeria attack

Obama: "Finishing the job" in Afghanistan

Ukraine army recaptures airport

Malaysia releases MH370 satellite data

Iran reports first case of MERS

Edward Snowden: "I was trained as a spy"

*May 28, 2014*

Snowden: US to blame for him living in Russia

Kerry calls Snowden a "coward" & "traitor"

US to citizens: Leave Libya

US gives \$5bn to global terror fight

Chechnya "has no troops in Ukraine"

Farm drugs being used like "sweets"

Russia warns of "fratricidal war" in Ukraine

This is what happens when you hack and extort the “Bitcoin Jesus”

Deadly pig virus raises concerns

4 girls escape Boko Haram, officials say

“I’d like to go home”, Snowden says

*May 29, 2014*

Oil tanker explodes off coast of Japan

“Pings” site ruled out in jet search

Snowden’s motive: He can “sleep at night”

Emails back Snowden claim

Ukraine helicopter downed - 14 dead

Nigeria’s leader vows “total war”

US economy shifts into reverse

CAR church attack leaves 15 dead

Doctors struggle to contain Ebola outbreak

S&P climbs to new peak

Snowden: I shared snooping concerns

Snowden: I no longer have NSA documents

*May 30, 2014*

Snowden: Obama broke vow

Aleppo barrel bomb toll nears 2,000

Ukraine vows to bring peace to east

Russian-led rebels dig in for Ukraine attack

Protestors demand CAR government resigns  
How digital currency could end corruption in Afghanistan  
Thailand elections “not for a year”  
Russia pulls troops from Ukraine border

*May 31, 2014*

US says China “destabilizing” force  
Syrian troops hit in Aleppo tunnel bombing  
US soldier freed by Taliban captors  
Sudan death-row woman “to be freed”  
Turkish police teargas protestors  
Thousands of migrants rescued by Italian navy  
Algeria confirms first MERS case  
Qatar World Cup: \$5m corruption claim

*June 1, 2014*

FIFA’s Boyce “would back” Qatar re-vote  
NSA capturing millions of facial images a day  
Saudi Arabia tests Cadbury chocolate for pork  
Swiss town sitting on radioactive dump  
More oppose Snowden than support him  
Thai forces stifle protests  
Deadly blasts hit north Nigeria

*June 2, 2014*

Measure seeks to split California in two  
EPA sets new rules for carbon emissions  
King Juan Carlos of Spain abdicates  
Ukraine border guard centre attacked  
Japan Fukushima ice wall work starts  
Syria rebels step up attacks before elections  
Gunmen kill several in Nigeria church attack  
Strong sandstorm kills 4 in Iran  
“Godzilla of Earths” discovered  
Snowden asylum bids

*June 3, 2014*

Sham? Syrians vote in presidential election  
Tea Party set for big upset  
US unveils \$1bn Europe security plan  
“Heavy fighting” in east Ukraine  
Staff leave Sierra Leone over Ebola  
Deadly attacks and shelling hit Iraq  
Saudis find new MERS cases  
Suicide bomber in Iraq part of wider jihadi base in Calgary

*June 4, 2014*

Worries grow over N. Korea nukes

Snowden “probably” not Russian spy  
US pledges more Ukraine aide  
Obama condemns Russia “dark tactics”  
Rebels take bases in east Ukraine  
Saudi Arabia raises MERS virus toll  
NSA whistleblower Snowden seeks Brazil asylum  
Beijing boosts Tiananmen Square security  
Is noise new plane lead?  
Ebola death toll hits 208 in Guinea  
Militants raiding villages in Nigeria  
Syria’s Assad wins in landslide  
Found! Oldest known alien planet that might support life  
Ukraine crisis to dominate G7 summit

*June 5, 2014*

Army’s databases hacked  
Manhunt as police shot in Canada  
Nigeria “Preachers kills dozens”  
Ceremonies mark 70 years since D-day  
G7 warns Russia of fresh sanctions  
Bitcoin isn’t the only way to mine a digital fortune  
Witnesses: Boko Haram killed 200  
Stocks hit record high  
Pope fires watchdog board

Rio drug trade shifts

This virus is spreading fast in the Caribbean

Church horrified by mass grave

DOW, S&P hit new highs again

*June 6, 2014*

“World changing” D-Day remembered

Afghan candidate survives bombing

Putin meets Ukraine’s new leader

Canadian police arrest shooting suspect

UN report disputes genocide claims in CAR

Microbes may drive the evolution of new animal species

Hong Kong airlines face attack warning

Insurer’s message: Prepare for climate change or get sued

*June 7, 2014*

Ukraine leader sets out peace plan

Hostages seized at Iraq university

Hezbollah leader says war on Assad has failed

Car bomb kills 52 in Iraq

*June 8, 2014*

Gunmen storm Pakistan airport

Texas GOP OKs gay “therapy”

Workers fear Ebola outbreak

Holy history: Israeli, Palestinian leaders pray at Vatican

Bulgaria halts pipeline after US talks

Sisi promises to defeat “terrorism” in Egypt

MH370 families set up crowdfunding campaign to raise \$5m whistleblower fund

Italy rescues 5200 from sea

*June 9, 2014*

Pakistan Taliban claim airport raid

Sao Paulo police teargas protestors

Ukraine clashes “must end this week”

A simple plan to impede the NSA is talking hold

Taliban tried to hijack plane in Pakistan

Missing jet search cost \$8.6M

*June 10, 2014*

Militants seize Iraq’s second city

Global private wealth rises to \$152tn

Sierra Leone Ebola deaths “double”

Women reported kidnapped in northern Nigeria

GM strains crash mosquito population

Another record for DOW

Ted Cruz, Tea Party favorite, renounces Canadian citizenship

*June 11, 2014*

How immigration led to Cantor's shock defeat

214 mile traffic jam? Brazil in chaos for Cup

Half a million flee Iraq's Mosul

S Sudan leaders agree to form new government

Ukraine orders civilian corridors in the east

The Bitcoin app that could create a black market for leaked data

Iraqi insurgents "seize new city"

Nigeria gunmen burn churches and kill villagers

Congo and Rwanda "in border clashes"

UN condemns Iraqi militant attacks

Under-siege Iraq asks US for air strikes

*June 12, 2014*

Perry: Homosexuality like alcoholism

Police clash with World Cup protestors

Sunni militants vow to take Baghdad

Nigeria axes Cup viewings

Russia accused of sending tanks to Ukraine

Iraq delays vote on emergency powers

President: "I don't rule out anything" in Iraq

Drone hits group that took soldier

Russian bombers threaten US airspace

Expedia to accept Bitcoin payments

ISIL vows to march on Iraq's capital  
Lawmakers urge Obama action in Iraq  
DOW's biggest drop in two months

*June 13, 2014*

ISIS now world's richest terrorist group  
Heavily armed groups near Baghdad  
Iraq cleric issues Shia call to arms  
Ukrainian forces win back port city  
MH370 families get \$50,000 payments  
US to sell seized Silk Road Bitcoins  
Many dead in fresh CAR clashes  
Obama won't send troops to Iraq

*June 14, 2014*

49 die as Ukraine jet downed  
Iran "ready to help neighbor" Iraq  
Defiant Maliki vows to defeat Iraq rebels  
S Sudan children face hunger death  
Afghans brave violence to elect new president  
Explosive near Ukraine president's office  
US aircraft carrier to go to Arabian Gulf

*June 15, 2014*

Blair says Iraq turmoil inevitable  
Kurds advance in Iraq  
Iraqi forces hit back at militants  
Images “show massacre in Iraq”  
String of deadly explosion rock Baghdad  
Ukraine faces halt of gas supply  
“Islamists” attack Kenyan coast town

*June 16, 2014*

“Bionic pancreas” stuns researchers  
Driver Schumacher is out of coma  
Kerry says US may work with Iran on Iraq  
Brazil police gas WC protestors  
Militants “seize” Iraq’s Tal Afar  
Russia halts gas supply to Ukraine  
Dozens massacred in Kenya attack  
Photos released of Iraq “mass execution”  
Iraq jets attack ISIS  
US ramps up naval presence in Gulf  
US deploying more troops to Iraq

*June 17, 2014*

Inmarsat confident on MH370 “hotspot”  
“Women abducted” in Kenyan attack

Seven die in Monrovia Ebola outbreak  
Deadly Iraq fighting edges closer to Baghdad  
UK to reopen embassy in Iran  
US discusses Iraq plan with longtime foe  
Iraq's largest refinery closed  
Hajj could spread MERS virus  
Rob Ford will return to mayor's job on June 30 after rehab  
Iraq accuses Saudis of spurring genocide  
Blast at Nigeria World Cup venue  
Ukraine suspects terrorism in pipeline explosions  
US seizes Benghazi raid "ringleader"

*June 18, 2014*

Iraqi militants "planning to attack" UK  
Militants besieged Iraq's largest oil refinery  
Starting over: new jet search  
"Sexy Brazil" sees World Cup explosion in teenage prostitutes  
Chemical use in Syria "systemic"  
Ukraine leader "to order ceasefire"  
Kenya arrests suspects after twin attacks  
Rise of powerful mining pools forces rethink of Bitcoin design  
Iraq formally seeks US air strikes  
Net child porn at "epidemic" scale  
Most abundant mineral finally gets a name: Bridgmanite

Obama “to bypass Congress on Iraq”

*June 19, 2014*

Petraeus warns against Iraq invasion

Battles rage in eastern Ukraine

Iraq forces fight over oil refinery

Cheney: Obama “so wrong” on Iraq

Ukraine to sign EU deal this month

Paedophiles “flocking to dark net”

US government leaks Bitcoin buyers

Rosetta: Icy quarry coming into view

NATO warns of Russia army boost near Ukraine

Afghan candidates spar over fraud claims

Ebola outbreak spreads as toll reaches 337

CDC: 75 scientists possibly exposed to Anthrax

Obama: US ready for “targeted” action in Iraq

*June 20, 2014*

3 month search for jet begins

Pope Francis slams legal pot

Refugee figures “highest since WWII”

Fierce battles for key Iraqi sites

Car bomb “kills dozens” in Syria

Ukraine peace plan is revealed

Confidence falls in Big Bang signal  
Iraq troops mass for offensive against rebels  
Official: Ebola is out of control  
Ukraine leader declares ceasefire  
California drought worsening  
Anthrax alert: More exposed?

*June 21, 2014*

Militants seize Iraq-Syria border post, kill 30  
Mobbed? Pope's risky visit to Mafia heartland  
Ukraine fighting rages despite truce  
Illegal World Cup betting uncovered  
US sets up honey bee task force  
Iraqi Shia groups rally in show of power  
Reports: Rebels capture Iraq oil refinery  
Australia offers migrants cash to go home  
President advances transgender rights  
Iraqi Christians flee militants  
Pope gives Mafia the boot

*June 22, 2014*

S. Korea soldier killed five, fled base  
Republican warns "of hostile takeover"  
Putin backs Ukraine ceasefire

“Critical moment”: Kerry arrives in Cairo

ISIS grabs three more Iraq towns

Iraq “loses western border controls”

Dozens killed in Nigeria attacks

Afghan “vote fraud” tapes emerge

Iran leader: US must stay out of Iraq

*June 23, 2014*

Kerry’s “high-stakes mission” to Iraq

Iraq: Worst crisis in 11 years

Israeli air strikes target Syria

Afghan election chief quits amid fraud claims

Sudan “death sentence” woman goes free

US vows “intense” support for Iraq

Ukraine separatists “to join truce”

Final cargo of chemical arms leaves Syria

Report: Kenyan air strikes target al Shabab

“Schumacher files offered for sale”

Suicide bomb blasts Lebanese capital

*June 24, 2014*

Mother freed from death row arrested

2<sup>nd</sup> “Bridgewater” for Christie?

Japan: Fukushima safe by 2021

Bomb blitz feared as militants near Baghdad

US advisor troops arrive in Iraq

Key factor in bee decline identified

Militants “seize women” in Nigeria

Ukraine army helicopter shot down

West Africa Ebola deaths pass 300

Searching for the “free-will” neuron

More than a dozen killed in CAR attack

New reports on MH370 pilot’s simulator

Malaysian Airline boss MH370 hunt will take “decades”

*June 25, 2014*

Iraq rejects unity government

Will al Qaeda be eclipsed as “brand”?

US GDP shrinks 2.9% in first quarter

Insurgents: “Baghdad will fall”

N. Korea threatens war with US over movie

Explosion in Nigerian shopping mall kills 21

Boehner to sue Obama

*June 26, 2014*

Did Ibrahim’s brother betray her?

Controversial face of MH370 hunt loses job

Iraqi PM welcomes Syria airstrikes

ISIS killing and fear spread in Iraq  
What to do with Pablo Escobar's feral hippos?  
Privacy fight for F1 stars family  
New MH370 search area announced  
"Drastic" action needed on Ebola  
Missing jet was on auto-pilot  
Maliki: Russian jets will turn tide  
Big jump in MERS cases reported  
5 states running out of water  
Snakes flush out Boko Haram

*June 27, 2014*

MH370 crew incapacitated  
EU signs pact with ex-USSR states  
Iraqi military battle for control of Tikrit  
Ebola "threatens more West African nations"  
ISIS reportedly kidnaps 150 students  
Armed drones fly over Iraq  
US moves to stop using landmines

*June 28, 2014*

Iraq army "routs rebels in Tikrit"  
Ukraine troops killed in fresh attack in east  
Dozens of casualties in Syrian market blast

BP seeks to wrest back compensation  
BNP Paribas “to pay \$8.9bn US fine”  
Bosnia marks centenary of WWI spark

*June 29, 2014*

Calif. governor pro Bitcoin  
Pope reappears in public  
Fresh clashes in battle for Tikrit  
“Villages attacked” in northern Nigeria  
Iraq takes delivery of Russian jet fighters  
ISIL declares new “Islamic caliphate”  
Iran “ready to use Syria methods” in Iraq  
Nigeria: Missing girls, silent government

*June 30, 2014*

Mayor Ford returns “ashamed”  
Indonesia sees massive deforestation  
Fake followers for hire, and how to spot them  
Facebook attacked for emotion study  
Fresh fighting around Iraq’s Tikrit  
Ukraine and Russia to work on truce  
Liberia warning on Ebola patients  
US sends 300 troops to Iraq  
Ukraine President: “We will attack”

Hillary slams Hobby Lobby ruling

*July 1, 2014*

2,400 Iraqis killed in June violence

Ukraine launches new offensive

Dozens reported killed by car bomb in Nigeria

Indian Shias sign up to fight in Iraq

ISIS issues call to arms

West Africa Ebola toll rises to 467

DOW, S&P close at records

Crisis meeting as Ebola toll rises

*July 2, 2014*

Nearly every GM model touched by recall

“Iran aiding Iraq” with fighter jets

Ukraine hits 100 rebel sites

Rob Ford: Drug use “ran the full gamut”

Rob Ford: I was drunk, never high at work

Hopes rise for new Ukraine cease fire

“Worst Ebola outbreak in history”

Iraqi PM offers amnesty to rebel Sunni tribes

The VC who bought the Silk Roads \$19M Bitcoin cache

*July 3, 2014*

Saudis deploy troops to Iraq border  
DOW Jones hits 17,000 for the first time  
China bans Ramadan fasting in Muslim province  
Al-Shabab gunmen kill Somali MP  
Ukraine president vows to end army corruption  
W Africa ministers hold emergency Ebola talks  
Ukraine's army to "win back Crimea"  
Wastewater "triggers US quake surge"  
Iraq's Kurds push for independence referendum  
Islamic State "seizes key Syria oil field"  
Imperiled Amazon Indians make first contact with outsiders

*July 4, 2014*

African states agree Ebola strategy  
Iraq air raids hit "rebel positions in Baiji"  
Ukraine seeks talks as fighting rages  
Mayor Rob Ford hires sobriety coach after rehab

*July 5, 2014*

Ukraine: Victory in rebel stronghold  
Suicide blast hits Saudi border post  
Ugandan troops kill CAR rebels "in error"  
Car bomb targets Somali parliament complex  
Chinese Uyghurs defy Ramadan ban

No end in sight: Boko Haram's bloody legacy

Pope calls destruction of nature a modern sin

Isis chief appears in first video

*July 6, 2014*

Attacks on trouble-hit Kenyan coast

Ukraine rebels regroup in Donetsk

US breadbasket faces dire water crisis

African terror groups trade tips

Ordinary people "caught in NSA net"

*July 7, 2014*

Pope meets abuse victims at Vatican

"State of horror" grips Baghdad

Ukraine to besiege regional centres

Swiss firm linked to Schumacher sale

US man tested for Ebola in Ghana

More than 60 abducted women and girls escape Boko Haram

Iraq facing political deadlock

Pope begs forgiveness for Church sex abuse

Gaza on brink of war as violence builds

ISIS bogged down in Iraq: Official

*July 8, 2014*

Israel vows “lengthy” offensive in Gaza  
Abdullah calls Afghanistan run-off “rigged”  
US begins to destroy Syria’s chemical weapons  
Dead cells banned on planes  
Ebola deaths up by 25 in West Africa  
Fighting rages at Somali presidential palace  
Ukraine signals offensive as rebels regroup  
Officers scold Rob Ford’s sobriety coach for “kicking” shirtless protestor  
Israel bombards Gaza as violence grows  
“Forgotten” US smallpox found in a box  
Nigeria: “Good news” on girls soon  
Iraq says “terrorists” seize ex-chemical weapons site

*July 9, 2014*

Could Mideast unrest explode into war?  
Fukushima gets giant ice wall  
Israel and Hamas attacks intensify  
Fifty bodies found south of Baghdad  
Latest Snowden leaks: FBI targeted Muslim-American lawyers  
Bird decline linked to pesticide use  
Snowden seeks to extend stay in Russia

*July 10, 2014*

Iraq “seize nuclear material”

Schumacher's wife lauds progress

Famine looms for South Sudan

Markets hit by Portuguese bank fears

Death toll climbs as Israel bombards Gaza

Donetsk separatists: Prepare for "several hundred thousand refugees"

HIV re-emerges in "cured" US girl

*July 11, 2014*

Tel Aviv airport now a target

Death toll in Gaza "reaches 100"

Iraqi Kurds seize two oilfields

"Rockets" kill soldiers in Ukraine

Portugal seeks to calm bank fears

Ebola claims more lives in West Africa

Billionaires rip Congress in op-ed piece

Israel: World won't stop us

Ukraine vows action over army deaths

*July 12, 2014*

Ukraine jets strike rebels

Iraq forces "killed Sunni prisoners

Singapore bans gay penguin book

Aerial attacks in Gaza enter fifth day

Putin pours billions into Russia World Cup

UN calls for Israel-Gaza ceasefire  
Gunmen kill 29 in Baghdad attack  
Rockets ravage Ukraine city suburb

