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BIG SIR— Dennis Petersen

WHY SIR?? - In 1962, while working at an auto repair shop, we had a repeat customer that we saw every 45-60 days. (remember 1000 mile oil changes?). After a 6 month absence he drove in one day and looked terrible. He explained that after 50 years of selling on the road he had retired. He and his wife had a list of chores to complete after he retired, including painting the house. He completed the list in 30 days and proceeded to take up residence in his favorite rocker. Sixty days later he had a heart attack and his doctor explained that the inactivity was too much for his heart. He further recommended a return to at least partial employment.

Our goal for 2013 is to provide each member of our branch with the opportunity to stay active whether it's fishing, billiards, hiking, golf or just attendance at our monthly meetings. We will strive to make our meetings so interesting that everyone will make it a priority to attend on a regular basis. Please make this the year that you attend every meeting and **ENJOY 2013!**

Little SIR—Dan Cockcroft

If you are reading this then...

...the Mayans really did just run out of room when they were creating their calendars for future centuries. This prediction joins other apocalyptic predictions including the Y2K predictions as the calendar clicked over to the year 2000 and we all waited for everything from airplane crashes, bank collapses, and unintentional nuclear warhead launches to our refrigerators self defrosting and spoiling the left over Christmas turkey (my most personal lament). Then there were the various comets hitting the earth forecasts, interpretations of various scriptures from all faiths, and the famous hen who, in 1806 laid eggs with prophetic pronouncements written on them.

I must say that our society has perfected the art of the doomsday prediction. While doing a web search on predictions, I found hype from credible sources such as the National Geographic Society's TV series on Domsday Preppers which included shows called "I hope I am crazy", where one woman in Utah has stocked "only the finest gourmet survival foods" and "It's all gonna hit the fan" detailing the activities of a survival trucker. I also found a hotel in San Diego that put together a package for the Mayan prediction where for \$666 couples can have a last supper and fitness classes for outrunning zombies. Of course accompanying all this preparedness is whether Domsday Preppers are selfish or concerned. I'm sure the talk show pundits will be weighing in on this issue soon.

So as we enter the new year, I predict that as one writer noted, one thing that Domsday predictions have in common is that they don't come true, and that no doomsday predictions will come true this year, and that our SIR group will continue to continue. Best wishes for a happy and fulfilling New Year everyone.

