

Predictions 2006

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An UNlikely President?

In December 2003 I predicted that Arnold Schwarzenegger would enter politics and that Bush would invade Iraq. I was correct. This time last year I predicted the death of Pope John Paul II and even gave you the name of the new Pope and the month of his appointment. I was correct again.

So I am going to try for a third year to see into the future and see what 2006 will bring.

In the first few months of the year the planet Earth will continue it's protest against our contamination of the atmosphere. There will be surprise storms and hurricanes in England and France. The Eiffel Tower will be damaged by a tornado.

The stars will fall. Spanish football will be astonished by the poor performance of Real Madrid and Barcelona will win the football League, the King's Cup, the European Champions League and the Nobel Prize for Literature. In May there will be a three hour television documentary on TVE1 about the new 'infanta' entitled "The Leonor, the Witch and the Wardrobe".

Barcelona Football Club will win the round the world yacht race.

Tony Blair will be forced to resign in June when he loses the confidence of the Labour members of Parliament. He will be succeeded by Gordon Brown, the glum Finance minister.

Also in June Rafael Nadal will win the Wimbledon tennis championship by beating Samuel Eto'o in a nail-biting final.

In Hollywood Julia Roberts will start to make her political views known (yes, all three of them) and Angelina Jolie, instead of marrying, will adopt Brad Pitt.

Saddam Hussein will be shot. Whether as a result of a death sentence or an assassination, I don't know. In July the UK and the USA will produce 'evidence' of Iranian treachery and threaten military action.

The Irish will continue to threaten no-one as they lose the Eurovision Song Contest to Barcelona FC's Catalan version of "We Are The Champions".

In September the Spanish government will announce plans to make schoolbooks cheaper. Parents are delighted. Children stage a national strike and refuse to use their playstations for an entire ten minutes.

Crisis in the bread industry as the Vatican confirms that Bimbo does not exist. All is resolved when the Vatican Press Office runs the announcement through a spell checker.

Fidel Castro passes to a better life and Cubans get to vote. They vote for Hugo Chavez. But only because Ronaldinho is too busy running the United Nations.