

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith

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Our barometer says rain today.

It won't rain, of course. Our barometer always says rain. It has said rain since the day we got it, four years ago next Christmas.

At least it is always right on rainy days.

I like our barometer the way it is. It's one thing close to us in this unstable world that never changes.

It said rain the day before the election. It said rain election day. It said rain the day after, and it says rain today.

If you listened to the alarming prognostications of both candidates in the recent campaign, you'll know how comforting it is to find that something you have loved and trusted is the same today as it has always been.

I was convinced the nation was on a supersonic collision course with oblivion, which ever party won, and that in either event nothing good would ever be the same again.

Maybe this is so. Maybe it's too soon to tell. But I've been looking about. All around me I find constants that imply a reliable and imperishable universe.

Last night, for example, I woke up hungry for a graham cracker and butter sandwich.

I groped through the dark living room to the kitchen and pulled out the cookie drawer. The graham cracker box was empty. It is always so.

This morning I looked fearfully in the mailbox. I expected to find nothing but a pink notice warning of Armageddon and advising me to repent.

The box was stuffed instead with cheerful missives addressed "Occupant." That's what I'm called by every mail order house in the nation with which I have not yet done business.

I sat down with a cup of coffee and my mail and went through the lot. They were all there. The power lawnmower people, the rose bush people, the bulb people, the fertilizer people, the telescope people and the book people. Friends, all.

I wanted to order everything to show my faith in the future. But I already have everything. I had too much faith in the future in the past. I'm overextended. The gross national product hasn't kept pace with old Occupant.

My wife got up and walked through in her old white robe with the little flowers on it. I had bought it for her. I remembered, the year she planted the fig tree. It may be a little frayed here and there, but fundamentally it's still a good sound robe. It looks lived in.

"What would you like for breakfast?" she asked.

"The same," I said, cherishing the phrase. "The same as always."

She went in the kitchen and turned things on and banged pots and pans around, the way they do to let you know they are at work.

The eggs were flawless. Sunnyside up, not too hard, not too runny. Four strips of lean crisp bacon. A glass of orange juice, one slice of buttered toast with apricot and pineapple jam.

I have survived four administrations and one war on that daily breakfast. I'm sticking with it. It's a sound, non-partisan, non-sectarian breakfast.

When I opened the back door to the garage and went in to get the car, I stepped on the rake and the handle lashed out and struck me across the bridge of my nose. It does that every time.

I drove off to work with a singing heart.

Inter-Agency Council To Meet Wednesday

The Oregon conference on children and youth, which was held in Salem recently, will be discussed at a meeting of the Jackson County Inter-Agency Council at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford.

Council Chairman Laura Porter said the 15 delegates who attended the conference will discuss the recommendations studied in the five general workshops on health, education, child welfare services, recreation and family.

The public is invited to the meeting.

Doomsday is Set For November 13, 2026 Study Shows

Washington (Science Service) - Doomsday is set for Friday, Nov. 13, 2026. On this date, three mathematicians have calculated, human population will approach infinity, if it grows as it has grown in the last 2,000 years, and will promptly annihilate itself.

With their calculations based on paradise-like conditions - no environmental hazards, unlimited food supply and no detrimental action between elements - the mathematicians believe their prediction of doomsday is accurate within 10 years.

In studies partly supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., Heinz von Foerster, Patricia M. Mora and Lawrence W. Amiot of the University of Illinois, Urbana, show that, with the proper figures, Charlemagne could have predicted doomsday accurately within 300 years. Elizabeth I of England could have predicted the critical date within 110 years, and Napoleon within 30 years.

Better Position "Today, however, we are in a much better position, since we are required to extrapolate our evidence only four per cent beyond our last point of observation; we can predict doomsday within approximately 10 years."

While the optimists consider growing population no problem because they believe food technology advances will provide for the masses, and the pessimists argue that there is a limit, the Illinois mathematicians state in Science (Nov. 4) that both are wrong.

The principle of "adequate technology" has held for 100 generations and can be expected to last at least three more. But "our great-great-grandchildren will not starve to death. They will be squeezed to death."

HUGE BEARINGS Pittsburgh - A single roller in the huge roller bearings used in the giant machines employed by the steel industry for rolling out cold flat steel sheets sometimes weighs up to 700 pounds.



By Lynn M. Watkins

Small Worlds Around Us

The Tusk Shell Was Indian 'Wampum'

If Mother Nature ever entertained the desire or the intention to create an elephant only four inches high and six inches in length, she already would have the tusks available in generous amounts on the sandy bottoms of the oceans.

Scientists classify these little tusk-like shells as scaphopods or tooth shells. Tooth perhaps is a little more descriptive than "tusk," because of the tapered shape and the graceful curve, which is exactly like a tooth.

The tusk shells common to many American beaches are usually from an inch to two inches in length, and about the diameter of a common match at the larger end of the shell. From the butt end they taper gracefully to almost a sharp point. When the animal that creates the shell is inside and alive, the pointed end is uppermost in the sand.

Filaments Protrude From the smaller or upper end, a number of filaments protrude that wave around in the water and act as sense organs.

From the larger or lower end, the muscular foot affords a certain limited locomotion to the living mollusk. Often this organ is called a tongue. It is doubtful if the animal ever actually travels over a few feet in its entire lifetime.

Nature did not equip the tusk shell with gills, but allows the mantle to do this work. Water is pumped in through the length of the shell as it stands upright in the sand.

There are a great many things about the tusk shell that we do not understand. In fact there is no reason for the existence of such a shell, but nevertheless they are present in nearly every ocean on our globe. There are tusk shells in some areas of the Pacific Ocean that measure several inches in length.

Wampum for Indians The tusk shell is undoubtedly the mollusk the Indians used as "wampum"; it is still used as money in many South Sea Islands. Numbers of tusk shells were arranged in patterns and pictures for the ornamentation of canoes and tepees in Indians who lived near American seacoasts. Indians living at a distance from the edge of the sea duplicated the same designs by using the quills of the porcupine.

But millions of years before the Indian, or even before pre-historic man put in an earthly appearance upon the scene, Nature was making the tusk shell for some reason that is still a mystery. Even on the beaches of the earth's early beginning, millions of these shells, that are shaped like an elephant's tusks, were cast up on a wild and desolate shore - shells exactly like you can find today along the ocean's outer edge.

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SOC Anticipates Increased Building

Ashland - Building activity at Southern Oregon college is expected to increase within the next year or so with voters' approval of Measure No. 6 on last Tuesday's general election ballot.

Measure No. 6 was a proposal to provide bonds to finance additional self-liquidating higher educational facilities.

According to the state system of higher education, proposed facilities for 1961-63 under the non-tax bonding authority for Southern Oregon college include a \$290,000 dormitory, a \$75,000 student health service building, and \$145,000 for athletic facilities including tennis courts and grandstand development.

Cancer Film Slated For March Showing

An American Cancer Society film, "Time and Two Women," will be shown in Jackson county March 1, according to the Oregon division of the Society.

The film is part of the Society's concerted attack on uterine cancer, second most common cancer in women. The film will be shown statewide in every county at least once, and in the more populated areas more than once.

SKELETON MAKEUP

New York - A human skeleton is made up of about 200 bones, 74 located in the head, neck and the trunk and the remainder in the legs and arms.

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