

Paige's predictions 2005: it's going to be a crazy year

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I'm sure everyone already knows, but it's 2005. 2004 was a pretty crazy year. Who saw the Janet Jackson thing coming?

Anybody? It's almost sad that the year of shotgun weddings and babies is over. Don't dwell on the past though; it's 2005, and here are my predictions for the year ahead.

It seems that 2004 was full of celebrity intrigue. Even though I do not agree with celebrity worship, keeping up with entertainment news and watching it unfold can be just as, if not more so, entertaining than the music and movies they produce. The first in the hot seat of Paige's Predictions 2005 is Jennifer Lopez. In 2004, Jennifer Lopez was one half of the dreaded monster Bennifer, but in the end, she married Marc Antony.

This year, based on her track record, I predict that the marriage will last as long as it takes for her to

release a new album. She will then keep a low profile for all of two seconds, and re-enter the lime-light with

Affleck, even though she might have to fight Jennifer "Elektra" Garner for him.

Jennifer Lopez will also further her empire by creating her own talk show, sitcom and network. The network will fail miserably, despite its abundance of material, as it will air only Jennifer Lopez music videos, movies and specials concerning her personal life.

In 2004, Britney Spears became step-mom to the children of Kevin Federline. This year, she will be sued for lack of maternal instinct after she takes her stepchildren to the set of her new video, which will undoubtedly be trashy and scar impressionable children. Of course, the lawsuit could be a clever plan to prevent her from finishing her musical, releasing a new album or going to college after being inspired by *CSI*.

The reason for the Brad Pitt/Jennifer Aniston split will be revealed:

they were tired of arguing over who is prettier.

Also, Bono will learn to count, and rerelease "Vertigo" with the new intro, "Uno, dos, tres, cuatro" instead of the old, flawed, "Uno, dos, tres, catorce." He will also stop global warming with his special edition ipod.

Vh1, in light of their recent successes with shows like *Best Week Ever* and *My Coolest Years*, will take it one step too far by creating *Best Day Ever* and *My Coolest Hour*.

In the non-celebrity world, things will get interesting. Canada will be upset when we finally decide to send back Celine Dion, Avril Lavigne and Shania Twain. They will be even more upset that with Celine Dion, we are sending all of her perfume. They will build a great wall separating our shared borders

that will make the Berlin Wall look like a child's toy.

John Kerry will stop getting Botox injections after the election disappointment, and his face will completely melt. Clips of from *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* will be used as reenactments for all the major news channels.

Jon Stewart will take over the country. *America* will be issued to students as an approved history textbook, and student morale will improve as a result.

Closer to home, the only thing that will change will be the lunch schedule. Fine Arts classes will once again have first lunch. After all, how can students be expected to dance, draw and build sets on empty stomachs? Fainting spells could lead to disastrous Exacto knife accidents.



VILLIANS, BE GONE -- Shania, Bono, Celine and Avril must go. Making bad music shouldn't get you a work visa. Bono, go back to the fighting Irish, and the rest of you, go back to Canada, even though Canada has enough problems as it is. photos courtesy of google.com

a high profile relationship with a well-known singer or actor. They will be on every tabloid and Vh1 special for a few months, but, soon after the inevitable engagement, they will go their separate ways. She will then run back to the arms of an old flame. Top options are P. Diddy and Ben

Got a light?

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Developing your path to and from school is an artful skill. It is not something you can stumble onto. It takes careful trial and error before the quickest, most pleasurable course can be taken.

Many aspects come into play, from traffic flow, scenery and most importantly, traffic lights. After three semesters of endless searching, I finally found my yellow brick road.

Granted, my need for variety

my escape from the crowded main roads.

Several others take my lead in the quest homeward. It is going well until I meet a line of cars leading up to a two-way stop sign.

Willow has fallen on my path, presenting me with the only flaw in my plan. The powerful Willow traffic and sight-blocking hills scream, "Put a traffic light here!" Having a two-way stop sign on such a busy road is outdated, especially in this case. Students from both CHS and Tennessee Tech, as well as parents from Jere Whitson, frequent this road, making it a highly used area.

When I finally make it through the line and arrive for my turn to pull out on Willow, I must wait and strain my neck to check for cars. I



TRAFFIC LIGHT -- I have an idea where this should go. photo courtesy of webring.com

has been known to cause temporary change, but my path is set in stone.

In the morning it is smooth cruising. Yes, traffic is thick, but the ride is enjoyable. The right turn I take from Willow Avenue onto Jere Whitson Road usually goes smoothly, but I notice a long line of anxious people trying to turn left onto Willow. I take pity for I know in eight short hours, the anxious driver will be me.

My morning travels usually go well. It is my after school dilemma that gets me flustered. I take a similar path, using Jere Whitson as

finally think it is clear, but a speeding car zooms over the hill blocking my sight, and I must screech to a stop. If only there was a traffic light at this dangerous intersection, the problem all noble Cookeville citizens face would disappear.

This unfortunate area has fallen onto my perfectly planned path. The option to just go a different way has been exhausted. This is my path, and it will be made perfect for me and all others that have discovered the secret of Jere Whitson. So rest assured, this battle has not been lost yet.

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