*July 13, 2014*

Israeli ground troops raid Gaza  
Pope promises “solutions” to celibacy  
Pope: 1 in 50 clergy are paedophiles  
Ukraine forces “storming Luhansk”  
Russian warning after deadly Ukraine shelling  
Germany beats Argentina 1-0 in extra time

*July 14, 2014*

Citi to pay \$7B penalty for “wrongdoing”  
Pope’s words about priests stuns  
Web giants urge net neutrality  
Ukraine says plane shot down by rocket from Russia  
Malala meets Nigerian leaders  
Israel says it has downed drone from Gaza  
Costa Concordia wreck refloated  
Church of England backs women bishops  
Inspectors find more Anthrax violations  
Fighting rages over Iraqi town

*July 15, 2014*

Afghanistan suicide bomb kills 89

Israel resumes shelling after Hamas rejects ceasefire

Nigeria acrimony over abducted girls

Rosetta's target is "double" comet

Airstrike in Ukraine kills 11

BRICS nations to create \$100bn bank

Fed warns on social media stocks

Ivorian refugees blocked over Ebola

Iraqi army launches assault on Tikrit

Rob Ford rejoins mayoral debates after rehab stint

UN "to help Haiti fight cholera"

*July 16, 2014*

Germany accuses Russia over Ukraine

Israel intensifies bombing on Gaza

Rebels repel Iraqi attempt to retake Tikrit

Dutch liable for some Srebrenica deaths

DOW reaches another record

US widens sanctions against Russia

Israel declares "humanitarian truce"

UN: Seven million people need aid in Sudan

Istanbul may force Syrian refugees into camps

Afghanistan's Kabul airport under attack

*July 17, 2014*

Humanitarian ceasefire ends

Putin: US ties near dead end

Malaysian passenger airline crashes in Ukraine

Ukraine says Malaysian airliner shot down, 295 dead: agency

Israel orders ground offensive in Gaza

Snowden: NSA staff shares nude photos

Manning to begin gender treatment

Ukraine, Mideast hammer stocks

*July 18, 2014*

UN: 5,000 civilians killed in Iraq

20 killed as Israeli troops push into Gaza

Ukraine rebels "allow crash access"

MH17: Ukraine releases alleged intercepts

ISIS turns attention to Syria

Berlusconi sex conviction overturned

Malaysia Airline's future in doubt

Iraq Christians told to convert or face death

Scores of AIDS experts killed on Malaysia jet

First Mandela Day observed worldwide

Obama condemns Russia after MH17

NASA: We'll discover aliens in next 20 years

Deaths reported in Boko Haram raid in Nigeria

*July 19, 2014*

Ukraine; Rebels are destroying evidence

Islamic state killed 270 in Syrian siege

Israel pushed into Gaza

Seven killed in Kenyan bus attack

Iraqi Christians flee Mosul

Pope demands justice for Amia attack

At least 27 killed in Baghdad bombings

Reports: Syria trying to retake gas field

Thousands in Europe rally for Palestinians

*July 20, 2014*

Gaza “under most intense” shelling

Ukraine rebels take bodies from crash site

Islamic state claims bombings in Baghdad

Low-key Dutch seething with anger in MH17 disaster aftermath

US outlines evidence against Russia

Deadly fighting rages on in east Ukraine

How a flood of kids upended the immigration debate

Bodies from downed jet piled in boxcars

*July 21, 2014*

Dutch experts examine MH17 bodies  
Iran eliminates uranium stockpile  
Deaths as Israeli tanks shell hospital  
Ukraine launches assault on Donetsk rebels  
S Sudan rebels launch attack despite truce  
Stocks slide amid global conflicts  
Obama: Putin directly responsible  
UN chief decries Islamic State's ultimatum  
Ukraine rebels hand over black boxes  
Thousands displaced by Boko Haram assault

*July 22, 2014*

MH17 bodies leave Ukraine rebel area  
"Exciting" drug flushes out HIV  
Texas deploys troops to US border  
Chinese researchers stop wheat disease with gene editing  
Boko Haram attacks hometown of missing girls  
Israeli soldier reported missing in Gaza  
China seals off city after man dies of Bubonic Plague  
ISIS torches Mosul church

*July 23, 2014*

Ukraine military jets shot down  
Israeli forces pummel Gaza Strip

Chief Ebola doctor gets virus  
MH17 victims begin long journey home  
UN warns of Israel Gaza “war crimes”  
Costa Concordia on final voyage to scrap yard  
Dozens dead in Baghdad suicide blast

*July 24, 2014*

Christian woman leaves Sudan  
Islamists planning imminent attack in Norway  
Militants order female genital mutilation in Iraq: UN  
Shelling “kills 15 in Gaza shelter”  
Sudan “apostasy” woman meets Pope  
Fighting continues near Ukraine crash site  
Official: Air Algerie crashed  
Call for end to “throwaway society”  
Peace Corp pulls Kenya staff

*July 25, 2014*

Gaza death toll passes 800 mostly civilian  
Billions wasted in Afghanistan  
Deadly fungus spreads in Everglades, killing trees  
Isis “overruns” Syrian military base  
Ukraine and Russia claim border crossfire  
Israel rejects Gaza ceasefire plan

“No survivors” in Air Algerie crash  
CAR rebel leader rejects ceasefire

*July 26, 2014*

US evacuates embassy in Libya  
Nigeria on “red alert” over Ebola  
Palestinian death toll surpasses 1000 as bodies recovered amid ceasefire  
Cancer blood test moves closer after promising results  
“Syrian troops beheaded” in Raqqa  
EU to toughen Russia sanction over Ukraine  
Iraqi Sunni politician seized in Baghdad  
Pope surprisingly dines in cafeteria  
SEC seeks \$1B from tycoons

*July 27, 2014*

Nigeria death shows Ebola can spread by air travel  
Mediterranean fish seen in North Sea  
Benghazi clashes kill “at least 36”  
 Hamas agrees to 24-hour ceasefire in Gaza  
Egypt says fighters killed in Sinai clashes  
Boko Haram kidnap wife of Cameroon’s vice PM  
Fighting intensifies nears MH17 site  
US claims Russia fired into Ukraine  
Banks named in silver-fix lawsuit

*July 28, 2014*

3 killed for “objectionable” Facebook post

Liberia shuts borders to curb Ebola

Syrian army retakes gas field from fighters

UN Chief: Gaza in critical condition

Fears over massive Libya fuel fire

N. Korea threatens nuclear strike on White House

MH17 jet downed by “shrapnel”

Tripoli fuel fire “out of control”

Doctor’s family not showing Ebola signs

Israel warns of “prolonged” Gaza war

Ebola spreading as people “resist” treatment

*July 29, 2014*

Israel strikes symbols of Hamas power

Karzai’s cousin killed in “turban bomb” attack

US says Russia violated nuclear treaty

Civilian deaths mount in eastern Ukraine

US tries to calm fears as Ebola virus spreads

Islamic State evicts Iraq farmers

Dozens dead after China mob attack

Lost in Afghanistan: US can’t track weapons it sent

West Africa flight ban over Ebola

EU widens sanctions against Russia

Liberia bans football over Ebola

Top Ebola doctor dies of virus

*July 30, 2014*

Ukraine seizes key town near Donetsk

Argentina hours away from default

Somali “killed for not wearing veil”

Ebola virus a threat to UK

Ebola: Liberia shuts all schools

Peace Corps pulled over Ebola

“Offer rejected” on Argentine debt

Anger mounts as Gaza toll rises

Tripoli burns, violence escalates

*July 31, 2014*

Netanyahu vows to destroy Gaza tunnels

Sierra Leone declares Ebola emergency

Argentina blames US for debt default

Drug resistant malaria “widespread”

Pope Francis’s 10 happiness tips: Turn off the TV and don’t try to convert others

US stocks fall sharply

Snowden’s asylum status expires

WHO sounds alarm over W Africa Ebola

Forensic scientists reach MH17 site

*August 1, 2014*

Ebola “spreading too fast” - WHO

Truce crumbles as 50 killed in Gaza

Uganda: Anti-gay law invalid

Stocks drop on Portugal worries

Kenyan leader orders seizure of coastal zone

Ukraine troops ambushed by pro-Russia rebels

Tunisia seals Libya border after violence

Pope slips out of Vatican, joins Jesuits for lunch

Russian soldier’s selfies backfire

S&P 500’s worst week since 2012

*August 2, 2014*

Fresh Gaza strikes amid soldier hunt

Ukraine rebels admit “executions”

Islamic State loses oil-rich areas in Syria

Ukraine clashes hamper MH17 probe

Israel says missing soldier is dead

Syrian rebels raid Lebanese town

*August 3, 2014*

Ukraine rebel cities “facing siege”

Islamic State takes over Iraq towns

Scores die in gun battles in Libyan capital

Toxins from Lake Erie suspected of fouling Toledo, Ohio water

Israel strikes Gaza, troops to redeploy

*August 4, 2014*

Nigeria Ebola doctor contracts the virus

Hundreds of Ukraine troops cross in Russia

Lebanon army hits Syrian fighters in Aarsal

Islamic State fighters seize Iraqi dam

Leaders to mark WWI outbreak

Israeli airstrike kills militant leader in Gaza

US to send 50 experts to fight Ebola

*August 5, 2014*

China “investigating” Canadian couple

Israeli forces withdraw from Gaza

World Bank pledges \$200m to fight Ebola

Iraqi Yazidis caught in Islamic State advance

UN warns of “massive exodus” from Ukraine

Afghan attack kills US major general

“Heavy fighting” erupts in Donetsk

BA suspends flights amid Ebola alert

US: New mole leaking government documents

“Dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico the size of Connecticut

*August 6, 2014*

Gaza cease-fire holds for second day

Hackers steal 1.2B passwords

Rosetta goes into orbit around comet

WHO starts emergency talks on Ebola

Politician begs world to help Iraq’s Yazidis

Nurse dies of Ebola, says health officials

Ebola death toll hits 932

Man arrested in connection with Schumacher record theft found dead

Russia could be poised to invade Ukraine, NATO says

Putin orders retaliatory sanctions

Search halted for MH17 crash victims

Saddam’s allies move corpse

*August 7, 2014*

Russia bans food from West

Russia extends Snowden residency

Christian exodus as Iraqi town falls

West Africa erects Ebola blockades

Top Khmer Rouge leaders guilty of crimes against humanity

Obama mulling US airstrikes in Iraq

Stocks slide on Ukraine jitters

Pentagon: No US airstrikes have taken place in Iraq

No Ebola drug for Africans

FDA lifts hold on experimental Ebola drug

UN calls for international help for Iraq

Obama authorizes airstrikes in Iraq targeting ISIS

Official: US drops food, water over Iraq

*August 8, 2014*

Gaza rocket fired as truce expires

US air strike on militants in Iraq

Ebola “an international emergency”

Malaysia Airlines in state “takeover”

Bitcoin heist diverts net traffic

US launches another round of Iraq bombing

Doctor, aid worker with Ebola are on the mend

Nigeria declares national emergency over Ebola

*August 9, 2014*

US drops aid as crisis in Iraq worsens

More Gaza deaths as violence resumes

Egypt bans Muslim Brotherhood party

Obama vows to stop jihadist state

Kiev dismantles last barriers

Afghan poll rivals sign unity government deal

Sewage swamps S Sudan refugees in UN camp

Obama: Iraq “will be a long-term project”

Guinea shuts borders against Ebola

Ukraine forces surround Donetsk

*August 10, 2014*

Ebola vaccine by 2015?

Ukraine pounds rebels in Donetsk

US hits more ISIS targets as Yazidi “mass graves” reported

Palestinians, Israel accept cease-fire

Pope outrages at Iraq violence

25 years ago, Ebola broke out in a US office park

France bombs Islamists in northern Mali

Iraqi Kurds asks for arms to fight ISIS

Liberia buckles under Ebola strain

Iraqi PM resists resignation calls

*August 11, 2014*

ISIS tightens grip on Syria, resisters crucified, beheaded

Spain to test Ebola drug on priest

Iran bans vasectomies in bid to boost birth rate

Iraqi president calls for new PM

Ukraine prepares for “final” Donetsk push

Australian jihadist tweets photo of son posing with head of Syrian soldier

Rob Ford bomb threat: “Leave office or city hall will blow”

CAR president appoints first Muslim PM

Putin: Russia to send aid convoy to Ukraine

US “to send” untested Ebola drug to Liberia

*August 12, 2014*

Priest with Ebola died

US directly arms Kurds

The US behind IS? New conspiracy sweeps Lebanon

Ebola death toll reaches 1,000 mark

Obama welcomes move to name new Iraq PM

“Thousands” trapped by Iraq rebels

Military wives protest Boko Haram deployment

Egypt offers proposal to end war in Gaza

US sends more advisors to Iraq

*August 13, 2014*

Ebola survivor shunned

France to give arms to Iraqi Kurds

Great Barrier Reef outlook “poor”

Kenya at “high risk” of deadly Ebola

Iraq PM “will not quit” without court ruling

Snowden: I left the NSA clues, but they couldn’t find them

US troops may hit the ground in Iraq

Another top Ebola doctor dies  
US troops hit the ground in Iraq  
 Hamas agrees to extend cease-fire  
 IS fighters capture towns in Syria's north  
 Canada sends trial Ebola vaccine to W Africa

*August 14, 2014*

Ukraine death toll spikes  
 UN declares major emergency in Iraq  
 Pope urges dialogue between Koreans  
 Eurozone growth slow to a halt  
 Guinea declares Ebola emergency  
 US-led Iraqi rescue unlikely  
 Liberia ponders who should get Ebola drug  
 Ukraine rebel head Strelkov "quits"  
 Obama: We broke siege in north Iraq  
 Iraq's PM steps down  
 Study: Glacial retreat is on us  
 Ebola outbreak "vastly underestimated", WHO says  
 A war zone in the US south; from Ferguson to "Fergustan"

*August 15, 2014*

Islamic State fighters profit from oil sales  
 Boko Haram abduct boys

Ukraine to inspect Russian convoy  
Control of Ebola “six months” away  
Imran Khan convoy shot at in Pakistan  
Pope warns S Korea of affluence “cancer”  
Iraq’s new PM urges country to unite  
Officials: Ebola spreading too fast  
European Union pledges aid to Iraq  
Ukraine says it destroyed Russian military vehicles crossing the border  
Yazidi villagers “massacred” in Iraq

*August 16, 2014*

Chad frees Boko Haram captives  
Mayor: 34 killed in CAR attacks  
Airstrikes near Iraq dam  
Pope beatifies South Korean martyrs

*August 17, 2014*

Pope urges dialogue with China  
Kurds “advance” on Mosul dam  
Cameron warns of IS threat to UK  
Kenya bars travelers from Ebola-hit countries  
Ferguson tense after state of emergency declared  
Finding Ebola source presents problem  
Ukraine says troops entered rebel-held city

Syria targets Islamic State

Liberia: Ebola fears rise as clinic is looted

Kurds “break IS hold on Mosul dam”

US expands it’s air campaign in Iraq

Reports of genetic abnormalities in birds, insects, plants near Fukushima

*August 18, 2014*

Assange: I’m leaving embassy

National Guard called to Ferguson

“Refugee convoy hit” in east Ukraine

Syria jets hit Islamic State targets in Raqqa

Islamic State message for US: “we will drown all of you in blood”

Liberia admits Ebola patients lost

Elephant poaching deaths reach tipping point in Africa

Pope OK with protecting Iraq

NASDAQ closes at 14 year high

*August 19, 2014*

Police come under fire in Ferguson protests

Gaza truce extended by 24 hours

Ebola death toll passes 1200

Iraq army advances towards rebel-held Tikrit

Islamabad braces for mass protest march

Airstrikes launched after Gaza rocket fire

Islamic State claims it killed journalist

*August 20, 2014*

Attorney General heads to Ferguson

Liberia seals slums over Ebola

Fierce fight for east Ukraine city

Israel strike “targeted Hamas chief”

Texas governor charged with corruption

North Korea insults Kerry over looks

Greenland ice sheet loss doubles

US mulls sending more troops to Iraq

UN begins huge aid drop in Iraq

Tepco fails to create ice wall to stem radioactive water flow

50K sealed off in slum by Ebola scare

## Month #1 Syrian Chemical Weapons Attack

*August 21, 2013*

Syrian army uses chemical weapons

*August 22, 2013*

France mulls force against Syria

*August 23, 2013*

1 million kids refugees in Syria

Obama: Syrian chemical weapons grave concern

*August 24, 2013*

US weighs action in Syria

UN in Syria to seek attack enquiry

*August 25, 2013*

UN to visit site where hundreds died

Syria chemical attack probe 'too late to be credible'

*August 26, 2013*

UN inspectors shot at in Syria

Kerry: Syria images "shock the conscience of the world"

Pressure on Syria hits stocks

*August 27, 2013*

US readies missile strikes against Syria

Stocks decline on Syria tensions

Sources: US may hit Syria with three days of missile strikes

*August 28, 2013*

Syria attack contained chemical “substance”, UN envoy says

UK drafts Syrian UN resolution

Would foreign intervention be legal?

Obama “sure Syria behind attack”

The Saudi Prince who is trying to topple Syria’s President

*August 29, 2013*

UK wrangling throws wrench in US plan for Syria strike

Unease over Syria intel

Syria’s Assad will defend “against any aggression”

“Lessons of Iraq” make UK back delay Syria strike

British parliament votes against striking Syria

*August 30, 2013*

“No doubt” on Syrian chemical weapons

France backs US on Syrian action

UK vote leaves bruises in US

Bush: Obama has “tough choice to make”

Obama mulling limited action against Syria

Kerry: Syrian leader a “thug”

Iraqi militia warns US about Syrian attack

*August 31, 2013*

Experts: Strike targets likely narrowed down

UN team leaves Syria as Obama mulls strike

Putin challenges US on Syria claims

Obama: “We are prepared to strike”

Obama to seek Congress vote on Syria

*September 1, 2013*

Congress begins to tackle Syria question

US has evidence that Sarin gas was used, Kerry says

Will Assad “ride it out” or go on “killing spree”?

