



THE 22ND WINTER OLYMPICS were held in Sochi, Russia. While the games received criticism for what many considered to be Sochi's subpar accommodations and Russia's stance on some political issues, the events continued on with a record number of countries competing. Medalists for the U.S. included snowboarder Jamie Anderson, and figure skating pair Meryl Davis and Charlie White.



DRONES HAVE BEEN USED by the military for a while, but other industries began thinking about how drones could help them. Amazon announced its Amazon Prime Air will use drones to deliver packages, maybe as early as 2015.



AMERICAN LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMER Diana Nyad finally successfully swam from Cuba to Florida on her fifth attempt. Nyad's trek covered 110 miles and took her about 53 hours.



THE BEST PICTURE NOMINEES at the Academy Awards included mafia crime drama "American Hustle," outer space thriller "Gravity," and "Captain Phillips," the story of a sea rescue based on a true story.