

Quotable Quotes

Celebrities shock and amaze in 2004 with exposed body parts, high-profile relationships and breakups

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"The issue is not whether Michael Jackson is a pedophile. It's whether he molested this child."
Harlan Braun | defense attorney

"I think she'd be a Golden Delicious."
Gwenyth Paltrow on what kind of apple her daughter, Apple, would be

"Ashlee Simpson, you're a phony. Acid reflux is bologna."
Heratio Sans as Elton John on "SNL"

"That's hot."
Paris Hilton trademark phrase

"You're fired."
Donald Trump

"He's just not that into you."
Said by Jack Berger on "Sex and the City" and became a best-selling book by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo

Last year was filled with hot stories and big controversies. Britney Spears got married — twice. Mary Kate Olsen withered away to next to nothing before entering treatment for an eating disorder. Nipplegate surfaced. Babies were born and given strange names. Yes, it was quite the year to be a celebrity.

No one will forget Superbowl XXXVIII, although many probably won't recall who won or who even played. The main event was the half-time show featuring a performance by Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson. Then came the nipple seen 'round the world. Quickly dubbed the "Nipplegate scandal," the incident could be seen over and over again for those in the audience with a TiVo or later during around-the-clock replays on cable news channels. The whole controversy surrounding the broadcast made it one of the hottest stories of 2004.

Janet's big brother Michael Jackson also had quite the year: A child's allegations of sexual abuse surfaced in December and escalated into a year-long trial. In April 2004, Jackson was indicted by a grand jury and has been fighting the allegations since. Police have investigated and ransacked Jackson's Neverland Ranch more than a few times, and have even found fingerprints on pornography magazines belonging to Jackson and the young boy who accused him

of sexual abuse. It doesn't look good for Jackson and many lawyers predict that he will serve time in jail.

Ashlee Simpson's huge lip synching mistake was seen by millions of people on Oct. 23 and thousands of others have seen it replayed on shows like "Access Hollywood" ever since. Her solution to the problem was to do a crazy jig. Then came a barrage of excuses from every direction. She blamed her band, more specifically her drummer, who "pressed the wrong button," exposing the fact that Simpson was lip synching. Then her father said it was acid reflux and her mother said that Simpson had laryngitis. Regardless of any excuses, the fact remained that Simpson was indeed lip synching, although fans didn't seem to mind too much, as she won the award for "Best New Female Artist" at the "Billboard Music Awards" on Dec. 8.

Breakups of high profile relationships were a major event in 2004. There was of course Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, perhaps the most famous fiancées ever. Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz called it quits after three years together and Rebecca Romijn and John Stamos ended their marriage after ten years. The end of Nick Carter and Paris Hilton's relationship was much less shocking, along with the demise of current "it" girl Lindsay Lohan and her squeeze Wilmer Valderrama's relationship. Some famous celebrity couples made their relationships legal in 2004. Lopez said "I do" for the third time with singer Marc Anthony just five months after

ending her relationship with Affleck. Britney Spears and Kevin Federline tied the knot among a whirlwind of ceaseless controversy. Nicholas Cage had a spur-of-the-moment wedding with sushi waitress Alice Kim. Star Jones and Al Reynolds' extravagant nuptials were sponsored by different companies, giving the couple a free wedding that would have cost anyone else quite a chunk of change.

2004 was also the year of the celebrity baby with many famous mamas and papas picking unique names for their bundles of joy. Gwenyth Paltrow and Chris Martin, lead singer for the band Coldplay, welcomed daughter Apple in May; Courteney Cox and David Arquette brought Coco into the world in June; and Debra Messing and husband Daniel Zelman had son Roman in April. Even funnyman Will Ferrell jumped aboard the baby band wagon and welcomed son Magnus in March. Julia Roberts, the highest paid actress in 2004, gave birth to fraternal twins Hazel and Phinnaeus in November.

Along with births, there were also deaths. Christopher Reeve passed away due to complications of his spinal chord injury. Comedian Rodney Dangerfield passed away, along with screen legend Marlon Brando. Music lost greats such as Ray Charles, Johnny Ramone and Ol' Dirty Bastard.

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