Arabs states call for international action against Syrian regime

*September 2, 2013*

Nimitz group rerouted for possible Syria help

6.2 million Syrians now displaced by war

Syria asks UN to halt “any aggression” by US

French MPs to get Syria “evidence”

Assad: West has no chemical-attack proof

Syrian regime” led chemical attack”

*September 3, 2013*

McCain: Obama “playing difficult game”

Israel missile tests amid Syria fears

Hillary Clinton: Obama making the right Syria call

Syria resolution limits US force to 90 days

Rumsfeld slams Obama on Syria

*September 4, 2013*

Putin warns US over Syrian action

Syrian official: “World War III” won’t sway us

*September 5, 2013*

Syria’s chemical weapons shrouded in secrecy

Syria clash looms at G20 summit

Obama faces Syria showdown with Putin

Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal remains a menacing mystery

Brutality of Syrian rebels poses a dilemma

Kerry: Not hitting Syria will feed extremism

G20 “split” as US hits out at Russia

*September 6, 2013*

US evacuates Lebanon staff

Obama pushes for support on Syria

War-weary US wary of Syria plan

Russia and US no closer on Syria

Fake emails: US is attacking Syria

*September 7, 2013*

Obama faces uphill battle on Syria

Europe urges US to hold off on Syrian military strike

*September 8, 2013*

McDonough: Attack on Syria would warn Iran

Kerry meets Arab leaders

Syria a “test” for America

Syria’s Assad says “no evidence” of chemical weapons use

Syria “crossed global red line”

“The border has disappeared”: Turks feel strain of refugees

Official: US would notify Israel “hours” before Syria attack

*September 9, 2013*

Syria says Obama is backing terrorists

Todd: White house worried

US will pay for strike – Assad

Ally: Hand over chemical weapons

Syria welcomes Russian plan to turn in its chemical weapons

(Hillary) Clinton speaks on Syria proposal

*September 10, 2013*

Syria agrees to hand over weapons

Live: Kerry quizzed on Syria

US warning on Syria chemicals plan

Obama finds reason to pause

US to discuss Syria handing over weapons

Wrangling looms over UN Syria motion

Putin: Deal won't work with threats of strikes

Source: Obama will pursue plan & also argue for force

*September 11, 2013*

How would Syrian weapons deal work?

Obama delays strike vote in favor of diplomacy

Exotic arsenal heading to Syria?

*September 12, 2013*

“Doable, but difficult” task ahead for Kerry

Why Putin is backing Assad's bloody regime

Assad confirms chemical arms plan

US, Syria disagree on chemical weapons timeline

Tense talks in bid for Syria deal

*September 13, 2013*

Kerry: Syria weapons talk “constructive”

Syria chemical use likely to confirmed in UN report, Ban Ki-moon says

*September 14, 2013*

US & Russia reach deal on Syria

Will Syria's Assad play fair?

Despite deal, troubling questions remain

*September 15, 2013*

Syria reels after weapons deal

Syria hails weapons deal "victory"

Syria "lesson" for Iran-Obama

*September 16, 2013*

UN to report on chemical attack

Footage claims to show Iranians in Syria

US shares rise on Summers withdrawal

UN confirms gas "war crime" in Syria

*September 17, 2013*

France and Russia admit Syria rift

*September 18, 2013*

Syria "proof" of rebel chemical use

Assad: "One year to destroy weapons"

*September 19, 2013*

Putin “confident” on Syrian plan

*September 20, 2013*

Syria “submits chemical arms data”

*September 22, 2013*

Russia offers troops for Syria plan

*September 26, 2013*

Sources: Nations reach Syria deal

*September 27, 2013*

New Syria chemical claims probed

Deal reached on Syria arsenal

*September 29, 2013*

Dozens dead in Syria air strike

*September 30, 2013*

Syria condemns “foreign terrorists”

*October 1, 2013*

Syrian chemical weapons clean-up a “Herculean” task Canadian inspector says

*October 2, 2013*

Media hit by Syrian hackers

*October 6, 2013*

Syria chemical arms removal begins

*October 11, 2013*

Syria monitors win Nobel Peace Prize

*October 13, 2013*

Red Cross team kidnapped in northern Syria

*October 14, 2013*

Arms team in Syria short-truce plea

*October 15, 2013*

Starving Syrians “can eat dogs”

*October 17, 2013*

Syria inspectors “turned back”

*October 20, 2013*

Deadly truck bombs rocks Syrian city

Syria’s terrifying new refugee crisis

*October 21, 2013*

Syria: Polio outbreak fears

*October 22, 2013*

Syrian opposition urged to join talks

Syria: Polio epidemic fears grow

*October 23, 2013*

Explosion near airport in Damascus

*October 26, 2013*

Syria: Kurds seize border crossing

*October 27, 2013*

Syria meets key deadline in chemical weapons destruction program

*October 29, 2013*

Polio outbreak in Syria confirmed

Starved Syrians flee Damascus suburbs

*October 31, 2013*

Syria chemical equipment destroyed

*November 1, 2013*

Syria chemical equipment destroyed

*November 3, 2013*

Did Syria's Assad get away with gas attack?

Polio in Syria: global setback

*November 4, 2013*

UN: Millions more Syrians need aid

*November 6, 2013*

Deadly blast hits central Damascus

*November 7, 2013*

Syria army retakes key rebel enclave

*November 8, 2013*

Europe at "polio risk" from Syria

*November 11, 2013*

Polio strain in Syria spreading in region

*November 15, 2013*

Syrian rebel "beheaded by mistake"

Albania shuns Syria chemical weapons

*November 17, 2013*

Huge bomb hits Syria government site

*November 18, 2013*

Top Syrian rebel commander dies

*November 20, 2013*

Syrian army captures town of Qara

*November 24, 2013*

Syrian children “targeted by snipers”

*November 25, 2013*

Syria peace talks set for January

*November 28, 2013*

Hunger crisis grips Syria

Plan to destroy Syria weapons at sea

*November 30, 2013*

US to destroy Syria chemicals

*December 2, 2013*

UN implicates Assad in war crimes

*December 4, 2013*

Syrian rebels turn homes into weapon factories

*December 7, 2013*

Syrian Jihadists “use Turkey bases”

*December 11, 2013*

US and UK suspend Syria rebel aid

*December 13, 2013*

EU failing Syrian refugees-Amnesty

“Rebel attack” kills Syria civilians

*December 15, 2013*

“Barrel-bombs” fall on Syrian city

*December 16, 2013*

UN launches record Syria aid appeal

*December 17, 2013*

Aleppo hospitals “overwhelmed”

*December 19, 2013*

Syria’s young: Hungry, hopeless and homeless

*December 21, 2013*

Syria rebels explode huge bomb

*December 28, 2013*

Strike on Syria market "kills 21"

Assad sends secret message to Pope

*December 29, 2013*

Barrel bombs "kills 517 in Aleppo"

*December 30, 2013*

Lebanese troops fire at Syrian jets

*January 2, 2014*

Schumacher critical but stabilized

Security forces fight Iraq militants

South Sudan fighting ahead of talks

*January 3, 2014*

New bid to collect Syrian toxic arms

*January 4, 2014*

Al-Qaeda under attack in north Syria

*January 7, 2014*

First chemical weapons leave Syria  
Syria “too dangerous” to count the dead: UN  
Threat to “massacre” al-Qaida

*January 8, 2014*

Rebel Jihadist Aleppo HQ “seized”

*January 9, 2014*

Germany to destroy Syria weapons

*January 12, 2014*

UN concern over besieged Syrians

*January 13, 2014*

US-UK “may rethink Syria support”

*January 15, 2014*

“Half of Syrians” in urgent need

*January 17, 2014*

Syria proposes prisoner exchange

*January 18, 2014*

“Aid enters” besieged Damascus camp  
Syrian opposition to attend Geneva II

*January 19, 2014*

Assad: Quitting not up for debate  
UN invites Iran to Syrian peace talks

*January 20, 2014*

Iran invite threatens Syria talks  
Iran cannot go to Syria talks – US  
Iran invite to Syrian talks withdrawn

*January 21, 2014*

Syria accused of systematic torture

*January 22, 2014*

Hundreds of Syria kids killed by crossfire  
Bitter exchanges as Syria talks open  
Gulf over Assad blights Syria talks

*January 23, 2014*

UN seeks to bridge Syria divide

*January 24, 2014*

Syria threatens to quit Geneva talks

Syria foes “to meet face-to-face”

*January 25, 2014*

Humanitarian issues top Syria agenda

*January 26, 2014*

Homs deal at Syria peace talks

*January 27, 2014*

“Impasse” on Syria power transfer

“Eating grass to survive”

*January 29, 2014*

“Nothing substantive” from Syria talks

*January 30, 2014*

Homes “deliberately razed” in Syria

US “concern” at Syria weapon delay

*January 31 2014*

Syria talks end in recrimination

*February 2, 2014*

Barrel-bombs “kill dozens” in Aleppo

*February 3, 2014*

Starvation and death plaque Syria camp

*February 6, 2014*

Syria denies chemical weapons delay

*February 7, 2014*

Homs evacuation finally starts

*February 8, 2014*

Mortar fire breaks Homs truce

Aid convoy fired on in besieged Homs

*February 9, 2014*

“Hundreds” evacuated from Syria city

*February 10, 2014*

Hope of new Homs truce as talks end

*February 11, 2014*

UN concerned about Homs detainees

“First UK suicide bomber” in Syria

*February 12, 2014*

UN sends more aid into Homs

*February 13, 2014*

Syrian rebel stronghold bombarded

*February 14, 2014*

Geneva talks on Syria “deadlocked”

*February 15, 2014*

Syria’s US-born rebels a security “nightmare”

UN sorry over Syria talk failures

Syria blamed for talks failure

*February 17, 2014*

Kerry: Assad “stonewalling”

*February 22, 2014*

UN agrees resolution on Syria aid

*February 23, 2014*

Syria hospital hit by car bomb

*February 24, 2014*

“We’re dying here”

*February 26, 2014*

Syrian forces “kill many rebels”  
“Shocking” scene in Syria refugee camp

*February 27, 2014*

Syria Christians get Jihadist rules

*March 4, 2014*

Syria “to ship chemicals by April”

*March 10, 2014*

Syrian rebels free kidnapped nuns  
Assad forces “starving” refugee camp

*March 12, 2014*

Syria’s kids live in boxes and eat weeds

*March 14, 2014*

Time to honour Syria “promises”

*March 16, 2014*

Syria “recaptures rebel border town”

*March 19, 2014*

Israel attacks Syrian army sites

*March 20, 2014*

Syria ships 45% of chemical weapons

*March 22, 2014*

Crusader castle has Syria war scars

*March 23, 2014*

Turkey shoots down Syrian plane

*April 3, 2014*

“Million Syrian refugees” in Lebanon

*April 6, 2014*

Deadly clash in Syrian refugee camp

*April 7, 2014*

Hero priest killed in Syria

*April 8, 2014*

Fear grows over Syria’s “vacationing terrorists”

*April 9, 2014*

Car bombings “kill 25” in Homs

*April 12, 2014*

Claims of new gas attack in Syria

*April 19, 2014*

Syria-held French journalists freed

*April 20, 2014*

Pope prays for Ukraine, Syria

*April 21, 2014*

Syrian chemical arsenal probed

*April 22, 2014*

Chemical weapons used again in Syria?

*April 24, 2014*

Did Assad use chlorine gas?

*April 27, 2014*

Syria “still holds chemical weapons”

Iraq hits “jihadist convoy” in Syria

*April 28, 2014*

Aleppo gripped by barrel bomb fears

*April 29, 2014*

14 killed in Damascus

Syria blast kills dozens in Homs

*May 1, 2014*

Deadly airstrike on Aleppo market

*May 2, 2014*

Syrian rebels to “pull out of Homs”

*May 7, 2014*

Syria rebels begin evacuating Homs

*May 8, 2014*

Huge blast “destroys Aleppo hotel”

Crucifixion emerges in Syria

*May 14, 2014*

Obama meets Syria opposition leader Jarba

*May 15, 2014*

Deadly blast hits Syria-Turkey border

*May 18, 2014*

Syria's air chief "dies in clashes"

*May 22, 2014*

Syria "breaks Aleppo's prison siege"

*May 30, 2014*

Aleppo barrel bomb toll nears 2,000

*May 31, 2014*

Syrian troops hit in Aleppo tunnel bombing

*June 2, 2014*

Syria rebels step up attacks before elections

*June 3, 2014*

Sham? Syrians vote in presidential election

*June 4, 2014*

Syria's Assad wins in landslide

*June 7, 2014*

Hezbollah leader says war on Assad has failed

*June 18, 2014*

Chemical use in Syria “systemic”

*June 20, 2014*

Car bomb “kills dozens” in Syria

*June 21, 2014*

Militants seize Iraq-Syria border post, kill 30

*June 23, 2014*

Israeli air strikes target Syria

Final cargo of chemical arms leaves Syria

*June 26, 2014*

Iraqi PM welcomes Syria airstrikes

*June 28, 2014*

Dozens of casualties in Syrian market blast

*June 29, 2014*

ISIL declares new “Islamic caliphate”

Iran “ready to use Syria methods” in Iraq

*July 3, 2014*

Islamic State “seizes key Syria oil field”

*July 9, 2014*

Could Mideast unrest explode into war?

*July 16, 2014*

Istanbul may force Syrian refugees into camps

*July 18, 2014*

ISIS turns attention to Syria

*July 19, 2014*

Islamic state killed 270 in Syrian siege

Reports: Syria trying to retake gas field

*July 25, 2014*

Isis “overruns” Syrian military base

*July 26, 2014*

“Syrian troops beheaded” in Raqqa

*July 28, 2014*

Syrian army retakes gas field from fighters

*August 2, 2014*

Islamic State loses oil-rich areas in Syria

Syrian rebels raid Lebanese town

*August 4, 2014*

Lebanon army hits Syrian fighters in Aarsal

*August 11, 2014*

ISIS tightens grip on Syria, resisters crucified, beheaded

Australian jihadist tweets photo of son posing with head of Syrian soldier

*August 13, 2014*

IS fighters capture towns in Syria's north

*August 17, 2014*

Syria targets Islamic State

*August 18, 2014*

Syria jets hit Islamic State targets in Raqqa

## Syrian Crisis

This first day of headlines would reveal to the world that Syria had indeed used chemical weapons against its citizens in its ongoing civil war. This story would dominate the next coming weeks and continue throughout the year. It was an issue that had the world on the brink of another Middle East War.

These headlines paralleled the previous tenor that led up to the American invasion of Iraq, which is what created this whole project in the first place. I started this project quite arbitrarily on August 21, 2013, having no idea what would come of any of the stories that followed.

During those first few weeks, how to deal with these chemical weapons and the Assad regime, consumed the news. When Russia suggested that a solution could be found by destroying said weapons, Kerry scoffed at the idea as impractical and requiring too much time. As it turned out this was indeed the path taken to avert a military solution. It was also accomplished within the year without issue.

This is a very clear lesson to us all that other solutions can and should be brought to bear in the crisis that confront our world. Military action should be the last resort.

But this Syrian crisis would contribute to a later issue in the form of ISIL. So what solutions were not being brought to bear in the early days of the Syrian civil war would be too little and too late for the emergence of the splinter group ISIL, whom even Al Qaeda felt were too extreme for them.

This proxy war that was being played out in Syria with Iran and Saudi Arabia pulling the strings showcases the complexity of what is really behind the ongoing unrest in the whole of the Middle East. It already begins with the understanding that Islam is divided into sects and these sects have deeply entrenched reasons for discord.

## Month #2 Kenyan Mall Attack – Al Shaba

*September 21, 2013*

Kenya mall shooting kills at least 22

Al-Shabab claims Nairobi attack

*September 22, 2013*

Kenyan standoff: at least 59 dead

Kenyan officials: “Major” assault underway to end siege

FBI probes terrorist claims of American ties in Kenyan mall siege

*September 23, 2013*

3 large explosions heard at Kenyan mall

Kenya forces storm Westgate center

Who are al-Shabab?

Tales of explosions as explosions rock mall

“We are in control”: Police retake mall

*September 24, 2013*

Militants say Kenyan hostages alive

Americans among attackers

*September 25, 2013*

Kenya mourns mall attack victims

*September 26, 2013*

Kenya seeks “white widow” arrest

*September 30, 2013*

Owners say army looted shops

*October 5, 2013*

Officials ID 4 attackers in Nairobi mall attack

*October 21, 2013*

Kenya CCTV “show soldiers looting”

*October 28, 2013*

US kills 2 in Kenyan mall terror group

*October 29, 2013*

Soldiers jailed for Westgate looting

*November 10, 2013*

Kenya to repatriate Somali refugees

*December 10, 2013*

Did Kenya shooters get away?

*January 1, 2014*

Deadly car bomb hits Mogadishu hotel

*March 18, 2014*

Kenya seizes two “with bombs in car”

*March 21, 2014*

Female Kenyan MPs blast polygamy law

*April 1, 2014*

“Al-Shabab recruiter” shot in Kenya

*April 23, 2014*

Deadly car bomb strikes Nairobi

*May 3, 2014*

Twin explosions rock Kenyan cities

*May 16, 2014*

Ten dead in Kenya bombings

*May 24, 2014*

Al-Shabab attacks Somali parliament complex

*June 15, 2014*

“Islamists” attack Kenyan coast town

*June 16, 2014*

Dozens massacred in Kenya attack

*June 17, 2014*

“Women abducted” in Kenyan attack

*June 18, 2014*

Kenya arrests suspects after twin attacks

*June 23, 2014*

Report: Kenyan air strikes target al Shabab

*July 3, 2014*

Al-Shabab gunmen kill Somali MP

*July 6, 2014*

Attacks on trouble-hit Kenyan coast

African terror groups trade tips

*July 19, 2014*

Seven killed in Kenyan bus attack

*July 24, 2014*

Peace Corp pulls Kenya staff

*August 1, 2014*

Kenyan leader orders seizure of coastal zone

*August 13, 2014*

Kenya at “high risk” of deadly Ebola

*August 17, 2014*

Kenya bars travelers from Ebola-hit countries

## Al-Shabab/Kenyan Mall Shooting

A group of terrorists that I had certainly never heard of before, who were the people involved in this attack on a mall in Nairobi, Kenya. One of the first things about this incident that struck me was how diverse the people were in the pictures; this could have been a mall anywhere in North America. The same stores and layout we are all familiar with. The same look of fear as any of us would have in the same situation, protecting our children and looking for a way out.

This group of terrorists had followers in western countries just like ISIL. Thankfully this incident didn't spread like a virus but it did continue to fester within the Horn of Africa, with home bases in Somalia.

There was a quiet response from the rest of the world to this group but apparently the Americans were actively working to destroy members of this group as detailed in this headline that came out shortly after this project's year had come to an end:

*September 5, 2014*

*Terror Leader in Kenya Mall Attack Killed by U.S. Strike*

*Ahmed Abdi Godane, the leader of the Islamic militant organization behind the siege on a mall in Kenya last year, was killed in a U.S. military strike earlier this week, the prime minister of Somalia said Friday on Facebook. A source also confirmed the death to NBC News.*

You know it is a big story when HBO does a TV movie of it for the one year anniversary.

I also reported on headlines that had to do with Kenya in general just to help put a bit of context to this mall shooting incident.

## Month #3 Rob Ford

*November 5, 2013*

Toronto mayor admits smoking crack

*November 6, 2013*

Embattled Toronto mayor “to stay on”

*November 7, 2013*

“Drunk” Toronto mayor in murder rant

*November 8, 2013*

Toronto mayor “may seek treatment”

*November 13, 2013*

Ford bought drugs in last two years

*November 14, 2013*

Toronto mayor sorry again

*November 15, 2013*

Toronto mayor’s obscene outburst

Council votes to cut Ford’s power

*November 18, 2013*

Toronto mayor to lose more powers

*November 19, 2013*

Rob Ford: "I haven't touched a drop of alcohol for three weeks"

Toronto mayor: "I'm not perfect"

Ford loses TV show after one day

*December 5, 2013*

Rob Ford scandal: Why haven't charges been laid?

