

Roll of the Dice

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This being a special New Year's Eve edition of APA-V (for Vegas or Vegrants, or both?), it seems that it's time once again to make predictions about the future.

Making predictions about the future is always risky business: there's too great a chance of being wrong if you do anything more than make the most basic generalizations possible. And even if you just stick with generalizations, you can still be wrong.

But I'll stick my neck out and make a couple of predictions, based only on what I've seen in the last couple of years.

First, whenever any serious political/military problem comes up (like, for example, the North Korean military buildup), something much more trivial, usually including a public personality, will come up to displace the serious problem from the headlines (as, for example, the O.J. Simpson murder case). Thus proving once again that the attention span, closely related to the intelligence, of the average American is about the same as that of your average kitten.

Second, the pre-1996 election campaigning will start entirely too early and go on entirely too long. (Yes, I know that tomorrow is the first day of 1995, not 1996, but reread it and you'll understand what I mean.)

Okay, there's my couple of predictions. I think I'm safe with those, but we'll see. (I expect that some fan, somewhere, will call me on the first one, but probably not the second.)

What's that you say? Those are really cheesy predictions? Well, maybe so--but I only said I'd make them; I didn't say whether they'd be any good or any more specific than anyone else's.

On a personal note, I think 1995 will be one of the best years of my life. This year has been pretty damned good, too, since I met and married Thomas, but I think next year (Yow, it starts tomorrow!) will be even better. At least, I plan to make it better--or is that just have a generally better attitude toward things? I have learned that when I make predictions about my own life, I'm usually dead wrong. So I don't make predictions about my life, just resolutions.

For 1995, I resolve to Aw, c'mon--you wouldn't want me to give away all my secrets, would you? I'll stick to fannish resolutions.

I resolve to help out wherever needed and attend Corflu Vegas and Silvercon IV.

I resolve to attend Intersection, the 1995 WorldCon in Glasgow.

I resolve not to get involved in any intra-APA feuds.

I resolve to do the best job I can if I am elected president of SNAFFU--attending meetings, maybe even getting the procrastinators in the club to get off their duffs and do something.

I resolve to read more SF this year than I did last year.

I resolve to pub the best fanzines I know how.

Hm. I think that about covers the fannish spectrum of my life. And since this is a fannish endeavor, that must mean it's time to say

Happy New Year!

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peggy'.