

Happy New Year Predictions Community Comment: January 3, 2014 Mike Goldsby

Happy New Year! This time of year the media is filled with the year in review and a peek at what is ahead.

I love to look at the psychic predictions for the past year and see if any of them actually came true. Some are vague references that stand a pretty good chance of coming true, like "a Big Storm on the Eastern Seaboard." Other predictions are outlandish, but the psychic would look pretty good if they did come true. These predictions include aliens landing on Earth or peace in the Middle East.

Nikki calls herself "The Psychic to the Stars" and most of her predictions for 2013 involved Hollywood stars, their marriages and divorces. She successfully predicted that Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes would break up in two thousand twelve. A couple of her predictions seem pretty obvious, like Daniel Day Lewis winning an Oscar for the movie Lincoln. Or Arnold Schwarzenegger being in another sex scandal. Her outlandish predictions include a documented encounter with a giant prehistoric sea monster and Cuba becoming the 51st State.

LaMont "Monte" Hamilton says he is an ordained minister, Reiki Master, registered hypnotherapist and a full time psychic. That guy is busy. He inaccurately predicted that Prince William and Kate would have a baby girl, a reincarnation of Princess Di. He predicted peace in the Middle East. He also predicted comprehensive immigration reform with bipartisan support. That guy better not quit his other jobs.

Sydney the Seer Friedman claims near 100 per cent accuracy with his Oscar Predictions. He successfully predicted that Jimmy Fallon would be named as the successor to Jay Leno on the Tonight Show. But he also predicted the discovery of a new source of fuel for vehicles and peace ~~between~~ in the Middle East.

Blair Robertson has some past prediction success with earthquakes and tsunamis. For the second year in a row, he predicted that Vice President Joe Biden will be diagnosed with senile dementia. That would seem to make him a great guest for Fox News. However, Robertson also predicts a lot of unusual weather due to global climate change, so he is unlikely to get invited to conservative talk radio.

Robertson also predicts a fashion tragedy, the return of mesh shirts for men.

Let's hope he's wrong on that.

Some real predictions for Two Thousand Fourteen? The Christian Science Monitor predicts an economy that will continue to grow. They predict unemployment will drop to 6.5 percent. Stock market will slow up from its current record pace but continue to grow. Inflation will stay low and the housing market will grow steadily, getting closer to normal.

How about the weather? The Farmer's Almanac predicts extreme weather for the next year, with below average winter temperatures for about two thirds of the nation. NASA also predicts extremes with record breaking heat in Alaska and Arctic air moving through the Southern States.

So what are your predictions for the coming year? Some safe bets would be bipartisan bickering, resulting in a slower and slower governmental process leading to an actual government shutdown. It is safe to predict lowering approval ratings of the President and Congress, followed by us voting in most of the same people. It is safe to predict a growing fiscal deficit and little progress on Immigration Reform.

Me? I'm going out on a limb and predicting Peace in the Middle East, although we are more likely to have a documented encounter with a giant prehistoric sea monster.

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