*December 22, 2013*

Canada's newsmaker of the year: Rob Ford

*January 2, 2014*

Toronto mayor runs for re-election

*January 21, 2014*

Ford explains video, Jamaican accent

*January 22, 2014*

New Rob Ford video leaves council members frustrated and stunned

*February 25, 2014*

Rob Ford discusses drinking

*March 20, 2014*

Rob Ford files defense in jailhouse beating lawsuit accusations

*March 31, 2014*

“Anyone but Rob Ford” signs are out

*April 3, 2014*

Toronto police divided on Rob Ford crack investigation

*April 13, 2014*

Ford fiasco

*April 17, 2014*

Rob Ford to launch re-election bid

*April 18, 2014*

A Rob Ford repeat?

*April 30, 2014*

Toronto’s Rob Ford “to go to rehab”

*May 1, 2014*

Rob Ford enters rehab

*May 2, 2014*

“He let his family down” (Rob Ford)

*May 6, 2014*

Toronto major turned away from US

*May 7, 2014*

Rob Ford: “Rehab is amazing, like camp”

*May 9, 2014*

Doug Ford says he’ll prove that Rob Ford is getting treatment

*May 10, 2014*

Rob Ford in rehab, doctor confirms

*May 16, 2014*

Rob Ford spotted in Ontario cottage country

*May 22, 2014*

Rob Ford’s Escalade impounded

*May 23, 2014*

Rehab facility confirms Toronto mayor is a patient

*June 17, 2014*

Rob Ford will return to mayor's job on June 30 after rehab

*July 2, 2014*

Rob Ford: Drug use "ran the full gamut"

Rob Ford: I was drunk, never high at work

*July 4, 2014*

Mayor Rob Ford hires sobriety coach after rehab

*July 8, 2014*

Officers scold Rob Ford's sobriety coach for "kicking" shirtless protestor

*July 15, 2014*

Rob Ford rejoins mayoral debates after rehab stint

*August 11, 2014*

Rob Ford bomb threat: "Leave office or city hall will blow"

## Rob Ford

The headline this morning (September 18, 2014) in the BBC refers to Rob Ford as the most well-known mayor in the world and indeed they would be right. He also was named the news story of the year 2013 here in Canada.

As this story unfolded, I would not have imagined that it would, in the end, become that significant. I had an inkling of this shift when the late-night talk shows and comedy shows took this story and ran with it.

During the unfolding details of Mayor Rob Ford, there must have been a lot of eye-rolling of addiction councilors every time he denied having a “problem”. I saw this man as a cautionary tale, in trying to deceive and still remain in power, it would not end well. This was also another example of a politician-wife who had to endure public humiliation, the price of power.

This story took a very “karmic” turn of events after the end of this project in that Rob Ford was diagnosed with an aggressive, malignant tumor. This once again, had him making headlines around the world as I referenced at the beginning of this section.

## Month #4 Nelson Mandela

*August 31, 2013*

Mandela remains hospitalized

*September 1, 2013*

Mandela released from hospital

*December 4, 2013*

Mandela in fight from “deathbed”

*December 5, 2013*

Anti-apartheid icon Mandela dies at 95

*December 6, 2013*

World mourns “icon of icons” Nelson Mandela

*December 7, 2013*

US labeled Mandela a terrorist until ‘08

SA to hold daily Mandela cortege

*December 8, 2013*

Mandela remembered with day of prayer

*December 9, 2013*

World leaders head to S. Africa  
Security headache as world leaders gather  
Huge memorial service for Mandela  
Goodbye Uncle

*December 10, 2013*

Mandela lauded as a “giant of history”

*December 11, 2013*

Thousands line up to view Mandela casket

*December 12, 2013*

SA probes Mandela interpreter checks  
Mandela interpreter speaks out

*December 13, 2013*

Mandela viewing ends with final rush

*December 14, 2013*

Mandela makes final journey home

*December 15, 2013*

Nelson Mandela buried at ancestral home

*December 17, 2013*

The next Mandela

*January 22, 2014*

Row over rabbit in Mandela statue

*April 27, 2014*

Mandela's historic win turns 20

*May 7, 2014*

South Africa in post-Mandela vote

*May 8, 2014*

ANC wins huge South Africa victory

*May 10, 2014*

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Nelson Mandela sworn in

*July 18, 2014*

First Mandela Day observed worldwide

## Nelson Mandela

A man for the ages, a man who suffered enormous hardships and showed that the best of humanity's traits can rise above them. Forgiveness, his real and active act of forgiveness saw him become the leader of South Africa and change a country.

My Father happened to die a couple of days after Nelson Mandela and as my friend so aptly put it; "He was no Nelson Mandela!" I would have to agree. Which to me, speaks about what I feel that most impacted me about this man; how many of us can say that we even aspire to be a person of conviction. I mean positive conviction, really living and breathing this.

I have always considered the concept of forgiveness to be meaningless, after all what is my forgiveness going to do to change another person's actions. Nelson Mandela lived his forgiveness and he had known suffering. So hopefully he was able to show the world that good can come from bad.

In his image I see deep, loving eyes that give me hope for humanity. Our world needs many more like him, we have enough violence and death, we need peace.

## Month #5 Bitcoin

*September 20, 2013*

Homeless, unemployed and surviving on Bitcoins

*October 2, 2013*

Feds arrest alleged “Dread Pirate Roberts” the brain behind the Silk Road drug site

*October 5, 2013*

Bitcoin will bounce back from Silk Road scandal, users say

*October 30, 2013*

Forgotten Bitcoins buy man home

*November 7, 2013*

\$1.2 M hack shows why you should never store Bitcoins on the Internet

*November 15, 2013*

Feds reveal what the really think about Bitcoins

*November 19, 2013*

As China looms, the US ponders ways not to destroy Bitcoins

*November 21, 2013*

You can now pay your university tuition with Bitcoins

*November 25, 2013*

Bitcoin is flawed but it will still take over the world

*November 27, 2013*

The magic number: Bitcoin prices top \$1000

*November 28, 2013*

How I lost a \$7.5M Bitcoin fortune

Why does Bitcoin have value?

*November 29, 2013*

Is Bitcoins future in China?

*December 5, 2013*

Bitcoin trade ban for Chinese banks

*December 11, 2013*

Bitcoins rise constrained by heists and lost fortunes

*December 14, 2013*

Is virtual mining for Bitcoins a good idea?

*December 18, 2013*

Bitcoin price plunges

Who owns the world's biggest Bitcoin wallet? The FBI

*December 25, 2013*

Bitcoin Santas drop big money on hackers who have been nice

*December 27, 2013*

Bitcoin exchanges shutdown in India after government warning

*January 6, 2014*

Bitcoin crosses \$1000 on Zynga move

*January 8, 2014*

Could a Civil-war era law stamp out Bitcoin?

*January 9, 2014*

After crackdown, a new Bitcoin King immerges in China

*January 10, 2014*

Bitcoin stares down impending apocalypse (again)

"World's first" Bitcoin insured vault

*January 16, 2014*

Sacramento Kings crowned first pro sports team to accept Bitcoins

*January 17, 2014*

Silk Road forfeits \$28m in Bitcoins

*January 27, 2014*

US make Bitcoin exchange arrest

*January 31 2014*

Bitcoins fate in the hands of clueless regulators

*February 4, 2014*

“Live” Bitcoin clothes tag shown off

*February 7, 2014*

Bitcoins oldest exchange, now in shambles, suspends payouts

*February 10, 2014*

Bitcoins political problems

Bitcoin dogged by tech troubles

*February 12, 2014*

Cyber- attack disrupts Bitcoin trades

*February 14, 2014*

Silk Road 2 loses \$2.7m in Bitcoins

*February 25, 2014*

Bitcoin exchange site vanishes

*February 19, 2014*

Bitcoin exchange prices plummet as investors brace for bankruptcy

*February 26, 2014*

Troubled MtGox Bitcoin boss emerges

*March 5, 2014*

Bitcoin firm CEO found dead

*March 6, 2014*

Winklevoss twins to become astronauts thanks to Bitcoins

Reclusive Bitcoin creator found?

Bitcoin not a currency says Japan

*March 7, 2014*

“Bitcoin creator” denies involvement

Why Bitcoin doesn't want a real Satoshi Nakamoto

*March 8, 2014*

Tomorrow's Apps will come from brilliant (and risky) Bitcoin code

*March 10, 2014*

Hackers steal data from MtGox boss

*March 20, 2014*

Are Bitcoins the future?

Are Bitcoins a scam?

*March 21, 2014*

Mt. Gox finds \$120 million worth of missing Bitcoins

*March 24, 2014*

Academics spy weaknesses in Bitcoin's foundation

*March 25, 2014*

IRS: Bitcoin isn't a currency

*March 26, 2014*

The fierce battle for the soul of Bitcoin

*March 30, 2014*

Future of gun sales? Maker takes Bitcoin

*March 31, 2014*

Bitcoin is pointless as a currency, but it could change the world anyways

*April 11, 2014*

Offer: Mt. Gox for one Bitcoin

*April 16, 2014*

Source: Mt. Gox to liquidate

*April 24, 2014*

Inside the “DarkMarket” prototype, a Silk Road the FBI can never seize

The world’s first Bitcoin debit card is almost here

*April 29, 2014*

“Dark Wallet” is about to make Bitcoin money laundering easier than ever

*April 30, 2014*

Ohio bans buying booze with Bitcoins

*May 28, 2014*

This is what happens when you hack and extort the “Bitcoin Jesus”

*June 5, 2014*

Bitcoin isn't the only way to mine a digital fortune

*June 11, 2014*

The Bitcoin app that could create a black market for leaked data

*June 12, 2014*

Expedia to accept Bitcoin payments

*June 13, 2014*

US to sell seized Silk Road Bitcoins

*June 18, 2014*

Rise of powerful mining pools forces rethink of Bitcoin design

*June 19, 2014*

US government leaks Bitcoin buyers

*June 29, 2014*

Calif. governor pro Bitcoin

*July 2, 2014*

The VC who bought the Silk Roads \$19M Bitcoin cache

*August 8, 2014*

Bitcoin heist diverts net traffic

## Bitcoin

Mt. Gox, Satoshi Nakamoto, Silk Road, these are words, illusions, concepts, all built around the cyber-currency Bitcoin. If you haven't paid attention, it is time you do. This crypto-currency has redefined the concept of the value of currency for all of us. No longer are we tied to what our country values its currency at but a nebulous group of computer programmers who launched a whole new way of creating, distributing and valuing money.

It may have started as an obscure, nerdy concept but it has blossomed into a mainstream reality, you can even pay your college tuition using it. It has also created a method of untraceable payments for illegal drugs, weapons and even assassinations. Tor, the dark web, Evolution, Agora, Silk Road2, unfamiliar terms that have empowered large numbers of individuals to do real harm to society; activities that thrive beyond the grasp of the law as we know it.

We definitely live in a global economy and our concept and use of currency will undergo a huge transformation as a result of the creation and implementation of Bitcoin. This is no longer a nerdy concept. Just today (September 24, 2014) it was announced that PayPal will accept Bitcoins.

## Month #6 Pope Francis

*August 22, 2013*

Benedict; “God told me to quit”

*August 31, 2013*

Pope Francis makes key appointment

*September 11, 2013*

Vatican may discuss clerical celibacy

*September 15, 2013*

Would married priests help Catholic Church?

*September 19, 2013*

Pope: Church must be more accepting

*September 22, 2013*

Economy worships “god of money”, Pope says

*September 24, 2013*

Benedict denies abuse cover-up

*September 30, 2013*

Popes to be declared saints in April

*October 1, 2013*

Pope Francis digs at Vatican's narcissism

*October 10, 2013*

Scholar has contentious Jesus theory

*October 15, 2013*

Pope appoints new right-hand man

Pope's views revolutionary?

*October 23, 2013*

Vatican suspends "bishop of bling"

*October 27, 2013*

Pope marks 10M Twitter followers

*October 30, 2013*

Little boy's rare, sweet moment with the Pope

*November 5, 2013*

Pope Francis' latest surprise: a survey on the modern family

*November 23, 2013*

Pope warns against money in sport

*November 25, 2013*

Could Putin-pope visit signal end of rift?

*November 26, 2013*

Pope calls for radical church reform

Pontiff attacks “idolatry of money”

*November 28, 2013*

Why did the Pope resign?

*December 5, 2013*

Pope sets up child abuse committee

*December 11, 2013*

Time chooses Pope Francis as Person of the Year

*December 15, 2013*

Pope Francis: I’m no Marxist

*December 17, 2013*

Pope shakes up his Bishops

*December 22, 2013*

Pope's most powerful phrase of the year (*Who am I to judge?*)

*December 25, 2013*

Pope wishes for "better world" in address

Pope urges aide access to Syria

*December 28, 2013*

Assad sends secret message to Pope

*January 1, 2014*

Pope urges tolerance to end violence

*January 2, 2014*

Pope nearly triples Vatican crowds

*January 3, 2014*

Pope: Culture creates "little monsters"

*January 5, 2014*

Pope Francis to visit Holy Land

*January 13, 2014*

Pope decries “horrific” abortions

*January 15, 2014*

Pope cleans house at bank  
Vatican to face UN sex abuse panel

*January 16, 2014*

UN slams Vatican for sex abuse “cover up”

*January 17, 2014*

Pope defrocked 400 for sex abuse

*January 18, 2014*

His Holiness auctions his Harley

*January 20, 2014*

Hotel where Pope lives went Kosher

*January 21, 2014*

Obama to meet Pope in March  
Vatican cleric “laundered millions”

*January 23, 2014*

Pope: Internet is “gift from God”

*January 27, 2014*

Vial of Pope's blood stolen

*January 30, 2014*

Archbishops criticize anti-gay laws

Stolen case of Pope blood empty

*January 31 2014*

Cops recover pope's blood vial

*February 5, 2014*

UN report: Policies allowed priests to rape children

*February 9, 2014*

Benedict "at peace" after leaving papacy

*February 26, 2014*

Pope worried over Venezuela violence

*February 28, 2014*

Pope softens tone on divorce

*March 5, 2014*

Pope: Child abuse criticism not fair

*March 6, 2014*

Pope effect? Catholics praying more, poll says

*March 14, 2014*

Pope defends “slum priests”

*March 21, 2014*

Stop doing evil, Pope tells mafia

*March 26, 2014*

Germany’s “Bishop of bling” resigns

*March 27, 2014*

President a “great admirer” of Francis

*March 28, 2014*

Pope breaks confession protocol

*March 30, 2014*

Vatican stops “trillion Euro fraud”

*April 3, 2014*

Pope greets UK queen

*April 9, 2014*

Pope in “pain” over priests slaying

*April 11, 2014*

Pope begs forgiveness for priest’s abuse

*April 17, 2014*

Pope washes feet of elderly

*April 18, 2014*

Pope leads Good Friday services

*April 20, 2014*

Pope Francis’ full floral Easter

Pope prays for Ukraine, Syria

*April 25, 2014*

Pope cross crushes man

*April 27, 2014*

2 Popes made saints in historic canonization

*April 29, 2014*

Pope Francis’ tweets that “inequality is the root of social evil”

*May 10, 2014*

Pope sets Paul VI on sainthood path

*May 12, 2014*

Orthodox Jews to protest pope

*May 23, 2014*

Vatican says UN will clear it of torture

*May 24, 2014*

Can Pope Francis bring peace to the Middle East?

*May 25, 2014*

Pope Francis blasts arms dealers

*May 26, 2014*

Pope visits Jerusalem holy sites

*June 5, 2014*

Pope fires watchdog board

Church horrified by mass grave

*June 8, 2014*

Holy history: Israeli, Palestinian leaders pray at Vatican

*June 20, 2014*

Pope Francis slams legal pot

*June 21, 2014*

Pope gives Mafia the boot

*June 29, 2014*

Pope reappears in public

*July 5, 2014*

Pope calls destruction of nature a modern sin

*July 7, 2014*

Pope meets abuse victims at Vatican

Pope begs forgiveness for Church sex abuse

*July 13, 2014*

Pope promises “solutions” to celibacy

Pope: 1 in 50 clergy are paedophiles

*July 14, 2014*

Pope’s words about priests stuns

*July 19, 2014*

Pope demands justice for Amia attack

*July 24, 2014*

Sudan “apostasy” woman meets Pope

*July 26, 2014*

Pope surprisingly dines in cafeteria

*July 31, 2014*

Pope Francis’s 10 happiness tips: Turn off the TV and don’t try to convert others

*August 1, 2014*

Pope slips out of Vatican, joins Jesuits for lunch

*August 10, 2014*

Pope outrages at Iraq violence

*August 14, 2014*

Pope urges dialogue between Koreans

*August 15, 2014*

Pope warns S Korea of affluence “cancer”

*August 16, 2014*

Pope beatifies South Korean martyrs

*August 17, 2014*

Pope urges dialogue with China

*August 18, 2014*

Pope OK with protecting Iraq

## Pope Francis

Only the second time in history is the Catholic Church having two Popes at the same time, Benedict, a scholarly German and Francis, an Argentinean man of the street. Two very different approaches to their position and I have to say that I am very pro-Francis.

I describe my religious affiliation as being a free agent, I'm a very spiritual person but I don't believe in any God-like beings. That being said, my husband was raised a Catholic and one of his best friends is a Bishop who has just been to Rome to have a meeting with Pope Francis. I had him send a message from me telling Pope Francis how impressed I am with his work so far.

From my perspective, any religion has to work for the people in their space and time. Not some distant, historical rhetoric that simply doesn't apply in a world that has gained vast amounts of knowledge in all fields. We no longer need to worship some entity to ensure a good harvest.

Pope Francis has studied science and lived in a country whose people have wealth and extreme poverty, a problem faced by too much of the world. The Catholic faith was born in this kind of environment and Jesus hoped to help humanity be truly humane.

In just the first few weeks of this project Pope Francis highlighted such issues as; clerical celibacy, to be more accepting, worshipping the "God of money" and the Vatican's narcissism. I am very impressed; the same old, same old is not going to help with the problems faced by modern society.

I was reading this morning a poll on MSNBC asking whether religion should play a greater part in our daily lives. By definition, if you belong to any religion, it should be a part of your daily life so why would I have to decide that. Separation of Church and State, definitely, but in one's own life, this is where your faith should be the core of your life.

All religions speak to the same fundamental values of living as good people; it is us humans who rewrite these principals to suit. We must always strive to be good people, the simple do unto others as you would want to be done to. Nobody wants to be killed, persecuted, abused; we all want to live a decent life.

