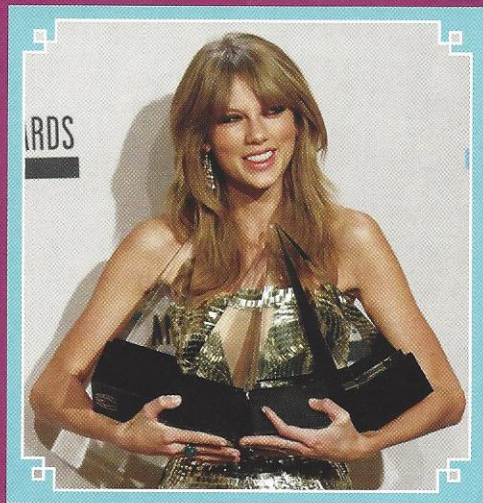


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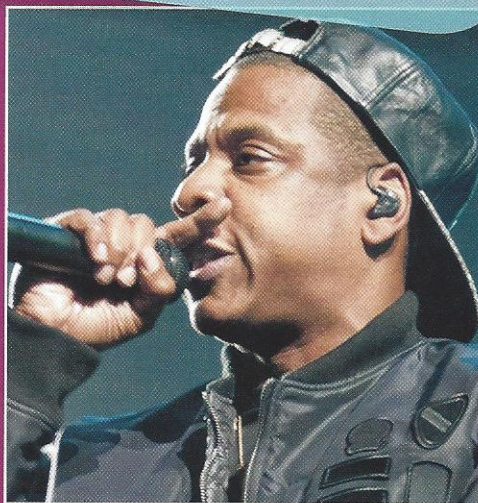
Thicke Rules the Summertime Charts

Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines," with guest vocals from T.I. and Pharrell Williams, is the unofficial song of the summer, selling more than six million MP3 downloads.



Swift Rules the AMAs

Taylor Swift takes home four American Music Awards trophies, including Artist of the Year, for a career total of 15 AMA awards.



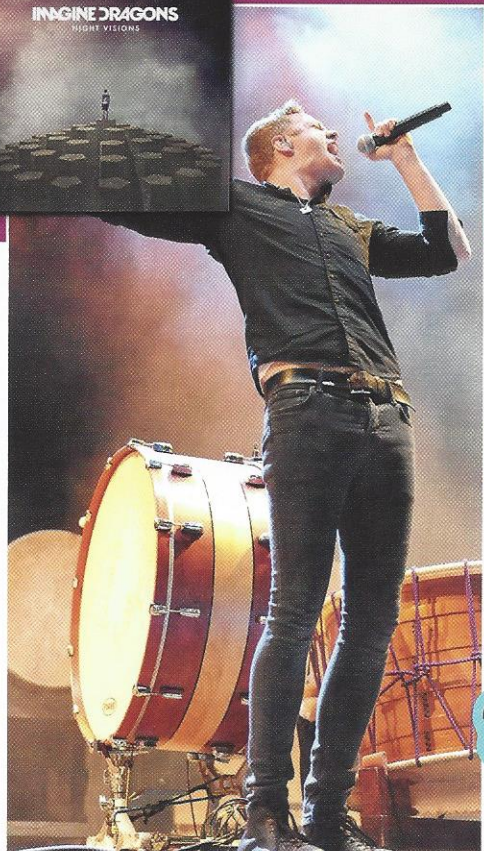
Searching for Jay Z

Google releases a year-end list of most searched songs; Jay Z is the only artist with two songs among the Top 10.



Lorde Lands a Hit with "Royals"

Seventeen-year-old Ella Maria Lani Yelich-O'Connor, better known as Lorde, is the first New Zealand solo artist to have a No. 1 song in the United States.

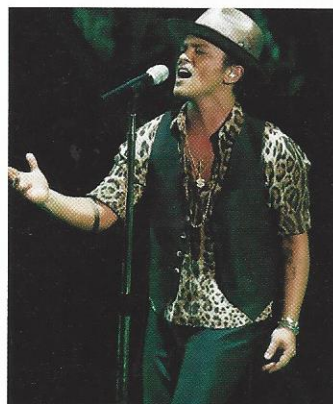


Soundtrack Features Platinum Alt Rockers

The soundtrack for *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* includes "Who We Are" by Imagine Dragons, whose first album *Night Visions* is certified platinum.

One Direction

The band, fondly known to fans as 1D, releases their second album, *Midnight Memories*, and a 3-D concert film, *This Is Us*.



Bruno on the Ball

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars is tapped to perform in the Super Bowl XLVIII halftime show.



Rapper Recruits for the ACLU

Macklemore releases a video encouraging fans to join the American Civil Liberties Union, a nonpartisan nonprofit that protects free speech and other rights.