

EDITORIAL: Looking back on 2013

This is the last edition of The Free Press for 2013. As the year draws to a close, I am left to reflect on the events of the past 12 months and then shift my thoughts to what lays ahead.

2013 has been a momentous year. We've seen the birth of a Royal Baby, the decline of the Toronto Mayor, celebrities left this earth too fast and too furious, Apple released it's long awaited iPhone 5S just in time to not loose customers, an anti-apartheid revolutionary is finally in a place free of ego, we've learned how to 'twerk', take 'selfies' and not get caught on tape ' especially using the 'N' word whilst cooking. The wins for same-sex marriage kept on coming, babies have inspired things 'Out of the Blue' and have also headed 'North'. Lines were blurred between music old and new, and Instagram gave us another way to view the world in an instant. We 'saw through' the deal behind Lululemon's signature yoga pants, and the Harlem Shake left us all mystified.

Pope Benedict took his retirement package, replaced by a more liberal Pope Francis and North Korea tested it's own new frontiers ' which blew up in their face, and not ours. Boston Marathon runners weren't so lucky, and two bombs ruined a perfectly good race day.

The mystery surrounding Princess Diana was finally revealed and British forces were not involved in her death, although those involved in creating life, finally cloned a human at Oregon Health & Science University.

I'm not sure what we can expect to happen next, but what I do know is that we'll keep tuning in ' getting our news streams faster and faster ' as society itself gradually tuns out.

It has been a pleasure being part of your news experience for 2013. This holiday season, I'd like to take a moment to personally thank our customers for their continued patronage, and commend you on your good taste in reading materials. We look forward to serving your news-needs 52 more times in 2014.

All the best to you and your family this holiday season. Stay safe, stay warm, stay well read with The Free Press.

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