## Month #7 Ukraine Crisis

*December 1, 2013*

Clashes as huge rally grips Kiev

*December 2, 2013*

Kiev protestors blockade key sites

Ukraine PM sounds coup warning

*December 6, 2013*

Russia and Ukraine seek partnership

*December 7, 2013*

Russia-Ukraine “closer on gas price”

*December 8, 2013*

Huge pro-EU protest in Ukraine

*December 9, 2013*

Police dismantled Kiev protest camps

*December 10, 2013*

Diplomats bid the end Ukraine crisis

*December 11, 2013*

Ukraine police abandon stand-off  
US considers sanctions against Ukraine

*December 12, 2013*

Ukraine leader “still wants EU deal”

*December 13, 2013*

Ukrainian court frees protestors

*December 14, 2013*

Ukraine president suspends mayor

*December 15, 2013*

EU halts work on Ukraine trade deal  
McCain: US can act on Ukraine-Russia ties

*December 17, 2013*

Russia slashes Ukraine gas price

*December 18, 2013*

Ukraine saved from bankruptcy – PM

*December 19, 2013*

Yanukovych tells West to keep out

*December 29, 2013*

Thousands join fresh Ukraine protest

*January 12, 2014*

New pro-EU rally held in Ukraine

*January 17, 2014*

Ukraine anti-protest bill made law

*January 19, 2014*

Clashes in Kiev after protest ban

*January 21, 2014*

Russia: Ukraine “out of control”

*January 22, 2014*

First killings in Ukraine protest (*this is where it changes from a political story to a crisis*)

Ukraine opposition issues ultimatum

*January 23, 2014*

Crisis talks after Ukraine bloodshed

Ukraine protests spread beyond Kiev

*January 24, 2014*

Protestors seize Ukraine offices

*January 25, 2014*

Ukrainian President meets opposition

Ukraine President offers opposition PM position

*January 26, 2014*

Ukrainian opposition rejects offer

Ukraine protests “spread eastward”

*January 27, 2014*

Ukraine “to scrap anti-protest law”

*January 28, 2014*

Ukraine’s PM and government quit

*January 29, 2014*

Ukraine “on brink of civil war”

Ukraine passes protest amnesty law

*January 30, 2014*

Ukraine leader defiant amid turmoil

*January 31 2014*

Ukraine activist “was tortured”

*February 1, 2014*

Power clash over Ukraine at summit

*February 2, 2014*

Ukraine rally targets Yanukovich

Beaten protestor “to leave Ukraine”

*February 3, 2014*

Russia warns Ukraine opposition

*February 4, 2014*

Ukraine MPs seek constitution change

*February 6, 2014*

US meddling in Ukraine - Putin aide

Leaked Ukraine call embarrasses US

*February 9, 2014*

Ukraine places forces on alert

*February 16, 2014*

Ukraine protestors end occupation  
Ukraine amnesty to come into force

*February 17, 2014*

Russia to give Ukraine new tranche

*February 18, 2014*

“Deadly” clashes erupt in Ukraine  
Police storm main Kiev protest camp

*February 19, 2014*

Americans in Kiev told to stay put  
West vs. Russia tug-of-war: 25 dead in Ukraine  
Talk of revolution in Kiev  
Why Russia wants Ukraine  
Alarm at worst Kiev violence  
Violence spreads beyond Kiev  
Ukraine Presidents sacks army chief  
US: Ukraine may face “consequences”  
Ukraine president agrees truce

*February 20, 2014*

At least 21 protestors dead in Kiev  
Ukraine truce comes to a violent end

Ukraine unrest: EU sanctions imposed  
Is Ukraine opposition taking a radical turn?

*February 21, 2014*

Ukraine rivals agree early election  
Ukraine credit rating cut by S&P

*February 22, 2014*

Ukraine president leaves capital  
Ukraine MPs vote to oust president  
Ukraine ex-PM Tymoshenko released  
Ukraine president decries “coup”  
Mystery deepens in Ukraine: Where is the president hiding?

*February 23, 2014*

Ukraine appoints interim president  
Kiev square becomes shrine for the dead  
Ukraine’s acting leader plots path to EU  
Russians rally to back Ukraine

*February 24, 2014*

Ukraine arrest warrant for ex-leader  
Russia steps up Ukraine rhetoric  
Will Ukraine’s economy collapse?

*February 25, 2014*

Ukraine leader warns of separatism

*February 26, 2014*

Rival rallies in Ukraine's Crimea

Ukraine currency hits 10 year low

Putin OKs military drills amid Ukraine chaos

US plans \$1B loan to Ukraine

*February 27, 2014*

Ukraine warns of Russia "aggression"

West warns Russia amid Crimea threat

*February 28, 2014*

World markets muted on Ukraine

Russian forces blocking Sevastopol airport, Ukraine says

Ukraine ex-leader vows fight back

Russia mulls new land- grab law

Experts: It's over for ousted Ukraine leader

Russia "troops aim to provoke Kiev"

*March 1, 2014*

Putin asks parliament to use military in Ukraine

Russia defies US, OKs Ukraine military action

Ukraine: Thousands of troops have crossed the border

Ukraine on “highest alert” as Russian troops move in

US tells Russia to withdraw forces

Ukraine army on full combat alert

*March 2, 2014*

Ukraine calls reserves to be “combat ready”

Russian gunmen surround Ukraine base as crisis deepens

GOP: Whitehouse is “naïve” about Russia

Pope Francis: Pray for Ukraine

Ukraine PM says Russia’s maneuvers are a “declaration of war”

New Ukraine navy chief defects

*March 3, 2014*

Russian troops “to stay” in Ukraine

Russian ruble hits new all-time low

Surrender or face “storm”, Russia says

Russia demands 2 Ukrainian warships surrender

Buffett unfazed by Ukraine

US: Russia broke international law

Yanukovich “asked Russia for troops”

*March 4, 2014*

Russian leader: Coup caused crisis

Kerry arrives in Ukraine  
Russia test-fires dummy warhead  
Did markets make Putin blink?

*March 5, 2014*

Top diplomats seek Ukraine solution  
UN envoy forced out of Crimea

*March 6, 2014*

Crimea MPs decide to join Russia  
“Illegal” Crimean vote condemned  
Obama warns against breaking law in Crimea  
Hillary Clinton says Putin using energy resources as weapon  
Interpol gets Yanukovich alert

*March 7, 2014*

Putin won't back down on Ukraine crisis  
Crimea vote “will not be recognized”  
Frack you Putin!  
Armed men “seize Sevastopol base”

*March 8, 2014*

Rival protests roil Crimea  
Shots as Crimea observers stopped

*March 9, 2014*

Ukraine activists attacked in Crimea

Crimea's Muslims fearful

Ukraine PM to come to US

*March 10, 2014*

Ukraine "lawlessness" angers Russia

Shots fired during Crimea base raid

NATO jets to monitor Ukraine border

"Russia troops" take Crimea hospital

*March 11, 2014*

"Law and order has broken down"

EU sets deadline for Russia

*March 12, 2014*

Obama meets Ukraine PM, warns Russia

*March 13, 2014*

Russia holds war games

DOW tumbles amid Ukraine fears

Russia "does not want" Ukraine war

*March 14, 2014*

Crimea to vote on future

US-Russia in Ukraine crisis talks

Kerry: We won't recognize Crimea vote

*March 15, 2014*

Big Moscow rally against Crimea move

Russia isolated in UN Crimea vote

*March 16, 2014*

Crimea votes in referendum

Report: 93% of Crimea voters back union with Russia

Obama to Putin: US will punish Russia for Ukraine vote

*March 17, 2014*

Ukraine calls up 40K reservists

EU imposes sanctions over Crimea

A "mockery" of democracy

Putin signs decree recognizing Crimea

DOW soars as Ukraine fears ease

McCain rips Obama's "timidity"

Meet the 11 Putin allies the US hit with sanctions

*March 18, 2014*

Putin slams US, says "it crossed the line"

Russian storm military bases  
Ukraine officer “killed in Crimea”

*March 19, 2014*

Crimea’s gays anxious  
Pro-Russians seize Crimea naval base  
Ukraine to withdraw troops from Crimea  
Obama: No “military excursion” in Ukraine

*March 20, 2014*

Russia ready to absorb Crimea  
Which other countries should fear Russia?

*March 21, 2014*

EU seals closer ties with Ukraine  
Putin inks law officially annexing Crimea  
Ukraine border on alert after annexation

*March 22, 2014*

Ukraine conflict could look like World War I  
Ukrainian military bases targeted in Crimea

*March 23, 2014*

“Sizeable” Russia forces at border: NATO chief

Obama heads to shaken Europe

*March 24, 2014*

Ukraine orders Crimea withdrawal

G7 leaders put G8 on hold “until Russia changes course”

Russia and Ukraine hold first talks

*March 25, 2014*

Ukraine far-right leader killed

*March 26, 2014*

Ukraine to dominate Obama EU talks

*March 27, 2014*

Tymoshenko to run for Ukraine leader

IMF close to deal on Ukraine aid

UN declares Crimea vote illegal

*March 28, 2014*

Obama: Russia must pull back troops

*March 29, 2014*

Russia vows no Ukraine invasion

*March 30, 2014*

Russia and US set for crisis talks  
Is Russia really ramping up troops?  
US-Russia deadlock on Ukraine crisis

*March 31, 2014*

Russian PM Medvedev in Crimea  
Russia in “partial” border pullout

*April 1, 2014*

“No sign” of Russian troop pullout  
Nato suspends Russia co-operation

*April 2, 2014*

Ousted Ukraine leader regrets annexation

*April 3, 2014*

“Police snipers” shot Kiev activists

*April 4, 2014*

Fed-up Kerry heads home

*April 5, 2014*

Ukraine rejects Russia gas bill hike

*April 6, 2014*

Pro-Russian storm Ukraine offices

*April 7, 2014*

Donetsk “people’s republic” declared

US warns Russia over Ukraine tension

*April 8, 2014*

Ukraine in bid to retake buildings

US guns-for-hire in Ukraine?

Nato warns Russia over Ukraine

Kerry-Russia may have new Ukraine plot

*April 9, 2014*

Is Russia ready to move into eastern Ukraine?

Crunch talks announced on Ukraine

Ukraine ultimatum to east activists

*April 10, 2014*

Putin warns Europe of gas shortages

*April 11, 2014*

Ukraine in offer to troubled east

US condemns Russia gas warnings

*April 12, 2014*

Gunmen take Ukraine police buildings

US urges nations to assist Ukraine

*April 13, 2014*

Ukraine to fight pro-Russia forces

*April 14, 2014*

Russia jets buzz US ships

Fresh pro-Russia attack in Ukraine

Russian jets move a “provocative action”

West eyes more Russia sanctions

*April 15, 2014*

UN: East Ukraine next Crimea

Ukraine “begins anti-terror action”

Ukraine says its troops have retaken control of the eastern airport

*April 16, 2014*

Ukrainian troops stopped in town

Putin building “new Berlin wall”

Russian Lada “chases Ukrainian tank”

NATO: We’ll fend off Russia

Ukraine military column “disarmed”

*April 17, 2014*

Putin cautions on force in Ukraine

3 killed in Ukraine attack

Deal struck to calm Ukraine crisis

*April 18, 2014*

Eastern Ukraine militants snub deal

Kiev reaches out to eastern rebels

*April 19, 2014*

Ukraine calls Easter truce in east

*April 20, 2014*

US could deploy soldiers in Europe

Russia: Kiev not disarming

Pope prays for Ukraine, Syria

Ukraine probes death in tense east

*April 21, 2014*

Biden arrives in Ukraine with deal in flux

Russia says Kiev "breaking accord"

Photos show "Russia army" in Ukraine

*April 22, 2014*

Biden gives \$50m to Ukraine  
Ukraine alert as politician “killed”  
Ukraine “on verge of being torn apart”

*April 23, 2014*

Russia in new Ukraine attack threat  
US troops in Poland for exercises

*April 24, 2014*

Russian warship near UK  
Ukraine move draws Putin threat  
Russia “destabilizing” Ukraine-US

*April 25, 2014*

Russia accuses West of Ukraine plot  
Ukraine PM: Russia wants to start WWIII

*April 26, 2014*

G-7 nations agree on Russia sanctions  
Kerry urges Russia to help observers

*April 27, 2014*

Ukraine rebels show seized observers  
Slovakia and Ukraine agree over gas supply

Military observers freed in Ukraine  
Pro-Russians seize east Ukraine state TV

*April 28, 2014*

US imposes sanctions on Putin's "inner circle"  
East Ukraine mayor shot and wounded  
Masked men with bats attack pro-Ukraine rally

*April 29, 2014*

Rebels seize regional Ukraine HQ

*April 30, 2014*

Kiev "helpless" in east Ukraine

*May 1, 2014*

Kiev holds "spying" Russia diplomat  
IMF approves \$17bn Ukraine bailout  
Ukraine reinstates conscription

*May 2, 2014*

Why Merkel could be key to reigning in Putin  
Putin: Peace hopes over  
Rebels down Ukraine helicopters  
"Many dead" in Ukraine offensive

Putin warns Ukraine about new offensive

*May 3, 2014*

Abducted Ukraine observers released

Riots in Ukraine leave 42 dead

*May 4, 2014*

Ukraine PM blames Odessa police

Odessa detainees freed after protest

*May 5, 2014*

Rebels “retreating” in Sloviansk

Ukraine soldiers killed in Sloviansk

Russia rips Ukraine tactics

*May 7, 2014*

Rebels seize back Ukraine city hall

Putin says troops pulled back

Putin “backs” Ukraine election

*May 8, 2014*

East Ukraine rebel vote to go ahead

*May 9, 2014*

Putin praises Russia's "all-conquering power"

*May 10, 2014*

Ukraine president warns of "step into abyss"

*May 11, 2014*

Ukraine rebels hold "self-rule" vote

*May 12, 2014*

West rejects eastern Ukraine voting results

Ukraine rebels seek to join Russia

*May 13, 2014*

"Troops killed" in Ukraine ambush

*May 14, 2014*

Ukraine to hold brokered talks

Ukraine weighs power share

*May 15, 2014*

West warns Russia not to disrupt Kiev polls

*May 16, 2014*

UN warns on Ukraine human rights

*May 18, 2014*

Crimea's Tatars defy rally ban

*May 19, 2014*

Putin orders troop pullback

No Russia border pullout, says Nato

*May 22, 2014*

Deadliest attack on Ukraine troops

*May 23, 2014*

Putin on Obama: Who is he to judge?

20 insurgents dead in latest Ukraine violence

*May 25, 2014*

Ukrainian presidential election begins

Poroshenko claims Ukraine presidency

*May 26, 2014*

Ukraine standoff at Donetsk airport

*May 27, 2014*

Ukraine army recaptures airport

*May 28, 2014*

Chechnya “has no troops in Ukraine”  
Russia warns of “fratricidal war” in Ukraine

*May 29, 2014*

Ukraine helicopter downed - 14 dead

*May 30, 2014*

Ukraine vows to bring peace to east  
Russian-led rebels dig in for Ukraine attack  
Russia pulls troops from Ukraine border

*June 2, 2014*

Ukraine border guard centre attacked

*June 3, 2014*

US unveils \$1bn Europe security plan  
“Heavy fighting” in east Ukraine

*June 4, 2014*

US pledges more Ukraine aide  
Obama condemns Russia “dark tactics”  
Rebels take bases in east Ukraine

Ukraine crisis to dominate G7 summit

*June 6, 2014*

Putin meets Ukraine's new leader

*June 7, 2014*

Ukraine leader sets out peace plan

*June 9, 2014*

Ukraine clashes "must end this week"

*June 11, 2014*

Ukraine orders civilian corridors in the east

*June 12, 2014*

Russia accused of sending tanks to Ukraine

Russian bombers threaten US airspace

*June 13, 2014*

Ukrainian forces win back port city

*June 14, 2014*

49 die as Ukraine jet downed

Explosive near Ukraine president's office

*June 15, 2014*

Ukraine faces halt of gas supply

*June 16, 2014*

Russia halts gas supply to Ukraine

*June 17, 2014*

Ukraine suspects terrorism in pipeline explosions

*June 18, 2014*

Ukraine leader "to order ceasefire"

*June 19, 2014*

Battles rage in eastern Ukraine

Ukraine to sign EU deal this month

NATO warns of Russia army boost near Ukraine

*June 20, 2014*

Ukraine peace plan is revealed

Ukraine leader declares ceasefire

*June 21, 2014*

Ukraine fighting rages despite truce

*June 22, 2014*

Putin backs Ukraine ceasefire

*June 23, 2014*

Ukraine separatists “to join truce”

*June 24, 2014*

Ukraine army helicopter shot down

*June 28, 2014*

Ukraine troops killed in fresh attack in east

*June 30, 2014*

Ukraine and Russia to work on truce

Ukraine President: “We will attack”

*July 1, 2014*

Ukraine launches new offensive

*July 2, 2014*

Ukraine hits 100 rebel sites

Hopes rise for new Ukraine cease fire

*July 3, 2014*

Ukraine president vows to end army corruption

Ukraine's army to "win back Crimea"

*July 4, 2014*

Ukraine seeks talks as fighting rages

*July 5, 2014*

Ukraine: Victory in rebel stronghold

*July 6, 2014*

Ukraine rebels regroup in Donetsk

*July 7, 2014*

Ukraine to besiege regional centres

*July 8, 2014*

Ukraine signals offensive as rebels regroup

*July 10, 2014*

Donetsk separatists: Prepare for "several hundred thousand refugees"

*July 11, 2014*

"Rockets" kill soldiers in Ukraine

Ukraine vows action over army deaths

*July 12, 2014*

Ukraine jets strike rebels  
Rockets ravage Ukraine city suburb

*July 13, 2014*

Ukraine forces “storming Luhansk”  
Russian warning after deadly Ukraine shelling

*July 14, 2014*

Ukraine says plane shot down by rocket from Russia

*July 15, 2014*

Airstrike in Ukraine kills 11

*July 16, 2014*

Germany accuses Russia over Ukraine  
US widens sanctions against Russia

*July 17, 2014*

Putin: US ties near dead end  
Malaysian passenger airline crashes in Ukraine  
Ukraine says Malaysian airliner shot down, 295 dead: agency  
Ukraine, Mideast hammer stocks

*July 18, 2014*

Ukraine rebels “allow crash access”

MH17: Ukraine releases alleged intercepts

Scores of AIDS experts killed on Malaysia jet

Obama condemns Russia after MH17

*July 19, 2014*

Ukraine; Rebels are destroying evidence

*July 20, 2014*

Ukraine rebels take bodies from crash site

Low-key Dutch seething with anger in MH17 disaster aftermath

US outlines evidence against Russia

Deadly fighting rages on in east Ukraine

Bodies from downed jet piled in boxcars

*July 21, 2014*

Dutch experts examine MH17 bodies

Ukraine launches assault on Donetsk rebels

Obama: Putin directly responsible

Ukraine rebels hand over black boxes

*July 22, 2014*

MH17 bodies leave Ukraine rebel area

*July 23, 2014*

Ukraine military jets shot down  
MH17 victims begin long journey home

*July 24, 2014*

Fighting continues near Ukraine crash site

*July 25, 2014*

Ukraine and Russia claim border crossfire

*July 26, 2014*

EU to toughen Russia sanction over Ukraine

*July 27, 2014*

Fighting intensifies nears MH17 site  
US claims Russia fired into Ukraine

*July 28, 2014*

MH17 jet downed by “shrapnel”

*July 29, 2014*

US says Russia violated nuclear treaty  
Civilian deaths mount in eastern Ukraine  
EU widens sanctions against Russia

*July 30, 2014*

Ukraine seizes key town near Donetsk

*July 31, 2014*

Forensic scientists reach MH17 site

*August 1, 2014*

Ukraine troops ambushed by pro-Russia rebels

Russian soldier's selfies backfire

*August 2, 2014*

Ukraine rebels admit "executions"

Ukraine clashes hamper MH17 probe

*August 3, 2014*

Ukraine rebel cities "facing siege"

*August 4, 2014*

Hundreds of Ukraine troops cross in Russia

*August 5, 2014*

UN warns of "massive exodus" from Ukraine

"Heavy fighting" erupts in Donetsk

*August 6, 2014*

Russia could be poised to invade Ukraine, NATO says

Putin orders retaliatory sanctions

Search halted for MH17 crash victims

*August 7, 2014*

Russia bans food from West

Stocks slide on Ukraine jitters

*August 9, 2014*

Kiev dismantles last barriers

Ukraine forces surround Donetsk

*August 10, 2014*

Ukraine pounds rebels in Donetsk

*August 11, 2014*

Ukraine prepares for “final” Donetsk push

Putin: Russia to send aid convoy to Ukraine

*August 14, 2014*

Ukraine death toll spikes

Ukraine rebel head Strelkov “quits”

*August 15, 2014*

Ukraine to inspect Russian convoy

Ukraine says it destroyed Russian military vehicles crossing the border

*August 17, 2014*

Ukraine says troops entered rebel-held city

*August 20, 2014*

Fierce fight for east Ukraine city

## Ukraine Crisis (Goodbye Crimea)

This story became the number one story of the year. What started out as a vote on joining the European Union devolved into civil war and the annexing of the Crimean peninsula by Russia, who would have thought!?

At the same time as this crisis was unfolding, the situation in Thailand was also heading south. It was a very tight race to determine which of these stories would end up being a panel. I also expected the worst outcome for Thailand and the Ukraine story to end quickly enough. How wrong was I?

This political story became a crisis story, leaving me to figure out how to thread this story. Do I change the blue thread into a red thread or twist the two colors together?

This story also involved a lot of undercurrent; past ownership of Crimea, the Russian population in eastern Ukraine, Europe's dependence on Russian oil (fracking), NATO, Putin's ambitions and legacy, just to name a few.

Apparently those warships and naval bases in Crimea didn't actually contain any weaponry as not a single shot was fired to defend against the Russians, only potted plants that were liberated by the staff as they marched their belongings back to the Ukraine.

I was amused by how the Russian soldiers who had indeed crossed the border into the Ukraine had taken a Selfie and posted it on Facebook; you have to love the GPS locator on your phone.

Poor Malaysia Airlines, another plane brought down in the most unbelievable circumstances, statistically improbable.

The impotent West, taken advantage of by the sly Putin.

## Month #8 Malaysia Flight MH370

*March 7, 2014*

Contact lost with Malaysia airplane

*March 8, 2014*

US probing terror concerns regarding missing Malaysian Airlines jet

Asian states search for missing jet

“Oil slick seen” in missing jet hunt

*March 9, 2014*

Missing plane “may have turned back”

Official: No terror group claims credit

Object found in water may be door of missing Malaysia Airlines plane

*March 10, 2014*

Investigators: Oil slick not from missing plane

Malaysia “must intensify jet search”

*March 11, 2014*

Missing airliner “changed course”

*March 12, 2014*

Missing plane: Last message revealed

Chinese satellite image might be missing jet debris

*March 13, 2014*

China's lost plane image "a mistake"

Sources: Early "pings" were detected from jet

*March 14, 2014*

Radar evidence suggests that Malaysia Airlines flight deliberately diverted

Could the missing plane have landed?

*March 15, 2014*

Malaysia Airliner's movement suggest "deliberate action"

*March 16, 2014*

Missing jet sought in huge Asia arc

Malaysia jet pilot's flight simulator examined

Final words from lost airplane came after shutdown of systems

*March 17, 2014*

Plane co-pilot spoke last words

Why would a pilot own a flight simulator?

*March 18, 2014*

Missing jet's first turn made using computer

*March 19, 2014*

Australia sees possible plane debris

*March 21, 2014*

Renewed hunt for debris

*March 22, 2014*

Malaysia: Possible jet debris spotted by Chinese satellite

Families: Malaysia is fooling the world

*March 23, 2014*

French satellite may show plane debris

*March 24, 2014*

“Circular”, “Rectangular” objects spotted at sea

Missing MH370 “Ended” in Indian Ocean, Malaysia PM says

“We accept the news of the tragedy. It is fate.”

Why are satellite analysts now certain Flight 370 went down?

Race is on to find Flight 370 black boxes

*March 25, 2014*

China families vent plane fury

Families deserve fair payout from \$1.5B Policy

*March 26, 2014*

Satellite images show “122 potential objects”

Families skeptical of Malaysian plane probe

*March 27, 2014*

Thai satellite spots 300 objects

*March 28, 2014*

New Malaysia plane search area turns up objects

*March 29, 2014*

New MH370 navy search draws blank

*March 30, 2014*

China families vent fury in Malaysia

*March 31, 2014*

Objects seen in jet search aren't plane

Missing jets new “final words”

*April 1, 2014*

“Low confidence of finding anything”

UK submarine joins search for plane

*April 2, 2014*

Flight passengers “cleared” of hijack role

Focus turns to two pilots

How flight 370 may change flying forever

Report: FBI Finds "Nothing Suspicious Whatsoever" on MH370 Pilot's Personal Flight Simulator

*April 3, 2014*

Malaysia “will not give up” on search

*April 4, 2014*

Subsurface black box search begins

*April 5, 2014*

Chinese ship searching for missing jet detects “pulse”

*April 6, 2014*

Plane search signal “important lead”

*April 7, 2014*

Malaysia won't rule out survivors

Plane search has “best lead so far”

Ping discovery prompts new phase in plane search

*April 8, 2014*

Pinger search “to take days”  
Hunt for jet costing millions

*April 9, 2014*

Search “regains missing jet signal”

*April 10, 2014*

Pings heard from oceans depth

*April 11, 2014*

Abbott confident over plane signals

No pings heard in 24 hours

*April 12, 2014*

Abbott: Plane signal rapidly fading

News: jet co-pilot reportedly tried to make call

Malaysian official denies report

*April 13, 2014*

Bad sign for missing jet search

*April 14, 2014*

Robotic sub to search for MH370

Jet families skeptical of search crews’ updates

*April 15, 2014*

First sub search for plane cut short

Mini-sub resumes search for plane

*April 16, 2014*

“Technical issue” hits robo-sub

Will jet victims remains ever be found?

*April 17, 2014*

Hopes dashed again in jet search

Oil slick near pings tested

*April 18, 2014*

Deep down no sign of jet

*April 19, 2014*

Current jet hunt could end in days

Jet hunt to be “intensified”

*April 21, 2014*

Robo-sub two-thirds done

MH370 hunt “still drawing blank”

*April 23, 2014*

Material washes up on Australian shore  
Titanic twist in hunt for missing Boeing 777  
Cost “no issue” in plane search

*April 25, 2014*

95% scanned no jet seen  
Search for Malaysia plane to widen

*April 26, 2014*

Hunt for flight 370 extended

*April 27, 2014*

Sub found nothing in 14 dives

*April 28, 2014*

Larger jet search zone scoured  
Aus PM: jet may not be found

*April 29, 2014*

Possible jet debris 3000 miles away

*April 30, 2014*

Wreckage isn't missing plane

*May 1, 2014*

Malaysia releases missing jet report: new recordings, details revealed

MH370 families told to return home

Jet's audio may have been edited

*May 2, 2014*

Plane search may take a year

*May 4, 2014*

Cops deny MH370 terror links

*May 8, 2014*

Experts pore over jet data

*May 9, 2014*

Missing jet victim pal's ordeal

*May 10, 2014*

Jet search heads to site of "ping"

*May 11, 2014*

Inmarsat offers free airline tracking

*May 14, 2014*

“Communication problems” halt jet search

*May 16, 2014*

Malaysian Airline losses worsen

*May 20, 2014*

Jet’s satellite data to be released

*May 22, 2014*

Hunt for missing jet resumes

*May 27, 2014*

Malaysia releases MH370 satellite data

*May 29, 2014*

“Pings” site ruled out in jet search

*June 4, 2014*

Is noise new plane lead?

*June 8, 2014*

MH370 families set up crowdfunding campaign to raise \$5m whistleblower fund

*June 9, 2014*

Missing jet search cost \$8.6M

*June 13, 2014*

MH370 families get \$50,000 payments

*June 20, 2014*

3 month search for jet begins

*June 24, 2014*

New reports on MH370 pilot's simulator  
Malaysian Airline boss MH370 hunt will take "decades"

*June 26, 2014*

Controversial face of MH370 hunt loses job

*June 27, 2014*

MH370 crew incapacitated

*July 18, 2014*

Malaysia Airline's future in doubt

*August 8, 2014*

Malaysia Airlines in state "takeover"

## Malaysia Flight MH370

I was a big fan of the TV series “Lost” and this missing flight could have been the inspiration for the series. The drama that followed this story sent every conspiracy theorist into nirvana. Was it a terrorist plot, a suicidal pilot, who, what, how!?

Technology, huge amounts of technology at play here. We all have a GPS locator on our phones but an airline can opt for the economy tech package where this feature is disabled, why? The Americans, Russian and Chinese all have tones of satellites orbiting every corner of this globe and they either didn't see anything or they won't reveal they did.

During this story I discovered a website that tracks the world's ocean-going traffic. I knew the names of the ships that were being used in these searches, so I would go and look up where they were at any given time. I would read headlines proclaiming that ships were actively looking for this and that, in fact they were not and it was easy to prove as this website clearly showed them parked in the naval facility in Perth. This speaks to one of those points that struck me about the news way back when in the Iraq wars, the news can claim anything because do any of us actually fact check what we are told.

There will be a lot of good science coming out of this disaster in the form of ocean floor mapping in a part of the world that would never have had resources put towards it. These mappings have already discovered undersea volcanoes.

Hopefully, eventually, I will read a headline declaring that this missing airline was found. I especially feel for the family of the pilot and co-pilot that might never know what truly happened to send this flight crashing into the southern Indian Ocean.

## Month #9 Boko Haram

*February 16, 2014*

Boko Haram “in village massacre”

*February 25, 2014*

29 boys killed in Nigeria school attack

*March 1, 2014*

“Many dead” in twin Nigeria blast

*March 2, 2014*

New Nigeria massacre comes to light

*March 14, 2014*

Militants “attack Nigeria barracks”

*April 1, 2014*

Nigeria suicide bomb “kills 21”

*April 14, 2014*

More than 70 killed in Nigeria blast

*April 15, 2014*

“Mass abduction” at Nigerian school

*May 1, 2014*

Nigerian terror group sells kidnapped girls

*May 3, 2014*

Nigeria “shutdown” for top gathering

*May 4, 2014*

Push to find Nigerian girls

*May 5, 2014*

“I abducted your girls” says Boko Haram

*May 6, 2014*

Eight more Nigerian girls abducted

We’re in: US to help find Nigerian girls

*May 7, 2014*

Pressure builds to find schoolgirls

Malala to Nigerian girls: “Never lose hope”

*May 8, 2014*

Nigerian president vows to defeat terrorism

Boko Haram attacks kills hundreds in Nigeria

*May 9, 2014*

US, UK teams help Nigeria seek girls  
Nigeria “ignored” school warning

*May 10, 2014*

Nigeria ramps up search for missing girls

*May 11, 2014*

Nigeria abducted girls “sighted”

*May 12, 2014*

Boko Haram offers trade for schoolgirls  
200 plus girls are now Muslim

*May 13, 2014*

US in aerial search for Nigeria schoolgirls

*May 14, 2014*

Villagers “repel Boko Haram attack”

*May 16, 2014*

Nigerian leader nixes trip to girls’ kidnap town

Nigeria's president cowering

*May 17, 2014*

Will Nigeria's girls ever be saved? What's next

Leaders declare "war" on Boko Haram

Why Boko Haram is poised to get bigger

*May 20, 2014*

UK spy plane to Nigeria breaks down

Nigerian city rocked by twin blasts

*May 26, 2014*

Nigeria: Girls location known

*May 27, 2014*

Dozens killed in Nigeria attack

*May 28, 2014*

4 girls escape Boko Haram, officials say

*May 29, 2014*

Nigeria's leader vows "total war"

*June 1, 2014*

Deadly blasts hit north Nigeria

*June 2, 2014*

Gunmen kill several in Nigeria church attack

*June 4, 2014*

Militants raiding villages in Nigeria

*June 5, 2014*

Nigeria "Preachers kills dozens"

Witnesses: Boko Haram killed 200

*June 10, 2014*

Women reported kidnapped in northern Nigeria

*June 11, 2014*

Nigeria gunmen burn churches and kill villagers

*June 12, 2014*

Nigeria axes Cup viewings

*June 17, 2014*

Blast at Nigeria World Cup venue

*June 22, 2014*

Dozens killed in Nigeria attacks

*June 24, 2014*

Militants “seize women” in Nigeria

*June 25, 2014*

Explosion in Nigerian shopping mall kills 21

*June 26, 2014*

Snakes flush out Boko Haram

*June 29, 2014*

“Villages attacked” in northern Nigeria

Nigeria: Missing girls, silent government

*July 1, 2014*

Dozens reported killed by car bomb in Nigeria

*July 5, 2014*

No end in sight: Boko Haram’s bloody legacy

*July 6, 2014*

African terror groups trade tips

*July 7, 2014*

More than 60 abducted women and girls escape Boko Haram

*July 8, 2014*

Nigeria: “Good news” on girls soon (*never did amount to anything*)

*July 14, 2014*

Malala meets Nigerian leaders

*July 15, 2014*

Nigeria acrimony over abducted girls

*July 18, 2014*

Deaths reported in Boko Haram raid in Nigeria

*July 21, 2014*

Thousands displaced by Boko Haram assault

*July 22, 2014*

Boko Haram attacks hometown of missing girls

*July 26, 2014*

Nigeria on “red alert” over Ebola

*July 27, 2014*

Nigeria death shows Ebola can spread by air travel

Boko Haram kidnap wife of Cameroon's vice PM

*August 8, 2014*

Nigeria declares national emergency over Ebola

*August 12, 2014*

Military wives protest Boko Haram deployment

*August 15, 2014*

Boko Haram abduct boys

*August 16, 2014*

Chad frees Boko Haram captives

## Boko Haram

#saveourgirls became the Twitter trend as a result of this group kidnapping over 200 girls from their school in Nigeria. Another example of religious violence in a country divided between Muslims and Christians. A country whose leader is Goodluck Jonathan, could there be a more ironic name?!

Despite his optimistic first name, it would take more than good luck to solve this crisis. The only real impact to dampen this group's zeal had been the snakes in the jungle where the group took refuge that drove them back out into the open. Otherwise, this group has continued to terrorize the citizens in Nigeria and beyond.

This group is also primed to ally itself with ISIL, along with Al-Shabab in the east of Africa. These types of terror groups are spreading like Ebola.

An interesting tidbit was revealed after this calendar year was finished; the face of this group apparently died several years ago and he has been replaced by a number of look-a-likes.

## Month #10 Edward Snowden (Whistle Blowers)

*August 21, 2013*

Manning given 35 years

*August 22, 2013*

Manning wants to live as a woman

*August 23, 2013*

Manning wants to marry

Transgender inmates go to extremes

*August 25, 2013*

Snowden “doc” shows proof

*September 18, 2013*

Brazil moves to shield data from US

*September 24, 2013*

Brazil attacks US over spy claims

*October 10, 2013*

Snowden’s father arrives in Russia

“We are not Big Brother”

*October 18, 2013*

No secret files in Russia-Snowden

*October 21, 2013*

French outrage of US spying claims

*October 22, 2013*

US agency “hacked French diplomats”

Deep disapproval

*October 23, 2013*

US: French tapping claims “false”

Merkel concern at “US phone spying”

*October 24, 2013*

US Ambassador summoned in Merkel row

Merkel hits out over spying scandal

*October 25, 2013*

US spying “may harm terror fight”

German spy chiefs set to visit US

*October 26, 2013*

US “bugged Merkel’s phone from 2002”

*October 27, 2013*

Marchers protest NSA spying  
New reports deepen US-Merkel spy row  
US reportedly spying in Spain, more  
Obama “not told of Merkel bugging”

*October 28, 2013*

US tries to sooth allies over NSA spying  
Spain: US must explain “monitoring”

*October 29, 2013*

Intel chief: We’ve spied on our friends for years

*October 30, 2013*

The Snowden leaks explained  
Germans in US talks over spy claims

*October 31, 2013*

Russian job for whistleblower Snowden  
Google outrage at “NSA hacking”

*November 1, 2013*

Kerry admits spying went too far  
Germany wants Snowden spying details

*November 3, 2013*

No clemency for Snowden

*November 26, 2013*

Spies fear Snowden “doomsday”

*November 27, 2013*

NSA “plan to shame web-porn users”

*November 28, 2013*

Canada “allowed” NSA spying at G20

*December 16, 2013*

NSA considering Snowden amnesty

Judge: NSA program unconstitutional

White House rejects Snowden amnesty

*December 17, 2013*

Snowden offers to help Brazil spying probe

*December 18, 2013*

Report calls for overhaul of NSA tactics

*December 24, 2013*

Snowden says “mission accomplished”

*December 25, 2013*

End mass surveillance, says Snowden

*January 9, 2014*

MEP seek video link with Snowden

NSA “collected 200m texts per day”

*January 17, 2014*

Obama to impose restrictions on NSA

*January 19, 2014*

Obama tries to woo back Germans, Merkel

*January 20, 2014*

Snowden “may have had Russian help”

*January 21, 2014*

Snowden makes university rector bid

*January 23, 2014*

US “would engage” with Snowden

Snowden clemency: “Too far”

*January 24, 2014*

How does Snowden hide?

Snowden sees no chance of a fair trial

*January 26, 2014*

NSA “spied on companies”-Snowden

*January 27, 2014*

Angry Birds may be watching: Snowden docs suggest NSA uses phone apps

*February 5, 2014*

CSEC’s collection of metadata shows ability to “track everyone”

The new Snowden revelation is dangerous for anonymous – and for us all

How our gadgets track our every move

*February 13, 2014*

NSA employee let Snowden use log-in

*February 14, 2014*

NSA workers disciplined over leaks

*February 16, 2014*

NSA allies “spied on US law firm”

*February 18, 2014*

Snowden gets his own action figure

*February 27, 2014*

UK spies “intercepted webcam images”

*March 5, 2014*

Snowden to speak at South by Southwest

*March 6, 2014*

“Two years” to overcome Snowden leak

*March 10, 2014*

Snowden says NSA “set fire” to the internet

*March 11, 2014*

McCain wants CIA Senate spying probed

Snowden: Senator is a hypocrite

*March 12, 2014*

Leak outs NSA hack methods

*March 18, 2014*

Ed Snowden meets father of the web

*March 23, 2014*

Lawmaker slams Snowden

*March 24, 2014*

China wants explanation on US spying

*April 6, 2014*

Snowden on TV at event

*April 11, 2014*

Report: NSA used Heartbleed to siphon passwords for two years

*April 14, 2014*

NSA story takes Pulitzer Prize

*April 17, 2014*

Snowden quizzes Putin on TV

*April 23, 2014*

Manning name change OK'd

*May 15, 2014*

Biggest NSA leaks are still to come

*May 21, 2014*

Snowden's first move against the NSA was a party in Hawaii

*May 22, 2014*

Brian Williams grills Snowden

*May 27, 2014*

Edward Snowden: "I was trained as a spy"

*May 28, 2014*

Snowden: US to blame for him living in Russia

Kerry calls Snowden a "coward" & "traitor"

"I'd like to go home", Snowden says

*May 29, 2014*

Snowden's motive: He can "sleep at night"

Emails back Snowden claim

Snowden: I shared snooping concerns

Snowden: I no longer have NSA documents

*May 30, 2014*

Snowden: Obama broke vow

*June 1, 2014*

NSA capturing millions of facial images a day  
More oppose Snowden than support him

*June 2, 2014*

Snowden asylum bids

*June 4, 2014*

Snowden “probably” not Russian spy  
NSA whistleblower Snowden seeks Brazil asylum

*July 9, 2014*

Latest Snowden leaks: FBI targeted Muslim-American lawyers  
Snowden seeks to extend stay in Russia

*July 17, 2014*

Snowden: NSA staff shares nude photos  
Manning to begin gender treatment

*July 31, 2014*

Snowden’s asylum status expires

*August 7, 2014*

Russia extends Snowden residency

*August 13, 2014*

Snowden: I left the NSA clues, but they couldn't find them

*August 18, 2014*

Assange: I'm leaving embassy

## Edward Snowden (Whistleblowers)

In my mind one of the most influential people of the year, a man who was first portrayed by the US government as a High School drop-out, low-level nobody. I found that hard to believe from the beginning as he wouldn't be put in a position to have the kind of access he had to get all of the information he had.

I hoped that he would become a panel sometime in the year and it happened as a result of the interview he had with Brian Williams of NBC news. This interview clearly showed that Edward Snowden was a very intelligent, capable person with a strong moral conviction that guided his actions. I am an admirer; it is people like him that the world needs more of.

His story has been made into a documentary which the BBC described as a must view. It has also come to light that there is yet another unidentified whistleblower leaking more information that the US government isn't happy about.

The information and the subsequent fall-out have rippled across the world and across many governments. It has also exposed the systematic obliteration of civil rights in the US. This should have caused so much more outrage than it has. Which really causes me to pause and ask how is it that the US, which prides itself in being an open, democratic, freedom-loving country, has been as complacent as one by one, their rights have been erased.

The whole concept of a "terrorist" has given many governments carte blanche to label anyone and anything by this label and scare the citizenry into waiving their civil rights. They even labeled Edward Snowden a traitor because he had the courage to expose the depth of intrusion his government has sanctioned in their efforts to combat "terrorism".

The book "1984" was written as a future cautionary tale long before the actual year and here we are 30 years later and it is our reality. Big Brother is watching and listening in to everything.

## Month #11 ISIS/Iraq

*August 25, 2013*

Iraq rocked by deadly attacks

*August 28, 2013*

Dozens killed in Iraq bombings

*August 30, 2013*

Iraq besieged by bloodshed

Iraqi militia warns US about Syrian attack

*September 9, 2013*

US and France heal Iraq wounds

*September 13, 2013*

Deadly bomb attack on Iraqi mosque

*September 15, 2013*

Fresh wave of bombs hit Iraq cities

*September 20, 2013*

Blasts strike Sunni mosque in Iraq

*September 21, 2013*

Iraq bomb, attacks kill at least 65

*September 26, 2013*

Deadly blast hits Baghdad market

*September 29, 2013*

Bombings hit Iraqi city of Irbil

*September 30, 2013*

Deadly car bomb strikes Baghdad

*October 7, 2013*

Iraq hit by series of deadly blasts

*October 11, 2013*

Iraq executes 42 people

*October 20, 2013*

Suicide bombers hit Iraqi officials  
Baghdad café hit by suicide bombing

*October 27, 2013*

Car bombs cause Baghdad carnage

*October 29, 2013*

War-weary Iraqis scared to leave home

*November 1, 2013*

Iraq leader asks US for help

*November 14, 2013*

Bombs strike Iraqi Shia processions

*November 21, 2013*

Dozens killed in Iraq car bombing

*November 29, 2013*

Eighteen abducted Iraqis found dead

*December 13, 2013*

Iraq pipeline attack kills Iranians

*December 16, 2013*

Iraq suffers day of deadly violence

*December 21, 2013*

Bomb attack kills officers in Iraq

*December 25, 2013*

Bombs kill at least 37 in Baghdad  
Christian areas hit by Baghdad bombs

*December 28, 2013*

Iraq troops arrest MP in deadly raid

*January 2, 2014*

Security forces fight Iraq militants

*January 3, 2014*

Militants “still hold Iraq cities”

*January 4, 2014*

Iraq government “loses Fallujah”

*January 5, 2014*

Residents flee Fallujah amidst blitz

*January 6, 2014*

Iraq PM urges militants’ expulsion

*January 7, 2014*

US speeds up Iraq military support

*January 13, 2014*

Car bomb kills at least 21 in Iraq

*January 15, 2014*

Dozens killed in Iraq bomb attacks

*January 20, 2014*

At least 21 die in Baghdad blast

*January 21, 2014*

Iraq executes 26 for “terrorism”

*January 24, 2014*

Iraq fighting “displaces 140,000”

*February 3, 2014*

Baghdad car bombings leave 14 dead

*February 10, 2014*

Car bomb teacher accidentally kills 21 students

*February 18, 2014*

Waves of Iraq blasts “kills many”

*February 25, 2014*

US presses Iraq on Iran “arms deal”

*March 9, 2014*

Minibus bomb kills 32 in Iraq

*April 27, 2014*

Iraq hits “jihadist convoy” in Syria

*April 28, 2014*

Iraq suicide bomb at rally kills 30

*April 30, 2014*

Iraq holds key election amid strife

*May 11, 2014*

Militants “kill 20 Iraqi soldiers”

*May 13, 2014*

Deadly blasts hit Baghdad Shia areas

*May 19, 2014*

Iraq’s Maliki “set to win elections”

*May 22, 2014*

Shia pilgrims killed in Iraq bombings

*May 24, 2014*

Iraqi Kurdistan makes first oil sale

*June 3, 2014*

Deadly attacks and shelling hit Iraq

*June 7, 2014*

Car bomb kills 52 in Iraq

*June 10, 2014*

Militants seize Iraq's second city

*June 11, 2014*

Half a million flee Iraq's Mosul

Iraqi insurgents "seize new city"

UN condemns Iraqi militant attacks

Under-siege Iraq asks US for air strikes

*June 12, 2014*

Sunni militants vow to take Baghdad

Iraq delays vote on emergency powers

President: "I don't rule out anything" in Iraq

Drone hits group that took soldier

ISIL vows to march on Iraq's capital

Lawmakers urge Obama action in Iraq

*June 13, 2014*

ISIS now world's richest terrorist group

Heavily armed groups near Baghdad

Iraq cleric issues Shia call to arms

Obama won't send troops to Iraq

*June 14, 2014*

Iran "ready to help neighbor" Iraq

Defiant Maliki vows to defeat Iraq rebels

US aircraft carrier to go to Arabian Gulf

*June 15, 2014*

Blair says Iraq turmoil inevitable

Kurds advance in Iraq

Iraqi forces hit back at militants

Images "show massacre in Iraq"

String of deadly explosion rock Baghdad

*June 16, 2014*

Kerry says US may work with Iran on Iraq

Militants “seize” Iraq’s Tal Afar

Photos released of Iraq “mass execution”

Iraq jets attack ISIS

US ramps up naval presence in Gulf

US deploying more troops to Iraq

*June 17, 2014*

Deadly Iraq fighting edges closer to Baghdad

US discusses Iraq plan with longtime foe

Iraq’s largest refinery closed

Iraq accuses Saudis of spurring genocide

*June 18, 2014*

Iraqi militants “planning to attack” UK

Militants besieged Iraq’s largest oil refinery

Iraq formally seeks US air strikes

Obama “to bypass Congress on Iraq”

*June 19, 2014*

Petraeus warns against Iraq invasion

Iraq forces fight over oil refinery

Cheney: Obama “so wrong” on Iraq

Obama: US ready for “targeted” action in Iraq

*June 20, 2014*

Fierce battles for key Iraqi sites  
Iraq troops mass for offensive against rebels

*June 21, 2014*

Militants seize Iraq-Syria border post, kill 30  
Iraqi Shia groups rally in show of power  
Reports: Rebels capture Iraq oil refinery  
Iraqi Christians flee militants

*June 22, 2014*

“Critical moment”: Kerry arrives in Cairo  
ISIS grabs three more Iraq towns  
Iraq “loses western border controls”  
Iran leader: US must stay out of Iraq

*June 23, 2014*

Kerry’s “high-stakes mission” to Iraq  
Iraq: Worst crisis in 11 years  
US vows “intense” support for Iraq

*June 24, 2014*

Bomb blitz feared as militants near Baghdad

US advisor troops arrive in Iraq

*June 25, 2014*

Iraq rejects unity government  
Will al Qaeda be eclipsed as “brand”?  
Insurgents: “Baghdad will fall”

*June 26, 2014*

Iraqi PM welcomes Syria airstrikes  
ISIS killing and fear spread in Iraq  
Maliki: Russian jets will turn tide

*June 27, 2014*

Iraqi military battle for control of Tikrit  
ISIS reportedly kidnaps 150 students  
Armed drones fly over Iraq

*June 28, 2014*

Iraq army “routs rebels in Tikrit”

*June 29, 2014*

Fresh clashes in battle for Tikrit  
Iraq takes delivery of Russian jet fighters  
ISIL declares new “Islamic caliphate”

Iran “ready to use Syria methods” in Iraq

*June 30, 2014*

Fresh fighting around Iraq’s Tikrit

US sends 300 troops to Iraq

*July 1, 2014*

2,400 Iraqis killed in June violence

Indian Shias sign up to fight in Iraq

ISIS issues call to arms

*July 2, 2014*

“Iran aiding Iraq” with fighter jets

Iraqi PM offers amnesty to rebel Sunni tribes

*July 3, 2014*

Saudis deploy troops to Iraq border

Iraq’s Kurds push for independence referendum

Islamic State “seizes key Syria oil field”

*July 4, 2014*

Iraq air raids hit “rebel positions in Baiji”

*July 5, 2014*

Isis chief appears in first video

*July 7, 2014*

“State of horror” grips Baghdad

Iraq facing political deadlock

ISIS bogged down in Iraq: Official

*July 8, 2014*

Iraq says “terrorists” seize ex-chemical weapons site

*July 9, 2014*

Could Mideast unrest explode into war?

Fifty bodies found south of Baghdad

*July 10, 2014*

Iraq “seize nuclear material”

*July 11, 2014*

Iraqi Kurds seize two oilfields

*July 12, 2014*

Iraq forces “killed Sunni prisoners

Gunmen kill 29 in Baghdad attack

*July 14, 2014*

Fighting rages over Iraqi town

*July 15, 2014*

Iraqi army launches assault on Tikrit

*July 16, 2014*

Rebels repel Iraqi attempt to retake Tikrit

*July 17, 2014*

Ukraine, Mideast hammer stocks

*July 18, 2014*

UN: 5,000 civilians killed in Iraq

ISIS turns attention to Syria

Iraq Christians told to convert or face death

*July 19, 2014*

Islamic state killed 270 in Syrian siege

Iraqi Christians flee Mosul

At least 27 killed in Baghdad bombings

Reports: Syria trying to retake gas field

*July 20, 2014*

Islamic state claims bombings in Baghdad

*July 22, 2014*

ISIS torches Mosul church

*July 23, 2014*

Dozens dead in Baghdad suicide blast

*July 25, 2014*

Isis “overruns” Syrian military base

*July 26, 2014*

“Syrian troops beheaded” in Raqqa  
Iraqi Sunni politician seized in Baghdad

*July 29, 2014*

Islamic State evicts Iraq farmers

*August 2, 2014*

Islamic State loses oil-rich areas in Syria

*August 3, 2014*

Islamic State takes over Iraq towns

*August 4, 2014*

Islamic State fighters seize Iraqi dam

*August 5, 2014*

Iraqi Yazidis caught in Islamic State advance

*August 6, 2014*

Politician begs world to help Iraq's Yazidis

Saddam's allies move corpse

*August 7, 2014*

Christian exodus as Iraqi town falls

Obama mulling US airstrikes in Iraq

Pentagon: No US airstrikes have taken place in Iraq

UN calls for international help for Iraq

Obama authorizes airstrikes in Iraq targeting ISIS

Official: US drops food, water over Iraq

*August 8, 2014*

US air strike on militants in Iraq

US launches another round of Iraq bombing

*August 9, 2014*

US drops aid as crisis in Iraq worsens

Obama vows to stop jihadist state

Obama: Iraq “will be a long-term project”

*August 10, 2014*

US hits more ISIS targets as Yazidi “mass graves” reported

Pope outrages at Iraq violence

Iraqi Kurds asks for arms to fight ISIS

Iraqi PM resists resignation calls

*August 11, 2014*

ISIS tightens grip on Syria, resisters crucified, beheaded

Iraqi president calls for new PM

Australian jihadist tweets photo of son posing with head of Syrian soldier

*August 12, 2014*

US directly arms Kurds

The US behind IS? New conspiracy sweeps Lebanon

Obama welcomes move to name new Iraq PM

“Thousands” trapped by Iraq rebels

US sends more advisors to Iraq

*August 13, 2014*

Iraq PM “will not quit” without court ruling

US troops may hit the ground in Iraq

US troops hit the ground in Iraq

IS fighters capture towns in Syria's north

*August 14, 2014*

UN declares major emergency in Iraq

US-led Iraqi rescue unlikely

Obama: We broke siege in north Iraq

Iraq's PM steps down

*August 15, 2014*

Islamic State fighters profit from oil sales

Iraq's new PM urges country to unite

European Union pledges aid to Iraq

Yazidi villagers "massacred" in Iraq

*August 16, 2014*

Airstrikes near Iraq dam

*August 17, 2014*

Kurds "advance" on Mosul dam

Cameron warns of IS threat to UK

Syria targets Islamic State

Kurds "break IS hold on Mosul dam"

US expands it's air campaign in Iraq

*August 18, 2014*

Syria jets hit Islamic State targets in Raqqa

Islamic State message for US: “we will drown all of you in blood”

Pope OK with protecting Iraq

*August 19, 2014*

Iraq army advances towards rebel-held Tikrit

Islamic State claims it killed journalist

*August 20, 2014*

US mulls sending more troops to Iraq

UN begins huge aid drop in Iraq

## ISIL/Iraq

ISIL, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Also known as ISIS or IS or anything that doesn't include the word Levant. A very important word and by omitting it, a great disservice to understanding the full depth and breadth of what ISIL hopes to accomplish.

*The **Levant** (**/lə'vænt/**), also known as the **Eastern Mediterranean**, is a geographic and cultural region consisting of the "eastern Mediterranean **littoral** between **Anatolia** and **Egypt**". The Levant today consists of **Cyprus**, **Israel**, **Jordan**, **Lebanon**, **Palestine**, **Syria**, and part of southern **Turkey** (the former **Aleppo Vilayet**).*

Puts a bit of a different slant on it, doesn't it? It is now time for the British (and all of those other Imperial nations) to watch what it looks like to carve up an existing territory into new arbitrary borders. Paybacks a bitch!

This group ISIL, which started with a couple of hundred fervent followers, is suddenly able to overrun vast swathes of territory and major cities, encountering next to no resistance. How is that possible? How can this minor group of terrorists suddenly possess the power and ability to take over the huge city of Mosul and sell millions of dollars worth of oil to pay for their efforts?

How is it that any other military force requires serious training on how to use the various weapons of war and this group simply showed up at the munitions building in an army base and drove off with all of the military hardware? Who do they trust to drive a tanker full of millions of dollars worth of oil and sell it on the black market only to return with the cash in hand?

With only a single beheading they get the US and its coalition to head back into Iraq to mount a defense. It strikes me as completely absurd to watch a very expensive bomb being dropped on a single truck, carrying four people. Where are the Iraqi military with a shoulder mounted missile doing the job for far less money and effort? What exactly did the Americans spend all of those trillions of dollars on in Iraq?

So what I see is a whole lot more to this story than we, the public, are being told. The irony, for me, is that this whole project began with what happened during the first Gulf War. I very arbitrarily pick a day to begin this project, twenty plus years after its genesis and the year ends where it all began, in Iraq.

## Month #12 Ebola

*March 22, 2014*

Ebola caused “Guinea fever deaths”

*March 23, 2014*

Deadly Ebola reaches Guinea capital

*March 25, 2014*

Ebola-like virus seen in Canada man

Ebola ruled out for ill Canadian

*March 27, 2014*

Guinea confirms Ebola in capital

*March 29, 2014*

Ebola crisis spreads

*March 30, 2014*

Ebola could become global crisis: experts

*March 31, 2014*

Ebola outbreak unprecedented-MSF

*April 1, 2014*

“No handshakes, no sex” (*Ebola in Guinea*)

*April 4, 2014*

Mali on alert over Ebola fears

*April 8, 2014*

Guinea “Ebola deaths pass 100”

*May 26, 2014*

Five dead in Sierra Leone Ebola outbreak

*May 29, 2014*

Doctors struggle to contain Ebola outbreak

*June 3, 2014*

Staff leave Sierra Leone over Ebola

*June 4, 2014*

Ebola death toll hits 208 in Guinea

*June 8, 2014*

Workers fear Ebola outbreak

*June 10, 2014*

Sierra Leone Ebola deaths “double”

*June 17, 2014*

Seven die in Monrovia Ebola outbreak

*June 19, 2014*

Ebola outbreak spreads as toll reaches 337

*June 20, 2014*

Official: Ebola is out of control

*June 24, 2014*

West Africa Ebola deaths pass 300

*June 26, 2014*

“Drastic” action needed on Ebola

*June 27, 2014*

Ebola “threatens more West African nations”

*June 30, 2014*

Liberia warning on Ebola patients

*July 1, 2014*

West Africa Ebola toll rises to 467

Crisis meeting as Ebola toll rises

*July 2, 2014*

“Worst Ebola outbreak in history”

*July 3, 2014*

W Africa ministers hold emergency Ebola talks

*July 4, 2014*

African states agree Ebola strategy

*July 7, 2014*

US man tested for Ebola in Ghana

*July 8, 2014*

Ebola deaths up by 25 in West Africa

*July 11, 2014*

Ebola claims more lives in West Africa

*July 23, 2014*

Chief Ebola doctor gets virus

*July 26, 2014*

Nigeria on “red alert” over Ebola

*July 27, 2014*

Nigeria death shows Ebola can spread by air travel

*July 28, 2014*

Doctor’s family not showing Ebola signs

Ebola spreading as people “resist” treatment

*July 29, 2014*

US tries to calm fears as Ebola virus spreads

West Africa flight ban over Ebola

Liberia bans football over Ebola

Top Ebola doctor dies of virus

*July 30, 2014*

Ebola virus a threat to UK

Ebola: Liberia shuts all schools

Peace Corps pulled over Ebola

*July 31, 2014*

Sierra Leone declares Ebola emergency

WHO sounds alarm over W Africa Ebola

*August 1, 2014*

Ebola “spreading too fast” - WHO

*August 4, 2014*

Nigeria Ebola doctor contracts the virus

US to send 50 experts to fight Ebola

*August 5, 2014*

BA suspends flights amid Ebola alert

*August 6, 2014*

WHO starts emergency talks on Ebola

Nurse dies of Ebola, says health officials

Ebola death toll hits 932

*August 7, 2014*

West Africa erects Ebola blockades

No Ebola drug for Africans

FDA lifts hold on experimental Ebola drug

*August 8, 2014*

Ebola “an international emergency”

Doctor, aid worker with Ebola are on the mend

Nigeria declares national emergency over Ebola

*August 9, 2014*

Guinea shuts borders against Ebola

*August 10, 2014*

Ebola vaccine by 2015?

25 years ago, Ebola broke out in a US office park

Liberia buckles under Ebola strain

*August 11, 2014*

Spain to test Ebola drug on priest

US “to send” untested Ebola drug to Liberia

*August 12, 2014*

Priest with Ebola died

Ebola death toll reaches 1,000 mark

*August 13, 2014*

Ebola survivor shunned

Kenya at “high risk” of deadly Ebola

Another top Ebola doctor dies

Canada sends trial Ebola vaccine to W Africa

*August 14, 2014*

Guinea declares Ebola emergency

Liberia ponders who should get Ebola drug  
Ebola outbreak “vastly underestimated”, WHO says

*August 15, 2014*

Control of Ebola “six months” away  
Officials: Ebola spreading too fast

*August 17, 2014*

Kenya bars travelers from Ebola-hit countries  
Finding Ebola source presents problem  
Liberia: Ebola fears rise as clinic is looted

*August 18, 2014*

Liberia admits Ebola patients lost

*August 19, 2014*

Ebola death toll passes 1200

*August 20, 2014*

Liberia seals slums over Ebola  
50K sealed off in slum by Ebola scare

## Ebola

This story began in early March and as of today (October 25, 2014) there are over 10,000 people infected and nearly half have died. This is one of those stories that I categorize as an “over there” problem. You know the problems, issues and wars that happen over there, way far away from “us”.

Apparently the concept of globalization still needs to be made clear to “us” over here. There is no over there, it is all here on one precious planet. We are no longer able to be ignorant about what happens in other places, it comes to us via the internet or by plane.

Despite loud voices appealing to the rest of the world to step up and help those poor, poor people in West Africa, the world community has failed. I found myself thinking about how our beliefs are rooted in Hollywood movie versions of real-life events. In any movie about viruses running amok, there is always some government organization at the ready to deploy the necessary equipment and people to contain it, apparently not so much in real life.

This week a doctor who treated Ebola patients in Africa returns to New York City and proceeds to go out and about until he gets a fever only to find out that he has contracted the illness. Two things come to mind; first, I expect Jon Stewart to host his show tomorrow wearing a full blown hazmat suit and second, how is it that there is no mandatory quarantine for any health-care worker upon their return from West Africa.

What does it say about the dog-loving westerner that I am that one of the things that sticks out most for me is that the Spanish authorities killed the Ebola infected nurse’s dog for fear that it would transmit the disease.

I also want to comment on how amazed and impressed I am about how the people in West Africa are coping with this horrific disease and its impact on families. We here in the west need therapy after anything resembling a trauma in our lives.

## Extra - CAR

*November 26, 2013*

UN demands action on CAR “chaos”

*December 5, 2013*

Warning of genocide in CAR

*December 7, 2013*

French reinforcements fan out in CAR

Huge African troop surge for CAR

*December 8, 2013*

French troops reach tense CAR town

*December 26, 2013*

CAR unrest kills Chad peacekeepers

*December 28, 2013*

Chadians evacuated from CAR conflict

*December 31, 2013*

Children “beheaded” in CAR conflict

*January 3, 2014*

Number of displaced in CAR nearly “doubles”

*January 8, 2014*

UN warns of CAR humanitarian crisis

*January 9, 2014*

“Like Darfur, plus anarchy” (CAR)

*January 10, 2014*

CAR interim president resigns

*January 11, 2014*

Former CAR leader “goes into exile”

*January 12, 2014*

CAR residents “hug” in truce hopes

*January 13, 2014*

CAR cannibal “ate man as revenge”

New CAR leader says chaos is over

*January 16, 2014*

CAR bloodshed could turn in genocide: UN

*January 19, 2014*

Bodies burnt in street in CAR

*January 20, 2014*

CAR elects mayor as new leader

*January 27, 2014*

CAR crisis getting even worse – UN

*January 31 2014*

CAR clashes “kills 35” in Bangui

*February 9, 2014*

CAR Muslims “could all have to flee”

*February 12, 2014*

CAR leader “declares war” on militias

*February 14, 2014*

France to boost CAR military force

*February 15, 2014*

Troops try to disarm militia in CAR

*March 30, 2014*

Chadian troops “kill eight” in CAR

*April 9, 2014*

“At least 30 dead” in CAR violence

*April 10, 2014*

UN approves peacekeepers for CAR

*April 28, 2014*

Muslims leave CAR capital Bangui

*May 10, 2014*

UN slaps sanctions on CAR’s ex-president

*May 13, 2014*

French journalist killed in CAR

*May 29, 2014*

CAR church attack leaves 15 dead

*May 30, 2014*

Protestors demand CAR government resigns

*June 6, 2014*

UN report disputes genocide claims in CAR

*June 13, 2014*

Many dead in fresh CAR clashes

*June 24, 2014*

More than a dozen killed in CAR attack

*July 5, 2014*

Ugandan troops kill CAR rebels “in error”

*July 25, 2014*

CAR rebel leader rejects ceasefire

*August 16, 2014*

Mayor: 34 killed in CAR attacks

## CAR (Central African Republic)

I included this extra story from the year as it, by all rights, should have been a panel, but it wasn't. Other stories always seemed to supersede it. A single beheading gets the US back into Iraq while the beheadings of children and the cannibalization of enemies didn't illicit the same global condemnation.

This conflict brewed for most of the year, another example of religious divide and domination. A country rich in resources, whose destiny should be so bright and fortunate.

This conflict made Boko Haram, Al Shabab and ISIL look like pussies and the people of CAR could only hope that their problem was only Ebola.

## Epilogue

August 20, 2014 the final day in the year of the headline calendar project, amazing. Personally it was not a very good day for me as the day started by finding out that the herpetic lesion on my eyelid had now spread to my cornea. Then I went to pick up my new glasses happy in the idea that my existing pair had actually remained intact before the new ones arrived for the first time ever only to find out that the glasses were not going to work out, therefore giving my glasses time to break. The weather was bleak and cold, feeling more like fall than summer.

We all seem to feel that time rushes now that we are older but I have to say that this past year has seemed like several years. When I think back to that first headline and the Syrian chemical weapons attack, it can't possibly be only one year. Of all the main story-lines, the only one that has ended is Nelson Mandela's death. The rest of the stories are all still ongoing.

I have felt overwhelmed by the totality of this past year's history. I have also become addicted to writing these headlines down every day and I am going to be hard-pressed to stop cold turkey.

I also wonder how the threads of these stories will play out in the future and how far into the future are they going to ripple. Am I going to look back on one innocent headline and see that it changed the world ten, twenty years later? Will they ever find flight MH370?

Even though I will officially stop recording the headlines today, I know I will always be noting the subjects that I followed for many more years to come.

PS This project's genesis began in the 1991 Iraq war and as this project comes to an end, Iraq has come full circle.

## Artist's Op-Ed

### Individuals make a difference

In showing people this series, they often lament “What can I as an individual do?” in the face of all of this mayhem and grief. I have often wondered the same thing and I have tried in my own way to make differences in the situations I have encountered. What has become apparent over the year covered in this project is that out of twelve months, there have been four individuals taking centre stage.

Rob Ford taking center stage for all of the wrong reasons but still making an impact, his is a cautionary tale.

Nelson Mandela changed a country and stood as a symbol of forgiveness.

Pope Francis has brought his Christian faith to the people in a real and tangible way, not some ecclesiastical white paper stuck in the past. I am able to actually send the Pope a personal message via our friend Mar Bawai who will be having a meeting with him in September.

Edward Snowden has the strength and intelligence to expose the degradation of all of our civil liberties in countries who, on the surface, pride themselves for being the better nations. All the while these nations are treating their citizenry as criminals and making “Big Brother” a reality.

### Ted Cruz

One of the first headlines of the first day in this project was about Ted Cruz renouncing his Canadian citizenship. A man who hopes to be a nominee for the Republican Party's presidential bid, whose father is Cuban and immigrated to the States and his mother, a Canadian and he being born in Calgary, thus giving him dual citizenship, Canadian-American.

He is making this overt gesture out of the fear that he will not be seen as American enough for his Tea Party base. After all, Obama is still considered a Kenyan by many on the right.

This story also epitomizes for me, how a headline is made and the actual event may not be followed through as one is led to believe. It is made with the

understanding that the public won't follow-up on this claim but simply take as a fact and move on. This is one of those points over the years that has rankled me because as in this case the following headline came out months later;

*January 3, 2014*

Ted Cruz still Canadian as immigration lawyers express confusion

Not only that but it took until this headline to become a reality, not just a headline;

*June 10, 2014*

Ted Cruz, Tea Party favorite, renounces Canadian citizenship

### Funniest headline

*June 26, 2014*

What to do with Pablo Escobar's feral hippos?

*March 7, 2014*

Frack you Putin!

### Most Ironic headline

*March 18, 2014*

Putin slams US, says "it crossed the line" (*re: Ukraine crisis*)

*December 1, 2013*

Actor Paul Walker, 40, dies in car crash (*he was the star of the Fast and Furious movies*)

### What will become of these headlines?

*March 28, 2014*

Synthetic DNA advance is hailed

This headline refers to a lab in the UK that has managed to insert an X and a Y into our DNA and have it replicate itself, thus creating an entirely

unique life form on this planet. The lab assures the public that the new life will not be able to survive beyond the confines of the lab. This troubles me, maybe I've seen one too many sci-fi movies.

*July 18, 2014*

NASA: We'll discover aliens in next 20 years

I sure hope so because they might be able to help fix the mess we're in.

## New Words

*November 18, 2013*

"Selfie" named word of the year

Now that the word "Selfie" has been added to the dictionary, it makes me think about how this self-obsession has impacted the world. We have become very good at taking care of my stuff and very good at not taking care of all of our stuff. Subjects like climate change and refugees would qualify as our stuff.

*August 27, 2013*

Haboob hubbub in Phoenix

The word "Haboob" is an Arabic word for dust storm, I find this interesting to note how many English words are derived from Arabic and especially using this word in a state where immigration issues are not looked at with an open heart. It also has me concerned about why I have never heard of dust storms in Phoenix before now.

## Fallout from banking crisis in terms of conflict

If I had done this project the year before, it would have had lots and lots of green threads. The banking crisis, the Greek debt, the rest of the "PIGS", mortgage woes, you name it. All of those issues quieted down considerably during this year, not that the problems were solved and the economy was back in great shape.

Instead, the year was dominated by crisis and I can't help but see a direct correlation between the preceding financial crisis and its fallout into the world. Even so far as to lure western youth to join a group like ISIL. If we don't see our future, we are willing to die for a cause that gives our life the meaning it lacks in countries that are struggling to maintain a viable middle class.

This also ties back into the concept of "Selfie", the problems the world faces are impacting all of us and we must all work together to solve them. It is not good enough to make a few selves rich. These financial crises have also impaired the world's ability to provide needed aid in times of crisis involving food and disease. All of the money has been spent on killing people.

Even Pope Francis has directly referenced this issue;

*September 22, 2013*

Economy worships "god of money", Pope says

## The missing raincoat

I inserted a few personal headlines that occurred during the year, one of them being about finding a missing raincoat. I have only lost one item in my entire life and that was when I was a child but then there came to be the case of the missing raincoat from eight years ago.

This was a very lovely red raincoat used only for working around the barn and with the horses and it hung by the door to the barn. But one day, Zaia heads out to the barn and needs this red raincoat and it is nowhere to be found. The house-wide search ensues and nothing. We scratch our heads and look in the most unlikely places and still nothing. We even consider the possibility that someone has absconded with it and still no clear answer. We know when we saw it last, clear as anything. We also know it was when we had two of Zaia's cousins staying with us having emigrated from Syria and still nothing.

Many years go by and we catch ourselves asking that befuddling question; "Where is that red raincoat?" Until one fine day I decide to do a major clean of the greenhouse. Not that I haven't done this many times over the years but this time I am reorganizing locations of cabinets and the such-like. The cabinet in question has always been placed in the one corner. I know what is inside of it, the fishing tackle box and nothing else, or so I thought. To move the cabinet

meant emptying it out and so I grab the fishing tackle and then I see this sports bag on the bottom shelf and I don't recognize it at all. I pull it out and it feels like there might be something in it so I unzip it and low and behold, the red raincoat rolled into a tight bundle spills forth!

No wonder we never found it, even in the most unlikely of places to look this would never have been on our radar. The cousin who was staying with us put it there after having gone fishing on a rainy day. We had completely forgotten about having loaned him the coat on that day way back when but nonetheless we were completely tickled pink about finally solving this long outstanding mystery.

## Africa in the news

Before I began this project, I read an article from the BBC talking about how under-reported the African continent is in the world news arena. They claimed it only accounted for 10% of the overall news. I would have thought this to be an accurate report but in looking over this past year, I would say that is was not accurate.

The attack on the mall in Kenya made one panel, Nelson Mandela another panel, Boko Haram yet another panel and finally Ebola. So out of twelve months, four were from Africa.

## Nuclear commentary

*March 20, 2014*

“Chernobyl's trees won't decay, increasing risk of nuclear forest fire”

This will happen, this forest will burn and it will carry with it in the radiation in the smoke and ash. These forests aren't decaying because the nuclear radiation has completely wiped out the microbial life needed for the process of decay to happen. This microbial life won't return for thousands of years. Yeah, it's going to burn!

I am very troubled by the nuclear news from around the world, Fukushima being top on that list. When Fukushima went boom, the news reported this as a hydrogen explosion and not a core meltdown. It was also reported that

Chernobyl was far worse than this because there was no meltdown. Really!?! How about three of the four reactors melting down, does that not qualify as being worse than Chernobyl? They still don't know the extent of the damage beneath the reactors because of these cores having melted through the base of their containers. There is contaminated water flowing under these buildings mixing with the groundwater and heading straight into the Pacific Ocean.

## Anticipating the News

As I started collecting these headlines, I created a list of topics that I felt would warrant a thread designated to them. I also had to think ahead in the year and anticipate topics that would come up, such as the Sochi Olympics and the World Cup Soccer held in Brazil.

These two topics did represent "sports" stories, which I had decided from the beginning wouldn't be covered but nonetheless the stories leading up to these events in these particular countries would, I felt, be worth following.

As it turned out, the Sochi Olympics ended up being a story about how many gays are in the village ala the British comedy show "Little Britain". Much to my surprise, the Brazil World Cup didn't crash and burn in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and the stadiums remained intact.

With the American midterm elections coming up in November, I expected to be inundated with party politics. Surprisingly that topic remained very quiet in the latter half of the year.

## Conclusion

What I really hope this project will achieve is to get the viewer thinking. I have my opinions and perspective but I want these headlines to start a conversation within oneself. Consider how you connect with the world around you, do you stay local or does your interest draw you further afield. Do you read past the headline into the body of the story?

I could have chosen to only consider Canadian headlines or I could have chosen to pick only Entertainment news. I could have also collected all of the headlines of the year and then created the way in which I wanted them to be shown. This project was a journey through time and history as it unfolded.

So if you are asking why I did this or that, ask yourself what would you have done. That is the most important conversation to be had. If this leads you to consider your role or potential role in the history of life, I will be very pleased.

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## Headline Calendar Thread Color Legend

### *Politics*

1. Tea Party	Lt. Blue #1
2. Republicans	Mineral Supreme #95
3. Democrats	Lt. Turquoise #2
4. China	Duck #60
5. North Korea	Peacock Supreme #103
6. Russia	Dp. Turk. #42
7. Brazil	Nassau #23
8. USA	Yale Blue #63
9. Gay issues	Cobalt Blue #75
10. EU	Quarry #147
10A. Ukraine	Navy Blue #
10B Thailand	Midnight Supreme #66

### *Conflict*

11. Syria	Garnet #24
12. CAR	Wine #17
13. Iraq/ISIS	Lipstick #32
14. Sudan	Red Hot #132
15. Egypt	Sangria #130
16. Iran	Cayenne #131
17. Kenya/Al Shabab	Burnt Orange #149
18. Libya	Indies #114
18A. Afghanistan	Red #12
18B. Nigeria/Boko Haram	
18C. Israel/Palestinians	

### *Science*

19. Fukushima/radioactive	Tea #70
20. Space science	Lt. Pink #14
21. Food	Rea El. #82
22. Climate	Oleander #80
23. Fracking	Wisteria #88
24. Disease/Ebola	Dk. Fuchsia #56
24A. MH370	Quince #128

*Money*

25. DOW

26. Bitcoins

27. Banks

Jade #55

Mountain Supreme #98

Scarab #53

*People*

28. Pope

29. Nelson Mandela

30. Rob Ford

31. Manning/Snowden

32. Malala

33. Berlusconi

34. Khodorkovsky

35. Schumacher

Purple Passion #142

Purple #27

Grotto #81

Deep Lavender #93

Wine Tone #73

Iris #11B

Deep Purple #120

Magenta #102